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MAHD to seek loan extensions

By **Larry Thornton**
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of trustees approved a request for an extension on bank loans due on May 20, during Thursday's regular meeting, and hoping the First Bank of Muleshoe will approve the request at its end.

David Burke, the hospital district's chief financial officer, said MAHD didn't have the funds necessary to pay off the \$50,000 loan due for Park View Nursing Care Center's operations, and reminded the board members that this was the second extension the

district had requested on the loan.

"This is a formality," Burke said, adding that it was always possible the bank could deny the request. Or, as in the case of the \$200,000 bank note with the same institution on the property and work to be completed for the rural health clinic expansion — which Burke said was due in June, the bank could request that the district start making monthly payments.

At this time, the hospital district has three loans with First Bank, totaling \$300,283; and three loans with

Muleshoe State Bank, totaling \$70,335.

Regarding the district's financial condition, while the district doesn't have the cash on hand

due to the approximately \$355,000 expected from Medicare's under reimbursing the hospital for expenses this past year.

Board members, administration talk about bank notes, cash flow problems...

to pay off the existing bank notes, Burke said it shouldn't be necessary for the hospital district to request a loan to cover its operating expenses during the anticipated lean summer months,

Burke said that while revenue hasn't been up, neither has expenses, and said he thinks everything is "still on track" at the nursing home. But, he also said things are slowing down

there. "They really don't have any cash flow," he added.

Still, the hope is brightening at Park View. Although Christ Cotton wasn't present during Burke's presentation to the board, he arrived later and reported that with the Medicare survey of Accesscare's facility at Park View the potential for additional residents requiring dialysis is there.

Cotton was excited at Thursday's meeting because the first Medicare patient scheduled for treatment was from Park View.

Cotton said the resident

was excited about the fact that he no longer would have to make the grueling trip to Lubbock, which the administrator said would be no small savings for the nursing home. At current fuel prices alone, Cotton said the district would save \$140 per week with the dialysis center being located at Park View.

Also in Cotton's report, he discussed his enthusiasm about the "family counsel" at Park View.

Cotton explained that while "residential counsels" are required in order that residents

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Ready on the right...

It's best if they never have to use their said arms, but if the officers do, it's best to be prepared. The Muleshoe Police Department held a training day and firearm qualifications at the range Friday, April 24, part of its ongoing effort to keep the community and its residents safe and secure. Pictured above, from left to right, Lt. Benny Parker, Cpl. Steve Clifton and Sgt. Shane Kirk pose for a photograph (with unloaded guns to meet range safety requirements) before returning to their training.

Photographs by Larry Thornton

Muleshoe eligible for federal stimulus justice grant funds

By **Larry Thornton**
Managing Editor

While there may be a flood of federal stimulus dollars pouring into the Lone Star State, the City of Muleshoe took part in trickle-down economics recently with the news that it was receiving a law enforcement grant from South Plains Association of Governments.

According to Muleshoe City Manager David Brunson, the Muleshoe Police Department received notification from SPAG earlier this month that it was eligible to receive \$32,506.56 which has been allotted to it, and which will probably be used to purchase new patrol units for the police department.

SPAG, which covers a 15-county region, was awarded \$1,260,088.04

through the Justice Assistance Grant program, part of the federal stimulus package, to be divided among the public entities in its region.

As with most of such programs, there is a 10 percent match required of the city.

While there are a number of municipal projects eligible for the federal funds — such as law enforcement prevention training and equipment, and school-based programs, victim training, restoration projects, and victims programs — the programs that are ineligible for funding include projects and programs such as golf courses, swimming pools, real estate and construction.

Muleshoe health care organizations forming area association

By **Larry Thornton**
Managing Editor

An effort to improve networking among West Texas health care providers has arisen here in Muleshoe with the creation of an association aimed at filling this hole in

the health care industry, according to Chris Cotton, administrator of Park View Nursing Care Center.

Cotton said large communities, such as Lubbock and Amarillo have organizations through which local

health care providers can "come together and share ideas, market to a specific group, or simply network" with others in the health care industry. However, no such organization currently exists in the Bailey County area.

With that in mind, the West Texas Rural Healthcare Association will be hosting an organizational meeting at noon on Tuesday, May 19, at Muleshoe's Trinity Christian Church, 1729 W. American Blvd.

According to Cotton,

the mission of the West Texas Rural Health Care Association is to unite, represent, and support professionals who strive to improve the delivery, quality, and integrity of rural health care services.

He also listed the

following objectives for the association are to:

- Continually refine and develop membership services that meet the needs of all rural health care providers;
- Build consumer

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Early elections for liquor sales, MAHD rate cap are under way at city hall

Early voting on two issues opened Monday, at Muleshoe City Hall, with City Secretary LeeAnn Gallman coordinating the election.

Early voting hours are during the city hall's normal work day; however, extended hours have been set for April 28 and May 5, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

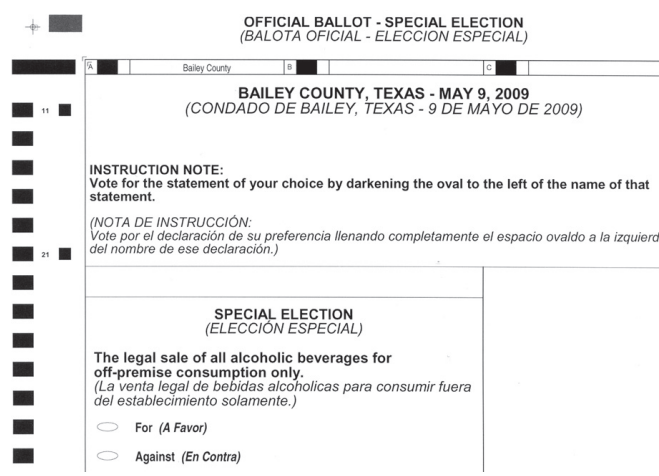
May 9 is the regular voting day, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

This year's election issues are limited to the hospital district's request that the 40 cent rate cap placed upon it by voters be increased to 55cents, and that the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption be allowed.

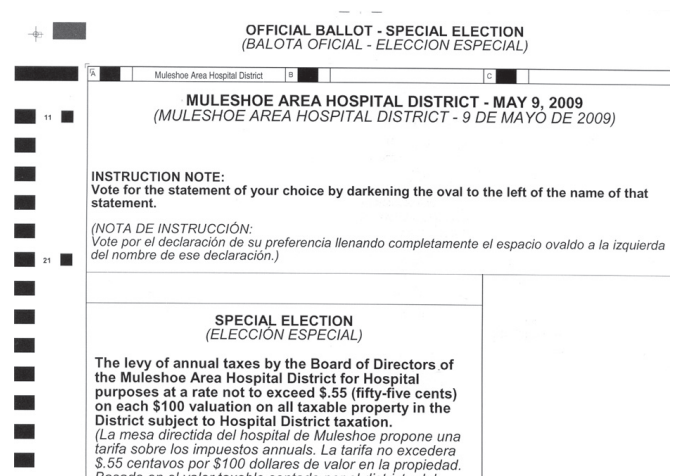
Only individuals residing within the Muleshoe city limits may vote on the liquor issue.

Although municipal,

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Samples of the ballots at Muleshoe City are pictured above and to the right.



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Muleshoe High School and Watson Junior High's Fine Arts Boosters will be meeting on Tuesday, May 5, at 7 p.m., in the MHS Band Hall for the purpose of receiving nominations for officers. The officer elections will be held a week later, on May 12, at the same time and location.

Bailey County Relay for Life

The Bailey County Relay for Life has been scheduled for Friday, June 12, from 7 p.m. until 2 a.m., at the Muleshoe High School Benny Douglas Stadium. Last year, the Bailey County Relay raised \$32,000, a higher goal has been set for this year, according to county chairperson Jill Morris.

AA meeting

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA and Al-Anon meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Friday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. 2nd. Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.

MHS Athletic Banquet

The Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club announces the Muleshoe High School Athletic Banquet will be held on Monday, May 4, at 6 p.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Williams Athletics and Muleshoe City Hall.

Spring Round Up to be held

Dillman Elementary will be holding its annual Spring Round Up on May 13 from 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. for PreK, HeadStart and Kindergarten for the 2009-2010 school year. To qualify for PreK the child must be four-years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2009, be eligible for the Bilingual Program or qualify for free or reduced lunches. To qualify for Kindergarten the child must be five-years-old on or before Sept. 1.

The following pieces of information will be to register the child: An updated shot record; birth certificate; Social Security card; proof of income (Income Tax or W-2) for PreK and Head Start only; Medicaid card for Head Start; proof of residency.

If you have questions call Todd Newberry or Lenda Trussell at Dillman Elementary, 272-7382.

Shattered Dreams

The events of Shattered Dreams 2009 are set to take place May 6-7 in Muleshoe, and will consist of two different main parts, a mock car crash and a mock memorial service. The mock car accident — between the a car under the control of an intoxicated driver and another car — will take place on the first day of the event, May 6, at 10:30 a.m., on the south side of Muleshoe High School, next to the municipal swimming pool. Then the Shattered Dreams participants will go on a retreat to get a better understanding of how alcohol can impact a person's life.

The next day, May 7, a mock memorial service will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the Dr. Kerry Moore Auditorium at the high school.

As a part of this service, there will be speakers whose lives have been altered by alcohol-related crashes, and a video demonstrating all of the activities that occurred away from the crash scene of May 6.

