

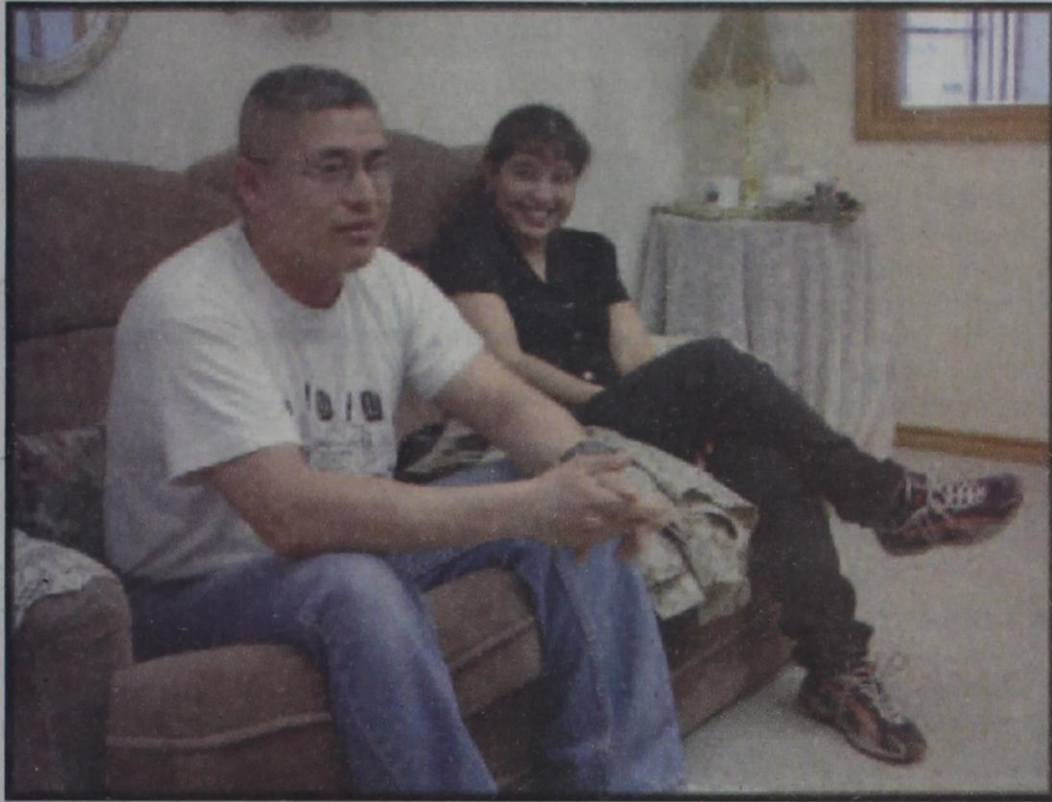
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Eddie Alvarado talks about Iraq as his wife Rachel looks on.

Muleshoe marine returns from Iraq, says thanks for all the support

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

After eight months away from home, a 1983 Muleshoe High School graduate has returned home with the intent of meeting all of the people who expressed their love and support for him.

"I've got a lot of new friends I've got to meet," Staff Sergeant Eduardo "Eddie" Alvarado, USMC, said Monday.

Eight months ago, Alvarado left his community of Muleshoe, his wife Rachel and his children, Eddie Jr., Elias and Victoria,

to travel to Camp Pendleton, in California for a month of training prior to being deployed near Falugah in Northern Iraq.

Shortly after graduating from high school, Alvarado said he entered the Marine

Alvarado said during the war it wasn't unusual for military vehicles that weren't operation to be left at the road side, but since that time all such vehicles have been recovered as quickly as possible to prevent their

being booby-trapped by guerrilla forces.

"We weren't allowed to leave anything on the road," Alvarado said, "regardless of the condition."

The staff

Corps Reserve, where he served four years before moving to active duty. Now, with 21 years of military service behind him — including seven months in war-torn Iraq, Alvarado has returned home safe and sound, but not untroubled by his overseas duty.

Alvarado said he was one of 17 Marines attached to a motor transport company out of Lubbock who were deployed in 2004 to Iraq where he was attached to a company assigned to support the convoys needed to move supplies and men.

As the shop chief for the transport company, Alvarado said some of his most dangerous duty involved the recovery of military vehicles that had broken down or been damaged or destroyed by the Islamic insurgents seeking to drive the United States and coalition forces from the occupied nation.

sergeant said most of the recovery missions, and the military convoys, were conducted at night, when the US forces had the advantage of night-vision equipment.

But not all of the danger was on the road. Alvarado talked about how one of the men in his company — a Marine who had only been in Iraq for a day — was killed by a rocket while walking with three others, two from Alvarado's platoon.

Alvarado said the attack, and the death of this young man who had been hit in the chest by the rocket deeply troubled him to the degree that he didn't even call his wife for about a week.

While Alvarado continues to believe in the United States' mission in Iraq, he does have some mixed feelings. "We've made a difference," Alvarado said,

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Economic development committee recommends county road grant

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Economic Development Committee voted to provide funding for the construction of a road to a new dairy in the Muleshoe area during Thursday's meeting.

County Precinct 2 Commissioner C.E. Grant and County Judge Sherri Harrison appeared and requested the funds for the project that was already underway on County Road 133.

According to Grant, the road will have a 60-foot right of way, and a 30-foot roadbed, which had been built by county employees for \$6,400. The majority of the road's expense he said was for the 27 feet of cliché (spelling) used to surface the road.

Grant said that the initial estimate for the project was set at \$110,000, however, that amount has since been

reduced to \$89,430. He also explained that other new roads built in Bailey County had depleted the county's funds, making the request necessary.

the discussion, and that they would be abstaining from any vote on any related motion.

During the discussion, committee member Pat

Angeley said she was troubled by the perception she felt many Muleshoe residents would have about the county commissioners coming to the

'You run the risk affecting public perception anytime you do anything...'
— David Brunson

The county development authority for road funds.

She also expressed fears that MEDC's participation in the project would cause problems between the county commissioners. "Are we going to get into a power struggle?" Angeley asked.

It was explained that another livestock businessman had been complaining about repairs

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Spring break in Muleshoe...

Monday's strong breeze didn't stop some of Muleshoe's youngsters from reveling in spring break. Pictured above, Shelby Carpenter pushes Georgia Taylor in the swing while Ethan Taylor waits for his turn, and dog Rudy looks for something more interesting to do.

Filing period closes for MISD, Muleshoe municipal elections

The registration period for the Muleshoe Independent School District's election and the Muleshoe General election closed Monday, with only four MISD candidates and two council seat candidates.

According to school district officials, the only incumbent facing opposition is

Dist. 3 incumbent Rene Torres.

Daniel Guzman has also filed for the Dist. 3 seat.

Other candidates who have filed include Dist. 2 incumbent Cindy Purdy and Dist. 5 incumbent Nick Bamert.

