

Grease paint and limelights

The cast of Muleshoe High School's one act play, *The History of Tom*, entertained its audience during Thursday's fine arts performance. Pictured on the right, are the cast at the play's opening, while Monica Posadas (Sophia Western) and Eric Washington (Tom Jones) are pictured below.

Photographs by Larry Thornton



Ballet Folklorico wins big at Viva Aztlan Dance Festival

Muleshoe High School Ballet Folklorico won big in the competition in the Viva Aztlan Dance and Mariachi Festival on March 10-11.

The high school folk ballet company brought home trophies for Best Technique and Form, Best Traditional Dance, Best Costume, and Best Over-all in the Adult Division of Level C Division, in which they performed three dances from the state of Jalisco.

Other groups participating in Level C category were Snyder, Roswell and Lorenzo.

The judges also award medals for Best Female and Best Male Dancers of each group.

Marissa Hernandez, a fifth grade student attending DeShazo Elementary won the award for Best Female

Dancer in the Children's Category for Muleshoe Ballet.

In the Adult Division, Beverly Hernandez, a junior at Muleshoe High School, won Best female Dancer of the group.

Joaquin Ruvalcaba, a sophomore at Muleshoe High School, won Best Male Dancer of the group. Muleshoe Ballet Folklorico is comprised of two separate groups. Both of these groups participated in dance workshop on Friday and Saturday, instructed by master teachers in the area of Mexican Folkloric Dance.

On Friday evening the groups attended a mariachi concert featuring mariachi groups from the Lubbock area.

The children's dance group consists of children

ages 8-11 years of age.

This group competed on Friday March 10 in the children's dance competition. The instructor for this group is Margie Alarcon.

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Muleshoe chamber preparing for 56th annual banquet

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Tickets are on sale for one of Bailey County's primary social events as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture prepares for its 56th annual Chamber Banquet to be held on April 22, from 6:30-9 p.m.

As in previous years, the chamber will be presenting several awards following the banquet — which is held at the Muleshoe High School cafeteria — including the Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Farm Family of the Year, Employee of the Year and the Business of the Year.

Tickets are \$40 each, or quantities of four or more are \$35 each. Tickets are

available from chamber board members: Tadd Young, Leah Bell, Lynn Moore, Rob Tapley, Shorty Flores, Freddy Santos, Jake Davis, Jeff Coffman, Stephen Davidson and Don Wood. Tickets are also available for the steak and shrimp dinner when the doors open at 6 p.m.

As always, dress for the event is casual.

The theme for this year's event is "I have the golden ticket." And while the banquet will feature an excellent meal, it will also include a variety of other activities: Date Night photos, a silent auction, and a "pass the hat."

Entertainment for the event will be provided by local disc jockey Eddie

Alvarado, playing a variety of music, and what has been promised to be a "hoot" ... a human slot machine.

Speaker for this year's banquet and awards ceremonies is Ray Mason, CEO of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District.

At the 2005 annual banquet, Don and MaryAnna Bryant received the award for Farm Family of the Year, Leon Seales received the award as Employee of the Year, and

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Local Weather

Thurs.	Windy..... 72/40
Fri.	Sunny..... 77/36
Sat.	Mt. Sunny.... 76/40
Sun.	Mt. Sunny.... 80/49
Mon.	Pt. Cloudy... 80/46
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Give It A Thought

A smile and a gentle pat on the back can make someone's unbearable burden bearable.

Words to ponder from Beverly

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The Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department beats down a fire in a residence at the intersection of Third and Ave. E Friday afternoon. Photograph by Larry Thornton

No injuries in residential fire

Bailey County emergency personnel responded to the scene of a house fire on the afternoon of Friday, March 31.

Shortly after 1:15 p.m., personnel from Muleshoe's Fire Department and Police Department, Bailey County Sheriff's Department and

EMS responded to the report of a fire at the Hugo Perez residence, at 301 W. Ave. E.

According to Muleshoe Police Department's Lt. Otis Carpenter, the house was occupied at the time the fire started, but no injuries were reported.

However, Carpenter

noted that an infant was checked out by medical personnel due to the possibility of injury from smoke inhalation.

The fire investigation that followed indicated the fire was probably the result of an extension cord which shorted out and caught some clothing on fire.

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The Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation Board will be holding a "Gator Giveaway" to be on May 21, to raise money for Project for the South Plains College, Muleshoe Center, School of Nursing.

The raffle tickets have been printed and distributed to individuals and businesses that will be selling them for \$5 each. Funds raised at this "Gator Giveaway" will go to the Muleshoe School of Nursing and will be held in conjunction with the Muleshoe Health Fair.

Golf scramble set for May 6

The Bailey County EMS Organization is hosting a three-man golf scramble on Saturday, May 6, at the Muleshoe Country Club. The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start. There is a \$150 entry fee per team. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. There is also a "hole in one" prize of two jet skis. For additional information, call Alex Garcia at 272-4390, or Dustin Jesko at 577-0027. To enter, fax name, phone number and handicap to 272-3141.

Longhorn Pride to host tourney

The Lazbuddie Longhorn Pride will be sponsoring its annual '3 on 3' basketball tournament April 21-22 at the Lazbuddie High School Gymnasium. The games will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 21, and resume at 8 a.m. on April 22. There is a \$50 entry fee for advance registration. For additional information contact Lazbuddie ISD.

