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## Muleshoe residents honored at annual banquet



The 2007 Farm Family of the Year — the Brian and Tiffany Boehning family

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

A large crowd gathered at the Bailey County Coliseum Saturday for a combination of good food and entertainment as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture held its annual banquet and awards presentation.

Featured performers at this year's event were Ray Stone, Dallas Cowboys sportscaster, who provided interesting facts about the professional team that on more than one occasion has made national history.

Stone also yielded his voice to encourage the residents of Muleshoe to "shop at home."

Other entertainment was provided by the Jeff

McCreight Band.

At the annual chamber awards presentation, those in attendance cheered the announcement of Todd Newberry, principal of Dillman Elementary as the 2007 Man of the Year; Pat Angeley, CPA of Muleshoe, as the Woman of the Year; Leo's Blacksmith & Machine Shop in conjunction with Muleshoe Metal Art as the Business of the Year; Ginger Richie of United Supermarket as Employee of the Year; and the Brian and Tiffany Boehning family as Muleshoe's Farm Family of the Year.

Among his stories about the Cowboy greats, Stone told of meeting a man who claimed to have known

"Dandy Don Meredith" for a number of years, and how he (Stone) asked the man how he knew the Cowboy quarterback.

"Well, I use to sleep with him," the man replied, which Stone said took him unawares and made him look for a way out of the conversation.

It wasn't until Stone learned he was shaking hands with "Dandy Don's" older brother that the tension broke.

"How long did you share a bed with him," Stone asked.

"Until the first time he wet the bed," Stone said Don's older brother replied.

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The 2007 Man of the Year — Todd Newberry

## School board candidates speak out

As part of the Muleshoe Journal's continuing effort to keep the voters of Bailey County and the surrounding area informed, the candidates for the Muleshoe Independent School District's Dist. 2 election, to be held on May 10, were asked to respond to a questionnaire.

The candidates are: Ronda Box and Carroll Precure, both of Muleshoe.

Rhonda Box was born and raised in Muleshoe. After graduating from Muleshoe High School, she attended Texas Tech University where she received a degree in agriculture and a teaching certificate.



She is married to Jason Box and they have four children — Cade, Treg, Bode and Jaron.

Carroll Precure was born in Muleshoe in 1962, and attended elementary school in Lazbuddie. He graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1981, and married Terri Clark of Lazbuddie the same year. They have four

children — Andrew, 21, who graduated from Muleshoe High last year; Patrick, a senior at MHS; Adrienne, a sixth grader at Watson Junior High; and Emily, a third grader at DeShazo.

In 1992, he started Precure Electric, Inc., which currently employs five full-time and two part-time employees.

The questions and the candidates' responses are as follows:

1. Please list your qualifications for the board of education, and explain why you think you are the best candidate for the position.

**Box** — I am a certified teacher who understands the importance of educating our children. I will have children in the MISD school system for the next 15 years and will be approachable to parents and all involved in the educational aspects of our schools. I am among the people, when my youngest child reaches first grade I

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The 2007 Woman of the Year — Pat Angeley

## Journal garners awards at annual Panhandle Press newspaper contest

The Muleshoe Journal returned from this year's Panhandle Press Associations annual convention with a stack of awards.

The PPA's Better Newspaper Contest is open to member newspapers across the Texas panhandle, reaching into New Mexico, Kansas and western Oklahoma.

All-in-all, the Journal captured two first place awards, two second place, five third and four honorable mentions.

"It's always good when a local newspaper is recognized for its efforts to provide a quality product for its readership and advertisers," said Larry Thornton, managing editor.

"It's nice to be acknowledged for what we know is our job," added Leah Bell, general manager.

The Journal's first place awards came in the areas of editorial and special section.

This year's special section entry was the "Women in Business" section the

Journal staff produced in October, featuring local and area advertisers along with an interview with Wanda Hooten, the board president of the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation.

"Worthy topic — worthy display," the judges said. "...Refreshing to see the 'other side' treated with

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*"Your community is better off with this strong voice..."*

coverage." As for the Journal's editorials, the judges described Thornton's writing as "high quality work" and "serious topics treated with seriousness."

"You community is better off with this strong voice," the judges added.

The first place editorial award was shared with the Canadian Record.

The Journal's second place wins were for front page layout and best humorous columns.

Talking about the newspaper's front page layout entries, the judges said the Journal had "good pages" and "good photo use."

While Thornton's humorous columns were described as "worthy material" and "good writing."

Leading off the Journal's stack of third place awards was Delton Wilhite's award for sports writing. Other third place wins included:

- Best News Writing — "Good news writing."
- Advertising effort — "Solid effort."
- Best Serious Columns — "Strong entry."
- Best Website
- The honorable mentions included:
  - Spot News Photo — "Photos show quality."
  - Headline Writing — "Good imagery."
  - Society/Lifestyles — "Very good work..."
  - Feature stories.



The 2007 Employee of the Year — Ginger Richie



The 2007 Business of the Year — Leo's Blacksmith and Machine Shop, and Muleshoe Metal Art

Photographs by Larry Thornton

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**Project Graduation luncheon**

The Senior Class parents are sponsoring a benefit brisket luncheon on Sunday, April 6, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Muleshoe High School cafeteria.

The meal will include brisket, beans, potatoes, bread and cobbler for \$6 per plate.

All proceeds will go to 2008 Project Graduation, which hosts a drug free, alcohol free graduation party for the 2008 Muleshoe High School graduates. For additional information, call Starla Ellis at 946-7552 or Lori Bales at 946-8633.

**Lazbuddie 3 on 3 tourney**

The Lazbuddie Longhorn Pride is sponsoring a "3 on 3" basketball tournament April 18 - 19, at the Lazbuddie High School gymnasium.

Longhorn Pride is a program which promotes pride in students and the school. It seeks to promote attendance, exemplary citizenship, and academic success. The funds will be used to promote these behaviors at Lazbuddie Schools.

The games will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, and play will resume at 8 a.m. on Saturday. For additional information, contact the Lazbuddie Independent School District.

**Alzheimer's disease support group**

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting on Thursday, April 10, at noon, at Park View Nursing Home. Lunch will be served.

For more information contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, County extension agent - Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, 272-4583.

**CCC to present Irving Berlin concert**

Clovis Community College will be presenting Irving Berlin's *I Love a Piano* on Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. in the Marshall Auditorium.

This Broadway musical spans seven decades of American history and features more than 60 of Irving Berlin's best loved songs.

Tickets are \$20 general admission and \$15 for seniors, military, and students and may be purchased at the CCC Cashiers' Windows or the box office the night of the performance, or by calling 575-769-4035.

**Softball tournament set**

The Muleshoe Softball Association will be sponsoring a coed softball tournament on April 12, at the Rogue Flores Softball Field. The entry fee is \$132, and the entry deadline is April 8. For more information, call Oscar Hernandez, 778-9635, Eufemia Torres, 729-8791, or Juan Sanchez, 729-2353 or 946-3366.