Polls will open for the spring election on May 7, and early voting is set for April 20 through May 3. Only registered voters living within the individual districts up for election are eligible to vote.

According to City Secretary LeAnn Gallman, the

only candidates to register with her office are Dist. 3 incumbent Earl Behrends, and Mark Beard who has filed for the Dist. 4 seat.

Although the official candidate registration has closed, Gallman explained that write-in candidates may be included on the ballot; however, all write-in

candidates must declare themselves at her office by 5 p.m. on March 14. Individuals wishing to vote in the election may register until Thursday, April 7.

Call Muleshoe City Secretary LeAnn Gallman at 272-4528 for additional information.

Local Weather

Thurs.
Sunny... 71/30

Fri.
Mly. sunny... 67/36

Sat.
Sunny... 75/41

Sun.
Mly. sunny... 76/40

Mon.
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Wed.
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Words to ponder from Beverly

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Bailey County Extension and the Bailey County Diabetes Coalition will be sponsoring a diabetes educational series called Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes. The primary goal of this program is to help participants learn how to manage their meal plan and self-care to maintain their blood glucose in the ranges recommended by the American Diabetes Association.

Presenters include Dr. Thomas Smith, Kay Swint, Linda Bullock, Kristi Spies, Amanda Shelton and Jenifer Gregory. The program will be held from 7-9 p.m. on March 15, 22 and 29, and April 5, 12 and 19, at the Bailey County Coliseum Meeting Room. Participants who attend all six sessions will receive a free glucometer. For more information or to register for the program, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County Extension, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

Old yearbooks wanted

Former Muleshoe students or anyone with old yearbooks, including parents who still have their kids' old yearbooks, are invited to contribute them to the Muleshoe Heritage Center. They will be placed in the Depot for people to take a mental stroll down memory lane.

To donate, call the Depot, Monday through Friday, from 1 to 5 p.m. and ask for Delores. The number is (806) 272-5873. At this time, yearbooks from 1950, 1951, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1963, 1970, 1973, 1975 and 1980 are still needed.

Muleshoe graduates sought

The Ex-Student Association is looking for 1924 - 1985 graduates and former students for an all school reunion to be held on July 2, 2005.

Call 806-272-3233 or send name, address and phone numbers in by March 15, 2005, to Muleshoe Ex-Student Association, P.O. Box 100, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

The next meeting is Feb. 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oneita Wagon Senior Center.

Fine Arts Night to Shine

Fine Arts Night will be at 6:30 p.m., March 31, at the High School auditorium. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. The choir will perform at 6:30 p.m. There will be a live auction and the band will perform afterward.

Attention MHS students

Applications for the Kristy M. Landers Memorial Scholarship are available from the MHS counselor. Final day to apply is March 16.

Muleshoe AA meetings set

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Saturday at 121 W. Ave. C (next door to the Mental Health Mental Retardation [MHMR] near Main Street). For information about these meetings or AA in general, call Bobby F. at 272-8948 or 272-4433.

Judge's scholarship

The Texas Justice Court Judges Association has created a scholarship in the name of Judge Herman Morrison, whose memory is being honored with this educational subsidy.

To be eligible for the Judge Herman Morrison Memorial Scholarship, students must be related to a member of the Texas Justice Court Judges Association.

For more information, contact Gayla Gear at Muleshoe High School 272-7304 or call the office of the Justice of the Peace at 272-4300.

Chamber seeks event information

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture website is being developed and needs the help of community members. Site designer Stacy Thompson needs local and area people to let her know about upcoming events of any nature in Muleshoe. Thompson suggests that events should be called in at least one month in advance for the calendar to be effective. Churches, organizations, clubs, schools, business, individual, etc. events will be publicized on the site if received in time to do so. Call your events in to Thompson at 272-3652 or email thompsn@fivearea.com.

'Wild at Heart' offering free oil changes

"Wild at Heart" men's ministry of New Covenant Church is offering free oil changes to the elderly, disabled and single mothers with children this holiday season. The ministry is designed to fulfill the gospel's call to take care of those less fortunate than ourselves.

To qualify, one must be over 60 years of age, be disabled or be a single mother with children living at home. The oil change will be provided by a local business and will be free. If you, or anyone you know of needs their vehicle services and meet the criteria, call (806) 965-2787 and a certificate will be sent to them.

Little League sign-up

Parents wishing to sign their children up for Little League may do so Thursday, March 17, from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Muleshoe Junior High, during the Little Dribblers basketball games. There is a \$25 sign-up fee, and parents are asked to remember to bring the birth certificate of the youngsters being signed-up. Contact Jorge Barron, 272-3577, or Adrian Perez, 272-5650, for additional information.

Gardening workshop scheduled

A gardening, mini-farming workshop has been scheduled for April 5, 12, 19 and 26, at the Garden & Art Center in Lubbock. The workshop will cover several gardening topics including organic, no-till and beds. For additional information call 767-3724, or email Ken Hargesheiner at "minifarms@aol.com."

Sophomore cookie dough and pie sale

The Muleshoe High School Sophomore class will be holding a cookie dough and pie sale as a fundraiser until March 14. To receive additional information or to place an order, contact any Senior or Sophomore class member or sponsor, call the school at 272-7303, or email the order to April Smith at "asmith@muleshoeisd.net" or Debbie Connor "dconnor@muleshoeisd.net". Other class sponsors include Linda Cogliandro and Sid Morris. Cookie dough and pies will be delivered about two weeks after the end of the sale.

First Baptist of Earth to hold revival

First Baptist Church of 101 NE 1st, Earth, has scheduled a revival for March 4-16 with the message being presented by Dr. Joel Gregory of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Jeff and Cindy Petillo of FBC, Farmington, N.M., assisting with the music and worship. Services will begin at 7 p.m. each night. Also during the revival, there will be a Bible study at noon on March 4, and at 8 a.m. and a Brotherhood breakfast on March 5. The 10:30 a.m. service on March 6 will be followed by a Fellowship meal. For additional information call 806-257-2036.

DL Office closed for Easter Holiday

The Drivers license office in Muleshoe will be closed March 24-25 and 28-29, for the Easter Weekend. Normal Business hours will resume on Wednesday, March 30.

Support sought for Project Graduation

Parents of the Muleshoe Senior Class of 2005 need your help to make Project Graduation safe, fun and memorable for our graduates.

Donations are being accepted to help with expenses such as games, food and prizes for a celebration in Amarillo. Transportation and sponsors will be provided. This will be a substance-free, non-alcohol, drug-free event.

Donations will be acknowledged in the newspaper in one of three levels: Gold Sponsor — donation of at least \$100; Silver Sponsor — donation of at least \$50; Bronze Sponsor — donation of at least \$25. Donations of any amounts will be appreciated.

Donations for "2005 Project Graduation" or questions may be addressed to: Lavon Hunt, The Donut Hole, 1106 W American Blvd. Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or by calling 272-3668; Jody Wood, 1502 W. Ave C, Muleshoe, Texas 7934, or by calling 272-7549; or Tom Ladd, Earl Ladd & Sons, 602 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or by calling 272-3308.