Project Graduation

Parents of the Muleshoe High School Class of 2006 need your help to make Project Graduation safe, fun and memorable for the graduates. Your donation will help with expenses such as food, games, prizes and gifts for their celebration immediately after graduation on May 26. This will be a parent-sponsored, non-alcohol, drug-free event.

Address donations and questions to the following Project Graduation representatives: Brenda Black, 1931 US Hwy. 70, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-3431; Sandy Nash, 480 State Hwy. 214, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-3597; Liz Tipps, 1811 W Ave. I, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-5898; Shelly Turnbow, Box 695 Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-5762.

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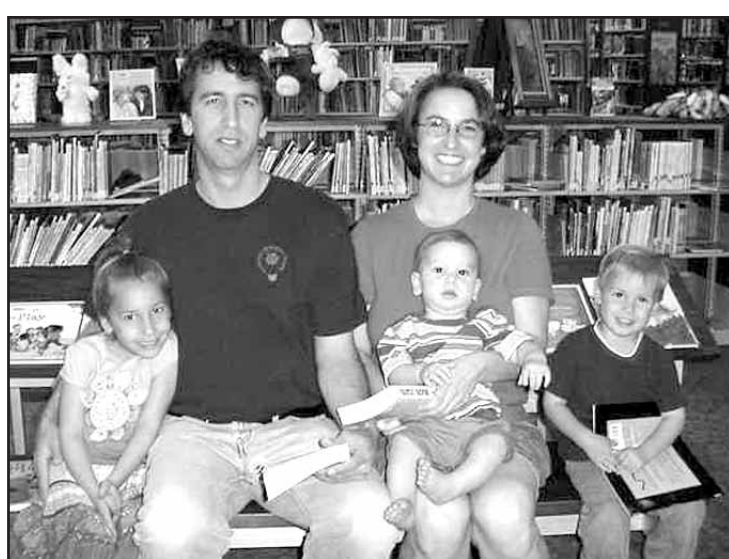
Planning is underway for this year's Bailey County Relay For Life to benefit the American Cancer Society. A committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m., at the Trinity Christian Center. The Team Captain's meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., on April 11, at the same location. Anyone interested in serving on the committee may contact Kim Cook at 272-4093. If you are interested in forming a team, please contact Charla Cogdill at 946-6123.

Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes

Texas Cooperative Extension, Bailey County, and the Bailey County Diabetes Coalition is sponsoring the Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program. The fifth session will be Monday, April 10. Note the date change. The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Bailey County Coliseum. This program is free of cost to everyone interested. Diabetes and care givers are encouraged to attend. The fifth session topics include: "Managing Your Blood Sugar" and "Diabetes Medicines." These sessions will cover factors that affect blood glucose levels, the best ways to test blood glucose levels, benefit programs for people with diabetes, the two types of diabetes pills, care strategies for sick days, and the importance of working with doctors and pharmacists to get the dosage of medicines right. For more information contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

Library Family of the Year selected

The Tyson family have lived in Muleshoe for three years. James is employed at Clovis Community College, he is the special service case manager, and he will read almost anything. Monica is a stay-at-home mom and she loves to read Janet Evanovich, Marion Keyes and Sophie Kinsella. Sierra is five years old and attends preschool at Life in Christ Academy in Lariat. She likes to read books about princesses, girls and animals. Noah is two and a half years old and likes books about snakes and



sharks. Dylan is nine months old and likes any book he can eat! Monica

Lamplight By Larry Thornton

The rest of God's story

Many years ago, an attorney told me about a lawsuit in which he had represented the widow of a woman whose husband died in a collision with a train that had stopped across a country road.

At one point during the trial, the young attorney questioned the elderly railroad employee charged warning drivers of the train blocking the road.

This elderly man calmly answered all of the questions he was asked, and at one point stood at the request of the attorney and demonstrated how he'd slowly swung his lantern back in forth in an unsuccessful attempt to stop the rapidly approaching car.

As a result of this man's testimony, the jury in this civil suit found in favor of the railroad.

Afterward, before leaving the courthouse, the widow's attorney saw the elderly railroad employee leaving and walked up to him. The attorney believed this was one of the best witnesses he'd ever encountered, and hoped he might receive some insight that could help him prepare for future cases.

So the attorney asked the railroad employee is there was anything that he, the widow's attorney, could have asked or done that might have resulted in a different verdict.

"Well," the elderly man said, "I don't know if I should say... I would have mentioned it during the trial, but I was told to answer the questions and not volunteer anything. But if it were me, I would have asked if my lantern was lit."

As hard as they tried, the Israelites weren't able to live successfully under the law. But that was only part of God's plan of salvation. The purpose of the law was to help us to understand that we needed something more. That something more was the Son of God.

The young attorney only knew part of the story during the trial. But when the Son of God, Jesus Christ, walked the dusty roads of Judea and Galilee, he revealed many things about his Father, his own authority, the sins of man and man's hope for salvation. Up until that point, man — like the young attorney, only had part of the story.

Although the Israelites had known the Father since the days of Abraham and Moses, they lacked the understanding that came from God's Son.

John 1:17-18, NIV, says, "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known."

And in Luke 10:22, NIV, it says, "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

The Book of Isaiah foretold of the Messiah's coming, but until Christ revealed God's plan of salvation, mankind remained bound to the law.

