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'Stranger Danger' Instruction Pays Off

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor
The reality of "stranger danger" came to light in Muleshoe Saturday afternoon when a Hispanic male allegedly attempted to lure three local juveniles into his vehicle at the New City Park.

According to Police Lt. Benny Parker, Cpl. Steve Clifton and Ofc. Jesse Parks arrested Santos Velsquez Ramos, 503 E. Fifth, Muleshoe, for enticing a child after their initial investigation

at the park. Parker said Ramos allegedly tried to persuade the children — ages 10, nine and three, to enter his car, a lt. brown Chevrolet Cavalier, shortly before 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21; however, the training the older juveniles had received regarding "stranger danger" at DeShazo Elementary came into play, turning the tables on the alleged suspect.

"They sought help from another adult at

"It's important for kids to be aware of their surroundings, and potential dangers..."

the park," the police lieutenant said, "who stood between them and the suspect and called the police department on his cell phone."

"It was the right thing to do," Parker said, praising the unidentified adult and also praising the

individuals aware of similar incidents in the community are asked to contact the Muleshoe Police Department.

"It's important for kids to be aware of their surroundings, and potential dangers," Parker said.

"It's also important for a child to learn the difference between a 'good' stranger and a 'bad' stranger," he said, something of particular importance in Saturday's incident.

Parker also urged the

public, both juvenile and adult, to call the police department whenever they encounter an individual or situation that made them fearful.

"We're here to protect you," Parker said.

The website "www.mychildsafety.net" lists the following "stranger danger" tips for children:

- Know your name, address, and phone number.
- Use the buddy

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Slow Road Work Ahead



The signs say it all. Pictured above construction crews perform some of the preliminary work on West American Blvd., at 19th Street, Monday in preparation for the months of slower traffic and road construction with which local drivers will have to contend.

Photographs by Larry Thornton

Road Work Has Begun In Muleshoe

Preliminary work on a \$6 million Texas Department of Transportation roadway improvement project has started in Muleshoe.

The project, which was announced during the Jan. 12 meeting of the Bailey County Commissioners' Court, is the first of two projects scheduled for the area and will affect travel on West American Blvd. (Hwy. 84), extending from Uvalde Street to East Ithaca Street.

"J. Lee Milligan, of Amarillo, has been contracted to perform more than 2.4 miles of roadway," said Steve Perez, PE, Littlefield area engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation.

"The project will make needed improvements to the pavement, but is also expected to enhance the overall safety of US 70/84," he added in his

news release.

Work is scheduled to begin next week by removing and replacing concrete driveways, sidewalks, ADA ramps and curb and gutters.

"No major lane closures are expected along US 70/84 until work to resurface the roadway starts, around early July," Perez added.

Motorists are asked to drive with caution through the work zone, to be on the lookout for workers and avoid distractions for their own safety and the safety of the workers.

According to

Lehman Jacobs, TxDOT maintenance section supervisor for Bailey County, the work on American Blvd. is currently planned in two phases, with traffic being moved to the inner lanes and reconstruction work on the outer lanes taking place first.

In the second phase of the project, the outer lanes on American Blvd. will be opened for traffic, and work will begin on the street's inner lanes.

The road work will continue through summer 2013.

The second Muleshoe area project, scheduled to be let in December 2012, will take place on Hwy. 70, from Muleshoe to the Lamb County line.

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14 months... beginning next week

Mighty 'M' Band Earns Sweepstakes

The Mighty "M" Band competed at the UIL Region 16 Concert Band and Sight Reading contest in Sudan on April 11, receiving

Division 1 ratings from all judges and capping off a Superior school year by earning a Sweepstakes trophy for the first time since 1991.

A sweepstakes means that the band earned Division 1 ratings in all large school competitions for the

2011-2012 school year which encompasses Marching Band, Concert Band and Sight Reading contests.

The Mighty M Band also had 38 students qualify for the UIL State Solo and Ensemble festival which will be held on May 26 at Hendrickson High School in Round Rock.

All of the students who competed at the Region 16 Solo and Ensemble contest for the Mighty "M" Band qualified for the state contest.

The band also had three students —

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School Board Switches Food Service Provider

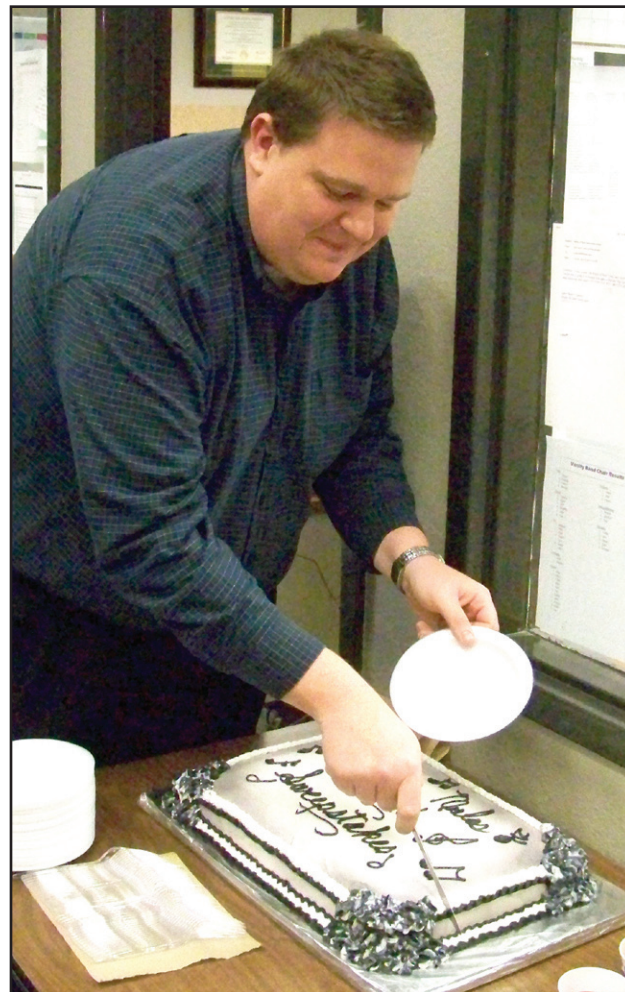
By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor
After 20 years with the same food service provider, the Muleshoe Independent School District's Board of Trustees decided it was time for a change during Monday's regular meeting.