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Marine returns from Iraq... continued from page 1.

adding that through the efforts of his fellow marines and other military personnel, Iraq has succeeded in holding its first free election.

"Part of me says I'm willing to do what ever is necessary to help Iraq," he said, but part of him also feels resentment due in part to resentment he feels at the loss of life during the peace keeping effort that has followed the war.

During the interview, Alvarado talked about the support the military personnel were receiving from family; friends and even strangers back home in the states.

"I want to offer my sincere thanks for all of the overwhelming support, letters and care packages," Alvarado said. He also said the letters he received at Christmas were especially welcome, even though



Ssgt Eduardo Alvarado

Alvarado said he "bawled like a baby," a perfectly normal reaction to being separated from the people he cared about during the holidays.

Rachei Alvarado, who along with her husband is members of the First Assembly of God in Muleshoe, said she also was deeply moved by the prayers and words of encouragement she received from people from the area while Eddie was

overseas. She said people she didn't know would stop her in a store and tell her they were praying for Eddie's safe return.

And Alvarado said the letters from students at Muleshoe were shared with the men in his platoon. Of course, since some of the letters were written in Spanish, Alvarado said he had to translate them for the marines who received them.

Of the people in Iraq, Alvarado said the majority of the people he dealt with were civilian personnel at the military base to which he was assigned. "For the most part, they were friendly," he said, recalling how one of the Iraqis noticed his nametag and asked if he spoke Spanish.

When Alvarado said he did, he discovered that the Iraqi had been studying Spanish and enjoyed this

extra bond he shared with one of the Marines helping his country's move to stability.

He also said that while many of the people were still fearful about helping the military forces they would still do so, providing information about hidden weapons and guerilla activities.

Alvarado's return was celebrated at the First Assembly of God Saturday; an event at which Pastor Jack Stone said tears of joy freely flowed.

Violinist David Felberg to perform at Clovis

Clovis Community College's Cultural Arts Series and Plains Regional Medical Center present concert violinist David Felberg, March 17, at 7 p.m., Town Hall auditorium, at the college.

Felberg is currently a concertmaster of the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra and is in great demand as a concerto soloist, recitalist, and chamber musician. Mary Jo Gothmann, pianist, who has performed recitals with singers from the Metropolitan Opera, will be accompanying Felberg.

Call 769-4132 for ticket information.

Lamplight... by Larry Thornton

It was a hot night, just like many that preceded it when air-conditioned homes were the exception rather than the rule and people could leave their front doors unlocked and even open without fear of attack or intrusion.

When the family moved into the new home the large room at the back of the garage was converted into a bedroom for the two boys. There was plenty of room for their beds, a stove for the winter, and two doors on opposite sides of the room that allowed a breeze to pass through during the hot, humid Oklahoma nights.

And as with many boys, there was a dog that occasionally shared the room with them, especially during those nights when temperatures forced them to leave the doors open. Unfortunately, as much as they cared for the dog, it had a habit that made it... well, less loved by its youthful owners. The dog liked to catch and eat skunks.

Needless to say, it wasn't unusual for the canine to return home in a condition that was far from fragrant, and many late spring and summer nights he'd enter the boy's open door after a successful hunt smelling strong enough to wake one or both of the youth from a deep slumber. On such an occasion, it also wasn't unusual for the dog's entrance to be greeted by one of the bleary-eyed youths grabbing a boot and launching it in the dog's direction in an effort to drive him from the bedroom.

However, on one particular summer night, things didn't go quite as expected. When an odorous creature in the doorway awakened the younger boy, he didn't bother rugging the sleep from his eyes before grabbing his boot, throwing it at the door and yelling the dog's name.

He quickly learned from his mistake when the startled critter at the door let loose a cloud that the summer breeze carried into the bedroom. And to make matters even worse, the boys' skunk-hunting dog responded to his name being called and began chasing the skunk around

the room, ensuring that everything in the room was thoroughly sprayed.

The next morning found the boys bathing in tomato juice as they tried to put the events of the night behind them.

Just as with these boys, sometimes our best intentions result in unexpected consequences. At one time the nation of Israel cried out for a king such as the other nations had. In response, God Almighty gave them Saul, son of Kish. Sometimes when we ask for something that isn't in our best interest God gives it to us, and allows us to face the consequences of our actions or choices.

In the Book of Genesis, we read how Sarai became impatient with God's promise that her husband Abram's offspring would be as numerous as the stars, so with the best of intentions, Sarai offered Abram her handmaiden,

Hagar.

"...The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family through her," The Bible quotes Sarai as saying in Genesis 16:2, NIV.

Later in the same chapter, The Bible tells us that Hagar bore Abram a son he named Ishmael, but it also tells that God reminded Abram that God's plans and the timing of those plans are different from man's.

As it was with Sarai, we should not be surprised when our plans to further God's kingdom fail. Nor should we be surprised that the consequences of our actions are far from fragrant.

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Muleshoe Roadriders rally set

The Muleshoe Roadriders' 23rd annual Motorcyclist Rally has been set for March 18-19, at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Registration will be open at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 18, and on Saturday, March 19, from 7 a.m. until noon. The outside bike tour, first bike out, will be at 8 a.m., and the last bike out will be at noon.

Among the other rally events on Saturday will be field events and games at 1 p.m.; a bike show at 3 p.m.; a parade at 4:30 p.m.; and an awards presentation at 5 p.m.

For information, contact Daniel Guzman at 806-272-4953 or Tuffy McDaniel at 806-272-5205. Preregistration for the event must be received by March 14.

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Sheets, Otts announce engagement

Kyle and Bernita Sheets of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their daughter, Terah Sheets, also of Muleshoe, to U.S. Air Force Captain Nathaniel Ott of Farwell. The bride-to-be is currently attending law school at Texas Tech, and has a bachelor of Science degree from Abilene Christian University. The groom-to-be has a degree in civil engineering from Notre Dame. Currently, Capt. Ott, a pilot of an F-16, is stationed at Canon AFB. The wedding ceremony has been set for June 18, 2005, at La Posada Resort & Spa, Sante Fe, N.M., with a reception to follow. At a later date, the couple plans to hold a reception at the home of the bride's parents.

NCLB scores released

Muleshoe Independent School District recently received some good news. All campuses and the district as a whole were rated "Meets AYP" for 2004. The designation of "Meets AYP" (Adequate Yearly Progress) is part of the requirements of the new Federal law called "No Child Left Behind."

"We are very excited," said MISD Superintendent Gene Sheets. "This validates the hard work of our students, teachers, staff, and parents." Under NCLB, schools are measured on their ability to meet federal standards for state TAKS test scores in the following areas:

- Grades 3-8 and also Grade 10 in Reading, English/Language Arts and Math.

- Six student subgroups, including Black, Hispanic, White, economically disadvantaged, special

education and Limited English Proficient.

- Test participation rates, attendance rates and graduation rates.