In John 14:6, NIV, Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Unlike the young attorney, God has given us all the information we need concerning our salvation prior to the day of judgement.

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Editorial

Shelter... not separation

While it is normally not in the best interest of a newspaper to respond to inaccurate and derogatory accusations that appear in political advertisements, we couldn't help but wade into the melee that has resulted from a newspaper story that appeared in the March 16 issue of the *Journal*.

Yes, there are some good things happening at the Oneita Wagon Senior Center. What we are saying is that some improvements needed to be made.

For one thing, it is reprehensible for any public board to speak to the citizens it represents in such a rude and impolite manner as occurred and was reported in the story in question.

Granted, when an unruly crowd interferes with the proceedings at a meeting, it becomes necessary for the board to regain control. However, this wasn't the case at the senior center's meeting covered in the March 16 story. A delegation of center participants were seeking information and action on issues that concerned them, and in response were met by a wall of demagoguery.

For the senior center to serve the community of Muleshoe it must be more than a gathering place for certain cliques. It must reach out to the entire community, both Hispanic and non-Hispanic, young and old. It isn't a country club and shouldn't be operated as one.

After all, the qualifications for voting membership — or participation — are based on the turn of a calendar. Muleshoe residents who are ineligible for full participation today may be eligible tomorrow or the next day.

During these times when teenagers and young adults are becoming more and more disconnected with their grandparents, shouldn't the center be doing what it can to foster closer relationships?

In the State of Montana, a large number of communities have community bands. This is an amazing thing. Not only does it allow local residents the opportunity to continue playing their instruments after leaving high school and college, but it provides opportunities for the elderly and the young to develop relationships and close friendships that aren't just based on genetics.

Muleshoe's elderly are a valuable commodity. The place at which they gather should be recognized as a shelter of knowledge... not for its walls of separation.

Mule Moments

By Jessica Thornton



Would you go with me to prom? With only a little over a month until the big night, that is a question that can sometimes be heard through the halls of the school.

Of course, students who are already a couple will go together — the norm around here — but the main question involves all of the single students and who is brave enough to ask whom. After all, who you go with (and how you behave) could determine if you become a topic at a future class reunion.

Prom is one of the main events a high school student can look forward to their junior or senior year of high school.

What you wear is also a big thing, at least among the girls. Some girls think of it as a competition and go for the glam and try to impress everyone around them, but I think it doesn't matter what you wear just as long as you like what you are wearing and are comfortable in it for several hours of the night.

Getting ready isn't one of the easiest tasks around either, my cousin's school held its prom on Saturday night. She had a double-header softball game, didn't get home until late in the afternoon, and immediately had to start getting ready for

that night. This was her last high school prom, she is graduating this year.

Prom is one of those things that help students forget about school and life for one night. They can let loose and just really have a great time surrounded by classmates and friends.

It also gives the graduating seniors memories for when they are old and at a class reunion they can think back and remember their senior prom.

I have waited two years for this, and now... finally, I get to go to prom, I thought I was going to go with my friends at my old school, but this is much better, I am staying in one place.

The junior class at my old school had decided to move this year's prom to a different town, about an hour's drive away.

I get to go to the school cafeteria... what fun! Last year, my dad was amazed by all the work the parents put into making it a special night for their kids.

The main point of prom is to make memories with everyone around you, friends, teachers, anyone who is there.

I can't wait until prom, but first I think I need a dress to wear before I can do anything else.

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A date has been set for what will probably be the State of Texas' only opportunity to comment

about the 2007 Farm Bill before the House Agriculture Committee.

Chamber...

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the Business of the Year award went to Wilson Drilling Company.

According to information released on April 30, the House Ag Committee will be meeting Tuesday, May 9, in San Angelo to hear comments about the farm bill from producers.

Woman of the Year and Man of the Year awards went to Dawn Williams and Kenneth Henry respectively.

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Obituaries

Clay Richardson

A church service for Clay Richardson, 67, of Morton, is scheduled on March 30, at the First Baptist Church with Joey Pierce and the Rev. Tim White officiating. Burial followed in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Richardson died on Monday, March 27, 2006, in the Lubbock Heart Hospital. He was born on Jan. 28, 1939, in Lovington, N.M. He married Deanna Lowder in Seminole on March 15, 1960. She preceded him in death on June 6, 1986.

He married Ethel Jackson on Feb. 1, 2002, in Morton.

Richardson was a 1958 graduate of Lovington High School. He moved to Morton in 1964 from Plains. He was a volunteer fireman, a member of the Morton Country Club and a member of the New Life Ministries of Morton.

Richardson retired from the Texas Department of Transportation, and worked as a caretaker for the

Morton Memorial Cemetery during the 1990s.

Richardson was also preceded in death by his parents, a brother — Chuck, and one son — Thomas Lee, on July 5, 1994.

Survivors include his wife — Ethel of Morton; three sons and their wives — Donnye and Roxanne Richardson of Morton, Doug and Dora Richardson of Poteet and Lee and Rachelle Jackson of Morton; a son — Dale Richardson of Levelland; a sister — Lenora Green of Belle Vista, Ark.; a sister and her husband — Wanda and Bob Clemmons, also of Bella Vista, Ark.; two brothers and their wives — Leroy and Pat Richardson of Amarillo and Butch and Lanita Richardson of San Angelo; and 22 grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Vista Care of Lubbock, 1717 Norfolk #A, Lubbock, Texas 79416.