The community is welcome to attend both of these events as the district's students are educated on the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol.

For additional information about these events, contact Josh Woolbright or Belinda Head at the high school, at 272-7303.

Editorial

Is DHS assessment aimed at West Texas?

Can you hear the steady drum of military boots here in Muleshoe, or the roar of approaching tanks, humvees and APVs?

If you've bothered to hunt down a copy of the Department of Homeland Security's recent manifesto against those who have expressed opposition to our nation's current liberal leaning, you may be wondering how long it will be until you do.

If you are among those who haven't read DHS's warning about "Rightwing Extremism," maybe you should, after all — if you believe that it is our government's responsibility to do something about illegal immigration... if you are concerned about the economy or favor tax reform... if you support the Second Amendment, or are opposed to the systematic destruction of unborn children — you should know DHS's warning is specifically aimed at your potential to cause the current administration problems.

That's right... if you consider yourself to be a West Texas conservative, the leaders of our domestic security agency have apparently felt it necessary to warn law enforcement agencies that you are a greater threat to national security than Al Qaida or the Taliban, and should be classified as a "domestic terrorist."

Even though the report states "the DHS/ Office of Intelligence and Analysis has no specific information that domestic rightwing terrorists are currently planning acts of violence," DHS officials go on to tar all conservatives with the same brush, reminding us of the Nazi anti-semitic propaganda of 1939 Germany.

In all fairness, we completely support the government's efforts to pursue individuals violating the law. But this recent warning could easily be misconstrued, and lead to violations of civil rights on a massive scale just because the people it targets stand up against liberal politics.

Do we condone the hate crimes perpetrated by groups such as the Ku Klux Klan? Of course not. We believe hate crimes — and the organizations that condone such activities, should be swiftly dealt with by law enforcement officials, but need we point out that dangerous organizations populate the far left as well.

Homeland Security officials go a step further to warn law enforcement officials that servicemen returning from duty in Afghanistan or Iraq... servicemen who have placed themselves in harms way to protect this nation's interests abroad, should also be watched for extremist ideals.

Utterly appalling! When this nation's battle against the forces of Saddam Hussein, Iraqi insurgents, and the Islamic Jihad began loosing its popularity, the liberals pushing for its end promised the returning service personnel wouldn't be treated in the disgraceful manner of veterans returning from Vietnam.

Apparently, that must have been a campaign promise because the dust has barely cleared from Pres. Barack Obama's inaugural, and already his homeland security czar has announced that our servicemen need to be watched.

All in all, you could say DHS' assessment of conservatism is about as bipartisan as a rattlesnake in a prairie dog burrow.

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Healthcare association...

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alliances and regulatory health care partnerships;

- Advocate for appropriate funding for resident well-being;
- Advocate for safe and secure environments in which providers can meet the needs of their clients;
- Provide education about the health care professions; and
- Develop and participate in efforts to improve and measure the quality of rural healthcare services.

Other local healthcare organizations participating in the organization of the WTRHA include Nurscare and Support Medical, both of Muleshoe.

Elections...

Continued from page 1 city and school district positions were up for election, only the incumbents filed for the elected positions, allowing the respective public entities to cancel their board elections.

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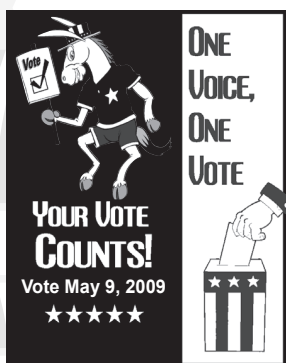
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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Happy May 1 to all. We are looking forward to having good warm sunny weather, with maybe a rain cloud or two.

While you are out working in your yard, remember you are a senior citizen and just might need a little help.

We sincerely hope the flu season is over and we all can get over our systems of coughing and feeling under the weather.

All of you Bunco players call a friend and come in Tuesday, May 5, for a great fun time. Every one has a great time. The games begin at 10 a.m. So come on in.

Wednesday of each week is our steak dinner day. We are having a great crowd. Call a friend and come in early

to have coffee and visit, then stay for lunch.

Everyone had a great time at the birthday party Thursday. The beautiful music by Pat and W. T. Watson was enjoyed by all. James Sinclair blessed us with a song or two. It was a good time.

Thursday is Bingo day. Come for lunch and stay and play.

Prizes and refreshments are furnished. We had twenty five playing and having good fun and fellowship. Come join us.

Remember to vote. You can vote early at the courthouse if you want to, just be sure you vote.

Menu for May 4-8:

Monday, May 8—BBQ chicken, potato salad, black eye peas and cornbread, pudding.

Tuesday, May 5—Liver and onions, scalloped

potatoes, sweet peas, salad, wheat roll, cookies and fruit.

Wednesday, May 6 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and apple cobbler.

Thursday, May 7 — Brisket, pinto beans, broccoli and cheese, salad, cornbread and cake.

Friday, May 8 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

Have a story or photo ideas? Let us know! 272-4536

'I love you, Mrs. Blackburn!'



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

One of the finest gifts pastors and authors and, for that matter, friends of many sorts, can do for us is to help us think new thoughts and learn new things. One of the most important ways they do that is by reminding us of old but true things we've already learned.

I think that's one reason I enjoy the writing of author and Quaker pastor Philip Gulley so much. His latest book is entitled, I Love You, Miss Huddleston, and centers on his growing up years.

Gulley grew up in Indiana and still lives there. I've spent enough time in Indiana myself to know it's a place well worth loving. When Gulley mentions McCormick's Creek or Turkey Run State Parks, my ears perk up. I've spent some fine time in

both places.

Speaking of ears, Gulley's and mine seem similar. His picture is on the cover of his book. I'd guess it was taken when he was in fourth grade or so. We both were blessed with ample ears, to say the least.

We also sported the same spectacles, plastic-framed, black or dark brown at the top with attractive swirls in the clearer part near the bottom. Big lenses, the better to see the board with. Gulley must have had the same experience in public school up in Indiana that I had in

Texas. The school nurse nailed me in third grade. My choice? Those cool-looking glasses or a scholarship to a school for the blind.

In my fourth grade pic, I'm wearing the same sort of knit shirt Gulley wears in his, buttoned up in truly dorky fashion all the way to the top.

Gulley writes books and preaches. I preach and write books. His sell thousands of copies. Mine sell . . . Oh, well.

If I'd written the book, I'd have named it "I Love You, Mrs. Blackburn."

Mrs. Blackburn was my second-grade teacher, and I was hopelessly in love with her. So was her husband, I guess, because she left school to have a baby, and left me brokenhearted. That must have been why I got sick and missed the

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THE HORSE WAS USED ONLY FOR WARRIORS AND IN THE ROCKY, HILLY COUNTRY OF JUDEA, IT WAS OF NO USE EVEN IN BATTLES FOR IT COULD NOT MOVE WELL IN THE ROCKS AND RIDGES OF THE MOUNTAINOUS LAND. IN FACT, THERE IS HARDLY ANY MENTION OF THE HORSE BEING USED BY THE JEWS UNTIL KING SOLOMON WHO IMPORTED THOUSANDS OF THEM FROM EGYPT. BUT THE ASS WAS A NECESSITY IN THE DAILY LIFE OF THE JEWS EVEN TO THE POINT OF PRODUCING FOOD—FOR MANY HERDS WERE KEPT FOR MILKING—THE SHE-ASS GIVING MILK AS RICH AND NUTRITIOUS AS THE GOAT AND COW!

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Obituaries

Eva Carpenter

Church services for Eva Den Carpenter, 79, of Muleshoe, were held on Thursday, April 23, at Trinity Baptist Church with the Rev. Bennie Wright and the Rev. Gary Johnson officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery

Carpenter died on Sunday, April 19, 2009, in Lubbock. She was born on Sept. 21, 1929, in Bailey County, near the Stegall and Baileyboro communities, to Morton Lewis and Minnie Elizabeth Carpenter. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.

Carpenter moved from the Baileyboro community to Muleshoe

in 1960.

She was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church of Muleshoe where she served as a custodian for a number of years. She worked in the Calvary Baptist Day Care Center and The First United Methodist Church Day Care until she retired in 1992.

Survivors include three sisters — Bonnie Carpenter of Muleshoe, Hazel Marie Bradley of Hawkins and Gerry Warren of Ft. Worth; two brothers — Newell Carpenter of Dublin and Jim Carpenter of Muleshoe.

Memorials may be sent to the Trinity Baptist Church, P.O. Box 911, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.



Employee of the Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture honored Janis Morrison of Park View Nursing Care Center on Wednesday, April 22, as the April Employee of the Month. Pictured above, from left to right, are Sharla Johnson and Cheryl Puckett, of the chamber, Janis Morrison, and Cory Collins, also of the chamber.



Business of the Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture honored the Muleshoe Journal on Wednesday, April 22, as the April Business of the Month. Pictured above, from left to right, are Sharla Johnson and Cory Collins, of the chamber, Larry Thornton of the Journal, and Mark Anthony, also of the chamber.

Focus on faith

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unit on Roman numerals. I'm still a little shaky on combining I's and V's and X's numerically to this very day in the year of our Lord CCCCCCCCCCCCCXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX-QLVIIIIII.

