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Annual Chamber Banquet Scores With 1950s Theme

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Putting the evening into baseball vernacular, you would have to say Saturday's annual chamber banquet was a home run, but if that's the case it was a Mickey Mantle or Willie Mays home run, due to the 1950s theme... with a bit of an Elvis twist thrown in.

While the numbers in attendance appeared to be up this year, so was the fun level, as Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture members and their guests were treated to a "sans sock hop" journey down memory lane through



Elvis impersonator
Mike Garrett

the efforts of the chamber leadership and Elvis Presley impersonator Mike Garrett of Lubbock.

While Garrett was quick to point out that he wasn't the actual "king of rock and roll," he was close enough to send one former bobby socker into pseudo-

hysterics at his close proximity.

"I think it went great!" Muleshoe chamber president Gina Wilkerson said. "I'm still pumped."

According to Wilkerson, the chamber hit its attendance goal of 300.

"I appreciate everyone who attended," she said, and especially all who made an effort to dress in period clothing.

Among the annual events at the chamber banquet is the announcement and honoring of various individuals, businesses and families within the community.

This year's honorees included:

• Man of the Year — Joe Sowder.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

R.C. Allen and chamber president Gina Wilkerson take a trip down memory lane during Saturday's 62nd annual Muleshoe Chamber Banquet.

- Woman of the Year — West Texas Gas.
- Farm Family of the Year — Tim, Tammy, Tyler and Bobbie Black.
- Employee of the Year — Sarah Santos.

Bailey County Aged Study Is Under Way

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The efforts to "help future generations" by collecting data on current Bailey County residents was the focus of the Tuesday, March 27, program at the Muleshoe Rotary Club's meeting.

Cathy Hudson of Project FRONTIER (Facing Rural Obstacles to Health Care Now Through Intervention, Education and Research) addressed the Rotarians and their guests, speaking about the ongoing efforts to gather information about healthcare and aging in rural counties.

While the project has emphasized collecting information in regards to Alzheimer's disease, Hudson said the project extends beyond this particularly debilitating disease.

Project FRONTIER, which is currently in its second phase, began



Cathy Hudson

in 2006 in Cochran County, and was extended into Parmer County in 2009. In 2011, the study moved into Bailey County, and as of March 2012 has 846 participants; however, less than 60 of them are Bailey County residents.

The goal is to have information gathered from 1,000 people by the end of 2012, and many, many more from Bailey County, according to Hudson.

She also noted that the study has twice as much data collected from women as men.

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Photograph by Larry Thornton

Slow And Easy...

Numerous work crews joined forces Thursday, March 29, to move a large tank through the intersection of American Blvd. and First St. and down Hwy. 214.

Pictured above, the moving company's driver inches the tank under the electric lines Xcel Energy employees are holding out of the way.

MAHD Receives 'Gold Star' Audit

If hospital audit reports were compared to elementary report cards, Thursday's annual report for the Muleshoe Area Hospital District would have a silver if not a gold star at the top.

Although there continue to be some financial concerns, auditor Michael Oatman of BKD, LLP

"You guys are doing something right..."

seemed pleased with the hospital district's efforts during the past year.

"Positive things are happening in your income statement," Oatman said in one

of his concluding statements.

"You guys are doing something right," he said. "Your revenues are growing, and they're better than your long term trend."

He went on to say, "It tells me there is a market and support for your hospital in your community. You guys already know that, but to me that's a vote of confidence."

Although Oatman said the hospital industry is experiencing tough times — noting at one point that no

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Journal Wins Big At Panhandle Press Newspaper Contest

The Muleshoe Journal returned from the Panhandle Press Association's annual convention with an impressive number of wins over the weekend.

This year, the Muleshoe Journal placed

in all 15 categories of the PPA's Better Newspaper Contest, with first place awards for its sports and spot news photography.

"Good play and composition," the judges said about the shutter work of sports

photographer Stacy Conner and the captions and news photography of Managing Editor Larry Thornton.

The Journal also collected eight second place awards. Among the categories, histories and judges comments

were:

• Feature writing — "Good lead, flow of information and use of graphics." "Very interesting story."

• Headline writing. "By far the most creative headline of all the entries," the judges

said about the headline, "High court rules against disrobing," Larry Thornton used with his column about the Texas Supreme Court's decision regarding an effort to over turn the state's "pole tax" at certain types of taverns.

"Another headline that showed a great play on words," the judge said about the headline on a story about Bailey County Meals on Wheels.

• Feature news photography —

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Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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Library Book Sale

The Muleshoe Area Public Library's will be celebrating National Library Week with its annual book sale, April 8-14. Hardbacks will be 25 cents each and paperbacks 10 cents each. There will also be sacks of books for \$1.

Also, the Library Man, Woman and Volunteer of the Year will be announced during this period.

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.



Bethany, Hudson and Laurel Nitzel

Nitzel Youth Join YOL

Five young members of the Grant and Deb Nitzel family of Muleshoe have been accepted as musicians by the Youth Orchestras of Lubbock.

YOL is a organization created to give a wide range of children a chance to learn to play in an orchestra and follow a conductor's lead, and to excel at their choice instrument in a positive environment.

The Youth Orchestras of Lubbock are divided into three orchestras according to skill level. From beginning, to intermediate, to

advanced; the orchestras are — Prelude Strings, Philharmonic Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra.

Laurel, age 16, and Bethany, 14, have been studying violin for eight years, while Hudson has been studying contrabass for a little under one year.

Hudson, 13, jumped from the beginning orchestra, Prelude Strings to Symphony — the most advanced orchestra, a feat has never been heard of in the history of YOL.

Hudson is excited at

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'Give Him Some Space'

"Give me space!"

With his re-election bid on the horizon, Pres. Barack Obama asked Monday, March 28, that Russia's incoming president, Vladimir Putin, "give him space" on the issue of our nation's missile defense and similar controversial issues during a meeting with that nation's current president, Dmitri Medvedev.

The request made by Pres. Obama over an open microphone during a meeting with Medvedev and broadcast to numerous members of the attending media can't be denied. It doesn't even have the excuse that

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accompanied former Pres. Ronald Reagan's microphone mistake about Russia in 1984.

To describe this "open mic" disclosure as astonishing is an understatement. In 2008, Rod Blagojevich, Illinois' 40th governor, was arrested for his attempts to sell the congressional seat formerly held by Pres. Obama. Since that time, Blagojevich has been convicted and sentenced to 14 years in a federal penitentiary.

However, Monday's attempt by a sitting President to barter

his nation's national security in his effort to gain reelection is disgusting, reprehensible, and some may say borders on treason. It exceeds even Blagojevich's efforts at influence peddling.

What kind of "deal" is our President willing to accept in exchange for Putin's promise to scale back Russia's opposition to the policies and actions of the United States?

It's hard to say, but according to the broadcast exchange, Pres. Obama clearly promises to be "more

flexible" with future negotiations with Russia if Putin would help Obama gain the White House for a second term.

Mr. President, you spoke out against your home state's former governor for seeking to gain from your trip up Pennsylvania Ave., but where do his efforts differ from your own?

Shame on you, Mr. President! Your request dishonors this nation, and the office you currently hold.