Opal Renfrow

A graveside service for Opal Carrie Fields Renfrow, 92, of Stockdale will be held on Thursday, April 6, at 10 a.m. at the Portales Cemetery in Portales, N.M., with David Bennett officiating.

Renfrow died on April 3, 2006 in Stockdale, Texas. She was born in Sulphur, Okla., on Sept. 29, 1913, to Oscar Burt and Mary Katherine (Haggard) Reeves. She was a

homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Luther Fields and W.E. Renfrow, five brothers, two sisters, and a granddaughter.

Renfrow is survived by her children — Jack Bundy of Weiser, Idaho, Barbara Symank of Stockdale, and Doris Coleman of Pacific Palisades, Calif.; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

The senior center continues to have more first time participants. We welcome and encourage you to come again.

Monday, April 10, Patti will be here for the computer class at 1:30 p.m. She was unable to be with us on March 27 due to sickness in her family.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday April 11 as Mandi Seaton with the extension office will be giving another of

her informative and enjoyable programs.

Remember the Tuesday night senior dance. Sandy, our great disc jockey will be playing the music. The dance begins at 7 p.m., a break for pot luck supper is taken at 8:30 p.m., and the dance ends at 10 p.m. Come and join your friends.

The board of directors will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 12, beginning at 1 p.m. here at the senior center. The meetings are open to the senior participants.

The bingo is going great on Thursday. If you have not joined us for the bingo, you are missing a good time. Make plans to come early, have lunch and stay for bingo. Refreshments and fellowship are enjoyed after the bingo.

Menu for April 10-14:

April 10 — Polish sausage, sauerkraut, corn, salad, wheat roll, pumpkin pie.

April 11 — Meatloaf, sauce, mashed potatoes, spinach, roll, apple cobbler.

April 12 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, potatoes, peas and carrots, roll, cherry cobbler.

April 13 — Taco salad, beans, rice, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, salsa, chips, peach cobbler.

April 14 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, hush puppies, tator tots, coleslaw, fruit salad.

Nursing Home News

Each Sunday morning the Muleshoe Church of Christ directs a communion service.

The Cowboy Fellowship directs the church services Sunday afternoon.

Walt and Rose Sain visited Park View Sunday afternoon.

G.R. Lasiter called Bingo Monday afternoon.

Joyce Hunter took Rick hunter to the dentist Monday.

Cathy Wilson was taken out to lunch Friday by her sister and brother-in-law, Maita and Pete Thomas. Dianne Brown also went with them.

Louise Agee spent a night or two visiting in the home of her daughter, Lou Ann Black.

Mary Anna Bryant is visited daily by her husband don Bryant. Her daughter also visits her regularly.

Pauline Guinn looks forward to seeing Liliam Street each day.

Howard Awbrey received a visit from his brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Robbie Awbrey, Friday.

Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard from the Earth Methodist Church directed a music and praise devotional last Tuesday morning.

Congratulations to Lela Crawford for the nice interview on Channel 6 Monday afternoon. Mrs. Crawford was featured on the television station's "Know your neighbor" program.

Tuesday afternoon, volunteers Josie Ovalle, Pat Watson, Dolores Garrett, Eva Nell Dale and Beckye Conklin shampooed and styled the ladies' hair. Josie gave several haircuts.

Pat Prater visits her husband, Arnold Prater, several times a week. Arnold's mother, Grace Scoggins, visited him last Tuesday.

Glenda Jennings and her puppets entertained and directed a sing-a-long Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. James Wedel came Wednesday morning. He delivered the cinnamon rolls from the Donut Hole, and ran other errands for Park View.

Alene Bryant came Wednesday morning to volunteer her time and talents. Alene makes the

large monthly activity calendars for the rest of us.

Floy Henson was visited by her niece and her husband, Pasty and Larry Blaufuse from New Mexico Wednesday.

Among the upcoming events at the nursing home are:

- An Easter celebration on Friday, April 14, at 2:30 p.m., hosted by the Earth Church of Christ.

- A Sedar meal is being scheduled for Tuesday, April 10. The event will be directed by Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard.

- The April birthday party, which is scheduled for Friday, April 28, at 3 p.m.

Happy April Birthday, to

Gladys Wilson, Maria Salinas, Erma Templar and Elzie Darland.

Freda Long donated a variety of paper goods and cookies from the Elder family.

Butch Vandiver directed the Bongo Bash! on Saturday afternoon. Iris Clements baked and served peanut butter cookies for refreshments.

Dr. Snyder and his staff from Mobil Eye Associates drove up from Houston on March 29-30.

They turned the beauty shop into an eye clinic for a couple of days. A total of 45 residents received eye exams and 23 residents were fitted for new glasses.



Pastor Steve & Tracie Claybrook of New Covenant Church invite you to come join our Easter Celebration Sunday, April 9th at 10:00 A.M.

Come hear renowned speakers Dr. Jacob Kurien, best selling author Peggy Joyce Ruth and Jimmy & Lynda Low of "Spiritual Warfare Ministries"

Jacob Kurien, Prophet and missionary to India has over 30 churches and 3 Bible Schools. He operates under the apostolic and prophetic Anointing, giving prophetic incite into the lives of believers and spiritual understanding for the end times.