Some of the most important things we learn in school have nothing to do with tests. Mrs. Blackburn loved all her students, drat it! Not just me. Loved us enough to teach us well. And her replacement, though very disappointing to me romantically speaking, loved us, too, and nursed me through my depression, illness, and on through second grade, albeit with a weakness in Caesar's ciphering.

It's good to love learning and to long to learn more. And the best thing we can learn is to truly love people, even if loving hurts.

MHS Athletic Banquet set

The Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club announces the Muleshoe High School Athletic Banquet will be held on Monday, May 4, at 6 p.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Williams Athletics and Muleshoe City Hall.

Publication of Obituaries

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information:

Date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage;

Limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death;

Names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren) will be included; and where memorials may be directed.

We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid.

Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home.

CINCO DE MAYO

The holiday of Cinco De Mayo, the 5th of May, commemorates the victory of the Mexicans over the French army at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. It is primarily a regional holiday celebrated in the Mexican state capital city of Puebla and throughout the state of Puebla, with some recognition in other parts of Mexico, and especially in U.S. cities with a significant Mexican population. It is not, as many people think, Mexico's Independence Day, which is actually September 16. Commercial interests in the United States and Mexico have also been successful in promoting the holiday, with products and services focused on Mexican food, beverages and festivities, with music playing a more visible role as well. Several cities throughout the U.S. hold parades and concerts during the week prior to May 5th, so that Cinco de Mayo has become a bigger holiday north of the border than to the south, and adopted into the holiday calendar of more and more people every year.

[Sources: Encyclopedia Encarta, Encyclopedia Britanica, Prescott's Mexico:1900, HistoryChannel.com, other sources.]

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Sports

Local ladies fall to Childress

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Childress had to make the long drive to Muleshoe to battle the Lady Mules for the District 2-2A Championship last Tuesday.

The Lady Cats made the most of their trip and seven Lady Mule errors to take home the gold glove with a final score of 13-1.

The defeat left the Lady Mules in a tie for second place and they met the Abernathy Lady Lopes in Littlefield Friday afternoon to determine who they would face in the state playoffs.

The young Lady Mules had turned up the heat on them selves entering the Childress game and did not allow the fires to die down Friday.

That extra pressure the Lady Mules applied to themselves did not allow them to play well against the Lady Lopes and they dropped the game 11-1.

Natalie Regalado saw the ball come off the bat and moved toward the left field foul line to make

the catch for the first out of the Childress game. Lupita Andrade camped out under a fly ball to center for the second out.

Val Olivas made the scoop and soft toss to Brenda Rodriquez at second for a force for the final Childress out. The Lady Mules had committed two errors in the first inning but did not give up a run.

The Lady Mules sent two fly balls to left but both were caught for outs and they did not score in the bottom of the first inning.

The first Lady Cat of the second inning lined out to Olivas at short and the second popped out to April Gardea in the pitching circle. Childress then rallied for five runs with two outs. The two-out rally included a walk, four hits and one error.

Gabby Perez led off the bottom of the second with a single and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by BreAnn Baca. B. Rodriquez singled to center to score Perez for

the Lady Mules only run of the game.

Childress added six runs in the top of the third and two more in the fifth to 10-run rule the Lady Mules.

Abernathy jumped on the Lady Mules early and batted around in the first inning. They scored eight runs on five hits and two Lady Mule errors.

They added three more runs in the top of the third inning with four hits and an error for all of their 11 runs. It proved to be enough as the Lady Mules only scored once in the bottom of the fifth.

Brenda Rodriquez led off with a dribbler to third that was mishandled. Lupita Andrade walked to put Lady Mules on first and second. Erika Rodriquez singled to right field to score Brenda Rodriquez from second base.

The Lady Mules are scheduled to play the second place Sanford-Fritch Lady Eagles at 6:30 p.m., on May 5, on the Canyon High School Softball Field.



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Lady Mule Ali Eagle makes the tag at home plate during the Abernathy game last Friday.

Best games of the season not enough for a Mule varsity win

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

If baseball gods existed then they would have been frowning on the Mules in their final two games of the season.

The Mules played their best two games of the season against the Dimmitt Bobcats and the Friona Chieftains Tuesday and Saturday and still lost.

Dimmitt finished second in the District 2-2A and defeated the Mules in a 5-2 in the Diamond in the Park Tuesday.

The Mules traveled to Friona to meet the cellar dwelling Chieftains. Friona came back from a 6-3 deficit in the fifth inning to tie the game at 6-6.

They went on to defeat the Mules 7-6 in the eighth inning.

Victor Vasquez pitched a complete game against Dimmitt and held them scoreless in the first inning. He struck out two Bobcats and got one to line out to Caleb Conner at short stop.



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Mules Damion Snell slides into home plate against Friona. Sadly, he was called out on the dirty play.

The Dimmitt lead off batter in the second inning doubled to left. He was sacrificed to third with a bunt. Gunner Kerby charged the ball and fired a strike to DJ Atwood at first for the first out.

Vasquez struck out the next Bobcat. An error allowed the runner to score before Marshal Head gunned down a Bobcat attempting to steal second.

Dimmitt scored again

in the top of the fourth to take a 2-0 lead over the Mules.

The Mules came battling back in the bottom of the fifth with two runs. Adrian Chacon flied out to right for the Mule's first out of the bottom of the fifth inning.

Atwood took the count full and fouled off a pitch before walking.

He was forced out at second on a fielder's choice. Conner grounded

to first and the throw went to second to force out Atwood.

Jonathan Garcia was hit by a pitch to put Mules on first and second with two out.

A passed ball allowed Conner and Garcia to advance. Vasquez slapped a hard hit ball to third and he threw the ball over the first baseman's glove and Conner and Garcia scored on the error to tie the game at 2-2.

The Mules had new

life but Dimmitt scored two runs in the top of the sixth to break the tie and added an insurance run in the top of the seventh.

The Mules continued to battle and in the bottom of the seventh inning Conner drew a walk with one out.

Garcia also walked to put Mules at first and third with the tying run at the plate. Vasquez took a mighty cut at the ball for a third strike that would have tied the game. And Head had an opportunity at the plate but popped out to the pitcher for the final Mule out.

Vasquez struck out nine Bobcats and allowed only six hits.

Conner ripped the first Friona pitch down the third base line for a double and stole third base. A throwing error on the catcher attempting to pick Conner off third allowed him to score the Mules' first run.

The Chieftains scored two runs in the bottom of the first with an infield

hit and a home run to take a 2-1 lead over the Mules. The Mules did not score in the top of the second or third innings.

Friona scored one run in the bottom of the second to increase their lead to 3-1. The Mules chipped away at the lead with back-to-back doubles by Vasquez and Dameon Snell but continued to trail Friona 3-2.

Vasquez made a running catch in center for the second out of the fourth inning. Jared Skipworth had struck out the first batter and did the same with the third to hold Friona at three runs.

The Mules rallied for three runs in the top of the fifth inning. Garcia reached on an error by the short stop to put a Mule at first with two out. Head sent a ground ball through the gap between third and short.

Vasquez doubled to left to score Garcia and tie the game. Snell doubled to almost the

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Sports

Muleshoe's golf team finishes 16th at Region I Class AA tourney

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules took on the Region I Class AA golfers on the Nueva Vista Golf Club in Midland April 20-21.

The Mules finished in

16th place with a two-day total of 742. As a team they had shot a 367 on Monday and finished with a 375 on Tuesday.

Tyson Turnbow led the Mules with a first round 71 and was in third place

as a medalist.

Tuesday was not kind to Turnbow as he shot a second round 78 for a total of 149.

Jonathan Perez finished with a two round total of 178 with a 90 and an 88.

Mateo Castillo had a 98 and a 107 for a total of 205.

Jackson Myers finished with a total of 214 with scores of 112 and 102.

Cooper Washington shot a 108 and a 113 for a total of 221.

Sarah Johnson was representing the Lady Mules as a medalist on the Ratliff Ranch Golf

Links in Odessa on April 20-21.

She shot a 108 on the first day but injured a shoulder and was not able to compete the second day.

"These kids are learning a very hard game," said Mule golf coach Carey Sudduth.

"But it is a game they can play all their lives

and I was proud of them. They hung in and competed even when things were not going our way," he added. "I hated that Sarah was not able to finish but she still has two more years of high school. We did not want to take a chance with her shoulder. She will be back and she will be better next year."

Turnbow brings home bronze in tennis

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Tyson Turnbow may have left the golf course in Midland frustrated for not having a better second round and qualifying as medalist to the Texas State Golf Tournament in Austin.

But, he quickly made the transition from golf to tennis and took out his frustrations on his Region I Tennis Meet opponents in Odessa.

Turnbow defeated Braden Little of Holiday 6-1, 6-0 in the first round and took down Nate Arismendez of Idalou 6-0, 6-2 in the quarterfinals. These two matches were played after completing 18 holes of golf earlier in the day.

Christian Spann of Wall defeated Turnbow in the Semifinals 6-3, 6-3 Wednesday. Turnbow bounced back to bring home the Regional Bronze Medal by defeating Jaron

Robertson of Shallowater 6-4, 6-4.

The Mule doubles team of Lane Wood and Wes Wood dropped the Bowie team of Sledge and Adams 6-0, 6-1 in the opening round.

Regan County's team of Contreras and Heintzeiman defeated Wood and Wood in a hard fought match in the Quarterfinals.