**Olton chamber ladies luncheon**

Olton Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture invites area ladies to attend the annual Ladies Spring Luncheon at the Wild Plum Inn, 708 Main Street in Olton, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on April 10. The Wild Plum is located at. There will be a pot luck luncheon prepared by the cooks of Olton and a spring fashions style show.

**FBC to host community work day**

First Baptist Church invites groups or individuals to join in its "Spring inasmuch work day" on Saturday, April 19, from 8 a.m. until noon.

A meal of appreciation will be served at noon for those who participate.

Call the church office at 272-4224 by April 14 for more information and to reserve your meal if you are participating in the work day.

Projects available include making quilts for Child Protective Services, planting trees, washing windows at the senior citizens housing complex, delivering meals on wheels, nursing home visits, yard work, tree trimming, and carpentry work.

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**AA, Al-Anon meetings**

AA and Al-Anon meetings are being held at 7 p.m., each Friday, at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, 507 W. Second. For more information, call 806-965-2870. Please use the west side entrance.

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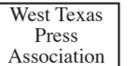
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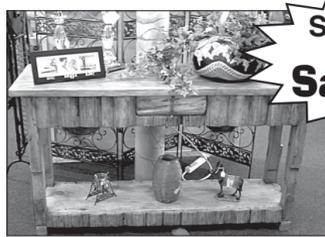


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will have a child in every school at MISD and will be an advocate for all.

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RONDA BOX

**Precure** — I have served on the boards of various organizations in the community over the years and as an officer in all of them. I served the Lion's Club as treasurer, vice president and two terms as president. I have been on the board of the Little League and am currently vice president of the Muleshoe High School Athletic Booster Club and of Muleshoe Youth Basketball.

My service to the Muleshoe Church of Christ has included four years as a deacon. I am also serving my first year as the County Chairman of Bailey County for the Republican Party of Texas.

My involvement as an officer in the above organizations has taught me how to work with others to attain a common goal and also prepares me for the task of making decisions that may not always be popular with the mainstream.

My experience as a business owner gives me insight concerning the budgeting and operating needs of Muleshoe ISD. My experience as an electrician can also be of great value to the district

as we face future energy conservation mandates that will be required of all Texas schools in 2010.

2. *What do you perceive to be the Muleshoe Independent School District's greatest assets?*

Box — Our children are undoubtedly our school district's greatest asset. The administration and staff are the core of our schools who tirelessly work to improve every aspect of educating themselves and our children.

Our academic programs as well as our extracurricular programs are assets, as they draw recognition to our school and community. The educational program we put into action is also an important asset for our children's present and future goals.

Precure — The greatest asset of Muleshoe ISD has to be the community of Muleshoe as a whole. The strength of any organization is in the quality of its people and we have many good, moral and hard-working individuals in our town who provide our schools with quality students, teachers, administrators and support personnel. We also have



CARROLL PRECURE

very good people on the current school board with which I would be proud to serve.

3. *What do you perceive to be the most important issues faced by the school district, and how would you suggest these issues be addressed?*

Box — Although education is an important issue it is not the only issue facing our children. The environment in which they are to learn must be safe and efficient. Hiring competent administrators and staff is an important task as it is needed for our children to be successful.

An important issue recently has been the construction and renovation of our facilities, for this reason I believe now is an opportune time to take on this responsibility.

Addressing these issues and any other issues you may have must be brought to the attention of the board and will be discussed and handled with the highest degree of concern. Any issue that concerns you, concerns me.

Precure — As a business owner I, along with other businesses, have seen a decline in the quality of our workforce. It is certainly important that we prepare our children for higher

education, but we also should prepare them for the workforce that we need here in Muleshoe. To do that I would propose looking into expanding the vocational programs throughout the school system that would better train kids to meet the needs of businesses that are established in the Muleshoe area.

The economic stability of our community and nation is ever changing. To prepare for these changes we will need to be fiscally responsible. To prepare for the future uncertainties we need to look seriously at ways to save the district money. The most immediate area that shows promise is in energy conservation. I believe that I have some ideas that could serve the people of Muleshoe well in this area.

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As for being a chief proponent of "shopping at home," Stone said he'd been involved in an 18-year study of the consequences of a smaller town's residents spending their dollars in larger neighboring cities, and said the drain of local tax dollars compared to the multiplying effect of spending money locally is amazing.

"If you can rally around your local community, it will explode (with growth) within 12 to 14 months," Stone said.

He estimated that if the average Muleshoe resident spent \$4,000 a year outside of Muleshoe, the result would remove about \$6 million from local coffers.

"It's the most important thing I can leave with you tonight," Stone said. "Shop, shop, shop right here in Muleshoe!"

## Baby Showers



AMANDA WIMMER

## Wimmer feted at baby shower

Amanda Wimmer was honored with a baby shower on March 15, in the home of Ruth Locker.

Hostess for the event included Katie Bynum, Krystal Martin, Keisha Stickler, Amy Thane and Brienne Williams.

The hostess gifts included a room monitor and an infant portable bed.

Among the special guests were Terri Hahn of Muleshoe, Janie Burchfield of Hurst, Cindy Dale of Sanger, Cristen and Kyla Wilson of Mt. Pleasant, Mary Crane of Bedford, formerly of Muleshoe.

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### Are there other exemptions available?

If you're *disabled*—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an *additional \$10,000 school tax exemption* on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2008 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The over-65 school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

### Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2007, you won't need to reapply for 2008 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2008. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became *disabled*, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

### When and where should I file?

File applications by *April 30* at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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### ¿Quién califica para una exención?

Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1 de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares...y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. Los condados, ciudades y distritos especiales de impuestos también pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.

### ¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. es incapacitado—o si tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si califica para la exención de 65 años de edad o más o está incapacitado, también tiene derecho a un "tope" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. (El condado, la ciudad o una universidad de dos años también puede adoptar un tope de impuestos en los impuestos del 2008 como la cantidad más grande para los dueños de hogar de 65 años o más o incapacitados.) La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años o más y el tope máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 o más años de edad y es dueño/dueña de la casa en donde vive. Los dueños de 65 años de edad (o su esposo(a) sobreviviente de 55 años de edad más) también pueden transferir el porcentaje del impuesto escolar pagado, en base al tope de su casa anterior, a su nueva casa.

### ¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en 2007, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en el 2008—a menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no has recibido una exención en su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para el 2008. Si cumple los 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Si resultó incapacitado, tendrá que solicitar la exención de personas incapacitadas.

### ¿Dónde y cuándo debo solicitar mis exenciones?

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# Senior Citizen News

By Paulette Crawford

About the time we think spring is here, another front moves in. Perhaps it will bring some rain as we surely do need one.

This is to remind you that the Oneita Wagon Senior Citizens Center's Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday morning, April 5.

Please make plans to

come to the center, at 319 S. Main, and enjoy a good meal.

You can play games afterward or just enjoy a good visit with friends. We will be open from 6:30-11 a.m.