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Obituaries

Cecil Slover

Church services for Cecil Slover, 76, of Earth, were held Saturday, March 5, 2005, at the Earth United Methodist Church with the Rev. Johnny Williams of Lubbock and officiating. Burial followed in Earth Memorial Park Cemetery.

Slover died March 2, 2005, in Lubbock. He was born July 2, 1928, in White Flat, and married Marie Rea in Matador on Nov. 14, 1952.

Slover was a member of the Earth United Methodist Church. He was employed as the principal for the Springlake-Earth Jr. High School for 30 years. He was also a member of the Teachers Retirement Assoc. and the AARP.

Slover served in the US Army during the time of the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife Marie of Earth; two sons and one daughter-in-law

Greg and Darla Slover of Panhandle, and Lynn Slover of Lubbock; one daughter and son-in-law Alayne and Ron Bradshaw of Panhandle; two sisters — Wanda Davis of Hubbard, and Emma Martin of Dangerfield; three brothers — Keith Slover of Paducah, Gary Slover of McGregor and Jim Slover of Big Sandy; He is also survived by seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

James 'Pat' McCord

Funeral services for James "Pat" McCord, 89, of Seal Beach, Calif., are scheduled for March 10, 2005, at the First Baptist Church of Earth with Rev. Michael Kelly and Rev. Bill Anderson officiating.

Burial will follow in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

McCord died March 2, 2005, in Seal Beach. He was born in Sweetwater, Okla., on Jan. 25, 1916, and married Gladys Barton of Earth on June 8, 1938. She preceded him in death on Jan. 7, 2001.

McCord has lived in Seal Beach since August 1999



James "Pat" McCord

when he moved from Earth. He had lived in Earth since 1928.

McCord was a member of the First Baptist Church of Earth, and was a former mayor of Earth.

He was also a former

member of the Springlake-Earth School Board and a 1934 graduate of Springlake-Earth High School.

McCord served in the US Army Corps of Engineers during World War II and worked as a farmer in the Earth community.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law — Jane McCord and her husband of Seal Beach, and Jill Hamilton and her husband Lynn of Hereford, Ariz. He is also survived by three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Ruby Riley

Funeral services for Ruby Riley were held March 7, 2005, at Third and Kilgore Church of Christ. Portales, N.M., with ministers Skip Clark and David Bennett officiating. Burial followed in Portales Cemetery.

Riley died March 4, 2005, in Muleshoe. She was born on March 15, 1930, to Mary and J. W. Terry of Portales, and married Fred L. Riley on May 4, 1947 in Arch, N.M., before moving to the Bethel community in 1954.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents, as well as three brothers — Louis "Fat" Terry, Lynn "Pete" Terry and Willard "Bill" Terry; and three sisters — Lola Mae Hill, Anne Howard and Lucille Hill.

In 1964, she began working at the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, where she served as both a cook and a houseparent for several years.

In 1975, Riley retired, and in 1989 she moved to Loop,

where her son Ron Riley lived at that time. In 1994, she moved to Roscoe, and then in 1999 to Farwell.

In 2002, Riley moved to Earth where she lived until January 2003, when she moved to Parkview Nursing Home in Muleshoe.

Riley was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ. She enjoyed reading and needlepoint, latch hook work and embroidery.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law — Ron and Carolyn Riley of Earth, Mike and Delilah Riley of Grandview, and

Tommy and Rebecca Riley of Stanton; two daughters and sons-in-law — Char and Delbert Rector of Portales, and Treasa and Mark Robertson of Clovis, N.M.; two brothers — Dave Terry and Ray Terry, both of Portales; one sister — Ruth Weems of Portales; 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, N.M. 88130.

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Springlake-Earth honor rolls released

The students listed on the fourth six-week period Springlake-Earth High School honor rolls are:

"A" Honor Roll

9th Grade — Kate Sides.
10th Grade — Lauri Davis.
11th Grade — Michael Miller and Shelly York.
12th Grade — Bonnie Bagwell and Alex Loucks

"B" Honor Roll

9th Grade — Victoria Conner, Laura Geissler and

MiReyna Ryes.

10th Grade — Andrew Lancaster, Logan McCurry, Kristi Miller, Erica Proctor and Jose Vega.

11th Grade — Brook Bottelman, Zeth Collom and Melinda Garcia.

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Sports

Mules bring out the 'big bats' against Dimmitt Bobcats

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Mule baseball team pushed their season record to 4-0 Saturday afternoon by taking a pair of games from the Dimmitt Bobcats. The Mules rolled out the big bats in the first game and blasted four home runs to drop Dimmitt 9-3.

The Mule bats fell silent for the first three innings of the second game and the Bobcats took a two run lead. But in the fourth inning the

Mules sent 12 men to the plate and scored eight runs on seven hits. The Mules hammered Dimmitt 14-5 to take the second game.

Jarad Flores was on the mound for the Mules in the first game and gave up three runs on six hits and struck out six Bobcats. He did not walk a batter but did put one on first when he hit him with a pitch.

Brant Hamilton came on in relief to start the seventh. Hamilton gave up two hits before getting the third bat-

ter to fly out to Cody Clark in right field. Hamilton walked the bases loaded before striking out the final two batters for Dimmitt.

Hamilton led off the game for the Mules with a line drive homer near the foul pole in left and added a second four-bag hit in the fourth. His second blast cleared the fence in in left field.

Robby Bomer scored in relief with a homer in the second inning and Flores open the fourth inning with

a blast out of the park in left field. Hamilton led the Mules with three hits in the game and Eddie Alvarado had a pair of singles.

Clark made two big plays on defense in the first inning to hold the Bobcats to a single run. He charged a high fly to shallow right field and scooped the ball off his shoe tops for the second out of the inning.

Dimmitt banged a double off the fence in right field but Clark chased down the ball and got it to Geoff Sirkel.

Sirkel turned and fired to Eddie Alvarado at third to cut down the runner trying to stretch a double into a triple for the third out.

Garrett Behrends camped under a high fly in left to start the fifth inning. Flores gave up a double to the second hitter. Alvarado fell down trying to chase down a towering fly ball in shallow left field and the ball fell in for a hit.

The Bobcat at second headed to third as the Mules scrambled for the ball. Juan Nunez, the Mule's catcher covered third and made the tag for the second out. Flores struck out the final batter on four pitches.

Landon Wilson pitched a complete game in the Mules second match of the day. Wilson faced 33 batters and gave up five runs on six hits and walked one batter. The Mules committed only one error in the game.

Alvarado led off the fourth inning for the Mules with a singled to left and moved to second on a passed ball. A pitch hit Flores and Bomer popped out to the short stop and the runners had to hold at first and second.

Wilson picked up a RBI

with a single to left field. Nunez got a RBI with a swinging bunt down the first base line for a single. Sirkel picked up a pair of runs with a ground rule double that bounced over the fence in right center.

Behrends reached on an error on the first baseman as he ran out a ground ball to the infield. Derek Purdy picked up a RBI with a single and Barry Morris drove in a run with a hit to left.