If the President feels constricted, and needs "more space," maybe he should look toward accommodations without the restrictions of Oval Office walls.

A Tsunami Of Joy Flows From A Little-Used Tomb

"Joy is the serious business of heaven," wrote C. S. Lewis. Whatever the musical key of "the concert of the age," on the eternal day when God's people from across the ages, people of every tribe and tongue, all band together to praise him, joy will be the tone and timbre of every single note.

And we don't have to wait. Whenever heaven bursts in unexpectedly right here on earth, joy marvelously overflows the banks of our hearts and spills out in delight.

A tsunami of joy started one morning long ago and has not stopped, its source a little-used tomb in Palestine.

Unquenchable Light and Life spilled forth as our Lord breathed new life and death's bonds were loosed forever. The joy-flood that burst through the mouth of that stone crypt still flows freely, an unending spring of the water of life.

The words of John of Damascus (d. 749) are as true today as they were over a thousand years ago when he contemplated "The Day of Resurrection" and urged, "Let all things seen and unseen / Their notes in gladness blend / For Christ the Lord hath risen, / Our Joy that hath no end."

Delightfully drenched by that joy-flood, the Apostle Paul exclaims, "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Cor. 15:20), or as Eugene Peterson paraphrases in The Message, "the first in a long legacy of those who are going to leave the cemeteries."

No, that kind of joy can't be contained. You can't successfully ignore it, quench it, throttle it, demean it, crucify it, bury it, roll a stone over it. You might as well try to bottle up the liquid light of the Milky Way in a paper cup, capture Niagara Falls in a Boy Scout canteen, contain



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

and control a nuclear reaction in your cupped hands.

It won't happen. Not in this life. And not in the next.

So it's a good thing to get an early start praising the risen Lord, tilting our heads back, our faces heavenward, and allowing the flood of his joy to start washing

over us right now.

While his blood washes away the stain of our sins, his joy becomes the flood washing away the dust of a drought-stricken world, the grit that would have relentlessly ground down our lives into despair.

While Satan the accuser and a host of less poisonous but still dangerous and depressing finger-pointers and tongue-waggers hurl insults to shatter our joy, hobble our delight, and dry

up our spirits, Christ, alive and life-giving, stands at the right hand of the Father defending us, upholding us, proclaiming the truth that we are his, and delighting to claim us.

Yes, the joy-flood started long ago, flowing forth from the angels' words to the astonished women at the tomb: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

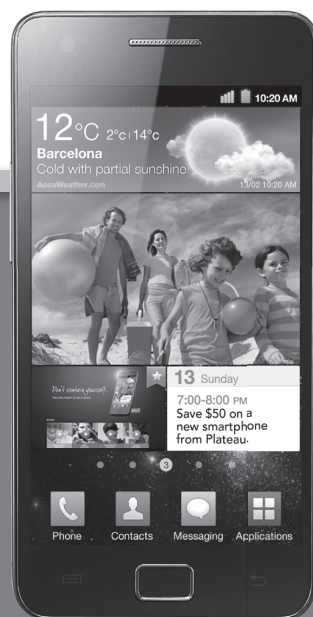
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Auditor Says MAHD Is Headed In 'Positive Direction'

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 matter what the federal government was saying about inflation it still existed, and was higher in the hospital industry — in many instances, according to the numbers examined in the annual audit, Muleshoe's was still ahead of the game.

According to Oatman, many hospitals are going out or business or having to merge with larger institutions.

The problem with merging with larger hospitals, he said, was that there is no guarantee they will

keep the a community hospital open.

"We've seen them operated for two or three years, and then basically they're turned into an outpatient clinic," Oatman said.

Nobody cares about your money as a hospital as much as the people in your community," he said.

"You're doing something that few other critical access hospitals are doing," Oatman added.

He noted that MAHD is less tax dependent than the majority of critical access hospitals,

and said it "had a really good year."

"Your hospital condition is improved," Oatman said. "Revenues are growing and your expenses are under control."

However, he added that a hospital district couldn't "expense control to long term success."

"...You did a pretty good job in 2011," he said.

While he said the hospital district owed more in payables than the district has in the bank, he also said it is still the best it has been

in four years.

"Is there room for improvement... yes," Oatman said. "Have you improved... yes."

The auditor suggested the issues to watch over the next year are that the accounts payable and receivable both come down, pointing out that much of the hospital's revenue is locked into the accounts receivable.

Still, he noted, contractual debt and bad debt continue to eat away at the district's success. However, Oatman noted that a lot of progress has

been made in accounts payable.

And while he would like to see more cash in the bank, Oatman recognized the hospital district had invested a lot of its money in fixed assets — repairing its infrastructure.

"If you hadn't done that," he said, "you would have had more money in the bank."

Oatman also spoke about the financial condition of Park View Nursing Care Center, noting that the primary problem seemed to be related to its census.

"It's a great asset

to the community," Oatman said, but noted that resident revenues had to be "watched like a hawk."

"You've got to keep patients in there," he said.

In other business, the MAHD board:

- Approved FirstCare as the hospital district's health insurance provider.

- Appointed a judge and alternate judges for the hospital district's May 11 election. The only election will be in Place 5, as the elections for Place 1 and Place 3 were canceled.

County Health Study Under Way

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 and more Hispanic as compared to non-Hispanic — which Hudson said is probably to be expected due to the recent census information.

"I see us growing and continuing into the future," Hudson said about the time period covered by the study, which will continue as long as an individual

volunteer wishes to participate.

She also noted that while volunteers for the study must undergo a brief medical exam, and provide blood for lab tests, neither are at the participant's expense. Participants are also asked questions about their medical histories and undergo memory and thinking tests.

More than 2,000

"data points," a large amount of data, have been collected to date, Hudson said.

At the end of each full year of participation, she added that the communities involved will receive a "report card" detailing the overall health of its participants.

Total participation time is two to three hours, Hudson said March 27, and volunteers receive \$50 for taking part in the study.

To be eligible, individuals must be 40 years of age or older and live in one of the participating counties.

For more information about Project FRONTIER or to participate in the study, contact Cathy Hudson, project coordinator, at (806)743-5601.

Nitzel Musicians...

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 the idea of being a bassist in the top orchestra and looks forward to tackling the difficult repertoire.

Also, this success was a milestone for Laurel and Bethany who had been playing in the intermediate orchestra — Philharmonic.

Ramsey, 11, and Holly,

9, Nitzel, the younger musicians of the family, auditioned for Prelude Strings this year and made it.

The Nitzel family, have been residing in Muleshoe for the past five years. Their father, Dr. Grant Nitzel, is a physician, while their mother, Deb, home schools the children.

Journal Awards... Continued From A1

"Cowboys pulling on cow's tail is really solid. Good action."

- Best online newspaper — "Good quality site. Good content."

- Special section — "Nice edition on making readers aware of breast cancer. Really liked the ribbon contest."

- News writing — "Important story," the judges said about the state survey conducted at Park View Nursing Care Center, and the enormous number of deficiencies it had received. Since that time, according to more recent surveys, there have been significant improvements at the facility.

The judges also commented on the unusual aspects of a

mistrial in a burglary prosecution last year and the details carried about the Muleshoe Area Hospital District meeting in which its board president resigned.