Thursday is Bingo day. The seniors really enjoy the good times we have playing games. Bring a friend, eat

lunch with us and enjoy the afternoon.

The game starts at 1:30 p.m. Admission is a can of food for the Food Bank.

Next Wednesday, April 9, is the day of the drawing for the \$10,000 reward.

Everyone who has made a \$100 donation and received a ticket will be eligible to win. We still have tickets if

you are interested in making a donation to support the center.

Tuesday morning Al Harrison will be here to take blood pressures. We look forward to seeing him each week.

We have a nice group each Tuesday night at the dance. It is from 7-10 p.m. At 8:30 p.m., we enjoy a

potluck buffet. Come enjoy the fellowship with us.

### Menu for April 7 -11:

Monday, April 7 — Taco salad, salsa, chips, rice, fruit and cookies.

Tuesday, April 8 — Beef stroganoff with noodles, carrots, tossed salad, hot rolls and banana pudding.

Wednesday, April 9 — Grilled steaks, gravy,

mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, hot rolls and cake.

Thursday, April 10— Chicken with sauce, rice, broccoli with cheese, salad, hot rolls and Jello™ with fruit.

Friday, April 11 — Catfish or chicken strips with gravy, pinto beans, cornbread, coleslaw and fruit salad

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# Obituaries

## Velma Parker

Church services for Velma "Johnnie" Parker, 73, of Anton, were held on Tuesday, April 1, at First the Baptist Church of Anton with the Rev. Clyde Smalling of Houston, the Rev. Bill Campbell of Anton, and Larry Bloskas of Anton officiating.

Burial followed in Anton Cemetery.

Parker died on Friday, March 28, 2008, in her home. She was born on March 14, 1935, in Glenwood, Ariz., and married Carlos Parker in Muleshoe on Aug. 10,

1957.

She was a member of Eastern Star, and moved to Anton in 2006 from Fritch.

Survivors include her husband — Carlos Parker, of Anton; a one son — Gene Parker of Amarillo; two daughters — Missy Kulms of Anton and Paula Williams of Fritch; two sisters — Helen Yarbrough of Katy and Shirley Jewkes of Harmony; two brothers — Clyde Smalling of Houston and Kelsie Smalling of Pickets, Okla.; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## Maxine Ragsdale

Chapel services for Maxine Ragsdale, 89, of Amarillo, formerly of Muleshoe, were held on Monday, March 31, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe with the Rev. Monty Leavell and Don Ross officiating.

Burial followed in Sudan Cemetery.

Ragsdale died on Thursday, March 27, 2008, in BSA Hospital of Amarillo. She was born on April 20, 1918, in Wise County, and married Delmon "Buck" Ragsdale in Floyd County, on Sept. 28, 1941. He preceded her in death on March 18, 1992.

She was also preceded in death by her parents — R.C. and Josie Ross and her brother — Melvin Ross.

The Ragsdales farmed and owned a cotton gin in Stegall and Baileyboro. She also taught school in Stegall.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Muleshoe and the Retired Teachers Association.

Survivors include a sister and her husband — Norma



MAXINE RAGSDALE

and Larry Robinson of Amarillo.

Memorials may be sent to the Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizens Center, P.O. Box 292, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 505, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

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## CHANGE IN APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

In past years, the outermost boundaries of an appraisal district were not necessarily the same as the county in which it was situated mainly because the taxing entities it served (such as cities, school districts etc.) were created at different times and with different geographic sizes and shapes. This often resulted in confusion when dealing with what were once called "Overlap" properties. In March 2007 the Texas legislature passed House Bill 1010 which, beginning in the 2008 tax year, sets an appraisal district's boundaries to be the same as the county's boundaries. Whatever county the property is in, that's the appraisal district and appraisal review board for taxpayers to do business with. There were no changes in Collection Offices.

As a result, appraisal information regarding properties which lie outside Bailey County is no longer available at Bailey Central Appraisal District. Please contact the appraisal district in the county in which the property is located.

There will be No change in the Collection of Taxes. Property taxes paid to Bailey Central Appraisal District in the past will still be collected at that location, 302 Main St. Muleshoe, TX 79347.



## March Business of the Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Panda Chinese Buffet as the March Business of the Month. Pictured above are Cheryl Puckett, Brandi Angeley, Yi Shi of Panda Chinese Buffet and Cory Collins.



## March Employee of the Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Laverne Winn of the Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizens Center as the March Employee of the Month. Pictured above are Cory Collins, Brandi Angeley, Laverne Winn, Cheryl Puckett and Yi Shi.

## USDA seeks public comment on CRP changes

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced that it will hold public meetings in Texas on April 8-9 on proposed changes to managed haying and grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) land.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will hold a meeting on:

- April 8, at 9 a.m. — Regency Inn Suites Hotel, Abilene.
- April 9, at 1 p.m., — Fifth Season Inn, Amarillo.
- April 10, Best Western, Clovis, N.M. Contact Andrew Ortiz at (505)761-4912.

FSA is proposing rule changes to the frequency that managed haying and grazing is allowed on land that is enrolled in CRP.

Public comments will be accepted at the meeting and the public may also comment

on changes to primary nesting season dates, during which managed haying and grazing are not permitted.

FSA will consider public comments when it prepares state-specific environmental assessments that will evaluate the effects of the proposed changes.

The environmental assessments will aid the USDA with an analysis of the benefits and potential impacts of the proposed changes to managed haying and grazing on CRP land.

Public comments can be submitted both electronically and by regular mail. They must be received by the close of business on May 9, 2008.

Direct comments to: MHG EAs, Geo-Marine Incorporated, 2713 Magruder Blvd., Suite D, Hampton, Va. 23666-1572 or send them

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# Sports

## Lady Mules roll over the Dimmitt Bobbies in five innings

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The difference in high school sports and war is that in war you can surrender.

The Bobbies of Dimmitt would probably have liked to

surrender when they hosted the Lady Mules. The Lady Mules batted around four times in the first inning and went on to take a 56-15 win over the Bobbies in the UIL required five innings.

The Lady Mules had the Lady Lopes of Abernathy on the ropes Saturday and had answered every threat until the bottom of the seventh inning. That is when the wheels came off. The Lady

Mules lost 12-11.

Val Olivas had kept the Lady Lopes off balance at the plate by changing speed on the pitch and moving the ball around the strike zone.

Early in the contest a

runner reach first with a two out single and attempted to steal second.

Tori Alvarado called for a pitch out and pulled the trigger on her cannon right arm. The ball was waiting in the hands of Ali Eagle for the tag when the runner arrived.

Eagle ripped a single down the right field line to lead off the game in Abernathy. Alvarado and Olivas sacrificed her to third with taps back to the pitcher.

Morgan Smith flied out to left in an effort to collect the RBI.

Erica Rodriguez chased down a fly ball to left to retire the first Lady Lope to the plate.

A series of errors allowed Abernathy to score the first run of the game. Amber Fuentes chased down a fly ball to right for the second out.