Alvarado moved the runners with a bunt sacrifice and Flores brought home the Mules eighth run of the inning with a single through the gap to right field.

Dimmitt scored three runs in the fifth inning on a pair of singles and a home run to end their scoring for the day.

Wilson struck out the side in the fourth inning and added two Ks in both the sixth and seventh innings.

The Mules go to Olton and River Road for double headers March 11 and March 12. The Mules return home March 15 to take on the Plains Cowboys. They will host the Muleshoe Tournament March 17-19.

Lady Mules track team are off and running

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Lady Mule track team got off to a running start in the Lubbock Cooper Pirate Relays this past Friday. The Lady Mules took second with a team score of 178 just five points behind Cooper's 183.

Idalou was third with 105.5 points, Littlefield took fourth with 57.5, Brownfield fifth with 44 and Abernathy was sixth with 12.

Jessica Withrow started her quest for her third

consecutive appearance in the Texas State Meet in Austin by taking gold medals in high jump, long jump, 100-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles. She also ran the anchor leg of the Lady Mule's second place 1600-meter relay team.

Withrow cleared five foot, six inches in the high jump and leaped 17'9" in the long jump. She finished the 100-meter hurdles in a time of 15.22 seconds and ran a 46.12 in the 300-hurdles.

Brandi Wood cleared 4'8" for second in the high jump and Kelsy Tipps took second in the triple jump with a combined distance of 33'3".

Minerva Martinez claimed a pair of gold medals for the Lady Mules. She tossed the shot put 32'0" and threw the discus 102'6".

Amber Cowart took the gold in the pole vault by clearing 8'6". Ashley Grumbles claimed the gold in the 3200-meter run with a time of 14 minutes 10 seconds. Hillary Tipps claimed fifth with a time of 15:12.

The Lady Mule 400-meter relay team of Wood, Chelsi Hawkins, K. Tipps and Renessia Hernandez placed third with a time of 56.80. The same team of girls finished fourth in the 800-meter relay with a

1:59.28.

Sarah Sexton took third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:48.23. Charissa Conner and Cowart finished fourth and sixth in the 100-meter hurdles. They had times of 18.09 and 18.24 respectively.

Lepard finished second in the 400-meter run with a 1:05.71 and Sexton ran fourth with a 1:08.05. Grumbles finished second in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:30.07 and H. Tipps was fourth with a 6:45.90.

Wood, Lepard, K. Tipps and Withrow took second in the 1600-meter relay with a time of 4:23.11.

The Lady Mules will compete in the Hornet Relays in Tulia March 19 and go to Brownfield March 24 and 25. The Lady Mules will host the Muleshoe Relays April 1.

Mule golf teams play in Denver City Invitational

The varsity and junior varsity Mule golf teams swung into action this past week. The Mules traveled to Denver City and played in the Denver City Invitational at the Yoakum County Country Club.

The Mules placed second with a team score of 323 behind Slaton that shot a 319. Denver City took the third spot with a 325 and Lubbock Cooper was fourth with a 335.

Trevor Turnbow and Myles James tied for third low individual with 77s to lead the Mules. Kory Atwood fired an 84, Cade Smith finished with an 85 and Trent Black shot an 86 to complete the team scoring.

The JV Mules were in the Friona Invitational and

placed fourth with a 366. Littlefield won the tournament with a 331. Hereford and Olton tied for second and third with 343s.

Jordan Marlow paced the JV Mules with an 85 and Chris Kindle fired an 88. Patrick Precure shot a 94, Arsenio Geter finished with a 99 and Kirby Kimbrough completed the round with a 106.

The Varsity Mules travel to Sweetwater for a two-day tournament March 11 and 12 and go to Seminole March 16. Both teams will be in action in the Lubbock Christian Tournament March 21.

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Weddings



Mrs. Jacob Caswell

Robertson, Caswell wed

Rebecca Renae Robertson and Jacob Neal Caswell were united in matrimony on Dec. 11, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe, with the Reverend Dr. Stacy Conner officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Darwin and Mary Ellen Robertson of Muleshoe, and the groom is the son of Pete and Belinda Caswell of Needmore.

The Matron of Honor was Jeanine Carrol of Houston, and the Best Man was Darren Box of Muleshoe. Bridesmaids were Meliane McCaul, Samantha Caswell, both of Lubbock, while groomsmen were Darren Elliot of Amarillo and Jarrod Redwine of Lubbock.

During the ceremonies, the bride wore a satin gown designed by Venus, with a fitted bodice. It featured a halter V-neck embellished with beading, pearl, sequins and silver embroidery. The gown had a full-length skirt that flared into a chapel-length train, edged also with beading, pearl, sequins and embroidery.

The bride's veil was a

Gene Watson to sing

The Brownfield Rialto Theater will host country music legend Gene Watson and the Farewell Party Band Friday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rialto Community Theater.

The theater is located at 408 W. Main in Brownfield. Gene Watson has had 20 Top 10 songs in his career, which started in 1974.

Some of his biggest songs were "Farwell Party," "Paper Rosie," and "Should I Come Home or Should I Go Crazy."

The Rialto Theater is a non-profit organization. All funds raised will go toward renovating the theater. Call 806-770-2000 or 1-800-735-1288 for ticket information.

Facility study released by school district

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

MISD Superintendent Gene Sheets opened a series of meetings Wednesday, March 2, seeking "input" from residents and parents concerning a facilities study the school board requested in December.

And while the report recommends that many of the school district's building be either renovated or replaced, Sheets said the school district is fortunate in that no dangerous conditions exist and the district has time to decide what is the best path to follow.

"We have some time," Sheets said, "it's not as if we're going to have to replace them tomorrow."

"These old walls aren't going to fall down," Sheets said, referring to the cafeteria building in which the meeting was being held. "We're not facing that kind of problem."

According to the facility report, which was prepared by the Texas Association of School Administrators, all of

the district's major structures were built between 1949 and 1965. And while there have been several rehabilitation projects to maintain the facilities the potential student growth the district is facing means it may be the most

increasing number of dairies in the Muleshoe area it's probable that more families with children will be moving into the school district.

However, Sheets pointed out that even without an increase in the student

more space for the lower grade levels. "It takes a lot of space when they (the young students) are not lined up."

"I think the superintendent needs some input as to what the community wants to do," Sheets said. "It's going to be a long process. It's not my decision... that wouldn't be fair to you all."

In an interview that followed Wednesday's meeting, Sheets praised the school board for all that it had done to extend the life of the facilities. According to the superintendent, the board has faithfully budget \$200,000 or more for capital improvements within the district.

He also said the school board established a five-year plan several years ago and has been updating it periodically; however, it was decided that a longer-ranging master plan would better benefit the district.

Sheets also said that while much the school district has accomplished has been without using it's option of presenting a bond issue to the public, there may come a time when the citizens of the school district are faced with a bond election as being the only viable alternative.