For several months now, school district personnel have expressed concerns about the quality of the meals offered by Aramark, which was described during Monday as the nation's largest food management provider.

And in January those same school officials accompanied the school board in a "surprise inspection" of the cafeteria, joining the students in a meal.

During his presentation concerning the two requests for

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Time To Celebrate!
Muleshoe High School band director Nicholas Stephenson prepares to cut the cake at the recent sweepstakes celebration in the MHS band room.

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Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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Police Department Reception

A reception to honor Police Chief Brian Frieda for his service to the community has been set for Monday, April 30, from 2-4 p.m., at the Muleshoe Police Department.

Library Movie Night

Teen Movie Night at the Muleshoe Area Public Library is set for May 21 and 23, from 4-6 p.m., according to Librarian Dyan Dunagan

The presentation will be *DUI Dead In Five Seconds*, and is open to students in junior high or high school, and older patrons.

Community Action Funding

South Plains Community Action Association has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate its comprehensive energy assistance program for low-income households, from January until Dec. 31, 2012.

For additional information contact Janie Posadas at 804 W. American Blvd., 272-7537, from 8 a.m. until noon, and 1 p.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Muleshoe Softball Association

Muleshoe Softball Association is looking to fill vacancies on its board for the upcoming women's softball league. If interested, contact Rudy Perez at 806-729-2100 or Leonor Arrieta at 806-729-2020.

Letter to the Editor

Reader Unhappy With Story

To the Editor:
As a concerned citizen of Bailey County I witnessed several acts that were very disturbing in last week's Muleshoe Journal.

First of all, congratulations to all of the departments, these include Littlefield law enforcement officers, Texas Department of Public Safety officers, the Muleshoe Police Department, and Bailey County Sheriff's Office, in the money laundering arrest that was made.

A tip from Littlefield law enforcement made this possible. Without this tip nothing would have been done. Muleshoe Police Department seemed to have been left out of the paper the first time around. I realize this is a huge deal for our county, but let's make

sure that credit is given exactly where it needs to be given and in the order it needs to be given. Just showing up does not give you the right to accept credit.

Second, having a very close family member who is a narcotics agent in Arizona I find it very, very disturbing that a bust of this significance would land the primary officer's face and full name plastered on the front page of the paper.

After speaking with my family member he explained to me that this was very unnecessary and could also be unsafe for the officer. Not always, but sometimes the "the pocket" that you hit does not take it well and they may try and lash back in different ways. Therefore, you never

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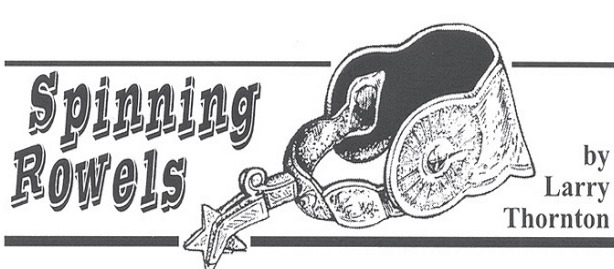
'Excuse Me, But Your Leg Is Ringing'

Many of the 1960s crowd were entertained by the miscues and mishaps of Secret Agent Maxwell Smart, with an additional following the result of a movie that came out a couple of years ago.

And while many of the gadgets that appeared in both the "Get Smart" series and its related movies may have touched on the absurd, the idea of a "shoe phone" at least in the 1960s probably tickled the toes of more viewers than anything else.

As I recall, at the time only Dick Tracy — with his wrist radio that was eventually replaced by a two-way wrist television — and the crew of the USS Enterprise were better equipped.

Then, of course, there is the added dangers associated with a shoe



phone. After all, even though the fearless comic strip detective faced off against various criminal masterminds, and Capt. Kirk and crew encountered hostile critters from across the galaxy, neither of them had to deal with the dangers of athlete's ear or the things a shoe might encounter when following a foreign spy along an open gutter or dog trail.

Lets be honest, some things a shoe can pick up are more unpleasant than a piece of gum stuck under a tabletop.

But while Maxwell Smart's communication equipment may have been the top of the

line, needing only an occasional polish or sting replacement, it probably wouldn't raise many more eyebrows than the leg of a Pennsylvania prisoner.

One of the more unusual efforts at communication arose in Pennsylvania recently, where a man jailed for driving under a suspended license was found to have concealed a cellphone and charger in his prosthetic leg.

While the news story about the young man's smuggling the telephonic contraband into the hoosegow didn't specify whether it occurred after the initial traffic stop, arrest

and detention, or after returning to jail at a later date, I can't help but wonder how bad was the young man's addiction to texting.

Just a few years ago the idea that only the youngest members of society would be able to avoid the temptation of constant communication is amazing.

About a week ago, the video of a texting pedestrian who was surprised to encounter a large black bear while walking down a sidewalk hit the broadcast airwaves.

Sometimes getting in the last word — whether spoken or written, isn't so important, and encounters with bears, whether furred or badge-carrying, seem to be such a time.

During my many years in law enforcement, I've seen a variety of illegal items intended for individuals on the other side of the bars confiscated, with one of my favorite being the saw blades that had been inserted into a pair of "flip flops."

While this was during the pre-metal detector days, the jailers quickly determined that something was wrong with flip flops that didn't flip flop.

With modern technology being what it is, it probably won't be long before full-body scanners aren't limited to just the airports.

Joy Found In Presence Of Heaven's Prince

I guess I need to see an Eye, Ears, Nose & Throat specialist. Or maybe a neurologist. I keep getting things stuck in my head.

I got a frog stuck in my throat at the end of a recent sermon. (Better for it to hop in at the end than the beginning.)

Allergies, I think. Exacerbated by the fact that it never rains here anymore.

I often get songs stuck up there. Sometimes they're really good ones. But the more pernicious the song, the longer it seems to stay stuck in my cranium. Stuff like "Achy Breaky Heart" pops in unbidden. Or the theme song of hell: "I Did It My Way." (Great. Now it's back.)