Olivas got the next batter to hit a sky high pop fly that BreAnn Baca tracked down in foul territory for the final out.

Abernathy owned a 1-0 lead going into the second inning.

Fuentes doubled to right center and April Gardea moved her to third with a sacrifice tap back to the pitcher. Fuentes went home on a passed ball.

Lupita Andrade blasted her second pitch to the fence in right center for a stand up triple and went home on a throwing error.

The Lady Mules took a 2-1 lead into the bottom half of the second.

A fly ball to left was easily tracked down by Rodriguez for the first out.

Andrade made the scoop on the ground ball to second and tossed to Smith at first for out number two.

The third Lady Lope to the plate singled and was gunned down by Alvarado attempting to steal second.

The Lady Mules scored three runs on three hits in the top of the third. Eagle led off with a triple to right.

Alvarado hit a blast that bounced off third base to score Eagle and coasted in to second with a double.

Olivas ground ball headed toward the short stop. Alvarado left second on the crack of the bat and

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## Mules place second at Brownfield track meet

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules place second at the Brownfield High School Relays Friday with 99 points in the final tune up meet before the district meet.

Lubbock Cooper placed first with 158 points and Shallowater was third with 95 in the seven-team meet.

Sterling Leopard got the Mules started in the first event of the day with a gold medal finish in the 3200-meter run with a time of 10 minutes and 32.34 seconds.

Garrett Riley collected the Mules second gold medal of the day by clearing six foot three inches in the high jump.

Colby Carpenter took fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 38-10.

The Mules claimed all three medals in pole vault with Lane Wood taking the gold at 13 feet.

Austin Wright claimed the



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Lane Wood competes in the hurdles at Brownfield

silver by clearing 12-6 and Wes Wood took the bronze at 11-6.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Colt Ellis, Dusty Clayton, Victor Vasquez and Doc Fullmer finished

in sixth place with a time of 44.79 seconds.

Ray Ramirez placed fifth in the 800-meter run in 2:13.96. L. Wood was fifth in the 110-meter hurdles with a 16.82.

Clayton had a fourth place time of 11.50 seconds in the 100-meter dash and Caleb Conner was sixth with an 11.63.

Fullmer, Clayton, Ellis and W. Wood ran fourth in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:35.39.

Nathan Chavez and Alex Godinez placed fourth and sixth in the 400-meter run with times of 52.89 and 53.59 respectively.

Ramirez was sixth in the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 44.63.

Leopard picked up his second gold medal of the day in the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:52.34.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Fullmer, Godinez, W. Wood and Chavez had a silver medal time of 3:34.69.

The Mules will meet the other District 2-AA teams at Tulia Monday, April 7, for the right to advance to the Region I meet in Abilene April 25 and 26.

## Varsity Mules fall to Tulia in district play

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules fell to 1-1 in district competition in Tulia against Hornets.

The Hornets jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning but the Mules came back in the third with four runs to take the lead.

Tulia responded with two runs in the bottom of the third and added four in the sixth to down the Mules 9-5.

The Hornets used two singles and a double in the bottom of the first to jump out to an early lead.

The first six Mules to the plate went in order. Marshall Head led off for the Mules in the third inning with a walk on four straight pitches.

Caleb Conner blasted a double to score Head. Victor Vasquez doubled to score Conner and moved to third on a passed ball.

Elias Alvarado was hit by a pitch. Vasquez scored on a passed ball before Ceasar Lopez doubled to score



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Elias Alvarado makes it home safe during the game against Tulia.

Alvarado. The four runs gave the Mules a 4-3 lead.

A walk and two hits by the Hornets in the bottom of the third put Tulia in the lead 5-4.

Despite the Hornets giving up three walks in the top of the sixth the Mules

were held to only one run but tied the game at 5-5. Lopez scored the final run for the Mules.

Tulia scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth. They doubled to lead off, singled and a home run gave them three runs.

A hit batsman, a passed ball and a double brought home the final run of the game.

The Mules traveled to Dimmitt Tuesday and will host the Bobcats at the Diamond in the Park Friday.

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# Lady Mules place third at Brownfield

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules placed third in the Brownfield High School Relays with 89 points in their final tune up meet before district.

Levelland and Lubbock Cooper placed first and second respectively in the six team meet.

Yvonne Gardea took the bronze medal in the high jump by clearing four feet 10 inches.

Kathryn Owens grabbed the first gold medal for the Lady Mules with a toss of 31-1 in the shot put. She

took fourth in the discus with a distance 86-0.

Y. Gardea cleared 7-0 for the bronze in pole vault. Lupita Andrade claimed the silver medal in the first race of the day. She finished the 3200-meter run in a time of 13 minutes 0.77 seconds.

Following her was Sara Johnson in fourth place and Jenna Whitworth ran fifth with times of 13:43.71 and 14:11.73 respectively.

The 4x100-meter relay team of April Gardea, Kelsey Tipps, Sandy Mojica and Ashley Cisneros ran fourth with a time of 54.24.

The 4x200-meter relay team of A. Gardea, Tipps, Mojica and Cisneros had a silver medal time of 1:56.29.

Y. Gardea claimed the bronze in the 300-meter hurdles with a 52.55.

Andrade, Johnson and Shayla Carpenter took fourth, fifth and sixth in the 1600-meter run with times of 6:12.13, 6:24.11 and 6:29.72 respectively.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Sandy Mojica, Tipps, Marisela Casanova and Cisneros had a bronze medal time of 4:27.48.

The Lady Mules will compete Monday, April 7, at Tulia in the Dist. 2AA Meet.

Also competing in Brownfield was the JV Lady Mules and they placed fifth with 26 points.

Val Olivas had a bronze medal toss in the shot put of 26-11. Ariel Castorena finished fifth in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:31.36.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Jondy Gomez, Olivas, Caitlyn Durban and Jessica Reyes had a bronze medal time of 5:21.97.

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# JV track narrowly misses Brownfield gold



Sean Thornton leaves the starting block during Friday's 4x200 meter relay at Brownfield.

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By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The JV Mules finished one point behind the Cooper Pirates in the Brownfield High School Relays Friday.

Cooper had 137 points for the gold, the Mules finished with 136 for the silver and Shallowater had 122 for the bronze in the seven team meet.

Joey Ramirez had a silver medal distance of 36 feet and 3.5 inches in the triple jump.

Brian Poyner cleared 5-2 for fourth place in the high jump. Larry Richardson leaped 18-4 for second in the long jump and Adrian Muniz took fifth with a leap of 17-0.

Cooper Washington picked up the first gold medal for the Mules with a toss of 35-7 in the shot put.

Christian Godinez placed fifth with a throw of 32-4. Washington threw the discus 102-0 for the bronze medal.

Justin Griswold cleared 10-0 in the pole vault for the gold medal.

Brett Poyner placed fourth by clearing 8-0.

The team of Ramirez, Washington, Richardson and Brian Poyner set the pace in the 4x100-meter relay for the gold medal with a time of 46.9 seconds.