Peggy Joyce Ruth and her husband Jack have authored over 6 best sellers including "Tormented 8 Years and Back." Peggy tells her story of healing, deliverance and restoration from chronic fear, anxiety and mental illness. She will have available her new book "Psalms 91: A Soldier's Prayer" teaching the protection covenant that needs to be placed in the hands of all military personnel and their families.



Jimmy and Lynda Low of Spiritual Warfare Ministries have worked over 30 years ministering to those oppressed by depression, addiction and mental illness.



Services start at 10:00 A.M., making time for personal ministry afterwards.

Nursery will be provided for ages 4 and under.



New Covenant Church is located 4 miles east of Muleshoe on Highway 70.

For more information, contact the church at 806-965-2787 or Pastor Steve and Tracie Claybrook at 806-965-2864.

From God's Holy Word

"I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought."

—I Corin. 1:10, NIV

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I grew up a city boy, though these things are relative. To the poor souls unfortunate enough to grow up in New York, Amarillo would be a lot closer to country than they would ever care to get, but compared to Robert Lee or Stanton, where my two sets of grandparents lived, Amarillo certainly seemed like a city to me.

I was a bright kid. I knew that, at least in theory, milk came from cows. I'd never seen it happen, but I took it on faith. Still, when my grandmother gave me a drink of

ured out that a headless chicken, running around blindly and evidently unaware that it was dead, was connected with what I ate with biscuits and gravy.

Exceptional young city lad that I was, I was more than a tad naive about the food chain in general and the barnyard link to our table in particular. Not to put too fine a point on it, I was almost as dumb as some so-called environmentalists who'd gag on a good medium rare steak but still wear leather shoes and seem oblivious to the level of serious commitment on the part of the steer in both cases.

Honestly, there was a time in my life when I didn't think I'd ever want to live in the country. Then, when I was 28, we moved to Muleshoe, and one day my truly country-born wife said, "Don't you sometimes wish we lived in the country?" That perplexed me. If Muleshoe wasn't "the country," what was it? (Now I know she meant "outside of town.")

Anyway, you know what I mean when I now say, I grew up in the city but got to the country as fast as I could, and I'm glad. A good friend from Houston once told me that all you have to do is take a fairly short airplane ride to know that "the country" is by far the largest and best part of this land called America. To recognize that "small" is not only okay, it may be better than "big," was big of him, I thought.

I hope you love where you live—be it big city or small town. Our Father is quite big enough to wrap the whole world, and every one of us, in the arms of his love.

Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.

Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

milk that was a whole lot closer to the cow than the milk I'd grown up drinking from bottles, I didn't care for it much and told her I preferred "real" milk. I still do. I keep telling my wife that anything that looks white but has less than 2% fat in it is NOT real milk, and even the 2% stuff is questionable. God made milk to slide down and delightfully coat the throat. Why mess with perfection?

And eggs? They just somehow grew in cartons, didn't they? Well, that's what I thought until I went egg-gathering with Grandmother.

And fried chicken? It just showed up on the table at our house in Amarillo. It wasn't until I spent some time in the "patch" at Granddaddy & Grandmother's house that I fig-

Sports

Sports Academy students place well in Winter Classic

The Acrospirit team from Muleshoe Sports Academy competed in the 2006 Winter Classic, sponsored by USA Gymnastics, in Birmingham, Ala.

The competition featured 200 of the top athletes, level 10 and up, from all over the USA and Canada.

The Sports Academy sent AnnMarie McClelland to compete in level 10 trampoline in the 11-12 girls division.

Also competing for the Acrospirit team was Chelsey Hunt, level 10 in the 13-14 girls division, and Dakota Earnest, junior elite and 13-14 girls.

The competition began on Friday, Feb. 3, and started out pretty well for the team. Ann Marie and Chelsey competed in synchronized trampoline and won the gold medal in the 13-14 level 10 division.

"It was a great confidence booster for the girls and led into a good individual performance for the two of them the next day," coach Amanda Bailey said.

Saturday morning would start individual competition for the girls. Chelsey competed first and finished preliminary competition in first place in the 13-14 division.

Chelsey has won the Winter Classic in her age group the past three years and hoped to make it four in finals later that night.

Next to compete was AnnMarie. This is her first year of level 10 competition.

"She was really nervous going into prelims. She didn't do the best routines I have ever seen her do, but to our surprise she was able to make it into finals in sixth place," Bailey said.

Next would be Dakota to compete in junior elite women's trampoline. This is Dakota's third year in this 17 and under division. At 12 she is still the youngest in this division.

Three students selected for overseas competition

Regardless of her age Dakota responded to the challenge and was in third place behind reigning National Junior Champion Nani Veracruzzen of Hawaii and Canadian Junior Champion, Anita Cirrilo.

Dakota also competed in tumbling and double mini trampoline making it to finals in third place and first place respectively.

Finals went even better for the team as Chelsey upped her level of difficulty and performance to secure the gold medal by five points.

Living off the high of her synchro partner's success, AnnMarie bounced her best routine so far as a level 10 athlete and moved up to fourth place in finals.

Things would continue on track for the team as Dakota moved up to capture silver in tumbling before competing in trampoline.

She bounced even better than she had in prelims, scoring a full point higher to move up to the silver medal in front of the Canadian champion.