Sometimes literary quotations get stuck up there, too. Maybe I read the book this week. Or maybe three decades ago. But a quotation jumps into my brain and starts bumping around.

The way to replace songs lodged in my head is to listen to some music I love and replace the stuck stuff. And the way to get the quotation dislodged is to write about it or get busy reading something else.

This morning the dismal words of poet Charles Swinburne (1837-1909) in his "Hymn to Proserpine" began replaying in my head, and I will now proceed to remove them.

In the poem Swinburne ruminates on what a "philosophic" pagan might have felt as Christianity had become the official religion of the Roman Empire (declared so by the Emperor Constantine in 313).

Constantine's nephew, Emperor Julian the Apostate, died in 363, the last non-Christian ruler of the Roman Empire.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

Julian had wanted to take the Empire back to the "good ol' days" when paganism ruled unbridled and being a Roman was fun (my phrasing).

The death-bed "last

words" attributed to Julian (probably falsely) were, "You have conquered, Galilean."

Thus Swinburne writes, "Thou hast conquered, O pale Galilean; the world has grown grey from thy breath."

That view could hardly be more mistaken, but I think I understand why some

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Muleshoe's Mighty 'M' Band...

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Colton Clarkson, Lourdes Martinez and Merced Campos, qualify for the All Region Band earlier this year.

"This has been a historic year for the Mighty 'M' Band," said a school representative. "The hard work these students put forth before, during and after school has truly paid off.

The band's directors — Nicholas Stephenson and Tess Jones, said they are proud of the students for their dedication and excellent work ethics.

"It's quite an accomplishment," Dr. Gene Sheets, superintendent of the Muleshoe Independent School District said during Monday's recognition of the band's achievements by the members of the school board.

"It's been a long time since Muleshoe has received a sweepstakes award," he added.



MHS band director Nicholas Stephenson directs the award-winning Mighty "M" Band during a recent performance. (Courtesy Photograph)

Focus On Faith...

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adopt it. Real "holiness" is never loud.

Real piety has no need to be pretentious or "self-conscious" at all. Spend much time with folks more sanctimonious than sanctified, whose "holiness" could well be described as condescending, tiresome, persnickety, frenetic, manipulative, boring, burdensome, unsmiling, self-righteous... and you can count on your world quickly going grey as all the life is chased away.

(God help us not to be those folks!)

But spend time getting to really know the Galilean, and you'll find eye-popping color, the richest laughter, the deepest joy even in the midst of sorrow, and a genuine breadth and quality of wide-awake life that will dwarf your best dreams of what real life could ever be.

Maybe Emperor Julian longed for the good ol' days when Bacchus, the god of revelry, and his ilk held sway.

But the real joy found in the presence of heaven's true Prince is enough to make Bacchus blush and go pale forever.

Stranger Danger... Continued From A1

system — avoid walking anywhere alone.

- Trust your instincts — if you feel you are being followed or something is not right, seek help immediately.

- If a stranger approaches you, you do not have to speak to him or her. Never approach a stranger in a motor vehicle. Just keep walking. Do not accept candy or any other items from a stranger. Never walk off with a stranger no matter what he or she

tells you.

- If someone is following you try to remember the license plate of his or her vehicle and immediately tell a trusted adult.

- If a stranger grabs you, do everything you can to stop him or her from pulling you away or dragging you into his or her car. Drop to the ground, kick, hit, bite, and scream. Do whatever it takes to attract the attention of others who can help you.

If someone is dragging you away, scream, "this is not my dad," or "this is not my mom."

For additional suggestions on child safety, go to www.mychildsafety.net.

Road Work...

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The cost of the state's rehabilitation of the 7.95 stretch of highway stretching east from Muleshoe on Hwy. 70 is estimated at \$15.5 million, with the actual work taking place sometime after December 2012.



Muleshoe's Storm Siren Signals

"Hi-lo" wavering signal... seek more information by radio, television or internet.

Long steady signal, break, long steady signal... "all clear."

(Cut and keep!)

Nominate your favorite Teacher NOW 19th Annual Teacher of the Year

Teachers at Dillman Elementary and DeShazo Elementary will be eligible for the Elementary award and Watson Junior High and Muleshoe High School teachers will be eligible for the Secondary Award.

To be selected, the nominee must be a full-time classroom teacher. Anyone in Muleshoe ISD - employee, student, parent, community member - may nominate a teacher for the award.

We will also honor an outstanding Staff Member of the Year. This award is only open to employees who are not classroom teachers (For example: teacher aid, secretary, custodian, maintenance, food service, bus driver, etc.)

If you would like to nominate a teacher or staff member for one of these honors, please send a brief letter stating why he/she should be Teacher of the Year to the Superintendent's office at 514 W. Ave. G. no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2012.

The Muleshoe ISD will be presenting the Award at the General Faculty Meeting on May 31 in the High School Auditorium.

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

If you were not at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center on Saturday, you missed a great day out in Muleshoe. We are so blessed to have such great senior citizens in Muleshoe. Our heart felt appreciation to all of you who brought desserts. A big hug to Buddy who grilled the hamburgers, Nancy for her needed and wonderful help, and of course to our ladies from the kitchen. We could

not have done without you. To the citizens who participated we say pat yourself on the back for coming and supporting your center. If you plan to do something in April you better get busy, just one week left. Boy, this year is going by in a hurry. Thursday, May 3, Rick from Hearing Aid Technologies will be at the center about 10:30 a.m. Mark your calendars if you should need his help. We have several of

our senior citizens under the weather at this time. Our prayers and get well wishes are with you. To the family of Bertie Purcell our prayers and love. Most of us can remember the good Bertie hamburgers. She will missed by all her friends. Menus for April 30-May 4: Monday, April 30 — Beef stroganoff, noodles, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, winter fruit cup and low fat milk. Tuesday, May 1 — Chicken fajitas, fajita vegetables, chick wagon corn, Spanish rice, fruit

cocktail, flour tortilla, two percent milk, and tea with lemon. Wednesday, May 2 — Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin squares and low fat milk. Thursday, May 3 — Jambalaya, carrots, black eye peas, lazy cake, cornbread, two percent milk, and tea with lemon. Friday, May 4 — Breaded fish on bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tartar sauce, potato wedge, coleslaw with dressing, peach chantilly, and low fat milk.