Devin Bullock placed sixth in the 800-meter run in 2:26.57.

Kyler Steinbock placed sixth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 18.93 seconds.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Sean Thornton, Washington, Stevie Cisneros and Brian Poyner placed sixth with a 1:45.13.

Richardson claimed the gold medal in the 400-meter run with a time of 55.30.

Ramirez took silver in the same event with a 56.30 and Brian Poyner placed sixth with a 57.53.

Muniz claimed his first gold medal of the day in the 300-meter hurdles with a 43.1.

Steinbock took the bronze with a 45.30 in the same event.

Eddy Herrera ran sixth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:33.95.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Ramirez, Muniz, Richardson, and Cisneros picked up the maximum points with a gold medal time of 3:47.80.

The Mules will be running in the Dist. 2-AA Meet in Tulia on Monday, April 7.

# Lady Mules softball... Continued from page 6

collided with the short stop when she came up to make the catch. Alvarado was called out.

Smith doubled up the middle to score Olivas and stole third base on the first pitch to Baca.

Baca drew a walk and Fuentes sacrificed Smith home with a tap back to the pitcher.

The Lady Mules led 5-1 going into the bottom of the second.

Three hits and a Lady Mule error allowed Abernathy to stay close at 5-4 after scoring three runs. The Lady Lopes tied the game at 5-5 with a single run in the bottom of the fifth.

An error on the second baseman allowed Fuentes to reach first in the top of the sixth. She went to second on a passed ball and moved to third on a sacrifice tap to short. Fuentes crossed the plate on a passed ball that got away from the catcher.

An error allowed one Lady Lope to cross the plate and tie the score at 6-6 in the bottom of the sixth.

The Lady Mules exploded for five runs in the top of the seventh to take a commanding 11-6 lead. Eagle doubled to left center.

Alvarado singled to left to set the table for Olivas. Olivas blasted a triple to left center that banged off the fence and scored both Eagle and Alvarado.

A throwing error on the short stop allowed Smith to reach first and Olivas came home. Baca went down swinging and Fuentes flied out to center before Gardea walked and stole second base.

A throwing error by the third baseman allowed Andrade to round the bases and score Gardea.

The Lady Mules had converted three hits, a walk and two errors into five runs.

The bottom of the seventh turned disastrous for the Lady Mules as Olivas walked the first to batters. Gardea tracked down a fly ball to center and held the runners at first and second for the first out of the inning.

Back-to-back-to-back errors, a base on balls and a walk off triple finished putting the necessary six runs on the board for the Lady Lopes to rip the thrill of victory from the grasp of the Lady Mules.

The 3-2 Lady Mules will try to avenge a loss to the Shallowater Fillies in the first round of district Thursday on their South Main Field.

Friday afternoon the Dimmitt Bobbies will visit the South Main Field.

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Throughout our nation's history there have been women and girls working hard and trying new ideas. Who are some of these special people in our country? Read the clues below to fill in the puzzle:

- Hillary \_\_\_\_\_ is a U.S. Senator and candidate for the office of the U.S. President.
- Eugenie \_\_\_\_\_ is a scientist who worked with sharks and developed a "shark repellent."
- Ruth Bader \_\_\_\_\_ is a U.S. Supreme Court Justice who has served for 15 years.
- Joan Ganz \_\_\_\_\_ founded a company that makes television shows for children, including the giant hit "Sesame Street."
- Indra \_\_\_\_\_ is a businesswoman in charge of Pepsico @.
- Laura \_\_\_\_\_ is the First Lady; she started her career as a librarian and now helps raise awareness of the importance of reading.
- Ann \_\_\_\_\_ is a news anchor on a major TV network.
- Eunice \_\_\_\_\_ founded the Special Olympics.

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Some of these people get to be well-known; others do not, even though they have done something different or special. What did they do or what are they doing now?

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- America \_\_\_\_\_ is an award-winning TV star in the series "Ugly Betty."
- Martha \_\_\_\_\_ is a self-made businesswoman. She is a best-selling author. Her T.V. show helps people learn better homemaking skills.
- Sally \_\_\_\_\_ was the first woman astronaut to travel into space.
- Shirley \_\_\_\_\_ was the first African American woman to run for both Congress and the office of the U.S. President.
- Beverly \_\_\_\_\_ is a famous writer of children's fiction books.
- Melinda \_\_\_\_\_ works to fight world health problems and poverty.
- Jan \_\_\_\_\_ is an author and illustrator of books for young children.
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**Women Working**

When the United States entered World War II in 1941, women took over many jobs that had been done by men before they left to fight. "Rosie the Riveter" was on a poster to show women that they could weld, drive trucks and do machine work. Women may have had to wear this protective gear for the first time:

**The Bill of Rights**

In 1920, the Nineteenth Amendment was added to our Bill of Rights to give women the right to:

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**Timeline** Throughout the years, women have greatly achieved and contributed greatly to our country. Below is a timeline from the dates 1700 to 2000. Study the names of the famous women and their birth dates shown on the timeline. Read the clues on the left. Then fill in the last name of each woman.

I love learning about women!

1. Phillis \_\_\_\_\_ was born a slave. She became the first published African-American poet.

2. S \_\_\_\_\_ helped Lewis and Clark travel the western U.S.

3. Harriet \_\_\_\_\_ helped slaves travel the "Underground Railroad."

4. Susan B. \_\_\_\_\_ worked for women's rights: voting, education, work.

5. Annie \_\_\_\_\_ began to hunt game to feed her poor family at nine years old. Famous for her excellent shooting, she worked in "Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show."

6. Amelia \_\_\_\_\_ was the first woman to fly solo over the Atlantic Ocean.

7. Julia \_\_\_\_\_ taught French cooking through her books and T.V. show.

8. Shirley \_\_\_\_\_ was a famous, award-winning child actress in movies.

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Phillis Wheatley (1753) Harriet Tubman (1820) Julia Child (1912)  
Annie Oakley (1860)  
Susan B. Anthony (1820) Shirley Temple (1928)  
Sacagawea (1788) Amelia Earhart (1897)

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# Bessire brings home trampoline hardware

The Jr. Women's trampoline team from West Texas Training Center competed in the Olympic Trampoline Center Open in Colorado Springs, Colo., in March.

The team consisted of Brittany Caddell, Chelsey Hunt, Dakota Earnest, and Baylee Bessire of Muleshoe.

The competition would feature junior and senior trampolinists, the Sr. Elite athletes will be competing for

this year's Olympic spots in Beijing, China in August.

"This was a good opportunity for us to compete. We knew we would be the best juniors at the competition, so all of the girls would go with new harder routines to compete for the first time. They all did wonderful with the routines. It was a great step for us getting ready for Regional and National Championships coming up," said coach Kaitlyn Geissler. Bessire would compete a

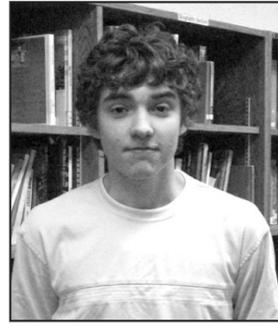
routine with seven double flips in it out of the 10 skill routine.