Dakota then proceeded to take the gold medal in double mini as well.

"The girls were amazing in finals. They just seemed to feed off of each other. We couldn't have asked for a better finish to the competition," Bailey said.

All three girls were rewarded for their hard work. Dakota was selected to the USA junior world cup team to compete in Belgium in April.

AnnMarie and Chelsey were selected to compete for the USA in Germany in March.



Hot second base action

The action was hot at second base during the April 1 game against Levelland. In the photograph above, both the runner and the ball are a blur of motion as they race to second. In the photograph on the left, both the ball and the runner arrive at a more sedate speed.

Photographs by Norm Brantley

WBU cheerleaders bring home national trophy

The cheerleading squad from Wayland Baptist University, which includes Shalisa Ladd of Muleshoe, earned a first place trophy in the college co-ed division at the recent Christian Cheerleaders of America competition held in Winston-Salem, N.C.

The squad competed in the CCA nationals for the first time, choosing the competition because of the Christian values upheld by the group.



The Wayland Baptist University cheerleading squad, is pictured above, from left to right: Back row — Blake Haney, Evan Winegarner, Richard Varnon, Dustin Stephens and Shawn Kelley; second row — Cassie Pene, Tabatha Harmonson, Heather Robison and Anna Garnett; and front row — Ashley Reynolds, Shalisa Ladd and Missy Pawelek.

Nichols honored for season

The end of season honors are all in for area basketball teams.

Chelsee Nichols, sophomore at Lazbuddie High School, has received the following honors this year: All District, 1st team All Region TABC association; 1st team All Region Texas six-man coaches association; 2nd team All South Plains; Leading scorer and rebounder in all classifications for Lubbock Avalanche Journal; 2nd Leading scorer and leading rebounder in class 1A-3A for Amarillo Globe News; 2nd team All State Texas six-man coaches association



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Heritage Foundation News

What makes the Muleshoe area such a thriving, interesting place to live?

People often ask, "What gives Muleshoe its unique spirit?" The answer to this question is undoubtedly the people. Where else can you find so many citizens determined to make an area such a special place to live?

There is a sense of volunteerism here which makes community activities extremely successful. If you had stopped by the Muleshoe Heritage Center on Saturday, March 25, you would have seen an unusual sight. B&L Construction Company under the direction of Chad Beall was at the Figure 4 Ranch House doing all types of carpentry work and each man giving eight full hours freely of their time.

These workers were Ray Lureas, Alex Reyes, J. B. Beall, Jose Perez, Joey Hargrove, Jed Bond and of course Chad Beall.

What a gift! By the way, go by and see all of the work which is being done at this beautiful old ranch house under the direction of Heritage Board members Sammie Simpson and Dan Throckmorton.

Another example of this special volunteerism is the Student Community Action Club's annual Bake-Auction that was held Saturday over TV Station Channel 6.

These Muleshoe junior and senior members of SCAC have held this Bake-Auction, complements of the Rennels, for many years. What is noteworthy is that the Rennels at Channel 6 have turned over the broadcasting studio for the whole morning to this club.

SCAC is an honorary board member of the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Board, and all money the club makes is donated to the Heritage Center.

On this special Saturday morning, the phones rang and rang with citizens calling in bids on "made from scratch" food items — beautiful cakes, pies, cookies, casseroles, etc.

Earlier one supporter noted, "I can hardly wait for the student's bake auction because the students are so cute and the food so good."

Because the community supports this club so wholeheartedly, the club made \$1,700 in one morning, which will be donated soon to the Heritage Center.

Of course it takes many willing to give time and other things such as mothers and grandmothers baking, advertisers like the



SCAC auction

On Saturday, March 25, the Student Community Action Club of Muleshoe High School held its annual Bake Auction benefiting the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation. Approximately \$1,700 was raised, which will be used to help maintain existing buildings or purchase new structures as the complex continues to grow. The 30-member club auctioned 69 items to raise the money. Pictured above are SCAC members, from left to right: Front row — Christina Orozco, Laura Cogliandro, Monica Posadas, Autumn Rainey, Gina Mardis and Irma Torres; back row — Jessica Thornton, Ely Villa, Brady Black, Eddie Alvarado, Gerardo Gomez, Chris Mardis and Eric Washington.

Muleshoe Journal and Channel 6 giving hours of publicity, and of course, sponsors like Gina and Chris Mardis and Jessie Hanna working out all of the details.

Due to all of this cooperation and unselfish giving, over the years the SCAC students have donated more than \$25,000 to the Heritage Center.

The students of SCAC

have such a feeling of oneness with the Muleshoe Heritage Center, they plan to soon do repairs on the old Janes Ranch House.

When members this year heard about former club members doing repair work at the center, they said, "We want to do something like that." So soon the students of SCAC will be sanding, painting and repairing the porch of the Janes Ranch

House.

Thus on one early Spring Saturday, there was a group of high school students, a few teachers, a group of construction workers, a successful TV station and many, many ordinary citizens of the community all working together for a common goal — a thriving, growing Heritage Center, one of Muleshoe's greatest assets.



Students of the Week

Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of April 3 are as follows, from left to right: Front row — Elvia Bajo, Craig Black and Starlit Schonasky; back row — Jose Marrufo, Carina Campos and Zach Toscano.