"These old walls aren't going to fall down... We're not facing that kind of problem." — Gene Sheets

cost effective for some of the buildings to be replaced.

Sheets explained that the school board contracted with TASA to assist with its intent to update the district's master plan because the board wanted an independent study, and not one from an architect who may be looking for work.

"This is deficit analysis," Sheets said, "you're (probably) going to be mad when you leave here today."

The superintendent said the school district has been gaining students, adding about 25 students this school year, and with the

population there were still some things the district needed to address, including the facilities' HVAC, electric, roofing and plumbing, adding that all four of the district's campuses needed attention.

Tommy King of Muleshoe, who was among those in attendance at Wednesday's meeting voiced concerns that reflected those expressed by the superintendent.

"Even if we don't grow one student, we're still going to have to do something," King said.

"We've got to do something. Dillman needs immediate help," he said, referring to the available space at the elementary school and the need for

Sports

Lady Mule golf gets underway

The Lady Mule varsity and junior varsity golf teams got their spring season under way in the Friona Invitational Tournament last Friday.

Dalhart placed first with a team score of 423 and the Lady Mules took second with a 435.

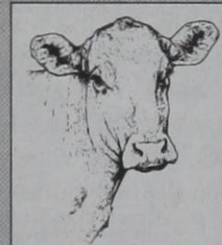
Farwell was third with a 438 and the JV Lady Mules shot a 528 to take seventh place.

Amberlee Steinbock was second low individual with a 92 and Hillary Tipps took fourth low individual with a score of 100. Paje McRoberts finished with a 119, Mandy Brantly shot a 124 and Chelsi Hawkins rounded out the varsity team with a 150.

Gini Sheets paced the JV Lady Mules with a 113 and Jamie Carpenter shot a 131. Cori Ann Black had a 139, Hillary Shurbet finished with a 145 and April Crabtree rounded out the team with a 161.

The Lady Mules next

tournament is scheduled for March 21 in the Lubbock Christian Invitational Tournament and then goes to Abernathy March 29. The Lady Mules open district competition on their home course April 5 and finish the season April 13 in Littlefield.



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600 head of cattle, 228 hogs and 303 sheep and goats for a total of 1,131 livestock sold at the Mar. 5th sale. Market 1-3 dollars higher on all classes of cattle.

The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on U.S. 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday, beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle following at approximately noon.

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Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Francisco Ramirez, Portales, NM	2	Hol. bulls	265 lbs.	at \$130.00
Matt Belcher, Muleshoe	2	Hol. str.	338 lbs.	at \$125.00
Jim Pat Claunch, Muleshoe	3	Blk. hfrs	398 lbs.	at \$129.00
Jim Pat Claunch, Muleshoe	6	Blk. bulls	475 lbs.	at \$126.00
Steve Edwards, Earth	17	Blk. hfrs	313 lbs.	at \$146.00
Steve Edwards, Earth	12	Blk. bulls	299 lbs.	at \$169.00
Benjamin Fehr, Tulia		Hol. hfr	355 lbs.	at \$480.00
D&F Cattle, Littlefield		Red bull	410 lbs.	at \$147.00
Curtis Drager, Friona		Spot bull	415 lbs.	at \$120.00
Quentin Been, Earth		Blk. str	1105 lbs.	at \$88.50
Jacob Froese, Seminole		Blk. bull	390 lbs.	at \$135.00
Larry King, Levelland	3	Blk. hfrs	360 lbs.	at \$144.00
Luis Melendez, Sudan		Blk. hfr	500 lbs.	at \$120.00
WC Cattle, Sudan	8	Blk. str.	674 lbs.	at \$113.50
WC Cattle, Sudan	6	Blk. hfrs	484 lbs.	at \$120.00
Johann Teichroeb, Seminole	4	Blk. hfrs	470 lbs.	at \$124.00
Johann Teichroeb, Seminole	3	Blk. hfrs	610 lbs.	at \$108.50
Clinton Rogers, Muleshoe	2	Char. bulls	610 lbs.	at \$115.00
Clinton Rogers, Muleshoe		Char. str	535 lbs.	at \$126.00
Joe Oswald, Abernathy	3	Red bulls	597 lbs.	at \$106.00
Larry King, Levelland	3	pairs WFC/clfs.	per pair	\$1235.00
Joe Oswald, Abernathy	3	Red cows	1307 lbs.	at \$55.00
Weaver Farms, Muleshoe		Blk. WF cow	1095 lbs.	at \$54.50
Shannon Weaver, Muleshoe		Spotted cow	1010 lbs.	at \$55.75
Jimmy Weaver, Muleshoe		Blk. cow	1065 lbs.	at \$56.75
Duane White, Farwell		Gray cow	1435 lbs.	at \$52.00
Tommy Lewis, Morton		Blk. cow	1230 lbs.	at \$59.25
Tommy Lewis, Morton		Blk. cow	1205 lbs.	at \$59.50
Robert Fowler, Farwell	3	Blk. cows	1413 lbs.	at \$56.25
Robert Fowler, Farwell	2	Blk. cows	1560 lbs.	at \$54.75
Robert Fowler, Farwell	2	Blk. cows	1085 lbs.	at \$57.50
Brian Boehning, Earth		Hol. cow	1590 lbs.	at \$53.25
Brian Boehning, Earth		Hol. cow	1635 lbs.	at \$53.25
Jeff Boehning, Earth		Hol. cow	1290 lbs.	at \$56.25
Eugene Bond, Abernathy		W Bred cow	per hd.	\$835.00
Caswell Cattle Co., Muleshoe		Red bred cow		\$750.00
Tomas Chacon, Sudan		Red bull	1845 lbs.	at \$71.50
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Nursing Home News

Johnnie Kimbrough is visited regularly by her son-in-law Ed Nickels, and great-granddaughter.

Elsie Kendall was visited by Guy Kendall Friday, also by Melvin and Wanda Griffin, who also assisted with Bingo at Park view Friday, keeping the game "lively."

Thursday morning, Nancy Lemons delivered ceramics for the residents to paint in craft class. Residents participating were Wilma Hughes, Gladys Wilson, Cathy Wilson, Gladys Wright, Diane Copley, Jim Kee and Dott Bowers

Dott bowers, Alliene Lasiter and Morris Nowlin directed the devotional time Thursday, with participation by all in attendance.

Friday morning, Pat Watson directed a music, poetry, short story and reminiscing session for, and with, the residents.

Thursday afternoon, Jackie Scoggins and Debra Noble entertained at the February birthday party. Lasting Impression gave each birthday resident a Beanie Baby attached to a yellow balloon. Decorators Floral furnished flowers, and Pat Prater, Dianne Brown, Jackie scoggins

JV Mules fall to Littlefield Wildcats

The JV Mule baseball team had a 7-3 lead going into the fifth inning in their first game of the season against the Littlefield Wildcats. However, Littlefield scored 12 runs in the final three innings to defeat the Mules 9-15.