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BAILEY COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

Obituaries

Bertie Purcell



Services for Bertie Purcell 85, of Muleshoe, were held on Tuesday, April 24, at 16th & D Church of Christ with Curtis Shelburne of Muleshoe officiating. Burial followed in Bailey County Cemetery.

Bertie died on April 21, 2012, in Muleshoe. She was born on Oct. 6, 1926, in Roaring Springs, and married Vennie Purcell in Muleshoe on May 24, 1946.

Bertie had been a resident of Muleshoe since 1928, moving from Roaring Springs. She was a member of the 16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe, and owned and operated Dairy Delight in Muleshoe for 25 years.

Survivors include two daughters — Pat Young of Muleshoe, and Debbie

Belcher of Kansas City, Mo.; three sisters — Chubby Douglass of Muleshoe, Ruth Ingle of Weatherford, and Mary Barnett of Fresno, Calif.; six brothers — Billy Seales of Muleshoe, Kenneth Seales of Lubbock, Jimmy Seales of Dumas, Clark Seales of Portales, N.M., Leon Seales of Whiteface, and Walter Seales; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father — Bert Seales; her mother — Thelma Caldora; and a brother — Don Seales.

Memorials may be sent to the Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizen Center, 319 S. Main, Muleshoe, Texas 79347; or the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231.

Bridal Shower



Rempe Feted With Shower

A bridal shower honoring Shanna Rempe, pictured above, the prospective bride of Beau Niewoehner, was held Sunday, April 22, at the Muleshoe Heritage Center Depot.

Hostesses Lana Bomer, Annette Bonds, Peggy Burhman, Donna Burton, LeAnn Gallman, Belinda Head, Terry Marricle, Sally Messenger, Rowena Meyers, Jo Pierson, Karie Preston, Susan

Wedel, Glenna Yell, and Pat Young presented the couple with a bedding ensemble.

Special guests included Dana Rempe, Marlene McDonald, Jennifer Rempe, DonAnn Rempe, Karen Barnes, Joann McDonald, Robin Reeves and Lily, Macey McDonald, Kristin McDonald, Lauren Enriquez, Kim Chavez, Ashley Beggs and Kelsey Beggs.

Wedding Shower

Nichols Shower Held

Landon and Jessica Carpenter Nichols were honored with a wedding shower on April 7 in the home of JoEllen Cowart of Muleshoe.

The bride is the daughter of Curtis and Shelli Carpenter of Muleshoe.

The groom is the son of Jerry and Suzanne Nichols, also of Muleshoe.

Hostesses for the event included Hellen Adrian, Cindy Barrett, Zonell Baker, Peggy Buhrman, JoEllen Cowart, Pat Dodson, Rhonda Eagle, Ruth Hall, Connie Kenmore, Rhonda Kline, Janet Morgan, Eileen Morton, Shani Nichols, Dana Rempe, Stephanie Sirkel, Juana Shelburne, Rickie Warren and Linda Wood.

Gifts presented to the couple included a Kitchenaid™ mixer, and a gift card.

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You left us peaceful, memories, your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you're always at our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again!

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Death Notices

Fred Gear

Fred Ivan Gear, 84, of Amarillo died on Tuesday, April 10, 2012. He was born on Jan. 29, 1928, in Caddo, Okla., to Jess and Edna Gear.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 13, at Boswell Brothers Ivy Chapel in Amarillo.

Paul Gray

Paul Gray, 80, of Levelland died on Sunday, April 15, 2012, in Lubbock. Graveside services were held on Thursday, April 19, at Lorenzo Cemetery.

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AGRICULTURAL NEWS

Texas Cattle On Feed Are Up Slightly In April

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.78 million head on April 1, up slightly from a year ago.

According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down

two percent from the March 1 level.

Producers placed 430 thousand head in commercial feedlots during March, down 12 percent from a year ago, but up 13 percent from the February 2012 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 470

thousand head during March, down 13 percent from last year but up 13 percent from last month.

On April 1, there were 2.37 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 85 percent of the state's total.

The number on feed

across the area was up one percent from last year but down two percent from the March total.

March placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 387 thousand, up 13 percent from the February total.

Marketings were up 13 percent from last month to 407 thousand head. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 11.5 million head on April 1, 2012.

This inventory was two percent above April 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.79 million head, six percent below March 2011.

March placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 390 thousand head; 600-699 pounds totaled 300,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 500,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 602,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.92 million head, four percent below 2011.

Milk Production Totals Up Six Percent During March

Texas milk production totaled 876 million pounds during March, up six percent from last year's production of 829 million pounds.

February 2012 production totaled 800 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during March averaged 439 thousand head, up 13 thousand head from last year and up 3,000 head from the February 2012 number.

Production per cow averaged 1,995 pounds during March, 50 pounds more than last year and 160 pounds more than February 2012.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 16.5 billion pounds, up 4.3 percent from production in these same states in March 2011.

February revised

production, at 15.1 billion pounds, was up 8.2 percent from February 2011.

Production per cow during March averaged 1,931 pounds, 59 pounds above a year ago.

The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.52 million head, 94 thousand head more than last year and 9,000 head more than February 2012.

Letter To The Editor... Continued From A2

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 give more information than you need to. He said in most cases departments will photograph the money, drugs, weapons, etc., only and never lists the primary officer's name or the names of any officers involved out of respect for the officer's safety and their families safety.

"Listing their names and showing their faces is like asking them to hold a target on their backs."

So my concern is to

whomever wrote the article and took the picture did you not stop to consider the officer's safety?

I feel this was in very poor judgment and makes me question why was it done this way.

Like I said it is an awesome thing that it is off the streets — I have lived in this county for many, many years and anyone else who has lived here long knows that this almost never is caught in our county.