- Society and lifestyles. This was the Journal's second time to place in this category.

- Editorial writing. This is the 10th award for editorial writing — including Texas Press Association and West Texas Press Association wins — the Journal has received since Thornton joined the staff in 2005.

The Journal also collected five third place awards. Among the categories, histories and judges comments were:

- Humorous column writing. The judges liked the approach Thornton used in his column about

the stampeding prairie dogs he encountered.

- Front page layout. This is the Journal's third award for page layout.

- Sports writing — "The stories are very good," the judges said about sportswriter Delton Wilhite's work.

- Advertising design — "Ribbon contest was a good way to get the advertisers to participate and to get the readers to look at the ads. ...Good clean ads," the judges said about the Journal's ad design efforts.

- Serious columns — "Good commentary. Popular topic that most readers would endorse," the judges said about the serious columns by Thornton that were submitted.

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We at the Oneita Wagon Senior Center wish everyone a good and happy Easter. We hope each of you have plans to have loved ones with you.

If you missed the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Banquet Saturday night, you missed a good night out in Muleshoe.

Normally when we think of a banquet you think of sitting for about four hours listening to someone speak.

Well, let me tell you this was nothing like that. It was a relaxed atmosphere with good music by Elvis.

Of course it was extra special to Joe and I, being named man and woman of the year. We had several of our family members present and had a great time.

Monday, April 9, the board of directors will hold their regular monthly meeting at the center. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. The meetings are open to the public.

Wednesday, April 11, Farwell Care and Rehab Center will bring the program informing everyone what they have to offer. This should be very interesting to the seniors.

Thursday of course is our regular Bingo day. If you want to have a good afternoon visiting with friends and maybe winning a prize, come on out to the center.

The Bingo begins at 1:30 p.m., and runs until 3 p.m. There will be prizes for the winners, and refreshments are

available.

We are still working on the menus. We hope to still get some of your good food you can enjoy. All this stuff that is good for you is about to make me ill.

Menus for April 9-13:

Monday, April 9 — Chicken spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, wheat bread, bananas with vanilla pudding, two percent milk and tea.

Tuesday, April 10 — Sweet and sour pork, fried rice, mixed vegetables, tossed

salad with dressing, fruit parfait, and low fat milk.

Wednesday, April 11 — Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin squares, and low fat milk.

Thursday, April 12 — Beef taco bake, Spanish

rice, cauliflower, tossed salad with dressing, country apple crisp, and low fat milk.

Friday, April 13 — Breaded fish on a bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tartar sauce, potato wedges, coleslaw with dressing, peach chantilly, and low fat milk.

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Obituaries

Muleshoe Country Club Ladies Association

Geraldine Furgeson

Celebration of life services for Geraldine "Gerry" Furgeson, 93, were held on Thursday, March 29, at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with the Rev. Mitch Wilson officiating.

Interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Park of Lubbock.

Geraldine passed from this life on Monday, March 26, 2012, in Lubbock.

She was born on Oct. 26, 1918, in Pike to the late Thomas and Eva (McCormick) Mangrum, and married John F. "Jack" Furgeson on Dec. 3, 1939, in Durant, Okla.

He preceded her in death on Sept 7, 2003.

They were longtime members of the Maple Community before retiring to Shallowater and then to Lubbock. Gerry was a member of Three Way Baptist Church.

Those left to honor and cherish her memory include her son — John F. Furgeson, Jr. and wife Mary of Maple; her daughters—Donna Kay Green and husband, Jim of Shallowater, Debbie Corkery and husband Mark of Lubbock; several grandchildren — Brian Green and wife Shelby



of Lubbock, Anthony Furgeson and wife Traci of Shallowater, Krista Pounds and husband Tanner of Roosevelt, Melissa Hardison and husband Scott of Laverne, Okla., Shannon Schaffner and husband Koley of Lubbock, Robin McClure and husband Lee of League City, Erin Dipprey and husband Tyler of Pasadena, Calif., Sarah Furgeson of Austin; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her sister — Theda Mangrum.

Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her family and she treasured every moment. She will be missed dearly by her family and friends.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Shallowater Meals on Wheels. Condolences may be offered at www.resthavenfuneralhome.com.

Lonnie Dee Merriott

Church services were held for Lonnie Dee Merriott, 76, of Muleshoe, on March 31, at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Jeff Coffman officiating. Burial was in the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Merriott was born in Clovis, N.M., on July 21, 1935. He married Nelda Faye LeBleu on June 24, 1954, in the Calvary Baptist Church of Muleshoe of which he was the last remaining charter member.

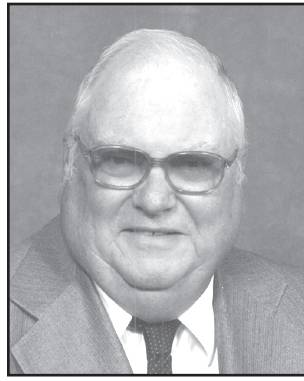
The church was built by his father, the Rev. Earnest Lloyd Merriott on a corner of their farm and was the Lazbuddie Independent Baptist Church before it was moved to the South end of Main Street in Muleshoe in 1953.

As a teenager, he became the song leader for the church and remained in that position until recently.

Merriott died on March 28, 2012, in University Medical Center of Lubbock.

He was formerly employed by Johnson-Pool, Poyner's Whites Auto and John Deere Implement Company.

He retired in June 1994, after 25 years as



manager of the local Texas Employment Commission.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother — the Rev. Earnest Lloyd Merriott and Deola Mae Merriott, and also his brother — Virgel Wenner Merriott.

He is survived by his wife — Nelda of Muleshoe; his son — Gary and wife Celia, and their son, Jordan of Amarillo; his son — Mickey Wayne and his wife Dawn of Muleshoe; his grandson — Trey Pederson of Dallas; and granddaughter — Kristi Pederson of Canyon, and her children, Elijah, Arizona and Ezekiel.

The family suggests memorials be made to Calvary Baptist Church, PO Box 378, Muleshoe, Texas, or the Muleshoe Girl Scouts, c/o Heather Harper, Girl Scout Service Unit Manager, 1906 W. Ave. H, Muleshoe, Texas 79347 for their renovation project.

The Ladies Association of Muleshoe Country Club held its monthly meeting and luncheon on March 21.

The meal was provided by Donna Glover and Judy Wilbanks. Linda Erdmann called the meeting to order, and asked Elinor to offer the prayer. The birthdays for the month of March were Claudine Elliott and Judy Wilbanks.

Several old issues were discussed and schedules for the coming year were planned. The ladies have decided on a handicapping system that will meet their needs, and are proceeding to get that in working order very soon. Lavern Winn will be in charge of the handicapping.

Jerie Flowers reported on the play day winners since the last meeting.

For golf on Feb. 22, Treena and Linda won for closest to the pin on hole 9, while Pat Kirk won the prize for low putts on Feb. 29. Tammy was the winner on March 14 for low score on holes 7 and 18.

On Feb. 15, Pat Kirk, Judy Wilbanks and Laverne Winn won for most outs on the second game; Feb. 22 the first one down on the last hand of the first game was Jerie; March 7, high score in the second game was Claudine; and on March 14 the best score in the second game was Anita, who went down pat four times.