This would help secure her the silver medal at the competition behind the gold of Earnest and ahead of the bronze of Caddell.

"I was excited to compete the new routine. It has enough difficulty to give me points towards the USA Junior National Team and

that has been a goal of mine all year. Competing with the seniors who are getting ready for Olympic Trials was great too. I know that someday I will be right up there competing with them," Bessire said.

Bessire will next compete at the Texas State Championships in Amarillo on April 5 with the entire Acrosprits team.



## All district honors...

Devlin Thompson, a junior at Lazbuddie High School, pictured above, was recently announced to the all-district team.

## Speech, Debate fund raiser set

Muleshoe's Speech and Debate team will be hosting a lasagna dinner fund raiser on April 15, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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## Library News

By Dyan Dunnagan

New books in the Library:

- *A Smart Girl's Guide to Friendship and Troubles* by Patti Kelly Criswell (An American Girl book).

- *Honor Thyself* by Danielle Steel.

- *Killer Heat* by Linda Fairstein.

- *A Stranger's Game* by Joan Johnston.

- *Texas Princess* by Jodi Thomas.

- *On Her Own* by Wanda Brunstetter.

The library purchased many new juvenile non-fiction books this month. Just in time for the kids to enjoy them for the Summer Reading Program!

I am working on the prizes for this program already. Instead of T-shirts this year, we are giving away lime green caps!

For every 10 books (up to 40), you read, you will earn a patch to iron on these caps.

You will earn the caps when you read 50 books!

I'm hoping we are able to give away 75 caps this year.

We have moved all of the regular print fiction books into the meeting room and they are all displayed where you can see them and reach them easily. There are nine tables full of books!

Come pick out some of these books and give

them a new home. Just a reminder: Hardbacks are 25 cents and paperbacks are 10 cents each.

We are still having the "brown bag special." Bring a shopping bag and a dollar and you can purchase whatever you can put in the bag; bring a box and whatever you can fit in that box is \$2.

### Dyan's Picks of the Month

*What's a Christian to do With Harry Potter* by Connie Neal — Until I read this book, I had no idea what to say when a parent would ask me what I thought about Harry Potter.

This book doesn't tell you what to think, but it does give you both sides of the issue.

I think everyone, child and adult, should read this book.

The author (she is a Christian author) does point out things that I missed when I read the books and watched the movies.

I "interlibrary loaned" this book, but if I get enough interest, I will purchase it for the library.

- *Redemption Series; Firstborn Series; Baxter Family Drama Series*, all by Karen Kingsbury — I am still reading this series. I have really become attached to the Baxter family and I'll be lost when I finish the last book!



## 'Dumb' crooks I've known

Over the years, I've had the opportunity to deal with some extraordinarily dumb crooks, some of whom would have given the "alleged" criminal in Chicago who recently returned to the scene of his idiocy and was subsequently arrested a run for his money, or rather the money with which he tried to abscond.

If you haven't heard about it, a masked man tried to rob an automotive muffler shop, only to be told by the employees that the safe with the money was locked, and the manager who had the combination was out.

So, the wanna-be robber left his telephone number for the employees to call once the manager returned and could open the said.

No way, you say! Well, yes... way. The manager returned, the criminal and the police were called, and the criminal who must have had a hole in the head ended up with one in his leg as well after "allegedly" being shot during the arrest.

As for my personal candidates, they include:

- The leaf-loving wonder who stopped by the police department to file a burglary report. It seems some other shameless individual broke into his residence and stole his entire stash of marijuana.

Simply appalling! Anyway, when he contacted his insurance company, the claims agent informed him that he needed to submit a police report with the claim report.

It seems the claims agent thought their customer was too smart to carry his tale of woe to the local constabulary. ...He was wrong.

- The burglar who answered a call of nature during his early, early

morning visit to the store. Since the last thing the clerk did before leaving shortly before midnight was to mop the restroom floor, it was a pretty good chance that the billfold and drivers license that was found next to the toilet belonged to someone who had at least a passing acquaintance with the burglar.

- Or, the strong-arm robber who went into a convenience store, punched the clerk, grabbed the cash register and ran out the door.

Outside, he ran around the building to where the car he was driving was parked and threw the cash register in the seat.

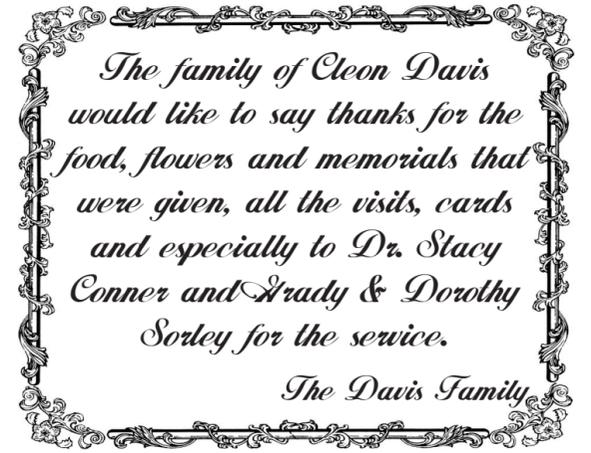
What he didn't plan for is that while other stores he'd hit in a similar manner had a concrete parking area behind them, this one didn't. Nor had he planned on the heavy rain the area had received turning the field behind the store into a quagmire.

He ended up fleeing on foot, leaving the cash register in the front seat, and all of his personal possessions in the back seat and trunk of the rental car.

When he called the rental company to report his car stolen the next morning, the clerk — who had been prepared for such a call by the police — told him he needed to come in and sign some paperwork. I probably needn't explain who was also awaiting his arrival.

On the Andy Griffith show of black and white television days, there was one character, Otis the town drunk, who would wander into the sheriff's office, walk into a cell and lock himself in.

... Obviously, he wasn't an only child.



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## The Best Blessings of God Are Often the Little Ones

My dog has me well-trained. (Well, to be strictly accurate, she's my son's dog, but . . .) I'm pretty sure she's done a far better job training me than I have training her.

As I write, it's getting late. I had a church newsletter to write, and then, this column. Maddie, the aforementioned canine, had been peacefully snoozing at the end of the

Chris and #3 son Stephan were about to fly across the pond to Uganda. We were fritzed. Half of our offspring were leaving for Africa. We'd been more than busy helping them get ready to go and, to be sure that life was totally topsy turvy, had begun a major renovation at the house with the kitchen and living room gutted and any semblance of order in our lives as demolished as the kitchen.

That's when Maddie showed up. Josh thought we needed her. Mom didn't. I'm a sucker for a warm puppy, but I was just trying to keep sort of quiet and out of the line of fire.