Iva Gail Wilcox, Muleshoe

(Editor's note: Officer safety is always of utmost concern to the Journal. And if the circumstances behind the traffic stop and subsequent arrest had been

different, it might have been written differently.

While the Journal apologizes for not including the participation of Muleshoe police officers, it was apparently a detail that was inadvertently omitted from the information we received.

From personal experience, we can tell you that while your relative's agency may handle such news releases in a particular manner, not all agencies have the same policy, and we assure you these other agencies are just as concerned about their officers' safety.

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- Lazbuddie EMS and Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 125, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.
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- Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation, PO Box 62, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, 115 E. American Blvd., Muleshoe 79347.
- Bailey County Child Welfare Board, PO Box 243, Muleshoe TX 79346, or call 272-3204.
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Local Girl Scout Leaders Lauded For Their Efforts

Two Muleshoe Girl Scout leaders were among those honored Thursday, April 19, at the One Hundred Girl Scouts' celebration and recognition event in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion on the Texas Tech campus.

The local ladies recognized for their efforts in the organization were

Heather Harper, Muleshoe Girl Scout service unit manager, and Nelda Merriott, Muleshoe Girl Scout service unit treasurer.

Harper received the Sandy Kautz Excellence Award and a framed certificate for her efforts in helping the local Girl Scout membership grow from 18 girls to 53 Girl Scouts at this time.

She was also commended for her handling of the Girl Scout cookies sale, with a record number sold.

Merriott was commended for securing grants and donations to the Girl Scouts to rewire the local scout hut and make other improvements to meet safety requirements and to meet the matching grant requirement. Her years of devotion to the Girl Scouts was also noted.

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The Sudan Buzz

Sudan Band Students Receive 14th Sweepstakes Award

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan High School Bold Gold Band competed in the concert and sight reading portions of their UIL competitions Wednesday, April 18.

The band received

straight 1s for their concert performance. The band also received straight 1s in the sight reading portion of the contest.

With its straight 1s from the marching contest in the fall, the Sudan Bold Gold Band

received a Sweepstakes trophy.

This is the 14th consecutive year that the Bold Gold Band has earned a Sweepstakes Trophy. Through other band directors and the changing of students, the level has remained high and consistent.

The Sudan Bold Gold Band will perform at the local Spring Sting Concert on May 1, at the Sudan High School Auditorium.

The performance is free to the public and a silent auction will be held to raise money for the band.

Students Qualify For Austin Competition

Six Sudan High School students will travel to Austin at the end of May to compete at the UIL State Academic Contest after qualifying at the UIL Regional Academic Contest in Levelland this past weekend.

Sophomore Adam Harper walked away the Regional Champion in Computer Science.

His score was the highest score in the Region in all classifications, 1A through 5A.

Adam's coach in computer science is Jonathan Robertson.

Harper also qualified to State UIL in accounting. Joaquin Azua placed fifth. The accounting team of Harper, Azua, Ashlee Koontz, and Jade Goen placed second in the

region and missed State by only 16 points. Their coach is DJ Provence.

Sophomore Deric McCurry placed first in Lincoln Douglas Debate at the Regional UIL Debate Tournament. Mr. Robertson is the LD debate coach.

Alex Hernandez placed eighth in Literary Criticism with a score of 63. Hernandez's coach is Cheri Sain.

Other students who have qualified for state include Janelle Vanderlei, Ashton Sawyer, Ashlee Koontz and Hailee Gonzales. These girls qualified through Theatrical Design.

The UIL State Contest will take place the last week in May at the University of Texas campus in Austin.

Sudan ISD's Upcoming Events Noted

If one has looked at the Sudan High School calendar on the Internet for the months in spring, it is usually a shade of blue from all of the activities that the students are doing.

The next few weeks are critical for students to maintain their grades and be aware of upcoming events.

The following is a list of events of which the townspeople of Sudan and SISD parents should be aware:

- April 23-26 — TAKS Test/STAAR Test
- April 27-28 — Regional Track Meet (several of our athletes

have qualified)

- April 30 — District Officer Testing in FFA
- May 1 — Spring Band Concert
- May 2 — End of 3 week grades
- May 3 — JH and HS Cheerleading Tryouts
- May 4 — Regular School Day/Elementary Concert
- May 5 — JH District Tennis at Littlefield
- May 7-18 STAAR/EOC Testing Window
- May 9 — Senior Supper @ Baptist Church
- May 10 — Band Banquet
- May 11-12 — State Track Meet

- May 16 — Elementary/High School Awards Day, Elementary Track Meet
- May 17 — Athletic Banquet
- May 18 — Area I FFA Convention
- May 19 — Prom
- May 20-23 — State

- May 21 — Memorial Day Celebration Services
- May 23 — Kindergarten Graduation
- May 24 — JH Graduation
- May 25 — HS Graduation



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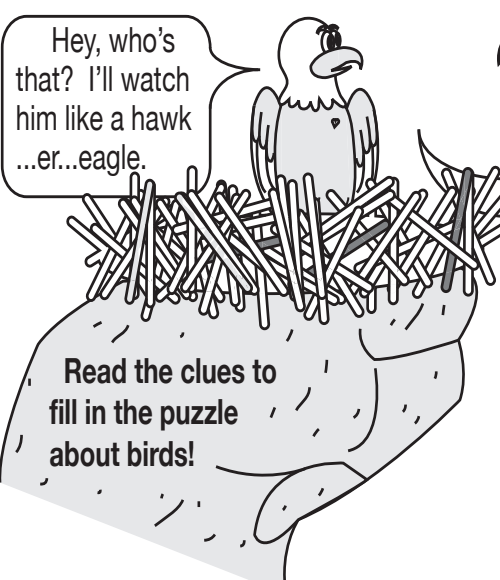
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 - Birds have _____, but no teeth. The shape of a bird's beak is suited for its diet.
 - Some birds eat fruit, seeds, _____, fish, flower nectar and, in some cases, meat.
 - Female birds lay eggs, sometimes on the ground, but mostly in _____ they build.
 - When their _____ hatch, many mother birds will chew food, then feed it to them.
 - Birds _____ with each other using chirps and tweets. Some birds, such as parrots, can mimic human speech.
 - Birds live almost _____: forests, deserts, jungles, grasslands and on mountains.
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School Board Acts On Food Service

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proposals received by the school district in its efforts to resolve the expressed problems, MISD Business Manager Daniel Harper said he like the service capability plan provided by Southwest Food Service as well as the promise to prepare as many menu items as possible from scratch. "The references we checked said they're doing what they say," Harper said about the "from scratch meals." Although the proposal from Aramark indicated the company would be able to accumulate almost twice as much of a cash surplus, at \$105,819, as Southwest, Harper said, "We'd rather have better food quality than extra money." He pointed out that the school district was only able to accumulate a three month cash surplus in its food program, after which the extra funds had to be returned to the USDA.