Marlene Martin then held the drawing and Claudine Elliott won the prize.

Linda Erdmann adjourned the meeting.

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Thank You From the Lonnie Merriott Family

Words cannot express the heartfelt gratitude that we feel toward every one who has been so kind and caring and helped us through this difficult time.

You have called, brought food, visited, and sent cards and flowers. Your many prayers are still sustaining us and we are so grateful. Lonnie's service was just beautiful. Bro Jeff Coffman, your message was so comforting and the music was fantastic and lifted our spirits. Just saying "Thank You" seems so inadequate, but please know that we love you.

Our prayer is that "God will richly bless you."

Nelda Merriott

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Engagement



Brittany Thomason and Bryce Bowley

Thomason, Bowley To Wed

Vince and Melody Thomason of Muleshoe, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brittany Thomason, to Bryce Bowley.

The prospective bride is a 2005 graduate of Muleshoe High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University with a MBA and BBA in accounting, and is employed as a tax accountant at Martin Green CPA in Lubbock.

The prospective groom is the son of Randy and Brenda Whitten, formerly of Floydada, currently residing in Tahoka.

He is a 2003 graduate of Floydada High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a BBA in accounting and later obtained an MBA. He currently holds a CPA and CFE license and is employed by Robinson Burdette Martin & Seright, LLP in Lubbock, as an audit senior.

The couple will

marry on July 28, 2012, at McPherson Winery in Lubbock.



'Best Message' Winner

Fernando Salamanca, pictured above with Irene Mason, was the winner of the "Best Message and Best Artwork" bookmark for Child Abuse Awareness. Fernando is to be awarded a prize at a later date.

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AGRICULTURAL NEWS

Texas FSA Reminds Producers Of Approaching CRP Deadline

Farm Service Agency Texas Acting Executive Director James B. Douglass recently reminded landowners, farmers and ranchers in Texas that the opportunity to enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

general sign-up 43 ends on Friday, April 6. Producers who want to offer eligible land for CRP's competitive general sign-up may enroll at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office where their farm records are

maintained. "I strongly encourage all interested producers to contact the county office before the April 6 end of CRP sign-up deadline," said Douglass. "Any offer that is not submitted by this April 6 deadline

will not be considered for acceptance during the 43rd sign-up for CRP." CRP is a voluntary program that assists farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers to protect their environmentally

sensitive land. Producers enrolling eligible land in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers in exchange for rental payments, cost-share and technical assistance. "So far, the 43rd sign-up for CRP has been very successful and we anticipate landowner interest in the program to continue throughout the sign-up period," said Douglass. "I can't stress enough the need to act now rather than wait until the deadline dates so that our staff can provide the much-deserved individual attention to all producers interested in the CRP program."

As of February 2012, Texas has approximately 3,360,870 acres enrolled in CRP. On Sept. 30, 2012, approximately 826,863 CRP contract acres will expire in the state. Producers may choose to re-enroll their land or sign up for new acres that qualify for the program. Contracts range from 10-15 years. The competitive selection is based on factors such as land that erodes easily or where habitat for rare or game wildlife can be assured. Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA service center or visit FSA's website at www.fsa.usda.gov/crp.

Meals On Wheels Continues In Muleshoe

More than a million senior citizens take advantage of the services provided by Meals on Wheels each day around the country. It is essential that every person receive the hot and healthy meals that they are promised, but so much of the program relies on volunteers and donations. Bailey County Meals on Wheels will now be able to feed more residents thanks to a local farmer and America's Farmers Grow Communities SM.

on Wheels. "This donation will be used to continue providing wonderful meals to our aged and unfortunate," said Shelby Carpenter, director of Meals on Wheels. "Donations mean the world to us, and we are counting on our community to help feed our elderly. We really appreciate Mr. Claunch thinking of us," she said.

at Meals on Wheels, Claunch presented the organization with the \$2,500 donation. Through America's Farmers Grow Communities:

- Farmers in 1,245 eligible counties have the chance to win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit organizations.
- The Monsanto Fund has invested more than \$3.1 million to rural

communities this year alone.

- More than \$352,000 in total has been donated to nonprofits in Texas.
- Grow Communities is part of a broad commitment by the Monsanto Fund to invest in farm communities such as Bailey County. It aims to highlight the important contributions farmers such as Jim Pat Claunch make every day to our society.

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The Sudan Buzzer

Sudan Athletics Hosts Son Qualls Relays

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

Sudan Athletics hosted the Sudan Son Qualls High School Relays last Friday hosting Farwell, Bovina, Springlake Earth, Slaton, Trinity, Plainview Christian, Anton, Whitharral, Nazareth, and Lazbuddie.

The overall winner for the boys side was Trinity Christian with 332, Slaton with 198, and Sudan with 188. The women's side saw Sudan win the varsity side with a 125 points.

Some of the

highlights included in the 300 meter hurdles, Freshman BJ Johnson placed third in the 3200 meter run on JV. In pole vault, Nolte placed third with a jump of 11'6".

Dayton Fisher won the boys triple jump and the high jump. Also, Chris Richards placed (third) in the 300 meter hurdles followed by Case Vanderlei who placed fifth. Tanner Fisher placed fourth in the 400 meter dash while Dayton placed seventh.

In the 4x100 meter

relays, Sudan placed second behind Trinity Christian. The Sudan girls team placed second overall in the 4x400 meter relays. In the 4x200 meter relay, Sudan placed third, and in the 4x400 meter relay Sudan placed fifth. In the boys 4x400 meter relay, the varsity boys placed third.

Marie Carrizales once again came in first in the 3200 meter run. Christian Ruiz came in fourth in the boys 1600 meter run. In the 800 meter race, Adam Martin placed fifth

while Tanner Fisher placed sixth.

In the 100-meter dash, Jake Chester placed second and Osmar Diaz placed third. Hailee Gonzales placed second in the 300-meter hurdles while Sawyer placed third. In the girls 100-meter dash, Victoria Williams wins with a 12.97 time.

Chris Richards placed fourth in the 110-meter hurdles and Jesse Lazoya placed sixth. Ashton Sawyer placed third in the 100-meter hurdles. Faithé Nolte placed sixth in the

200-meter dash while Jasmine Weaver placed fourth.

Marie Carrizales won the 1,600-meter run. Dex Baker placed fifth in 200-meter dash while Noah Lance placed second in the JV division. Osmar Diaz placed fifth in the 200-meter dash.

Madi Edwards placed fifth in the high jump. Jake Chester placed

third in the long jump.

Dayton Fisher placed first in the high jump. Edwards also placed fifth in the 400-meter dash.

Sawyer placed second in pole vault while Keela Chester placed third.

The 4x200 girls meter relay placed second overall behind Farwell. The 4x100 meter relay for the girls placed first.

Junior High Track Team Travels To SE Meet

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Junior High Track Team traveled to Springlake Earth to participate in the District 3A North Zone track meet on Saturday, April 1.

Sudan seventh grade boys came in second with a score of 179 behind Farwell's 202 and the seventh grade girls came in second behind Olton with a score of 162 versus the Mustang's 202.

Those placing at the district contest on the girls side were Daniela

Tinajera who placed first in the 100-meter dash followed by Kimberlee Gonzales. In the 200-meter dash, Gonzales placed first and Tinajera placed third.