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SAT., APRIL 1, 2006

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Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
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NM Ranch, NM	10	Mxd. str.	427 lbs.	at \$151.00
NM Ranch, NM	17	Mxd. str.	492 lbs.	at \$133.00
NM Ranch, NM	37	Mxd. str.	566 lbs.	at \$126.00
NM Ranch, NM	16	Mxd. str.	634 lbs.	at \$111.00
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Don Bandy, Bovina	2	Blk. str.	645 lbs.	at \$110.00
Shafer Cattle, Muleshoe	3	Mxd. bulls	632 lbs.	at \$106.00
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Israel Azua, Sudan	14	Blk. hfrs	294 lbs.	at \$161.00
Steve Busby, Springlake	3	Char. hfrs	332 lbs.	at \$145.00
Steve Busby, Springlake	11	Char. hfrs	545 lbs.	at \$111.00
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Ups and Downs of Spring!

In spring and summer we really keep an eye out for storms. Storms have their ups and downs. Some are mild and refreshing. Others, like thunderstorms, hurricanes and tornadoes are dangerous. Rain fills lakes and streams, but too much too quickly causes flooding. Lightning from storms may strike the earth and cause damage. April showers may be dark and windy but, luckily, they are mostly refreshing!

_____ is one of my favorite seasons.
 Birds are on the _____ and I can hear them when they _____.
 I can also fly my _____. I like to let it go to a great _____. The string is _____.
 My _____ soaring kite is a beautiful _____!

Use the words in the box to fill in Wing's speech above.
 kite tight sight sing spring bright wing height worms malls

When April showers come down...
 Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

- water runs down _____
- tree _____ float down
- _____ pop up to bloom
- _____ may shut down
- _____ go up to keep us dry
- mud _____ fill up
- house _____ are pulled down
- yard _____ is tied down
- _____ come up to breathe
- shopping _____ fill up

What is Springing Up?
 Below are some things that can spring up! Can you write down a few more?
Find and circle my list in the puzzle:

Your List _____

My List
 jack-in-the-box
 pogo stick
 toaster
 cricket
 trampoline
 frog
 kangaroo
 camera flashbulb
 computer keys
 tiddlywinks

Wing needs more string for his kite. **Start at the bottom of the maze and draw the string through to Wing.**

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Playground Ups and Downs!

Spring has arrived! What fun it is to go up and down on the equipment at the playground. **Follow the dots to help figure out:**
 What can you go up and down on by yourself?

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 What are we playing on if you go up when I go down?
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 9 16 13 19
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Pictured above with Boness (center) is, left to right, Kienan Gilcrease, Josie Gully, Jaelynn Hall, Mark Allen, Jim Hall and former Muleshoe Motor owner Robert Hooten.

Boness honored at retirement gathering

Friends and coworkers gathered Monday, March 27, to say good-bye to longtime Muleshoe Motor employee Walter Marie Boness, who is retiring after 48 years with the dealership.

According to Boness she has no definite, immediate plans for the future right now, but will take it "one day at a time."

General manager Jim Hall said, "Walter Marie has been a valuable employee

of this organization for many, many years."

"Although I've had only a brief chance to get to know her," Hall added, "what I have learned is that she is a very kind person and an extremely professional employee. We'll miss her!"

Bailey County Relay for Life meeting set

Planning is underway for this year's Bailey County Relay For Life to benefit the American Cancer Society.

A committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m., at the Trinity Christian Center.

The Team Captain's meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., on April 11, at the same location.

Anyone interested in serving on the committee may contact Kim Cook at 272-4093.

If you are interested in forming a team, please contact Charla Cogdill at 946-6123.

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Engagement

Walls, Angeley announce engagement

Tracy and Patricia Angeley announce the engagement of their son, Ben Angeley of Fort Worth to Missy Walls, also of Fort Worth.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Bill and Cathie Irons of Pottsboro, and Vern and Teresa Walls of Plano. She graduated from Plano Senior High School and received a bachelors of nursing degree from Texas Christian University.

She is currently employed as an RN at Cook Children's Medical Center in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit in Fort Worth.

The prospective groom is the son of Tracy and Patricia Angeley of Muleshoe. He is the grandson of DoraBelle Angeley and the late Jarvis



MISSY WALLS AND BEN ANGELEY

Angeley of Earth.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Springlake-Earth High School and will graduate in May from Texas Christian University with a bachelors of education/

math. He will be coaching football and teaching math at Paris High School in Paris in the fall of 2006.

The wedding date has been set for the evening of July 29 in Pottsboro.

Hospital Report

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center has released the following list of admissions:

March 24 — Tinnie Burchett, Sharon Hildebrand and Don McDonald.

March 25 — No report.
March 26 — Sixi Barrera,
March 27 — Alta Dupuy, Marion Logsdon, Jimmie McDaniel, Manuel Daniel and Hyrum Orcutt.

March 28 — Della Kirkland, Maria Gauna, Ava Sewell and Jan Thompson.

March 29 — No report.
March 30 — Margaret Buhrman and Sergio Sigala.
March 31 — Annie Flores.

From God's Holy Word

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding..."