"We've talked about this for a couple of years now," Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets said. Harper ruled out the idea of self operation as not being cost effective for the district. It was also noted that all of the school district's current food service employees, except for the on-site food service director, would be hired by Southwest at their current level of wage and benefits.

"We don't take this change lightly," Sheets added, pointing to the fact that the district has contracted with Aramark for a score of years. Although a representative of Southwest wasn't at Monday's meeting, Dave Richardson of Aramark was in attendance. Aramark's contract with MISD will continue in effect until June 1, Harper said.

"We'll make it as smooth as possible through the transition," Richardson said. "We'll be there for you." In other business, the school board:
• Were informed that Assistant Superintendent Carl Krug was the "first finalist" for the position of superintendent at Hale Center ISD.
• Conducted its first budget workshop for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

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Teen Movie Night at the Muleshoe Area Public Library is set for May 21 and 23, from 4-6 p.m., according to Librarian Dyan Dunagan. The presentation will be *DUI Dead In Five Seconds*, and is open to students in junior high or high school, and older patrons.

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SPORTS NEWS

Mules Extend Game; Defeat Dimmitt

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules came back in the bottom of the seventh inning to extend the game Saturday against the Dimmitt Bobcats on Senior Day.

The Mules had overcome a 12 run deficit in Dimmitt in the first round of play.

The Mule led the first five innings but the Bobcats took advantage of two Mule errors to claim an 8-5 lead in the top of the sixth inning.

The Mules scored a run in the bottom of the inning to cut the difference to two runs.

The Mules defeated Dimmitt 9-8 in nine innings.

"I was proud of how the guys continued to play despite making six errors that cost us runs and outs to a good team," said Mule coach Dorian Crowder. "That is normally enough to get a team beat."

"But we played through it and then took advantage of their mistakes when we could. Ryan (DeLeon) did a good job, pitching just his second game of the season."

"Saul (Elizalde) came on in relief and finished the game for us," the coach added.

"I have enjoyed getting to know our seniors, Saul Elizalde,

Matt Ambriz, Issac Baca, Juan Guerrero and Ryan DeLeon. The Mules will miss them and we all want to wish them the very best."

Juan Guerrero singled to left and went to second on a wild pitch with one out in the bottom of the seventh. Issac Baca took the count full before walking to put runners on first and second with two out in the bottom of the seventh.

Lupe Campos, batting for the first time in the game, lofted a high fly ball to shallow right field. The right fielder came charging in and the second baseman went running into the outfield.

The two met at the ball and the collision popped the ball out of the fielder's glove.

Guerrero scored from second and Baca motored home from first to tie the game. Campos saw the ball loose and kept running. Before any Dimmitt players could get to the ball and throw it to the infield, Campos was standing on third base.

The Mules had tied the game on the error but could not score again.

Saul Elizalde had come on in relief of Ryan DeLeon in the sixth inning and finished the game.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Mule Isaac Baca snags the ball at first base for an out during an earlier game.

He did not allow a Bobcat to get past second base in the two extra innings. He struck out Dimmitt's final three batters in the top of the ninth inning.

Chris Lozano was hit by the first pitch he saw in the bottom of the

ninth inning. Baca's bouncing ground ball hopped over the glove of the third baseman to put Mules on first and second.

Lozano and Baca advanced a base on a passed ball by the catcher.

Campos' ground ball tied the first baseman's hands and Campos touched the bag before the first baseman could

recover for the out. The error allowed Lozano to score the Mules' winning run.

DeLeon had struck out nine batters, gave up three hits and eight runs in five and two thirds innings.

Elizalde fanned four, gave up two hits and issued one free pass but did not allow a run.

Lozano threw out a runner attempting to steal third to end

the first inning. Nacho Elizalde chased down a ball near the fence in left field and threw to Matt Barron at short stop.

Barron relayed the ball home and Lozano applied the tag to for the third out and end the nightmare in the sixth inning for the Mules.

The Mules played their final game of the season in Abernathy against the Antelopes Monday afternoon.

Golf Team Finishes Season

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mule golf team finished the second round of the Region I Golf Tournament in the same place they started the day.

The Mules finished the tournament the fifteenth place.

They shot a first round team total of 392

shots and improved their score by six strokes for a tournament total of 778.

"I am proud of these guys," said Muleshoe golf coach Carey Sudduth. "They competed hard on every shot in a big tournament."

"Many of the players in the Region I Tournament only play golf. Several on our team have competed in several different sports this school year," he added.

Colten Harris led the Mules with rounds of 86 and 88 for a total of 174 strokes. He tied for

50th low individual. Beau Avila shot a two-day total of 191 with rounds of 98 and 93.

Eli Leal shot rounds of 99 and 101 for a tournament total of 200 shots.

Mateo Castillo had rounds of 109 and 106 for a total of 215 shots.

Matthew Dickerson improved on his first round 116 by 12 strokes for a second round of 104 and finished the tournament with a total of 220 strokes.

The Mules will be playing during the summer to prepare for next season.

Local Ladies Fall In Tennis Tourney

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mule girl's doubles team of Carly Krug and Baylee Bessire played the number three seeded team from Jim Ned in the opening round of the Region I Tennis Tournament.

Krug and Bessire tied the score at 1-1 in the first set before being defeated 1-6.

They were down 0-2 in the second set before scoring a point. Krug and Bessire were defeated 1-6, 1-6 and were eliminated from the tournament in the opening round.