In the 800-meter run, Isabel Chacon placed fifth and placed first in the 2,400-meter run while Raemi Goen placed second in the 1,600-meter run and the 2,400-meter run.

In the 4x200 meter relay, the A team for Sudan placed fifth. Team members were Tinajero, Gonzales, Chacon, and

Mykaela Alvarez.

In the women's high jump, Tinajera placed fourth and Gonzales placed fifth. Tinajera also placed fourth in the long jump.

In the women's shot put, Megan Capers placed first while Mykaela Alvaraz placed second.

In the discus throw, Alvarez placed second while Capers placed fourth.

In the seventh grade boys 200-meter dash, Trae Smith placed fourth. In the 400-meter dash, Lane Logan

placed second while Derek Tovar placed third.

Logan also placed third in 800-meter run followed by Ezra Herrera who placed fourth.

Trae Smith placed second in the 1,600-meter run and first in the 2400 meter run.

Andrew Harper placed third in the 1,600 and placed second in the 2,400-meter run.

Alexis Rodriguez placed third in the 110 meter hurdles while Teaguen Nolte placed fifth. Nolte also placed fourth in the 300-meter hurdles.

The A Team placed first in the 4x100 meter relay. That team consisted of John Paradez, Daniel Tinajero, Alexis Rodriguez, and Marco Godinez.

The A Team also placed first in the 4x400 meter relay.

The 4x200 meter relay team consisted of Derek Tovar, John Paradez, Marco Godinez, and Daniel Tinajera placed second.

In the field events, Lane Logan placed second and Trae Smith placed third in the men's high jump.

In pole vault, Alexis Rodriguez placed second while Nolte placed fifth.

Daniel Tinajero placed first and Alexis Rodriguez placed second in the long jump. John Paradez placed first in the triple jump.

Eighth Grade Team Results Announced

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The eighth grade district track results were finalized in Springlake Earth on Saturday.

The Sudan Nettles Junior High Track Team finished second behind Farwell while the Junior High Hornets finished first over Olton with a score of 172.

Some of the highlights of the day included the men's 100-meter dash with Harris Chester placing first and Rance Johnson placing fifth. In the 200-meter dash, Xavier Baker placed fifth. In the 400-meter dash Ashton Bartley placed first and Greg Wood placed fifth. Wood also placed fourth in the 800-meter run.

In the 1,600-meter run, Marcos Gonzales placed second and Jeremy Binion placed fifth. Binion also placed second in the 2,400 meter run.

Stephen Schovajsa placed first in the 110-meter hurdles followed closely by Joe Lewis Melendez. Brady Fields placed fifth. In the 300-meter hurdles, Melendez placed second and Fields placed fourth.

In the 4x100 meter relay, Olton barely edged out Sudan, and Sudan edged out Springlake Earth with almost a photo finish. Olton won the race with 50.41 followed by Sudan with a 50.57 and then Springlake Earth with a 50.66. Team members included Marcos Gonzales, Harris

Chester, Carson Phillips, and Stephen Schovajsa.

The team of Bartley, Chester, Gonzales, and Phillips placed second in the 4x200 while the team of Schovajsa, Phillips, Melendez, and Bartley placed second in the 4x400 meter relay.

In the field events, Schovajsa placed third in high jump. Phillips placed first in pole vault and Bartley placed third in pole vault. In long jump, Harris Chester placed second while Carson Phillips placed sixth. In the triple jump, Schovajsa placed second.

Xavier Baker placed fourth in men's discus throw while Joe Lewis Melendez placed fifth.

The Sudan JH Nettles also had their share of successes. Shaylee Johnson placed first in the 100-meter dash, Jaydyn Valdez placed third, and Eliana Herrera placed fifth. Johnson would also place third in the 200-meter dash followed by Ashton Shultz who placed sixth.

In the 400-meter dash,

Ambrosia Nelson placed first while Janie Delarosa placed sixth. Delarosa also placed sixth in the 800-meter run.

In the 1,600-meter run, Erin Larson placed second, Nelson placed third, and Karina Centeno placed fifth. Erin Larson placed first in the 2,400-meter run and Centeno followed in third.

The 4x100 meter relay placed first overall with a time of 56.08. Team members included Shultz, Herrera, Valdez, and Johnson.

In the 4x200 meter relay, the team came in fourth. Those members included Herrera, Nelson, Valdez, and Shultz.

In the field events, Shultz placed fourth in high jump and second in the triple jump. Johnson placed fourth in the long jump and in the triple jump.

Valdez placed third in shot put while Erin Larson placed first in the discus throw followed by Kylee Coleman who placed fourth.



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SPORTS NEWS

Disqualification Drops Mules To Fourth

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules were disqualified in the 4x400 meter relay and dropped from second to fourth place in the A-Town Relays in Abernathy Friday.

New Deal won the meet with 123.5 points, Dimmitt was second with 100 and Post

finished third with 89. The Mules scored 73 points, Abernathy had 69.5, Plains 64, Friona 57, Tulia 29 and Wellington scored 14.

Eli Leal won the Mules first medal of the day in the high jump. He had a bronze medal leap of 5 feet 8 inches. Shawn Atwood placed eighth with a height of

5-6. Caleb Wood placed seventh in the triple jump with a distance of 37-09.00.

Austin Ross won the Mules first gold medal of the day in the long jump with a leap of 20-02.00. Ray Martinez placed fifth in the same event with a jump of 19-00.00.

Adrian Rodriguez placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 106-05. Alex Vidana finished eighth with a toss of 101-08.

Jesus Roman and Issac Baca placed fifth and six in the shot put with tosses of 38-05.50 and 38-02.50 respectively. The 4x100-meter relay team of Martinez, Ross, Wood and Saul Elizalde placed fourth with a time of 44.86.

Junior Baca won the gold medal in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:59.72. Leal placed sixth with a time of 2:15.36. Ross won his second gold medal in the 110-meter hurdles with a 15.69.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Martinez, Elizalde, Wood and Lupe Campos placed fifth with a time of



A Mule throws during the shot put event in the Muleshoe relays.

Photograph by Larry Thornton



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Lady Mule Adrienne Precure clears a hurdle in the Muleshoe relays.

Lady Mules Take Second At Abernathy

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules place second in the eight team A-Town Relays in Abernathy Friday afternoon. The Lady Mules scored 97 points in the meet.

New Deal won with 153 points and Post was third with 94.33. Friona placed fourth with 93.33 points, Abernathy finished fifth with 72.33 and Tulia was sixth at 61. Plains scored 39 points for seventh place and Dimmitt was eighth with 10.

Miranda Garza won the silver medal in the first race of the day. She finished the 3200-meter run with a time of 14 minutes and 59 seconds. Stephanie Martinez placed sixth in the same race with a 16:32.00.

Adrienne Precure won the first gold medal for the Lady Mules in the pole vault with a vault of 8 feet six inches. Daniela Diaz was sixth with a height of 7-06.00. Precure and Kalie Morris tied for the silver medal in the high jump with identical leaps of 4-06.00.

Celeste Flores finished seventh in the triple jump with a distance of 29-09.00 and McKenna Dunham was eighth with 29-06.50. Flores was also seventh in the long jump with a leap of 14-06.00.