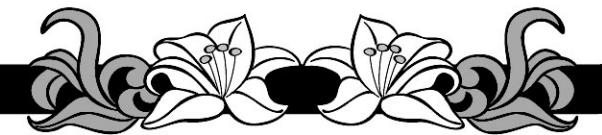
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Births

Hayden Barrett

Jason and Summer Barrett of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, Hayden Lewis Barrett, on March 20, 2006.

Hayden weighed 9 pounds, 13 ounces at birth

and was 21 inches long. Hayden has two older sisters, Kelsei, 5-1/2, and Jordan, 2.

His grandparents are Ronnie and Sherry Barrett of Muleshoe. Grandparents

are Melvin and Marsha Hill of Levelland.

Hayden's great-grandparents are Wilcy and Mary Moore and Jadie and Virginia Barrett, all of Muleshoe, and Carol Kirkpatrick of Levelland.

Austin Holcomb

Ryan and Allyson Holcomb of Highland Ranch, Colo., proudly announce the birth of their son, Austin Douglass Holcomb, on Feb. 27, 2006, at 9:26 p.m., at Sky Ridge

Medical Center in Highlands Ranch.

Austin weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces at birth and was 20 inches long.

His grandparents are Randall and Kay Field of Muleshoe, Linda Holcomb

of Lubbock, and Steve Holcomb, also of Lubbock.

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Muleshoe chamber honors local employee, business

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture honored Denise Esparza of the City of Muleshoe as its Employee of the Month for the Month of April recently, and Lasting Impressions as it's Business of the Month. Pictured above, Esparza receives her award from chamber president Tadd Young. Pictured with Esparza and Young are: Don Woods, David Brunson and "Shorty" Flores, on the left, and Leah Bell and Freddy Santos on the right.

Flores, on the left, and Leah Bell and Freddy Santos on the right.

Pictured below, Young presents the award to Helen Hunter, owner of Lasting Impressions. On the right of Hunter is Lasting Impressions employee Sarah Santos, Freddy Santos and "Shorty" Flores. On the left are Leah Bell and Don Woods.



AA and Al-Anon meetings held

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

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Letter to the Editor

Reader opposes amnesty

To the Editor:
For months, the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps has been on the Mexican and United States' border seeking to prevent Mexicans from illegally entering the United States. Something our own government has not been effectively doing.

has been trying to become a U.S. citizen since that time 18 years ago.

In my limited financial way I have been supporting the Minuteman efforts.

Millions of other immigrants, like my friend, have obeyed the immigration law and thus became U.S. citizens. Now, our President and Congress want to reward these 11 million immigrants who have ignored our laws.

Now, Pres. Bush and our Congress is proposing to give amnesty to 11,000,000 illegal aliens already in our country. I totally oppose amnesty for aliens who have ignored our laws of legal immigration.

I vigorously oppose their proposing amnesty to these illegal immigrant law breakers.

My next door neighbor has been trying to become a citizen of this nation. She still does not have the desperately wanted green card.

Since our government refuses to effectively protect our borders, please support the unpaid, uncelebrated 120,000 Minuteman volunteers, with little government support, who are struggling to protect our borders.

**LaVonne McKillip,
Muleshoe**

To get it, she has spent several thousand dollars and much travel time to Dallas and Midland.

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Muleshoe represented at Wes-Tex RC&D area meeting

The annual meeting of Wes-Tex Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. was held March 30 at the Museum of Llano Estacado on the Campus of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Wes-Tex RC&D serves 16 counties of West Texas in which they sponsor needy projects, help make numerous improvements and provide technical assistance.

The main office is in Morton and Cindy Poole is the coordinator. Chuck Smith was elected as incoming secretary and treasurer of Wes-Tex RC&D.

Attending from Muleshoe were Janet Claborn, economic development director, Jim Lutz and Mark Hall, representing Natural Resource Conservation Service, Chuck Smith and Rickie Warren of Bailey County Electric, and Jennyslippers Joy Williams, Anna Bales and Nelda Merriott.

Featured in their annual report for 2005 were pictures of the renovation of the kitchen of the Muleshoe Girl Scout Little Hut, toward which they gave a matching \$500 grant.

The Jennyslippers completed the renovation at a cost of an additional \$1,000.

Ballet Folklorico wins big

Continued from page 1
The second group consists of students from Muleshoe High School and is commonly referred to as Muleshoe High School Ballet Folklorico. Also competing with the high school group are Dominique Mata, a sixth grader who attends Watson Junior High, and Jordan Hernandez, a seventh grade student from Lazbuddie. The instructors for this group are Margie Alarcon and Raquel Mata.

Publication of Obituaries

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

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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.

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Jim Lutz received a "Make It Happen: award for obtaining grants from R.C. & D for the Wildlife Habitat.

The Jennyslippers received a matching grant of \$500. at Thursday's meeting, for much needed

improvements at the Jennyslipper MulePutt Golf Course. These grant funds will be put to use to better

the course for the upcoming miniature golfing season. Pete Laney, former Speaker of the House, who

will be retiring from the Legislature in January 2007 at the end of his 17th term also attended.



Springtime in Muleshoe!

In actor, director and comedian Mel Brooks' movie "The Producers," Brooks' character sang, "Springtime for Hitler and Germany..." However the comic relief implied in the tune had to take second place to the irony of Muleshoe's weather in recent weeks as the first measurable snow of the year fell two days after the arrival of spring. Pictured here are some photographs of spring, West Texas style.



Photographs by Larry Thornton





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