"The girls played hard today," said Mule tennis coach Jay Gorman. "They did not match-up well but left it all on the court and that is all I ask as a coach. Carly (Krug) and Baylee (Bessire) are seniors and helped lead the tennis team this year. I am proud of them."



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Mule Saul Elizalde waits for the catcher's sign during an earlier game.

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SPORTS NEWS

Dimmitt's Bobbies Trampled By Lady Mules

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

The Lady Mules had clinched a spot in the state playoffs prior to hosting the Dimmitt Bobbies in their final regular season game Tuesday.

The Lady Mules defeated the Bobbies 11-1 on the 10-run rule in six innings.

The game was designated as Senior Day and the two Lady Mule seniors were honored.

Dominique Mata has played on the Lady Mule varsity for four years and plays second base this season. Sabrina Chavez is the other senior and plays first base. She has been on the varsity for two seasons.

"Dom (Mata) has really matured as a softball player and as a leader," said Lady Mule coach Jason Cole. "She has led us all year and we are very proud of her."

"Sabrina has gotten better on a consistent basis for us and has proved to be a very good player," said Coach Cole. "Sabrina has a wonderful personality that we will miss very much."

"We are very proud of both of our seniors and look forward to both of them leading us into the playoffs."

Samantha Vasquez struck out nine batters, walked none and gave up four hits that included two singles and two doubles. The Lady Mules committed only one error.

Dimmitt's only run of the game was in the top of the fourth inning on a leadoff double to left

center field. A sacrifice ground ball to Mata at second moved the runner to third and she scored on a passed ball.

The Bobbies only had one other runner to reach third base.

Dimmitt's leadoff batter in the top of the sixth doubled to left field. Linda Sanchez was behind the plate for the first time this season.

She made a clean catch on the pitch after a swing and a miss and threw behind the batter to Mandy Scolley for the tag on the Bobbie base runner attempting to steal third.

Vasquez struck out the next two batters.

Sanchez led off for the Lady Mules in the bottom of the first inning and reached on an error by the shortstop.

She stole second base and scored on a double to left field by Vasquez to tie the game.

Danni Diaz replaced Vasquez as a pinch runner and scored on a throwing error after she went to third on a ground ball sacrifice to second by Amber Lopez. Diaz put the Lady Mules in front to stay.

Jessica Kube handcuffed the pitcher with a ground ball to lead off the third inning and reached first on a bad throw to first.

Kube continued to run and scored after the first baseman over threw the third baseman.

Am. Lopez was hit by a pitch and then stole second base on the first pitch to Mata. Mata singled to center field to score A. Lopez.

The Lady Mules led 4-1 after three innings.

Mata was hit by a pitch to lead off the bottom of the fifth inning and advanced to second without a throw. Miranda DeBruin sent a fly ball to the fence in center for a double and score Mata.

The Lady Mules led 5-1 after five innings.

Tanisha Villareal was hit by a pitch to start the bottom of the seventh inning. She went to second on a passed ball. Kube hit a line drive hard down the first base line.

The ball was bounced one foot in fair territory with enough spin to carry the ball foul into the corner.

By the time the right fielder chased down the ball and made the throw home Villareal had scored and Kube was on her heels for an inside-the-park home run. Vasquez was hit by a pitch and Diaz pinch ran for her.

A. Lopez singled to left and moved Diaz to third. Diaz stole home and Mata walked. Chavez reached first on an error by the third baseman.

DeBruin was hit by a pitch. Diamond Lopez lofted a single into right field to score Mata and Chavez for the fifth and sixth runs of the inning to end the game on the 10-run rule.

The Lady Mules had scored 11 runs on six hits that included four singles, a double and a home run. The Bobbies committed six errors.

The Lady Mules will play the Childress Lady Bobcats Saturday on Plainview's High School field at 2500 West 20th Street.

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Senior Lady Mules Honored

Pictured above: Seniors Sabrina Chavez and Dominique Mata were presented with roses and game balls at their last regular season softball game against the Dimmitt Bobbies.



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Questions About Muleshoe's May 12 Proposition Answered

Muleshoe City Manager David Brunson provided the following information about the upcoming special election in Muleshoe.

What proposition will on the ballot?

Vote for or against. The reduction of the rate of the additional local sales and use tax in the City of Muleshoe dedicated for the benefit of a Section 4A Economic Development Corporation from one-half of one percent to one-fourth of one percent and the adoption of an additional local sales and use tax in the City of Muleshoe at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

What is economic development sales tax?

The Development Corporation Act of 1979 authorizes cities to have an election to adopt a sales and use tax up to one-half of one percent to fund industrial and manufacturing development, expansion, and retention. The voters in Muleshoe voted to adopt a one-half of one percent sales tax to support the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) in 1993.

What is municipal sales and use tax for street maintenance?

Section 327.004 of the Tax Code authorizes cities to vote to adopt a sales and use tax up to one-fourth of one percent to raise funds that are dedicated to street maintenance and repair.

Why did the city council propose this proposition for the special election?

The city council fully supports and commends MEDC for their successful efforts in promoting economic development in Muleshoe, Bailey County and the surrounding area.

Through prudent management of the funds

received for economic development, MEDC has accrued an adequate fund balance to fund future projects. The projected revenue received from the reduced sales and use tax will fully fund the day-to-day operations of MEDC.

Historically the City of Muleshoe has been diligent in providing funds to maintain the city's streets. The cost to seal coat streets have more than doubled in the last five years, making it difficult to continue to aggressively maintain city streets in the same manner as in the past.

This proposition will reduce the sales and use tax funds collected for economic development from approximately \$180,000 per year to approximately \$90,000 per year and will provide approximately \$90,000 per year for additional street maintenance activities.

What happens if this proposition passes?