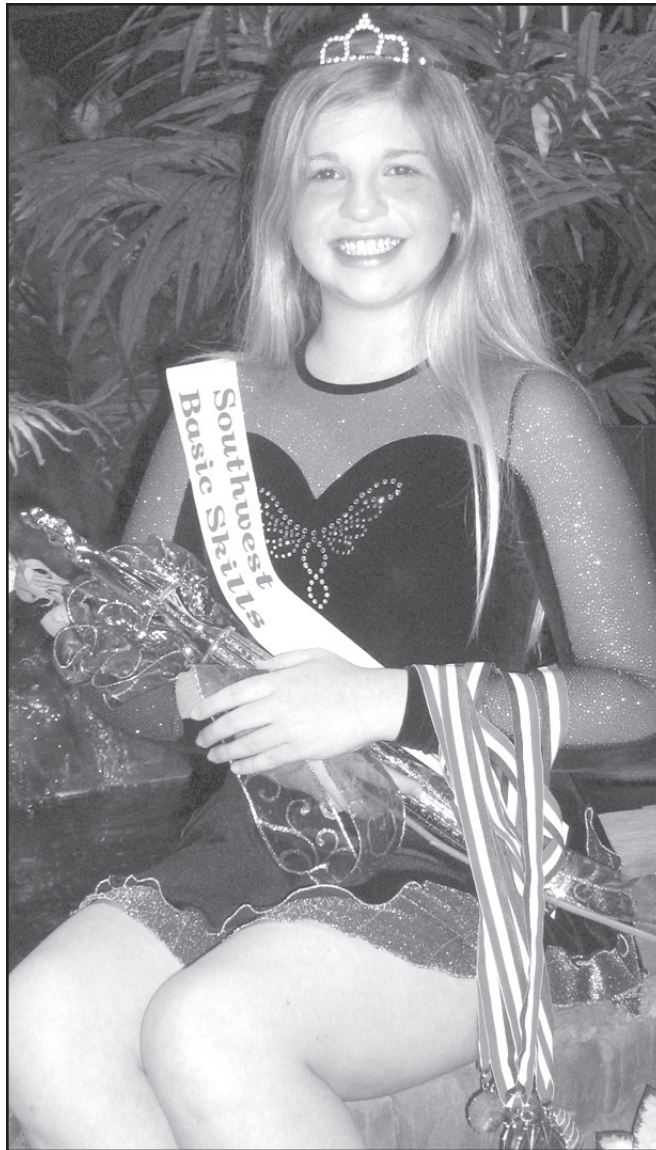
The match took three sets and a tie breaker to determine the winner. Regan County took the first set 5-7 but the Mules fought back in the second set with a 6-1. The final set score was 7-6 (5).

"The boys represented themselves and their school well in the Regional Meet," said Muleshoe tennis Coach Colie Cox. "They made me proud to be their coach and they left it all on the court."

"Tyson is the first Mule to medal in the Regional

Meet in several years and I congratulate him," said Cox.

Bales receives top twirling honors at regionals



BAILEY BALES

Bailey Bales, daughter of Kem and Lori Bales, recently received top honors at the Southwest Regional Twirling Championships in Canyon.

Bailey was awarded the Miss Southwest Basic Skills, along with a first place in Novice X-Strut and a second place in Novice Solo.

She also competed in two team events, placing first in both.

In January, Bailey competed in the West Texas Twirling Championships in Odessa, bringing home the Basic Skills award,

a first place in Novice Solo and a second place in Novice X-Strut.

The Texas State Twirling Championships will take place in Lubbock, June 19-21.

Bailey will be competing for Beginner Miss Majorette of Texas, Miss Texas Model, Beginner Solo, Beginner Basic Strut, and Novice X-Strut.

She will also compete in two team events with the M&M Majorettes.

Bailey has been twirling for just over two and a half years, and is coached by Lorissa Mason.

Varsity baseball

Continued from page 6 same place to score both Head and Vasquez to give the Mules a 5-3 lead. Atwood sent a ball over the left center field fence in the top of the sixth to increase the Mule's lead to 6-3.

Friona tied the game at 6-6 by scoring three runs on three hits and a Mule error. Neither team could score in the seventh inning. Vasquez took the mound in the bottom of the seventh. He had to bound off the mound toward third base to snag a bouncing hit ball.

He leaped in the air, spun around and fired to Atwood at first before coming back to earth. Atwood left the bag to make the catch but was able to make the tag before the runner reached first for the final out and send the game into an extra inning.

The Mules went in order in the top of the eighth. An error, a passed ball and a wild pitch

allowed a Chieftain to blast a walk-off single up the middle for the win.

Skipworth struck out 13 in six innings and Vasquez sent three to the bench in the final one and a third innings.

The Mules were young this season and will miss their seniors but are looking forward to next season.

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Who Are These Baseball Players?

Match these famous baseball players to a fun detail about them. (Hint: start with the names you know, then ask a baseball fan!)

- Barry Bonds
- Cy Young
- Nolan Ryan
- Rickey Henderson
- Johnny Bench

- speedy stealer of over 1,400 bases
- struck out 5,714 batters
- hit 762 home runs, the most ever
- star catcher, perhaps greatest ever
- pitcher with 511 wins

- Reggie Jackson
- Roberto Clemente
- Yogi Berra
- Babe Ruth
- Ted Williams

- last player to bat over .400 in a major league season
- World Series homers earned him nickname "Mr. October"
- legendary home run hitter, played for three teams
- famed for catching, batting and clever quotes
- Pirates right-fielder known for helping people

Hot dog! I love a good game!

Baseball Teams - Add Them Up!

Can you "step up to the plate" and combine the names below with the pictures to name the teams?

1. Oakland + = Oakland _____

2. Minnesota + = Minnesota _____

3. Boston Red + = Boston Red _____

4. Los Angeles + = Los Angeles _____

Play a Ball!

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Writer talks about: 'The life I now live in the flesh'

"I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me..."

Thus wrote the apostle Paul in the Roman letter.

Paul did not always believe that Christ was the Son of God. He therefore gave no credit to him, neither did he place any faith in him — until Christ established a relationship between them.

From that time on he was committed as "the apostle to the Gentiles," who until about that time were spoken of as "no people" as "dogs" and as "aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world." (Ephesians)

"The life that I now live in the flesh." That is what Paul was writing about, and he also said "By the faith of the Son of God."

That was his guide post, and perhaps we should not be hesitant to make it ours. For by this simple example I learned one of the most

Something worth saying...
By Glen Williams

important lessons of my entire life. So let us note this fundamental that he taught Timothy, his "son in the faith."

"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry..."

Then in the next verse he says, "Who before was a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious."

The fact a person has done wrong, or made mistakes doesn't mean he is destroyed. For the Lord might have better things for him.

I think he did for Paul, because he also said he did it ignorantly in unbelief.

It's amazing the number of people, especially young folks, that do wrong or make mistakes not realizing that they are wrong.

Most times it is because they have never been taught better. Now verse

16 is where I learned my lesson.

"Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all long suffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting."

The key word here is "pattern" that Webster says is a sample, a model, or anything cut out or formed to be copied. It's what a lady goes by when she makes a garment, a carpenter goes by as he constructs a building or an engineer uses to help build roads, bridges etc.

My father was a carpenter and this happened before we moved to Texas, while I was still a small boy.

We were building a small building, and he asked me to cut the rafters, then he would nail them in place. But he cut one and marked it with a "P" for pattern and told me to cut the rest of them by it.

I cut one and laid it back and cut another one by the one I had just cut. I laid it back and cut another one by it, etc.

I got along quite well that way until Father came down from the roof and said there was something wrong. "The rafters are not fitting," he said. "You can't do it that way. You've got to cut them by the pattern."

You've got to cut them by the pattern... that has stayed with me until this

day. For it seems to me that it might apply to virtually everything we do.

My father explained that, try as we might, we can not cut them to perfection — that we will cut some error into them.

So when we cut a rafter we will cut some error into it. Then when we cut another one we will cut that error into it plus we will cut another error into it.

Then when we cut another one we will cut both of those errors into it plus one more that we will cut because we can't help it. "So finally," he said, "they will get so out of shape that we can't use them."

So we must cut by the pattern. That principle will apply equally as well to teaching or writing or to any other vocation of life. We must find the truth, and stay with it, as best we can.

Where Are They Now?

Tim James, the son of Willie and Laverne James of Muleshoe, has taken the position of athletic director at Ralls Independent School District.

Born and raised in Muleshoe, Tim had been employed by the Post school district for the past five years, serving as the head football coach, athletic director and head boys track coach.

Tim and his wife, Dianne, have two sons, Grant and Mitchell. Dianne is a science teacher.

While at Post, James'



TIM JAMES

teams achieved a record of 30 wins and 25 losses.

At the district level, they had 20 wins and nine losses, and they were the Dist. 5-2A champions and Div. II Bi-dist. champions in 2004.

Spring Round Up to be held

Dillman Elementary will be holding its annual Spring Round Up on May 13 from 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. for PreK, HeadStart and Kindergarten for the 2009-2010 school year.

To qualify for PreK the child must be four-years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2009, be eligible for the Bilingual Program or qualify for free or reduced lunches.

To qualify for Kindergarten the child must be five-years-old on or before Sept. 1.

Call 272-7382 for more information.



The Sudan Buzz



Sudan One Act Play advances to state

The Sudan One Act Play team is state bound.