Zane Johnson, Cody Clark and Dusty Clayton shared the duties on the mound and gave up 15 runs on 11 hits. Passed balls allowed Littlefield to advance base runners and score unearned runs.

Clark led the Mules at the plate with a pair of singles and a triple. Martin Rodriguez had a pair of singles and Ismael Mendoza had doubles in the fifth and seventh innings.

The Mules scored three runs in the first inning on three hits and added a fourth run in the third inning on one hit. They added three runs on four hits in fourth inning and two more in seventh on three hits.

The young Mules will compete in the Plains Cowboys JV Tournament March 10-12 and will open district play with a rematch in Littlefield with the Wildcats March 25. The Mules will return home to meet the Cubs of Brownfield April 2.

and Debra Noble assisted with serving refreshments.

The Volunteers Plus and the Activities Department hosted the party. Residents who were celebrating a February birthday included Gloria Elliott, Grant Wabington, Frieda Locker and Dot Parker.

Sunday morning, the Muleshoe Church of Christ directed a communion service.

Buster Kittrell and Harold Burge taught the Bible study Sunday morning.

The Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship came Sunday afternoon for church services. Michael Dean and Jearl James were among those participating in the service.

Pauline Chappell was visited by her daughter Diane Wiedebush and Melvin and Wanda Kittrell Friday.

Juan Chavez visited Park View recently.

Tuesday morning, Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard directed a memorial service for Alta Gore. Mrs. Gore's family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gore, Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Gore, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Gore and Dorothy Turner attended the service.

Peggy Dent visited all of the residents Tuesday afternoon and did special things for them.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Letha Patterson.

Tuesday afternoon, Pat Watson, Dianne Brown, Pat Clark, Eva Nell Dale, Delores Garrett and Mary Jo Burge volunteered their time and talents in the beauty shop, giving the ladies fresh hair-dos.

Butch Vandiver and Iris Clements directed the Bingo Bash on Saturday afternoon.

Wednesday morning, Herald and Mary Jo burge, Buster and Wanda Kittrell served coffee, juice and

donuts to the residents at coffee time. Mrs. Burge read pieces from the Texas Brag Book and others, in celebration of Texas Independence Day. A toast to Texas was made by the residents and volunteers.

Buster Kittrell, James and Ann Sinclair, Anna B. Lane, Jo Ellen Cowart and Dan Atkins directed the Devotional Singspiration Time on Wednesday morning.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins directed our sing-a-long Wednesday afternoon. Glenda and Billy Bob sang special songs in celebration of Texas' independence.

Francis Purdy and Millie Johnston received a visit from Cindy Purdy Tuesday afternoon.

Clifton Finley went out to dinner with his son Neil Finley Tuesday at noon.

Doris Palmer went with her mother Lillie Edmister to the Bingo Bash on Saturday afternoon.

Rick Hunter went with his mother Joyce Hunter to Clovis for lunch and a little shopping Tuesday.

Happy March Birthday to Lillie Edmister on March 11, Robbie Nowlin on March 5, Billie Lambert on March 9, Ruby Riley on March 15, Loma Moseley on March 23, and Jim Dutton on March 29.

The March birthday party is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, at 3 p.m.

Morris and Robbie Nowlin were visited by two ladies from their church Wednesday.

The TOPS Club met in the sun room on Hall no. 3 Thursday afternoon.

Mable Nieman visited Floy Hanson, Peggy Dent this week. Her son David also visited this week.

J.C. Shanks was visited by his grandchildren, Jeep and Patricia Shanks, and great-granddaughters Nikki and Kami.

He's looking down smiling at all his family and friends for being such a wonderful comfort to his family. The Calvin Embry family would like to express our appreciation to everyone who brought food; sent flowers and memorials; made calls and visits. Your acts of kindness were our refuge — your prayers our shield. We are truly blessed.

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Among the Muleshoe Police Dept. incident reports from the last 10 days are:

Sunday, March 6

An officer responded to a verbal argument. The situation continued to escalate and two arrests were made by the officer on scene.

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Saturday, March 5

During a traffic stop an officer discovered a driver's license was suspended. The subject was arrested for Driving While License Invalid.

The police department received a report of Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. The vehicle was located and recovered.

An incident was reported to the police department. The incident is currently under investigation to determine if any criminal activity occurred.

An adult male was assaulted by his wife at their residence.

Friday, March 4

At approximately 0956 am I was dispatched to the Department of Public Safety Drivers License Office reference someone attempting to obtain a

drivers license that has a two juvenile females.

Wednesday, March 2

An officer investigated a report of Terroristic Threat. Charges are pending.

Tuesday, March 1

At approximately 10:00 am I recieved a call from Dispatch to go to the Muleshoe High School reference a fight between

Sunday, February 27

An adult male was arrested at his residence on Feb. 27 and charged with assault (family violence).

Saturday, February 26

An officer investigated a possibly intoxicated driver. It was determined that the driver was not intoxicated and was released.

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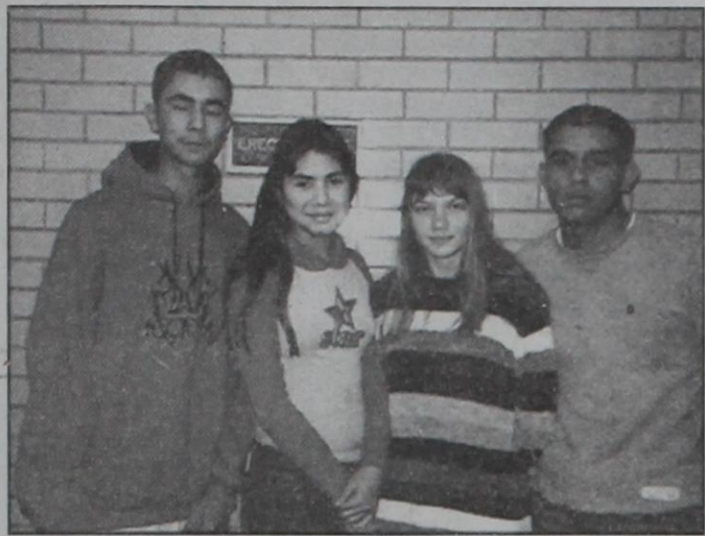
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Pictured above, from left to right, Arturo Lucio, Sandra Lucio, Addie Treider and Coy Contreras.

Lazbuddie High School, Jr. High Students of the Month announced

The Lazbuddie High School and Junior High Students of the Month for January have recently been released. Among the students honored, along with information about the individual students are:

High School

Cory Contreras is the 18-year-old son of Carlos and Hilda Contreras. He likes Kenny Chesney and Skittles®, and would like to attend South Plains College and get a degree in Radiology Technology. Spiders creep him out. He says he was chosen as student of the month because he must be a good student. Who knows? The teachers say Cory does his work and is polite.