Katlyn Gable finished fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.54 and Dunham ran eighth with a 29.50. Precure, Flores and Diaz placed fifth, six and seventh in the 300-meter hurdles with

times of 54.09, 54.52 and 54.95 respectively.

Ruby Andrade won the bronze medal in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:06.32. The 4x200-meter relay team of Gable, Dunham, Diaz and Morris placed fifth with a time of 1:56.86.

Carolina Franco won the silver medal in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:41.14. Precure took the silver medal in the 100-meter hurdles with a 16.93 and Diaz was fourth with a 17.74.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Gable, Morris, Andrade and Flores finished sixth with a 53.95. Franco and Garza won the silver and bronze medals in the 1600-meter run with times of 6:12.84 and 6:16.29 respectively.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Flores, Morris,

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Lady Mules Golf Team Places Seventh

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mule golf team finished seventh in the first tournament the whole team was present. The girls teed off at 10 a.m. on March 29.

The Mules played the next morning and finished sixth.

"It was great weather but neither team played very

well," said golf coach Carey Sudduth. "We play in the first of two district tournaments Monday.

The girls will be playing at Dimmitt and the boys will go to Tulia.

On April 9 the girls play will play in Friona and we will host the boys' tournament."

Bailey Bales led the Lady Mules with an 18-

hole total of 124 strokes. Miranda DeBruin shot a 127, Stefani Lopez took 130 strokes and Gabby Chavez finished with a total of 138.

Colten Harris paced the Mules with 89 strokes for the 18-hole tournament. Beau Avila finished with a total 94 shots, Matthew Dickerson took 116 strokes, John DeBruin finished with 121 shots

and Britton Bealle shot a 124.

The first of two district tournaments start Monday with the girls in Dimmitt and the boys go to Dimmitt.

The following Monday the girls play in Friona and the Mules will host the boys' tournament on the Muleshoe course.

Muleshoe HS Tennis Team Has Tough Time At Floydada

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Floydada hosted a tennis meet on Plainview High School's courts Thursday afternoon. Matthew Barron placed third in boy's singles and was the only Mule player or team to place.

Barron defeated Shallowater 6-2 and 6-2. It took him three sets to defeat Wellington 6-2, 2-6 and 10-6.

The three-set match may have taken a toll on Barron's energy as he lost the next match to Idalou 0-6, 0-6. He won the play back match over Plainview for the bronze medal.

Mateo Castillo and Matt Ambriz lost their third place match to Idalou in men's doubles. They defeated Tulia in their opening three-set

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SPORTS NEWS

Lady Mules Troubled By 'Silent Bats'

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules' bats were virtually silent Tuesday against the Idalou Lady Cats. The Lady Mules only recorded six singles with two coming in the third inning to score a run and two in the fifth inning for a run.

Idalou only helped the Lady Mules with a single error.

Idalou defeated the Lady Mules 4-2 in seven innings. The Lady Cats had seven hits with five

singles and two doubles and the Lady Mules made two errors.

"Sometimes it happens," said Lady Mule coach Jason Cole. "Your bats go quiet after hitting the best pitcher in the district really hard. We are young but the girls will work hard and be ready to play when we go to Floydada on Tuesday."

A Lady Mule error, a double and a single put the Lady Cats up 2-0 in the top of the first inning.

The Lady Mules managed to get half the runs back after Linda Sanchez drew a lead-off walk. She went to second on a sacrifice ground ball by Samantha Vasquez. Adriana Loya hard-hit ground ball went back up the middle to score Sanchez.

The Lady Mules trailed 2-1 after one inning.

Vasquez struck out three batters in a row to hold the Lady Cats scoreless in the top of

the second inning. The Lady Mules could not take advantage of an error by the right fielder that allowed Amber Lopez to motor around the bases to third base with two outs.

A pop fly to second by Danni Diaz ended the Lady Mule threat.

Diaz leaped high in the air to grab a line drive for the first out of the third inning and made the throw to Sabrina Sanchez at first to double off the base runner.

A double and a single brought the third Lady Cat run home. Lopez tracked down a fly ball

to right field for the third out. Idalou led 3-1 until the bottom of the fifth inning.

Sanchez reached on an error when the left fielder could not hang on to the ball. Vasquez ripped a ground ball past the short stop to move Sanchez to third base.

Dominique Mata lined a single to center field to score Sanchez but Mata took too big a turn at first and was caught off the bag by a relay from the short stop for a running error. The Lady Mules trailed 3-2 after five innings.

The Lady Mules

threatened in the bottom of the sixth inning after Diamond Lopez hit a line drive single between first and second.

She went to second on a passed ball and stole third base.

A fly ball to left field was not deep enough to score D. Lopez. Alondra Villareal walked after taking the count full and fouling off two pitches. She advanced to second without a throw.

A Lopez line drive to short stop was caught for the second out. Diaz went down swinging to end the Lady Mule threat.

Abernathy scored an insurance run in the top of the seventh.

The Lady Mules traveled to Floydada on Tuesday and go to Abernathy Friday at noon.

JV Mules Place At Abernathy

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mules placed fifth in the A-Town Relays in Abernathy Friday with 68 points.

Post won the meet with 150 points and New Deal was second with 133.

Abernathy placed third with 97, Friona had 85, Tulia 65 and Dimmitt finished with 20.

Thomas Yanis had a gold medal time of 12 minutes and 1.44 seconds in the 3200-meter run. Wes Clarkson won the bronze medal with a time of 12:17.45 in the same race.

Eshoya Lopez and Roman Franco placed fifth and sixth in the pole vault with heights of 8 feet 6 inches and 8-00.00 respectively.

Alex Mendoza placed

fourth in the discus with a throw of 99-07. Blayne Shipman cleared 5-02 in the high jump for fifth place.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Lopez, Christian Paez, Braden Bessire and Francisco Elizalde finished fourth with a time of 47.58.

Shipman ran eighth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 20.29. Bessire ran a silver medal time of 12.02 in the 100 meter dash.

The 4x200-meter relay team of JJ Gandara, Lopez, Jorge Martinez and Paez finished sixth with a 1:42.53.

Blaine Hurtado placed fifth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 57.61 and Jesus Manzanares was seventh with a 58.75. Chamel Regalado and Lopez finished sixth and seventh in the 300-meter hurdles with times of 47.81 and 49.16 respectively.

Yanis and Franco ran gold and silver medal times in the 1600-meter run with times of 5:24.75 and 5:30.59 respectively.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Elizalde, Manzanares, Medardo Andrade and Hurtado finished fifth with a time of 3:51.34.

The Mules will run Friday in the Eagle Relays at Lubbock Roosevelt Thursday and return to Abernathy on April 5 for the district meet.

Antelopes 'Jump On' Varsity Mules

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Abernathy Antelopes jumped on the Mules early with three runs in the first inning on two hits and two Mule errors.

The Mules went in order in the first three innings with seven striking out. Only nine Mules went to the plate in the first three innings.

The Antelopes sent 10 to the plate in the top of third and scored five runs on four hits that included a home run.

Abernathy lived up to their mascot as they stampeded around the bases during the third inning.