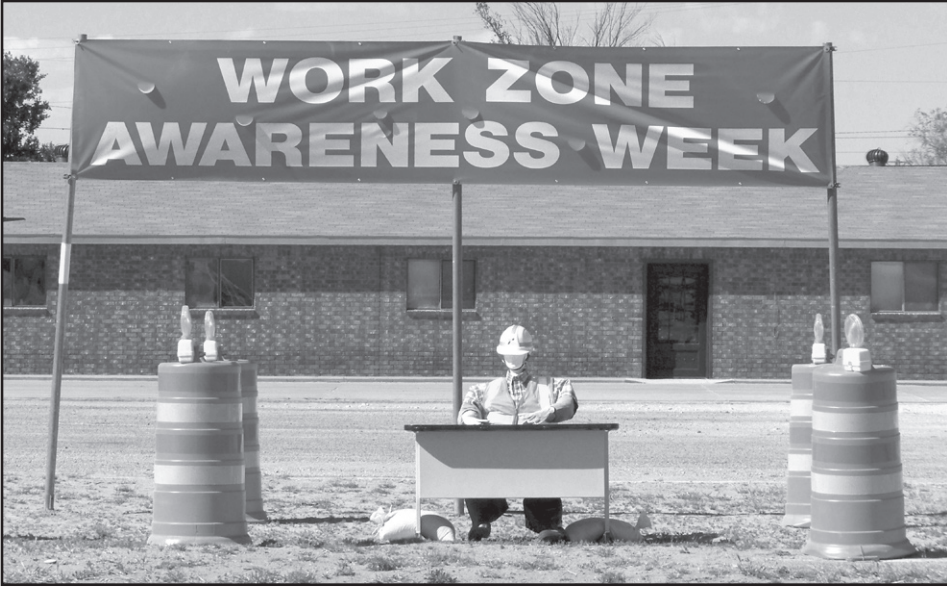
Should the proposition pass, the city will reduce the sales and use tax for economic development from one-half of one percent to one-fourth of one percent and implement a one-fourth of one percent sales and use tax for street maintenance and repair.

What happens if this proposition fails?

Should the proposition fail, the city will continue to collect the one-half of one percent sales and use tax for economic development and street maintenance and repair activities will either be reduced or additional funds will be raised with property taxes.

Who can I contact for additional information?

David Brunson, city manager, at 806-272-4528



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Trying To Keep Dreams Intact

About three years ago, Muleshoe High School staged a mock car crash and other events to show the dangers of underage drinking.

It was called "Shattered Dreams." The events of Shattered Dreams 2012 are set to take place May 1-2 in Muleshoe. It will consist of two main parts, a mock car crash and a memorial service.

The mock car accident — between the car of an underage intoxicated driver and another vehicle — will take place on May 1 at 10 a.m. on the football practice field on the south side of Muleshoe High School.

Many emergency vehicles will be on site as well as possibly the

Super news from MISD

By Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets

Aero-Care helicopter from Lubbock.

After the crash takes place, the students who were directly involved in the accident will go on a retreat to Lubbock to visit UMC's Trauma center and the Lubbock County Jail.

We hope this helps the students get a better understanding of how alcohol can impact a person's life.

The next day, May 2, a mock memorial service will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the Kerry Moore Auditorium at Muleshoe High School.

As a part of the memorial service, we will have speakers whose lives have been

altered by alcohol-related accidents.

Jay Forrester from Shallowater will speak about his experience as a first responder at the accident in Dimmit 11 years ago that killed two teens and injured eight others.

Danny and Holly Campbell of Friona, who lost two of their children in two separate vehicle accidents, will be here to share their story as well.

Along with the speakers, a video will be shown demonstrating all of the activities that occurred away from the crash scene of May 1.

The community is welcome to attend both

of these events. For additional information about these events, contact Kyra Newberry at 272-7367 or Sharon Villa at 272-7309.

We are thankful for Mrs. Newberry and Mrs. Villa and many other school faculty and staff who have planned and organized this important educational opportunity for our students.

We want our students to learn more than just the three R's.

We want them to learn about character and how to make good decisions, because we are "Building the Future, One Student at a Time!"



A Grim Reminder...

Local efforts to reduce the possibility of teenage traffic deaths is no laughing matter. Pictured on the left, the Grim Reaper poses next to the victim in the May 2009 Shattered Dreams enactment.

Lazbuddie ISD Honor Rolls Released

Lazbuddie Independent School District's honor rolls for the fifth six-week period have been released.

The students honored include:

Elementary "A" — Lluvia Alba, Kinley Coker, Illiana Lopez, Bianca Morales, Jacy Carpenter, TJ Chavez, Julia Ibarra, Aidan McDonald, Trail Townsend, John Henry Schacher, Devon Pacheco and Andres Solano.

Elementary "AB" — Noemi Garcia, Erin Martinez, Peyton Martinez, Jayden Morris, Lesly Villasenor, Aubury Admire, Ethan Martinez, Carlos Perea, Wyatt Rainey, Maggie Vasquez, Stephanie

Villasenor, Maribel Gomez, Jerry Reyes, Jr Vallejo, Gunner Russell, Miranda Salazar, Avery Timms, Guus Crujisen, Marisol Gomez, Sidney Urbantke and Angel Villasenor.

Junior High "A" — TJ Ballard, Mattisun Hester and Ashley Scott.

Junior High "AB" — Julie Chavez, Bernardo Lopez, Ginsyn McGehee, Kenton Parish, Tamera Anderson, Iridian Fernandez, Austyn Steinbock and Micah Vera.

High School "A" — Lacey Jesko, Ashton Mason, Jessica Estrada, Karina Galaviz, Shea Scott, Summer Lowe, Jordan Mason, Jarrod Jesko and Kylie McGehee.

High School "AB" — Anais Andrade, Femke Crujisen, Maysun Hester, Haley Beasley, Keena Diaz, Autumn Townsend, Shyann Rainey, Alex Lopez, Denise Sanchez, Ross Steinbock, Paola Estrada, Todd Nichols, Kenton Randolph, Justin Schacher and Katie Scott.

Who are they?



Do you have any blank spots in your photo albums? Photographs that have been submitted for publication in the Muleshoe Journal may be picked up during regular business hours.

The photographs above, and a large number of other photographs, have accumulated at the news office. Please reclaim these pieces of family history.



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Bottom Row: Colleen Hailey, Brenda Clark, Margarita Silguero
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• Not Pictured: Felicia Garcia and Amy Melendez

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