The OAP team will compete at the Hogg Memorial Auditorium in Austin on Friday, May 9.

Sudan will be in session one and will be the third play. Session one begins at 4 p.m.

To purchase tickets to the Sudan production of "Moon over Buffalo," contact Paula Ford at 227-2431, ext. 131.

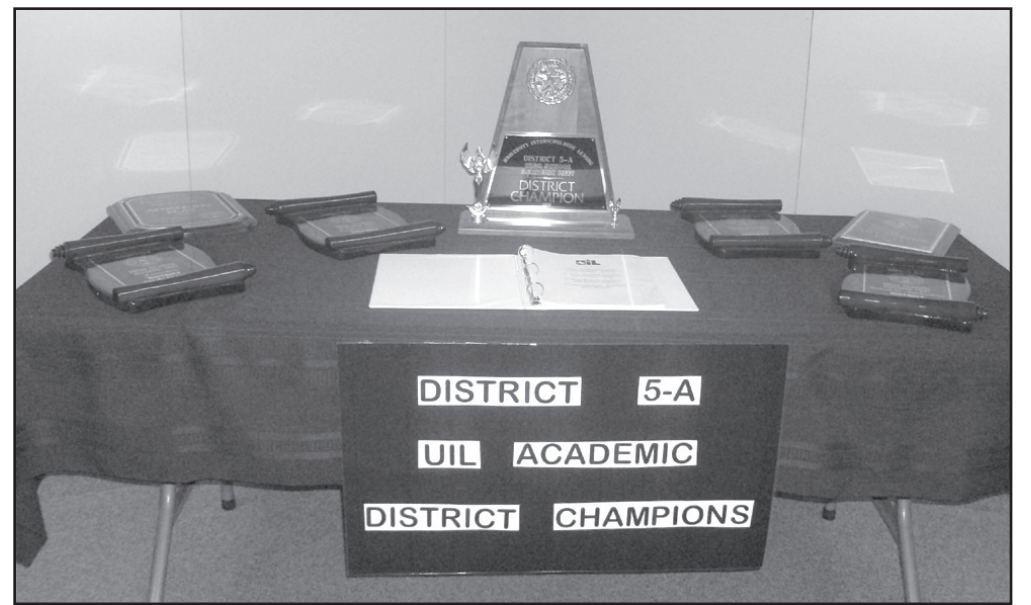
A command production of "Moon Over Buffalo" will also be performed on Tuesday, May 19, at 7:15

p.m. at the Sudan High Auditorium.

The cast, crew and directors are as follows: Actors — Josh Barrett, Whitney Robertson, Megan McAlister, Luke Weyrauch, Mariah Steinbock, Logan Lance, Rhett Sain, Janelle Vanderlei; crew — Bridgit Conley, Chance Doty, Savannah Sain, James Markham, Lindsey Cates; and directors — Jonathan Robertson, Cheri Sain, Jana Synatschk.

In other Sudan academic news, Sklar Sowder has advanced to state in the UIL accounting competition.

"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck..."
Proverbs 1:8-9, NIV



This year's awards... to date

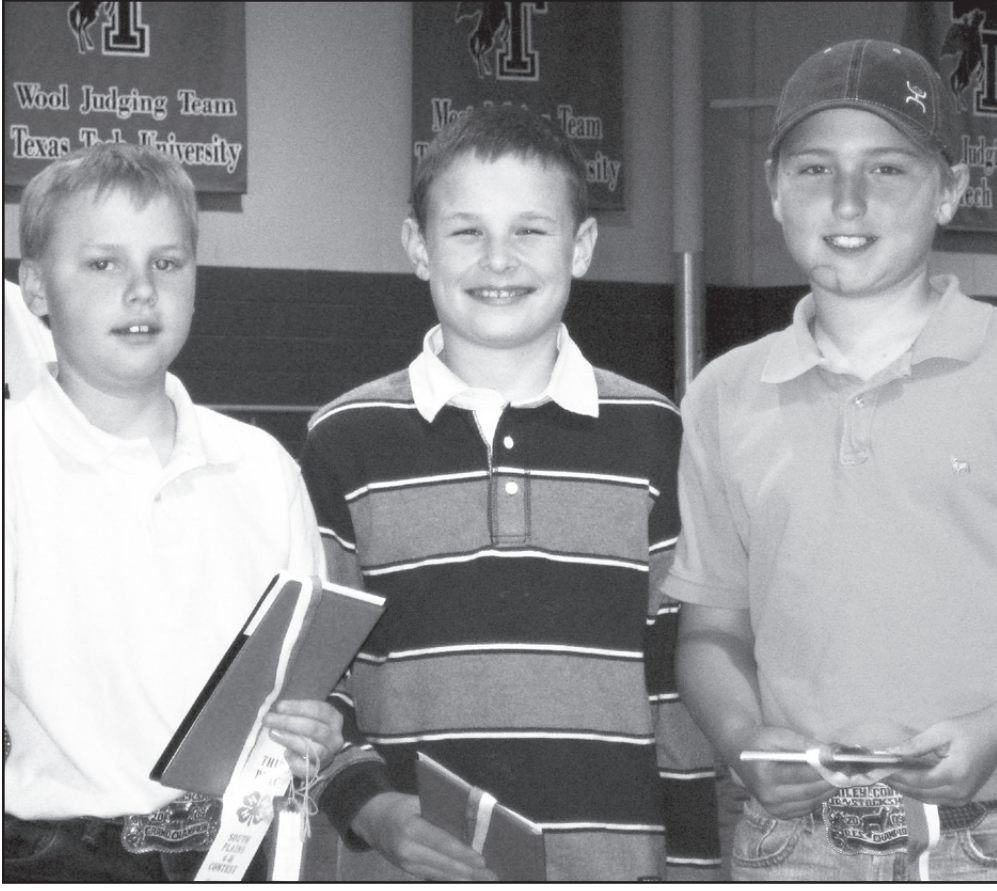
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4-H News



Bailey County judging team wins first

Dagen Dunham, Jayden Shearer and Coleman Preston of the Bailey County Junior 4-H livestock judging team took first place at the district contest held in Lubbock on April 18, with 10 teens competing. The team won High Team in the Sheep Class and third High Team in the Goats Class. Dagen Dunham was High Individual Overall in the Junior Division placing first high individual in the sheep, second high individual in Swine and third High Individual in Beef. Kayla Preston judged as an Individual in the intermediate division.

Local volunteers recognized

The Points of Light Foundation has set April 19-25 as National Volunteer Week.

Some of the Muleshoe area volunteers who assist with the South Plains Senior Companion Program — seniors over 60 years of age who perform in-home services for homebound adults — worked 8630 hours during 2008.

To hire someone to do what the companions did would have cost the clients or their families over \$161,985.

The companions presently active in Bailey county are: Patricia Barucci, Frank Estrada, Josephine Fragosa, Adelia Jones, Florencio Martinez, Zulema Rodriguez, Betty Ruthardt and Jan Thompson.

The South Plains Senior Companion Program is funded thru the Corporation for National Service as part of the National Senior Service Corps.

Local sponsorship is thru South Plains Community Action Association, Inc.

Some funding for senior companion services are received thru the Texas Department on Aging and Disabled Services and Humana Marketpoint.

The program does not charge the clients for the services offered by the volunteers.

Several fund raisers are done each year to supplement the federal and state funds received.

The program has companions also active in Cochran, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum counties.

In all eight counties the companions contributed 65,393 hours.

Do you have story or photo ideas? Let us know! 272-4536

JV team squeezes by Littlefield

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mules played host and just got by the Littlefield Wildcats Saturday 10-9 in their final game of the season.

It was a perfect morning for baseball with little wind and warm temperatures. Rare conditions for West Texas high school baseball to played.

The first Wildcat to the plate blasted a fly ball to center field that Damien Trevino raced over and caught.

The second batter popped up behind the plate and Matthew Ambriz camped under the ball for what seemed forever before making the catch.

The next Wildcat tripled to right field and scored on an error. Isaac Baca charged a slow roller toward third and fired a strike to Edgar Anaya at first for the third out.

Ambriz took the count full before drawing a one out walk to start the bottom the first.

Juan Guerrero blasted a triple to right center to score Ambriz.

Ryan DeLeon gave the Mules the lead with a single back across the mound that scored Ambriz.

The Mules led 2-1 after one inning.

Littlefield would not stay down and scored seven runs in the top of the second inning.

Ten Mules went to the plate in the bottom of the second inning and they scored six runs. Anaya

singled down the first base line to lead off for the Mules and he moved to second on a wild pitch.

An error at second gave Jr. Garcia the split second he needed to reach first base and moved Anaya to third.

Roper Kerby slapped a ball back to mound that was fielded by the pitcher. He looked back Anaya at third but the first baseman dropped the ball allowing Kerby to reach base safely.

The bases were loaded and Ambriz bashed a ball to short. The Mules were moving on the ground ball and the short stop bobbled the ball allowing all runners to reach.

Guerrero blasted his second triple to fence in right center to empty the bases of and push across three more runs.

The pitcher mishandled DeLeon's come-backer and allowed Guerrero to score. DeLeon stole second and moved to third on walks by both Baca and Alfredo Sanchez.

DeLeon took of for home as the pitcher came set for a pitch. DeLeon out raced the pitch home for the Mules sixth run of the inning and tied the game at 8-8.

The Mules gave up one run in the top of the third on a single and a double. Trevino walked on four straight pitches to give the Mules a base runner in the bottom of the third.