The leadoff batter for Abernathy in the top of the fourth inning singled to left field. Chris Lozano came up firing from behind the plate and threw out the Antelope attempting to steal second base. Matt Ambriz applied the tag at second.

The next batter grounded out to Matt Barron at shortstop and Saul Elizalde struck out the third batter.

Austin Ross hit a line drive single to left in the bottom of the fourth inning. Ambriz ground ball got past the third

baseman and Juan Guerrero was walked intentionally to load

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Muleshoe Tennis...

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match 3-6, 6-4, 10-3. They also defeated an unnamed team 6-4, 6-3 before losing to Shallowater 2-6, 4-6.

The men's double team of Caleb Wood and Chris Cage lost to Tulia in the consolation round. Wood and Cage lost to Floydada 0-6, 1-6 in the opening round.

They defeated Friona 6-2, 7-5 and defeated Shallowater to set up their consolation match.

The mixed doubles team of Eli Leal and Alyssa Leal defeated Tulia 6-0, 6-4 in the opening round.

They lost to Floydada 2-6, 4-6. Saul Elizalde and Kayla Preston lost to Shallowater 5-7, 3-6 and lost to Floydada 2-6, 3-6.

Alex Mendoza lost his opening round three-set match to Shallowater 6-2, 0-6, 6-10 in men's singles. He also lost to another Shallowater player 4-6, 4-6.

The girl's doubles team of Carly Krug and Baylee Bessire defeated Plainview 6-0, 6-1 before losing a three-set match to Wellington in three sets 4-6, 8-6, 6-10.

McKenna Dunham and DonAnne Rempel lost both of their doubles matches to teams from Floydada.

The district meet will be held on the Plainview High School courts on Thursday, April 5.

Lady Mules...

Continued from B1
Andrade and Precure ran their best time of the year for the bronze medal. They finished in a time of 4:20.47.

The Lady Mules will run in the Lubbock Roosevelt Eagle Relays Thursday before returning to Abernathy for the district meet April 12.

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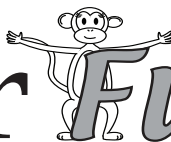
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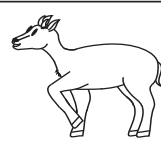
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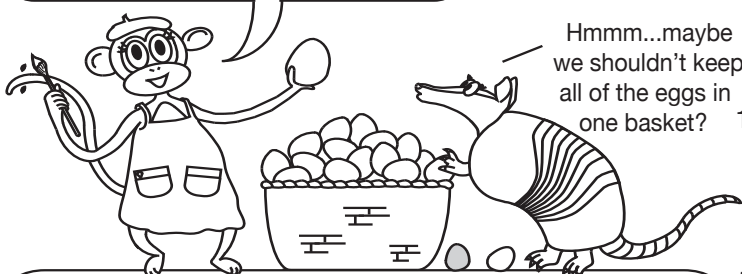
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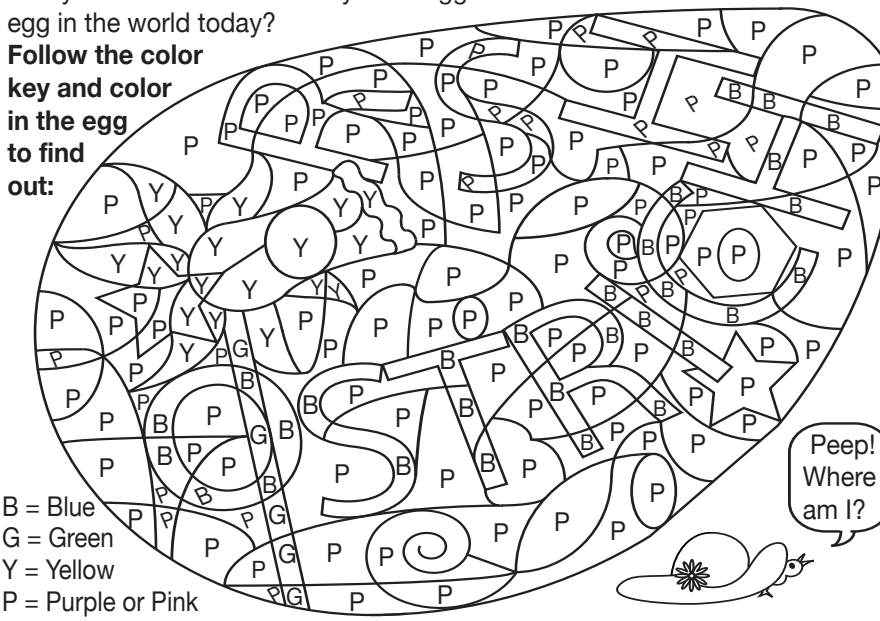
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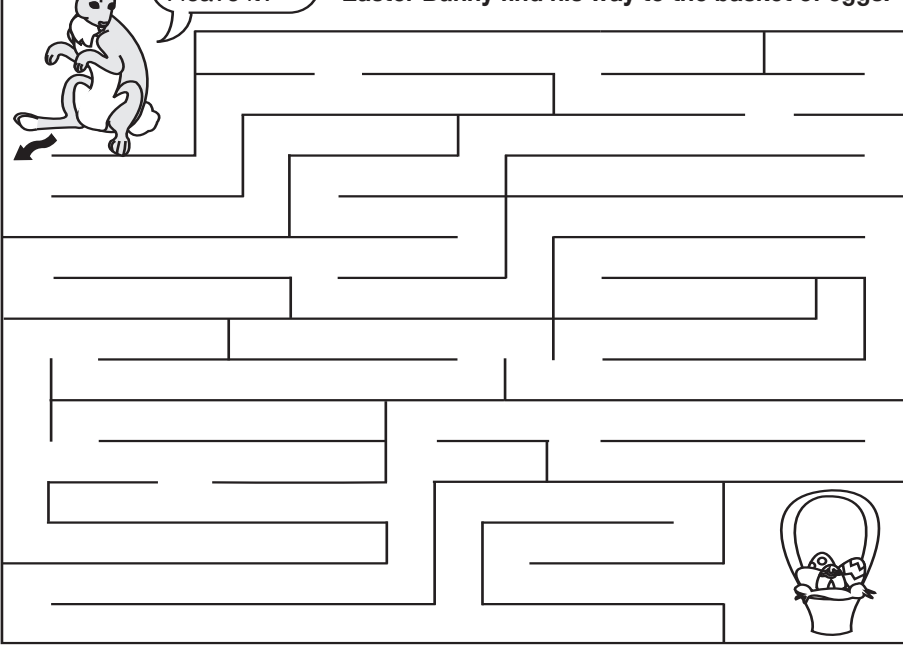
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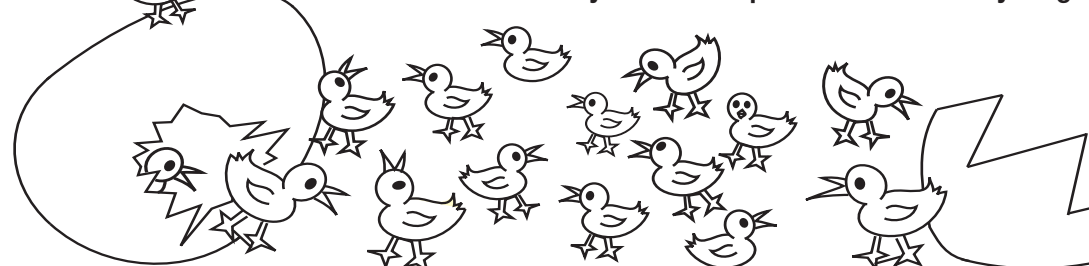
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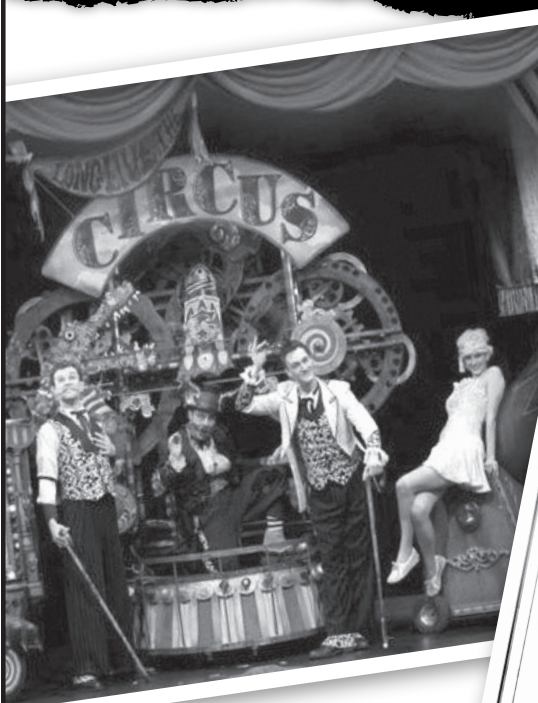
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Mule Baseball... Continued From B2