She stayed. Mom, too. We didn't really think we needed that dog, but we did. We needed an occasional reason to sit down in a lawn chair in the gutted living room, and stop cutting boards or gluing pipes, and just hold something warm and soft and furry—and just "be"—for a quiet minute.

In one of Jan Karon's lovely "Mitford" books, she quotes from a gentleman who said, "Dogs are our link to Paradise. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden where doing nothing was not boring; it was peace."

We needed some peace. We needed God's peace. And one way he gave it to us was through a little warm puppy with a ridiculously high opinion of her human family.

When you get right down to it, the "little blessings" that God gives us in life are some of the best. Taken together, they're not little at all. And they point us to our Father's joy, his peace, his unconditional love.

In my experience, most of God's blessings don't have fur. But one does.

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



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couch when some internal canine clock went off. She shook out her fur coat, peered over the couch at me (as I was perched writing at the bar), and told me she was ready for bed.

Well, no, she didn't actually speak. I'm sure she could, but why should she? She gets everything she wants anyway.

So, well-trained dog's best friend that I am, I dutifully opened the front door for her, waited a few moments enjoying the night air and a glimpse of the stars, opened it again, followed her to her "house" ("cage" would imply she is a mere animal), and tucked her in.

Now, having done everything Maddie has trained me to do, I'm back at work.

Maddie showed up at our house as a little pup back in August of 2004. I have no head for dates, but I remember that one because when #4 son Josh brought the cute little furball home and shamelessly campaigned to keep her, things got a tad tearful and emotional. You see, it was just as #1 son

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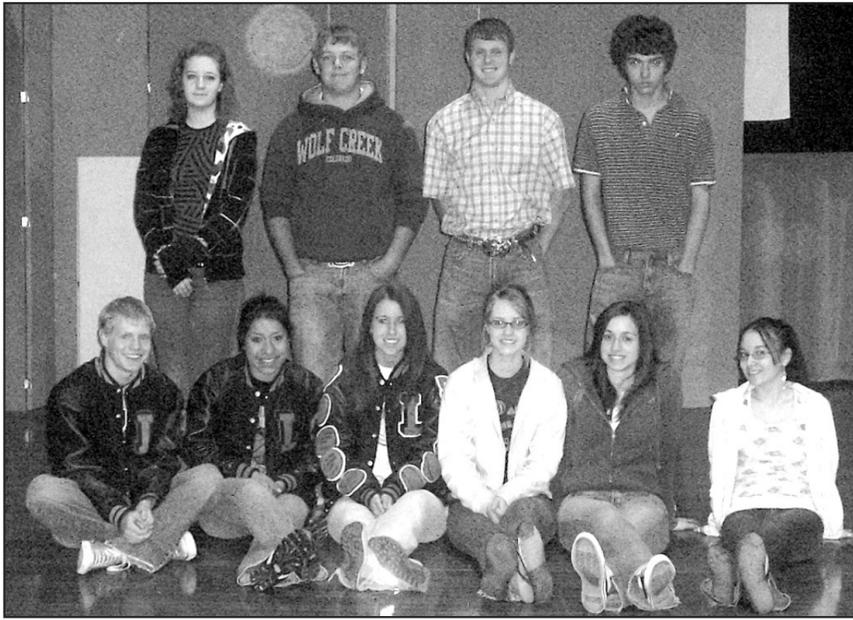
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## Lazbuddie students qualify for Regional Academic UIL

Several Lazbuddie students recently qualified for Regional Academic UIL.

These students, pictured above, and their area of competition and district placings include:

- Computer Science — Chase Timms, first; Devlin Thompson, second; and Jacob Schacher third.

- Ready Writing — Rochelle Smith, first.

- Number Sense, alternate team — Brittney Schacher, fifth alternate; Jacob Schacher, sixth alternate; Chase Timms, sixth alternate.

- Persuasive Speaking — Dallas Young,

second.

- Calculator, first place team — Chelsee Nichols, first; Regina Mata, fourth; Joseline Garcia.

- Science, alternate team — Kayle Jesko, first individual.

- First Biology and Second Physics — Darin Ivy and Colton Weaver.

- Cross X Team Second Dallas Young and Colton Weaver (State Qualifiers).

- News Writing — Brittney Schacher, fourth alternate; Chelsee Nichols, fifth alternate.

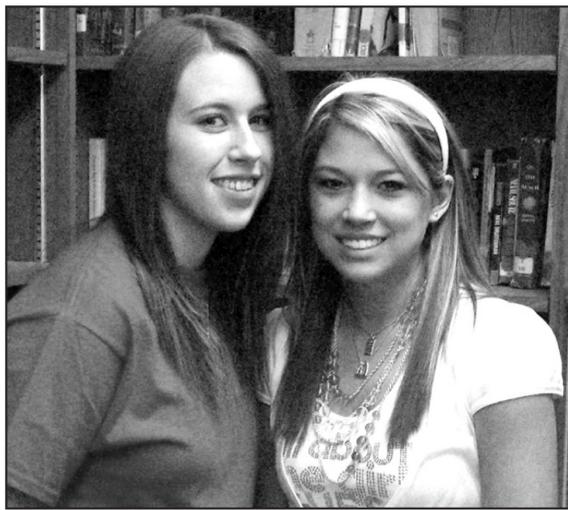
- Informative Speaking — Arthur Gomez, sixth alternate.



## Local math and science competitors...

Watson Junior High students who competed in San Antonio at the Texas Math and Science state competition on March 29 included Frank Recio, Sarah Whitworth, Belinda Pacheco, Carlos Nunez and Weston Griswold, pictured above. Of these, Belinda Pacheco placed seventh and Sarah Whitworth placed 12th.

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## Lazbuddie students picked for All Star game

Chelsee Nichols and Brianna Sanchez, pictured on the left, have been chosen to play for the West team in the Golden Spread All Star games.

The girls' first game will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, and will then play again on Saturday, April 12, the game time is unknown.

## Health

### Parkinson's Disease: More than just the shakes

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

Parkinson's disease affects nerve cells in the part of the brain controlling muscle movement. While that is the most visible sign of the disease, it is not the only one.

"The earliest symptom of Parkinson's disease may be an arm that does not swing when you walk, a mild tremor in the fingers of one hand, soft, mumbling speech and/or difficulty swallowing," said Andrew Crocker, Texas AgriLife Extension gerontology health specialist.

"You may lack energy, feel depressed, have trouble sleeping, (have) slowed motion, rigid muscles, loss of automatic movements and/or dementia." As many as half the people with Parkinson's develop depression, sometimes occurring months or even years before the disease is diagnosed, Crocker said. While physical limitations resulting from the disease can be frustrating and stressful, depression is not usually a reaction to physical disability, but more likely a result of underlying brain changes.

Parkinson's disease is progressive, meaning the signs and symptoms become worse over time; however, the disease often progresses gradually and most people have many years of productive living after a diagnosis, Crocker said.