He stole second and went to third on a wild pitch to get in scoring position. An error on the short stop on a hard hit

ball by Guerrero brought Trevino home and tied the score at 9-9 with one inning to play.

DeLeon took over on the mound for Guerrero in the top of the fifth inning. The first Wildcat to the plate blasted a ground ball to the right of Anaya at first base.

He moved over to make the scoop but did not have time to race back to the bag. DeLeon saw where the ball went and knew he had to cover first if the Mules were to have a chance for the out.

Anaya made a soft toss to in front of the bag that DeLeon was able to snag on his way the bag in front of the Wildcat for the first out. DeLeon got the second batter on a called third strike and the final batter went down swinging.

Baca walked to lead off the bottom of the fifth inning. Anaya was hit by a pitch and took first base. Baca moved to second.

Garcia singled down the right field line and Baca raced home from second with the winning run.

"We have struggled trying to keep these guys games scheduled this season," said Mule JV coach Wes Boatmun. "They love to practice and it has shown up as they have gotten better as the season went along."

"Today was a great way for us to end the season and inspire these guys to play during the summer. Coach Fletcher and I are looking forward to having them back next season."

Bridal Shower



Brad and Leanne Helton

Altman, Helton shower held

Leanne Altman, the prospective bride of Brad Helton and the daughter of Ronnie and Sheryl Altman of Muleshoe, was honored with a bridal shower on March 22 at the home of Val McCamish.

The prospective groom is the son of Laura and Jerry Killingsworth of Muleshoe, and the late Jerry Helton.

Hostesses for the event included Rayniel Bamert, Brenda Black, Carren Black, Linda Bomer, JoEllen Cowart, Susie Claunch, Kayla Claybrook, Tracy Claybrook, Diane Grumbles, Terry Hahn, Crystal Helton, Patty Hill, Sherri Kennedy, Shelby Kennedy, Brenda Lackey, Angie Lewis, Val McCamish, Keila Morris, Carrie Preston and Tanya Steinbock.

The hostess gift was a Visa gift card.

Special guests attending included: Sheryl Altman, Laura Killingsworth, Lois Killingsworth, Barbara McCamish, Carol Pruitt, Nadine Baker, Terry McCamish, Lindsey Ramage, Kenadee Ramage, Amberlee Altman, Pam Helton, Haley Helton, Crystal Helton and Shelby McCamish

Brad and Leanne were married on March 30 in Las Vegas, Nev. They will make their home in Sudan.

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Heritage Foundation News

The Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Board strives to make the Heritage Center an interesting heritage complex, a place where Muleshoe area citizens can show with pride.

As usual, at the monthly board meeting, there was a great deal of discussion about upkeep and making new additions at the center.

At the monthly meeting Monday evening, April 21, President Tom Watson conducted the meeting with Jean Allison bringing the prayer.

Minutes were read by Secretary Jenne McVicker and were approved. Center hostess Dolores Harvey reported on the activities at the center.

Members were disappointed to hear that Dolores's father is ill and that she will need some time off to care for him. Members were saddened to hear this news about her father, but also because Dolores will be sorely missed. Members were pleased to hear that Joe Bob Stevenson would be able to fill in for Dolores during her absence.

Watson reported that the Thrift Shop had another successful month, noting how valuable the Thrift Shop is to the center. Thrift Shop profits fund the day-to-day expenses of the center.

Marshall Cook reported on the progress of the tree project. The Heritage Center purchased five large Chinese pistachio trees with the help of a grant from the Chapman

Forestry Foundation of Lubbock.

Marshall reported that all of the trees have been planted and the irrigation system is currently being installed. Materials for the irrigation system were donated by Irrigation Pumps and Power. The board expressed its appreciation of Marshall and complimented his work.

Lonnie Adrian reported on the annual Tour de Muleshoe Bike Ride which will be held on Saturday, June 2. Sponsors for the event are being finalized and the T-shirt design is being completed. The shirts will be all cotton and will be given to all registrants. Lonnie will call a meeting of the bike committee when the brochures are completed. The tour attracts many riders and their friends and families to Muleshoe. Last year more than 200 riders participated.

Jean Allison reported on the annual Student Community Action Club (SCAC) bake auction which was held on Channel 6 on Saturday, April 18. All money raised during the annual auction is donated to the Heritage Foundation. This year, more than \$1,000 was raised.

Allison noted how valuable SCAC is to the Heritage Center and their role as honorary board member. SCAC was founded in 1983 as an outgrowth of 10 high school seniors who wanted to save the Muleshoe Santa Fe Depot.

The club has now donated more than \$26,000 to the center, acts as hosts and hostesses during events, as well as helping with Center improvements.

Kenneth Henry made the motion to install a plaque honoring the SCAC group for donating money to help with the refurbishing the new deck at the Depot as well as helping with some of the labor. Henry's motion was approved.

Henry also updated the board on the newest additions to the center, the unique dugout, the little White House and the Stegall School.

Sammie Simpson, Henry and others have worked diligently to make these new additions authentic to their time and great places to re-live our area's history. Henry noted the Muleplex has been transformed to resemble a vintage barn.

Members voted to build restrooms in the northern part of this building using the restrooms at the senior center as a model. Henry, Jay Cage and Watson will be responsible for the much-needed project.

Members attending the meeting were Tom Watson, Gene Rogers, Kenneth Henry, Jenne McVicker, Sammie Simpson, Lonnie Adrian, Jean Allison, Sheila and Joe Bob Stevenson, Bobbie Harrison, Kathy Vandevender and Jay Cage. Center Hostess, Dolores Harvey and Marshall Cook also attended.

Wedding Showers

Morgan honored with bridal shower

April Morgan, the prospective bride of David O'Brien, and daughter of Ron and Jan Morgan of Muleshoe, was honored with a bridal shower on Sunday, April 19, in the parlor of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

The prospective groom is the son of Terrell and Vickie O'Brien of Lavernia.

Hostesses for the event included: Pam Atwood, Cindy Barrett, Brenda Black, Virginia Bowers, Beckye Conklin, Debbie Conner, Jo Ellen Cowart, Billie Graves, Ruth Hall, Fran Hamilton, Karen Harris, Sherry Hawkins, Sue Holt, Debbi Hutto, Connie Kenmore, Gwen Ladd, Eileen Morton, Suzanne Nichols, Dana Rempe, April Smith, Rhonda Smith and



Dorothy Sorley.

The hostess gift was a comforter set with sheets and cookware.

Special guests at the shower included: Janet Morgan, Vickie O'Brien, Helen Wade

of Abernathy, Melessa Milner of Plainview, Ryann and Travis Milner of Plainview, Christy Morgan of Plainview, and Carol Boyd of Abernathy.

Publication of announcements in the Journal

The Muleshoe Journal invites your news of weddings, engagements, showers, anniversaries and births.

In order to be fair to everyone, we must limit the amount of space for certain events.

For weddings and quinceaneras 25 column inches, which includes a photo if desired, is the limit.

If the photo and announcement runs longer, we reserve the right to eliminate parts of the story or the person placing the article may indicate which portions may be left out. However, if a longer write-up is desired, it may be purchased in the form of an ad.

For anniversaries, if two photos are included, the limit will be 25 inches. It will be 15 inches if only one photo is used. That space will be free for anniversaries of 50 years or more. A fee may be charged for other anniversaries.

Birth announcements with one-column photos are run free of charge with names of the immediate family,

including grandparents.

Please understand that the permission of both parents is required for a birth announcement to be published.

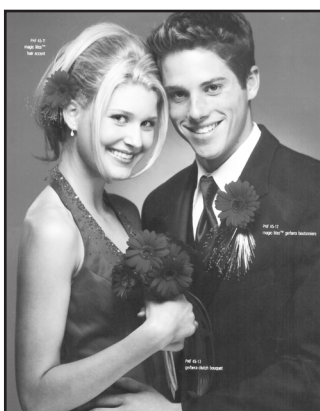
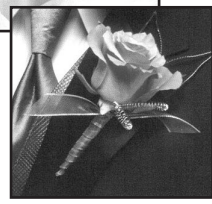
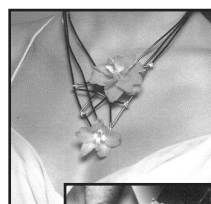
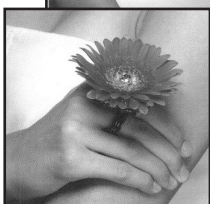
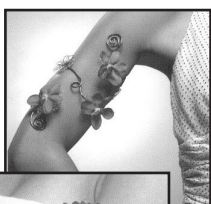
Small stories describing showers are run free of charge after the fact and may include the names of the principals, items served at the showers, a brief description of the decor and the names of special or out-of-town guests.

It is the responsibility of the party providing the information to provide all of the information. News releases in which names were left out by the party providing the information will not be re-published free of charge.

A deadline of four months after an event will be the rule for free publication. Information must be received by Monday noon. However, publication cannot be guaranteed in the week it is provided.

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According to Kim Hanlin, executive director for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Bailey County, livestock producers who incurred eligible livestock death losses due to adverse weather events on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011, should begin gathering related loss documentation in accordance with FSA's Livestock Indemnity Program provisions.

"Losses because of adverse weather, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture during the calendar year, including blizzards, disease, extreme cold, extreme heat, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, are eligible for LIP," said Hanlin.