the bases with one out.

Issac Baca ripped a ground ball past the shortstop for a two RBI single. Ross and Ambriz both scored. The Mules could not score again in the inning and trailed 8-2 after four innings.

The Antelopes scored one run in the top of the fifth and one in the top of the seventh inning for their 10 runs.

The Mules scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh on an error and hit batsman. Barron reached on an error by the shortstop. Nacho Elizalde was hit by a pitch to put Mules at first and second.

S. Elizalde's ground ball single down the line to right field went



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A Muleshoe opponent eats a little dirt at home plate during a recent game. Photograph by Larry Thornton

to the fence to score Barron from second and N. Elizalde from first.

The Mules were open on Tuesday but are back in district action

at home on Friday. The Mules will host Idalou to start the second round of district. The first pitch is scheduled for 11 a.m.



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- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2336' lv. area, auto. spklr, fenced yd, MORE!! **\$125K!!**
- NICE 3-2-2 Home, corner lot, built-ins, Cent. A&H, workshop/storage plus storage building!! 1974' lvg. area!! **\$96K!! PRICE REDUCED \$79,500**
- Remodeled 3-2-1 Det. Garage Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, hdwood & tile floors, 4 fans, fenced yd., approx. 1520' lv. area!! **\$80K!!**
- REMODELED 2-1-1** (detached garage) Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, workshop/stor.) fenced yd.!! MORE!! **\$40K!!**

RURAL

- VERY NICE CUSTOM BUILT 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 car garage home, at edge of town on 80 acres!! Geothermal heat & air, built-ins, FP, ash cabinets, approx. 2544' main lv. area plus 625' finished basement w/safe & storage, spklr system, beautiful trees and landscaping, circle spklr, 5 wire barbwire fence, 36' x 48' metal insulated bldg w/2 12' doors!! MUCH MORE!!
- VERY NICE 4-3 doublewide (2006) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., 28' x 40' Metal Bldg. septic system, domestic well, on pavement close to town!! **\$152K \$130K!! MAKE OFFER**
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- 3-2-2 HOME ON 2 AC. (2860 FM 303) APPROX. 2146' lv. area, DW, ceiling fans, thermal windows, lg. conc. patio, workshop/storage!! ~~\$89,000!!~~ **\$80 K!!**
- PROGRESS- 3-2-2 Home, Cent. Geo. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2064' lv. area on 1.24 acres, 2 wells, 720' insul. shop w/288' awning, carport, storage Bldg., cellar!! MUCH MORE!! **\$125K!!**
- West of Sudan 3-2-2 Brick Home on 5.57 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, approx. 2688' lv. area, fenced yd., 40' x 80' quonset barn!! MUCH MORE!! **\$135K!!**
- NICE 3-2-2 Home on 11 acres at edge of town, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, freshly painted interior, thermal windows & doors, plus 1 bdrm house, workshop, storage, greenhouse, plus 3 garages, barns & outbuildings!! **\$155,000!!**
- FM 1760 @ edge of town, nice 3-2-2 carport home on 3 acres, cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2253' lv area, fenced, horse barn w/corrals, hay & tack room!! **\$105K!!!!**

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- Building w/approx. 3300' plus 1040' upstairs, Cent. A&H, 2 restrooms, MORE! **\$39,500!! MAKE OFFER!!**
- Approx. 1080' metal bldg. w/off. & 3 bay garage/workshop area plus chain link fenced area!! **\$39,500!!**
- GREAT BUSINESS LOCATION - 13000' Bldg., 7000' paved parking, corner lot, Hwy. 84 & Main. A&H, \$100,000!!
- 101.8 acres, edge of town, pasture & farm land, 1 irrig. well! **\$122,244!!**
- FOR LEASE - 2100' office space + 20,500' warehouse area!!

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- 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, 2 carport, Cent A&H, Dishwasher, WB Stove, approx. 2156' lv. area, \$60K!!

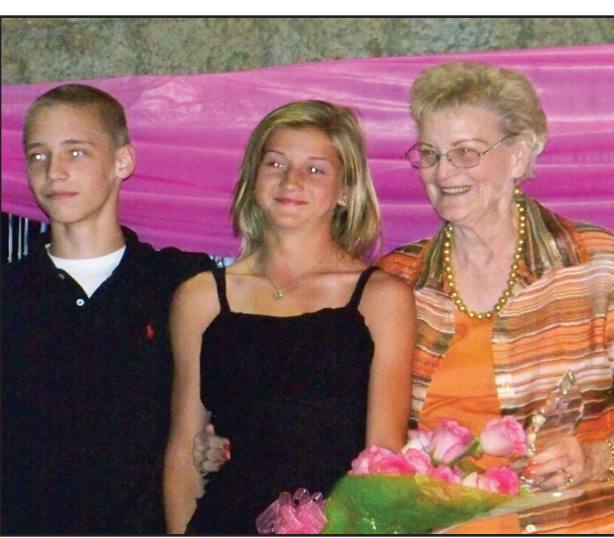
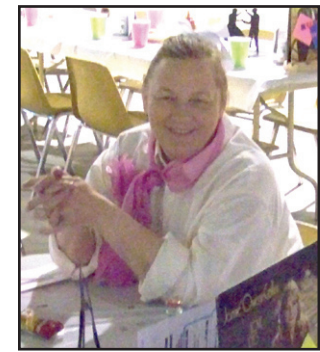
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Woman Of The Year — Laverne Winn



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Farm Family Of The Year — The Blacks



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