Parkinson's disease occurs when certain nerve cells in a particular area of the brain are damaged or destroyed, he said. Normally, these nerve cells release dopamine which causes the muscles to make smooth, controlled movements. Everyone loses some dopamine-producing nerve cells as they grow older; but people with Parkinson's disease may lose half or more of these cells.

Age is one of the main risk factors for Parkinson's, Crocker said. In fact, signs and symptoms of Parkinson's disease may be dismissed as the effects of aging.

Other risk factors may include heredity, gender, exposure to pesticides and herbicides and/or reduced estrogen levels, among others, he said.

"See your health provider if you have any of the symptoms associated with Parkinson's disease, not only to diagnose the illness but also to rule out other causes for your problem," Crocker said.

A diagnosis of Parkinson's disease is based on medical history, observations and a neurological examination, he said. The health provider will want to know about any medications being taken and any family history of Parkinson's.

The initial response to Parkinson's treatment can be dramatic for some, but over time the benefits of drugs diminish or become

less consistent, Crocker said, although symptoms can usually still be fairly well controlled.

Physical therapy may be helpful in improving mobility, range of motion and muscle tone, he said. Although specific exercises cannot stop the progress of the disease, strengthening muscles may improve confidence and capability.

"When lifestyle changes are no longer enough, your health provider may recommend certain medications," Crocker said. "Medications can help manage problems with walking, movement and tremor by increasing the brain's supply of dopamine."

With the advent of drug therapies, surgical approaches have been re-evaluated, he said. A brain implant device is now widely used to help control many of the symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

The deep brain stimulator consists of a pacemaker-like unit implanted in the chest wall that transmits electric impulses through a wire to tiny electrodes inserted deep within the brain.

"If you have received a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease, you will need to work closely with your health provider to find a treatment plan right for you," Crocker said. "Certain lifestyle changes also may help make living with Parkinson's disease easier, such as eating a healthy diet and getting exercise."

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# School board discusses high school expansion project

**By Larry Thornton**  
Managing Editor

Muleshoe's school board discussed a variety of issues related to the district's facility update during Monday's regular meeting, including the unexpected added expense of running a new eight-inch waterline to the high school.

Superintendent Gene Sheets explained that the water pressure requirements needed to supply the high school campus with its expected additions in the event of a fire exceed the capabilities of the existing lines.

He said close to \$300,000 more may be needed to for moving the existing utilities.

"We questioned it pretty extensively," Sheets said. "And, we're exploring other

## Lazbuddie youth earns scholarship

Hard work and dedication paid off for Lazbuddie FFA member, Kayle Jesko, the son of Terry & Janene Jesko, who recently earned a \$500 college entry scholarship by the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show's Calf Scramble Committee.

Jesko is one of 61 Texas high school students who will share a total of \$82,000 in grant money raised by the Show's Calf Scramble Committee members.

The sponsor for Kayle's scholarship grant is Mrs. Perry Bass of Fort Worth.

Kayle's Limousin heifer project was sponsored by National Finance Credit Corporation, also of Fort Worth.

options to see if we can save a \$100,000.

"Can we get the city to pay for it?" board member Daniel Guzman asked about line that will probably have to be brought in from the area of Seventh St.

Also regarding the high school expansion project, the superintendent said, "We are well into the design phase of the high school."

While discussing the architectural statements recently received by the school district, the superintendent pointed out that the district was working on four major projects rolled into one.

He said the district was looking at the Dillman expansion being substantially finished by the middle of May, ahead of schedule, while the work at Watson Junior High is currently a little behind schedule.

In regards to the work being completed at Dillman, the school board approved the purchase of new playground equipment for the elementary campus at a cost of slightly more than \$56,000, which will include the district doing a portion of the installation work.

"Playground equipment is more expensive than you think," the superintendent said.

"This is going to be a lot better than we had," Principal Todd Newberry said.

He added that PTA funds are going to be used to purchase a sunshade, and it was noted that a fence will have to be installed as well because the location of the new equipment will be substantially closer to the street.

In other business, the school board:

- Approved the renewal

of the district's food service contract with Aramark, subject to approval by Texas Department of Health, and praised the efforts of the district's Aramark representative.

"Robin (Thacker) has done a really good job for us," McNeill said while discussing the food services report and the financial stability of the district's food service program.

The superintendent agreed. "She has done an excellent job for us," he said.

While board member Cindy Purdy said, "I do want to thank you. ...Aramark has done a tremendous job in regards to our food service. You really have made a difference for our children. Robin took the reigns and made it work."

- Took no action concerning the purchase of another activity bus.

"We've talked about the activity bus a number of times," said Sheets, adding that the administration and transportation department wanted to look at using the current bus more before making a decision about purchasing another activity bus, also noting that other needs have a higher priority.

- Approved the school calendar for the 2008-09 school year.

Recognized the accomplishments of students in marketing, FFA, and power lifting.

"The students are doing what they do best... winning," said MHS Principal Elizabeth Ward.

- Approved the minutes from the March 10 board meeting as distributed.

Received a financial report from the district's business manager, Trae McNeill, in which she pointed out that the district was "holding good" on its budget.

She said 67 percent of school year has passed and only 58 percent of budget had been used to date.

- Approved the appointment of Ruby Henderson as the election

judge for the May 10 election, along with Eva Nell Dale as the assistant judge and Beatriz Olivas as the clerk.

- Approved the Textbook Committee's recommendations for elementary math from the Texas Education Agency.

Returned from closed session to discuss and approve the district's salary stipend list with minor changes, and to hire two other teacher and coaches:

- Jason Cole, who will teach high school math and coach high school softball.

Matt Mason, who will teach high school math and will coach varsity basketball.

- Israel DeLeon as a junior high coach

Suzanne King, who will teach junior high social studies.



## WJH Students of the Week

Watson Junior High recently announce the Students of the Week for March 27 were: Gilbert Fabela, Stephanie Infante, Martin Bejarano, Marielena Campos and Jose Quezada. Alex Rodriguez, who was also honored, was not available for the photograph.

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- One Trustee to represent District #2  
And
- One Trustee to represent District #3  
And
- One Trustee to represent District #5

(Se hace saber que las siguientes casillas nombradas aquí abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., el 10 de Mayo, 2008, para votaciones para la Elección General para elegir:

- Un Fideicomisario que represente el Distrito #2  
Y
- Un Fideicomisario que represente el Distrito #3  
Y
- Un Fideicomisario que represente el Distrito #5

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City Hall, 215 S. First, Muleshoe, TX

Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 28, 2008 and ending on May 6, 2008.

(Entre las horas de 8:00 a.m. a las 5:00 p.m. empezando el 28 de Abril, 2008 y terminando el 6 de Mayo, 2008.)

Early voting hours are extended from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on April 29, 2008 and May 6, 2008 as required under Section 85.005 (d) of the Election Code.

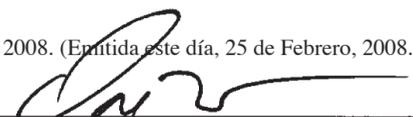
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Pam Thomason  
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