Producers are advised that verifiable death loss documentation will not be accepted by FSA county offices until LIP applications are filed.

Adequate documentation must prove the death of eligible livestock occurred as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event in the calendar year for which benefits are being

requested.

If adequate verifiable proof of death records documentation is not available, a livestock producer may provide reliable records, along with verifiable beginning and ending inventory, as proof of death.

Certifications of livestock deaths by third parties may be accepted only if verifiable proof of death records or reliable proof of death records along with verifiable beginning and ending inventory records are not available.

A third party statement is an independent source who is not affiliated with

the farming operation, such as a hired hand or a family member.

"Our staff can provide producers with a list of acceptable proof of death, producer records and verifiable inventory documentation," said Hanlin.

"LIP indemnity payments will be 75 percent of the fair market value of the livestock as determined by the Commodity Credit Corporation," he said.

Additional information about LIP is available at FSA County Offices or by visiting the national FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Scholarship applicants sought

Muleshoe High School graduates, who are current college students majoring in Education, may apply for a Texas Classroom Teachers Association scholarship.

The applications may be picked in the counselor's office at Muleshoe High School. For more information, contact Nanette Anglin or April Smith at 272-7303.



Gym tour

Members of the MISD school board tour the gymnasium under construction at the high school.

Engagement

Hough, Saylor engaged

Scott and Sharla Saylor of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their son — Jordan Scott Saylor, to Jaimie Suzanne Hough, the daughter of Richard and Carole Hough, of Littleton, Colo.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Jake and June Saylor and the late Herman and Joyce Morrison.

Both are currently students attending Western State College in Gunnison, Colo., and will be continuing their education at Texas Tech University in the fall.

A wedding is planned in Lubbock on Sept. 5, 2009.

Note of Thanks

Many thanks to all of you for the prayers, flowers, cards and support extended during the illness and death of our loving sister and aunt, Eva Dale Carpenter.

A special thanks to the Muleshoe EMT's, Benny Parker, Muleshoe Police Department, Muleshoe Hospital Emergency Room Staff and Trinity Baptist Church. Friends like you are priceless and we Love you all. May God richly bless you for your loving kindness and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
The Carpenter Family

Celebrating their Golden Anniversary April 29th, 2009

We would like to wish our wonderful parents, Leonardo and Isabel Gonzales a Happy "50th" Anniversary. While they only met through a photograph, they were united in marriage at Our Lady of Grace in Lubbock, TX on this special day.



They were blessed with six beloved children and their spouses: Lydia, Anita, Johnny, Noe, Paul and Tony, eleven precious grandchildren, and five beautiful great grandchildren. They are very fortunate to have a community of friends and family as well.

Thank You Mom and Dad for being such GREAT parents, for your love, your spiritual wisdom, for being our friend, and for your strength and presence on this happy celebration. May God bless you on this most joyous occasion.

Love,
All your children

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Facts About Us

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District was created in June, 1989 - 89.5% of the District voted to create it. The District includes Bailey County and part of Parmer county.

The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors. Each director represents a geographical area and is elected by voters from that area. Directors are volunteers and receive no pay.

Your medical center is part of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District and is supported, in part, by taxes levied on personal and real property. Tax revenues typically account for 5-10% of the District's costs.

When you use your medical center for inpatient or outpatient care, you increase it's total revenue. In addition, because most of your costs may be paid by other sources (Medicaid, Medicare or insurance), using your medical center brings new money into our community. This benefits you in two ways: it stimulates our local economy and reduces the need for taxes.

You may be aware that our Board of Directors imposed a necessary tax increase in our District. this increase can and will be reversed if the additional tax revenue is no longer needed. We are continually implementing changes to improve revenue for our District.

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The United States Army is the finest in the world. Throughout our country's history, these brave men and women have demonstrated unparalleled patriotism, valor, and resolve.

I join my fellow Texans in saluting the often unsung efforts of the American Soldier.

The Army's achievements would not be possible without the efforts of its Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) Corps.

These soldiers ranging, in rank from corporal to command sergeant major and responsible for the "nuts and bolts" of daily training and operations in the Army at home and overseas are truly the backbone of the Army.

Often times, commissioned officers are the public face of the Army, but NCOs work behind the scenes to get things done.

Whether it's the drill sergeant training new soldiers, the squad leader caring for young soldiers and their families, or the platoon sergeant



leading a patrol in Iraq or Afghanistan, NCOs are out front, making things happen Army-wide every day.

The U.S. Army is celebrating 2009 as the "Year of the Non-Commissioned Officer." Since 1775, the NCO Corps has distinguished itself as the world's most accomplished group of military professionals.

Historical and current accounts of NCO actions are exemplified by acts of courage coupled with a dedication and willingness to do whatever it takes to complete the mission.

NCOs have been celebrated for decorated service throughout our nation's military history — ranging from Valley Forge to Gettysburg, to charges on Omaha Beach and battles along the Ho Chi Minh Trail, to the current operations in the mountains of Afghanistan and streets of Iraq.

The recent actions of Texas' own Staff Sergeant Matthew Kinney, from Nacogdoches, represent the tremendous level of leadership, dedication and courage epitomized by the Army's NCOs.

Staff Sergeant Kinney had already served twice in Iraq when he was deployed to Afghanistan in 2008.

Kinney, a flight medic, responded to an urgent MEDEVAC request for four casualties in the rugged Korengal Valley of Afghanistan on October 16th.

Once on the ground, Staff Sergeant Kinney discovered six American casualties in a small mud hut, as well as several other soldiers taking cover from fire.

Demonstrating strong and decisive leadership in a very difficult situation, Kinney ordered all non-wounded soldiers to secure the outside area as he triaged the casualties and stabilized the critically wounded.

As hoist operations began, the aircraft and the shelter came under heavy machine gun fire.

While completing a hoist, Kinney was able to locate the direction of the fire and redirect Apache gunships to take out the enemy threat, ultimately saving the crew in their MEDEVAC aircraft as well as the soldiers still on the ground.

As Kinney continued the evacuation, he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire as he diligently cared for his fellow soldiers, without regard for his own physical well-being.

Then, while en route to the Forward Surgical Team's location, Kinney single-handedly treated the wounds of five critical patients.

His heroic actions that day earned him a Silver Star, our nation's third highest military award for valor.

He has also been awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross for a separate engagement in Afghanistan.

Staff Sergeant Kinney epitomizes the critical role played by our Army's NCOs, and he and other NCOs like him provide the gold standard for others to follow.

Today's NCOs are more innovative and capable than ever; they lead by example, all while taking care of their fellow soldiers, adapting to ever-changing environments, and taking on growing responsibilities.

This year of recognition for our Army NCOs serves as an opportunity for Texans and all Americans to become better acquainted with the significant functions that NCOs carry out within our Army.

They are truly a national treasure, deserving of our utmost gratitude and respect.

Please join me in celebrating the accomplishments of Staff Sergeant Kinney and these fine American patriots.

I applaud the efforts


of the Army's NCOs as they train and fight every day to preserve our way of life and care for the American soldier.

I also offer my sincere appreciation to our Army NCO veterans who have

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Lazbuddie track results released

Lazbuddie's track results are as follows:

Junior High
 Springlake-Earth

Boys:
 Ian Thompson-1st High Jump.

Josh Mcintosh- 2nd Shot Put, 4th 100m Dash.

Ryley Burris-3rd 200m dash, 2nd 100m dash.

Girls:
 Shyann Rainey- 2nd 100m Hurdles.

Girls 4X100 Relay- 3rd Place, Kaitlyn Hicks, Ashton Mason, Shea Scott, Shyann Rainey.

Junior High District Track Meet:

Girls Team finished 2nd.

Boys Team finished 4th.

Girls:
 Shyann Rainey- 1st High Jump, 3rd 100 Hurdles.

Allison Weaver- 2nd High Jump, 7th 100 Hurdles.

Shea Scott-5th 400m Dash, 3rd Shot Put, 1st Discuss.

Jessica Estrada- 5th 800 Run, 4th 1600 Run, 4th 2400 Run.

Whitney Hargrove- 6th 800 Run.

Keena Diaz- 6th 1600 run, 6th 2400 Run.

Haley Beasley- 5th 2400 Run.

Ashton Mason- 3rd Triple Jump.

Girls 4X100 Relay- 3rd Place, Kaitlyn Hicks, Ashton Mason, Shea Scott, Shyann Rainey.

Girls 4X400 Relay- 3rd Place, , Kaitlyn Hicks, Ashton Mason, Shea Scott, Shyann Rainey.

Boys:
 Alfredo Chavira- 2nd Long Jump, 3rd 100 Dash, 3rd 200m Dash, 2nd 400m Dash.

Ryley Burris- 6th 100 dash, 1st High Jump, 6th Long Jump.

Alex Lopez-2nd 800 Run.

Keynan Youngblood- 5th 400m Dash.

Jared Timms- 2st High Jump.

Boys 4X 100 Relay- 4th Place- Jared Timms,

Keynan Youngblood, Alfredo Chavira, Alex Lopez.

High School Springlake Earth-

Darin Ivy -1st Pole Vault, 1st High Jump.

Rodrigo Mata J.V.-3rd 100 dash.

Kyler Stienbock- 1st 110m Hurdles, 1st 300m Hurdles.

Colton Hargrove- J.V. 3rd High jump.

High School District Track Meet-

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- EARTH - VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fans, fenced yd., 16' x 20' workshop/storage!! \$74,500!!
- VERY NICE 4-3 doublewide (2006) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., 25' x 40' Metal Bldg, septic system, domestic well, on pavement close to town!! \$152K!!
- Nice 3-2 Home at edge of town on .8 acre tract, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, efficiency apt. or guest cottage, horse barn & corral!! PRICE REDUCED!! \$92,500
- NICE 4.8 acre homesites, close to town, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!
- NICE 3-2-5 carport Home on 2 acres, Cent. heat, Cent. evap. air, built-ins, fireplace, fans, utility, cellar, large shop, stor. bldg. MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$109,500!!
- NICE 1 1/2-1 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, hardwood & tile floors, astroturf in sunroom, fans, woodburning stove in sunroom, cellar, RV cover, 2 carports, 780' stock barn, corral, on 8 acres, fenced, 2161 Hwy. 70 East!! \$125,000!!
- CLAY'S CORNER - VERY NICE 3-2 3/4-2 Home on 5 acres, approx. 2500' lvg. area, remodeled, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, whirlpool tub, fenced yard, 600' workshop/storage!! \$185K !!

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- NICE commercial bldg. w/approx. 3300' plus 1040' upstairs, Cent. A&H, 2 restrooms, MORE!! \$39,500!!
- NICE OFFICE/SHOP/WAREHOUSE on .7 acre on N. Hwy. 214, Cent. A&H, insulated shop & warehouse, has 1-3/4 bath & 1-1/2 bath!! MUCH MORE!! PRICED TO SELL!! \$85K!!
- 1900' Off. Bldg., 106' x 140' lot on Hwy. 70 and 84!! \$79,5K!!
- ANA'S BEAUTY SHOP - Approx. 1120' bldg., with or without furniture & fixtures!! PRICE REDUCED!!
- VERY NICE CHURCH BLDG. WITH PARSONAGE - Possible Owner Finance!! Price Reduced!!
- GOOD INCOME PROPERTY-LONG TERM LEASE- Approx. 8,075' office bldg. w/approx. 20,000' paved parking area!! PRICE REDUCED \$350K.
- 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheet iron bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!!
- 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760' Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/ paved area!! \$35K!!
- FORMER RICHLAND HILLS TEXACO - 1414' Bldg. + 1080' canopy + 16,530' asphalt paving!!

LOOKING for Something FIND it, in the Muleshoe Journal

Secure borders necessary for safe, prosperous communities

Over 1,200 miles of international border snakes along the Rio Grande through Texas, giving our state the distinction of holding more international boundary than all other states on the Mexican border combined.

While this position grants Texas unmatched access to the economic benefits of international commerce and has deeply enriched our state's culture and heritage, our shared border also leaves us particularly vulnerable to the challenges associated with illegal immigration and Mexican drug trafficking organizations.

On a typical day, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials arrest 73 criminals at ports of entry, seize 7,621 pounds of narcotics, and apprehend roughly 2,796 individuals who have illegally entered the U.S. Compounding these challenges are the increasingly brazen and sophisticated threats from Mexican drug trafficking organizations.

Mexican drug gangs have extended their operations into all areas of Texas and the nation. They control most of the U.S. drug market and have established ties with street gangs in American cities, including Atlanta,



Chicago, and New York. And as crime and violence surge along the Mexican border, Texas communities are on the front lines of this escalating threat.

More must be done at every level of government to secure our borders and ensure the continued safety and prosperity of communities in Texas and across the nation.

This can only be accomplished through a balanced strategy that includes expansive and well-trained border patrol forces, substantial infrastructure, and adequate resources for local law enforcement officials.

This has been an important legislative priority for me, and our efforts on this front have improved exponentially over the past 15 years. But we must continue to emphasize border security to keep up with mounting challenges.

In 1993, when I first arrived in the Senate, I was alarmed to learn that there were fewer than 3,600 Border Patrol agents assigned to the entire southern boundary of the U.S.

For the next several years, I worked with my

colleagues in the Senate to strengthen these forces, and, by 2000, the number of agents defending the southern border reached 8,580.

We have worked to match the growing pressures on the border by continuing to expand the presence of border patrol agents.

With the most recent addition of 2,200 agents this year, we have raised the total number of agents assigned to the southern border to more than 17,600.

This represents an increase of nearly 500 percent since I began to serve in the Senate.

Our agents along the border are most effective when they have the resources and equipment they need to do their jobs.

This year, Congress increased funding for CBP over \$10.5 billion, including \$875 million for border security fencing, infrastructure, and technology.

We have also worked to increase funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) investigators, and detention officers. Additionally, \$1 billion has been dedicated to

removing deportable criminal aliens, and we have increased our capacity to detain up to 33,400 individuals daily.

As well as providing for federal law enforcement activities, we must also support the important efforts led by state and local law enforcement agencies in southern border states.

I recently secured resources to aid local law enforcement in their struggle to combat criminal narcotics activity stemming from the border.

The defense provided by well-equipped border forces must be bolstered by infrastructure, which

can provide an additional deterrent to breaking the law by entering our country illegally.

I have consistently supported legislation to require and to fund the construction of 700 miles of fencing along the southern border.

Although most of the fence is now constructed, I recently supported an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget to ensure that future appropriations bills will fully fund construction of the remaining portions of the fence.

To help address the problem of violence in Mexico and along the border, I am a strong proponent of specialized initiatives, like Project Gunrunner, that target criminal arms smuggling

organizations who are directing the illegal flow of weapons from the U.S. into the hands of the cartels in Mexico. I have cosponsored this initiative with Senator Jeff Bingaman from New Mexico.

These improvements in border protection have mitigated the flow of illegal drugs and, thus far, violence spilling over into Texas communities.

But we can never declare our borders unassailable or adopt a complacent attitude toward the security of our homeland.

We must vigilantly secure our borders, while working with our international partners toward the common good of our citizens.

Education

A note from the superintendent

Muleshoe High School UIL academic success

By Dr. Gene Sheets, PhD

The Dist. 2-2A UIL Academic Contest was held recently in Floydada.

Muleshoe High School came in second place behind Floydada High School.

Muleshoe had several students and teams who qualified for the Region 1 UIL Academic Contest this weekend in Odessa.

Congratulations to all of the students who represented Muleshoe High School so well.

Highlights of the Regional UIL Academic Contest include:

Current Issues and Events Team – 1st Place,

Cole Hawkins — 1st Place as individual, Steven Richards, Austin Bamert, Adrian Chacon.

Computer Science Team – 1st Place, Jessica Behrens – 1st Place as individual, Caleb Conner – 2nd Place as individual, Jonathan Perez – 5th Place as individual.

Speech Team – 1st Place; Science Team – 2nd Place; Accounting Team – 2nd Place.

Prose, Natalie Head – 1st Place as individual.

Science, Cole Hawkins – 2nd Place as individual.

Persuasive Speaking, Xavier Mora – 2nd Place as individual, Steven

Richards – 3rd Place as individual.

Informative Speaking, Austin Bamert – 2nd Place as individual, Weston Griswold – 3rd Place as individual.

Lincoln Douglas Debate, Robert Brewster – 3rd Place as individual.

Ready Writing, Xandra Ballenger – 3rd Place as individual.

Number Sense, Morgan Smith – 3rd Place as individual.

Spelling, Jenna Whitworth – 3rd Place as individual.

Poetry, Jodee Hall – 3rd Place as individual.

MAHD board meets

Continued from page 1 can better inform the nursing home staff on how the residents can be served, this often hits a snag with residents who have difficulties communicating.

"The ones who can't tell me what's going on... the family can," he said.

He said the family counsels provide an opportunity for family members to share the residents' needs with the staff. Even with the most incommunicative resident, family members often know that person's likes, dislikes, and can help improve the quality of the resident's stay.

One thing the family counsel brought up was that they wanted an "appreciation program" for the nurses aids for the time they spend with the residents.

Cotton said he was greatly impressed with the attendance at the family counsel, which

surpassed what he was used to in Lubbock.

In other business, the hospital board:

- Approved the purchase of a bone density scanner. Prior to the approval, Jason Anglin, the Muleshoe Area Medical Center's administrator and MAHD CEO, reminded the board that a \$26,000 grant had been received toward the purchase of the \$29,865 instrument, and that even without the grant payment would have been at a "break even" point with only five patient tests per month.

"It's a positive service we can provide for the community," Anglin said. Currently, local physicians have send patients to Lubbock for the procedure.

- Authorized board member Bob Donaldson to negotiate with an unidentified individual about the "complete

removal" of the former Decorator Floral building in exchange for its scrap lumber. Although the district advertised for bids on the removal, none were received.

However, board member Bill Liles warned against getting into a situation such as occurred when someone was to remove one of the houses on the clinic expansion property, removing the lumber they wished but leaving the debris behind.

- Approved the audit report received in the April 13 special meeting, along with the meeting's minutes, and the minutes from the regular March 26 meeting.

- Went into executive session to discuss the possibility of providing a new service in the district, and to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken on the board's return to open session.



Gospel recording artist Peter Lewis Whitebird will be providing a message in music and song at Richland Hills Baptist Church on Wednesday, May 13, at 7 p.m.

Whitebird has had 15 "chart-topping Christian Country radio hits, 11 of which have soared to number one.

The public is invited to attend

A reception will follow

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