Addie Treider is the 16-year-old daughter of Brad and Debbie Treider. Her favorite musician is Ufada Hikaru and she likes Kit Kats®. She is not sure of the college she will be attending, but she would like to study science and foreign languages. Boys, especially the ones that act creepy anyway, are what creeps her out. She thinks she was

chosen as student of the month because of her behavior and grades. Her teacher says she turns in all her work, never disrupts class, and is a wonderful student.

Junior High School

Arturo Lucio is the 14-year-old son of Monse and Maria. His favorite musician is Patrulla 81. He likes Winterfresh gum, and would like to enter the Navy upon graduation. Rattlesnakes creep him out. He has no idea why he was chosen as student of the month. His teachers say he is turning in all work and showing great improvement.

Sandra Lucio is the 12-year-old daughter of Monse Melendez and Maria Guadalupe Martinez. Her favorite musician is Infocable. She likes Reese's® cups. She would like to go to WTA&M and become a teacher. Her brother, Arturo, creeps her out. She doesn't know why she was chosen as student of the month. Her teachers say she tries hard, does all her work, and has a good average in class.

Fourth grade students to 'Walk Across Texas'

The Fourth Grade classes at DeShazo Elementary will participate in the Walk Across Texas Program coordinated by Bailey County Extension and Shelly Turnbow, P.E. instructor for DeShazo Elementary.

The Walk Across Texas Program for schools is designed to promote and increase physical activity in students. Walking is a great way for children to become more physically active. The students will "Walk Across Texas" over an eight-week period.

In addition to walking with their class at school, students are encouraged to participate after school or on weekends by walking with parents, brothers, sisters or other family members who can walk with them. Good nutrition will also be emphasized during this program.

The newly released Dietary Guidelines for Americans highlights how to make smart choices from every food group, find a balance between food and physical activity, and get the most nutrition out of the calories consumed.

Eating right and being physically active are

necessary to keep a healthy lifestyle. By developing healthy habits at a young age, students may reduce the risks of heart disease, diabetes, osteoporosis, and certain cancers as they grow older. Parents getting involved with their children will be a starting point for a healthier lifestyle for them also.

The Dietary Guidelines recommend be physically active for at least 30 minutes most days of the week. Children and teenagers should be physically active for 60 minutes every day or most every day.

The fourth graders will begin Walk Across Texas on March 14 and will conclude on May 6. On May 10, 2005 there will be a Walk Across Texas graduation for those who have participated.

Bailey County Extension agents Curtis Preston and Mandi Seaton were awarded a grant from the Texas Cancer Council to purchase pedometers for all participants.

The Bailey County Texas Extension Education Association's Home Demonstration Club will sponsor prizes and incentives. Wal-Mart, in Clovis, will also serve as a

sponsor.

If you have any question about the program or would like to become involved,

contact Bailey County Extension, 306 W. 2nd, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or call 806-272-4583.

Christians Know the End of the Story

Setting up housekeeping is no easy task. But the opposite task on the other end of the journey is infinitely harder. Ask anyone who has buried their last parent or whose parents have had to move into a care facility. That person will tell you that sifting through three-quarters worth of a century's accumulated mounds of paper, pictures, trinkets, and family treasures is, well, a daunting task. But it can be interesting. It can bring laughter. And tears.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

And it certainly can make you think.

Probably such an undertaking takes much of its character and color from the character and lives of the folks who've gone on. That, at least, was my experience with my own parents.

Mom passed away first, and we cleaned and culled. But the real job came when Dad passed away some years later.

I was surprised at some of what they kept and some of the treasures and the trinkets we ran across.

We found tons of birthday and anniversary cards that Mom and Dad gave to each other, cards of both sorts lovingly inscribed in their completely unique handwriting. (Mom's was the most beautiful and perfect penmanship I have ever seen; Dad's, perhaps the most unique.) I don't think they ever threw away a single card.

My siblings and I even found the little pencil-written penny

post card that Dad had mailed to his own folks as he and my mother had just left their wedding for their honeymoon. He described them as "supremely happy," and signed the card proudly, "Mr. & Mrs. G. B. Shelburne, Jr."

I found the letter one of the men I'm named for had penned to me and my family when I had just been born. I found a kindergarten graduation diploma, a notebook with pasted pictures used to help me learn the letters of the alphabet in 1st grade, and crayon-colored pictures that I had drawn in 3rd grade.

I found a letter I'd written home from scout camp, dripping with homesickness.

I found a number of pictures of myself in various embarrassing stages of adolescent ugly-duckling-hood.

And I think I found every letter I'd ever written Mom and Dad once I'd left home. I read some of the college letters we'd written, and I was reminded reading between the lines (I'd blissfully almost forgotten) that Juana and I thought we might starve before we got me through school.

We didn't starve.

We made it.

And that may be one very valuable lesson that comes from taking this sort of mandatory trip down memory lane. What we were so worried about then either never happened or we got through it.

Mom and Dad made a successful trip through this life. If our eyes stay focused on the same Lord who led them through, so will we. We may not know what may transpire in our life's story tomorrow or Thursday or next week. But Christians know the Author. He's told us the end of the story. And it's great!

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

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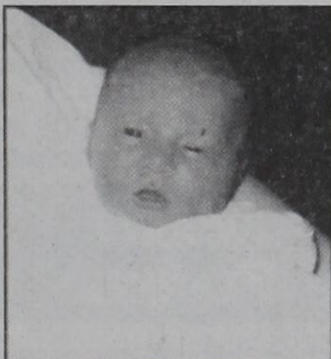
Births

Kaylea Dawn Eccles

Tony and Liana Eccles of Earth are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Kaylea Dawn Eccles on 7:17 p.m. on Feb. 5, 2005, at the Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

Kaylea was five pounds, 12 ounces in weight at birth, and 18-1/2 inches in length. Her sister is Paige Burks, age 2-1/2.

Paternal grandparents are Bill and Robin Eccles of Payette, Idaho. Maternal grandparents are Bobby and Janice Burks of Earth. Great-grandparents are Harold and Faye Miller of Earth.



Hospital Report

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

Feb. 23 — Mark Allen, Freida Foss, Hyrum Orcutt and Fannie Thompson.

Feb. 24 — Dorothy Spencer, Virginia Drager, Mary George, Billie Powell, Evan Lopez and Matt Moseley.

Feb. 25 — Chase Chisman, Robert Servatius and Rada Shelburn.

Feb. 26 — Joline Miller and Jaquetta Kirkland.

Feb. 27 — Harold Toombs, Destiny Rosa, Destiny Arzola and Cynthia Hasley.

Feb. 28 — Raul Torres and Stella Smith.

March 1 — Kimberly Anzaldua and Shaylee

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Kara Brown and Zachary Sheets were united in matrimony on June 5, 2004, at St. Paul United Methodist Church of Abilene, with the Reverend Jerry Stansell of Abilene officiating.

The Made of Honor was Brittany McCallister of Abilene, and the Best Man was Landon Sheets.

Bridesmaids were Benay Owens, Tara Molleur, Melissa Brown, Sarah Hart, Terah Sheets, Heather Sheets, Sarah Sheets and Gini Sheets. Junior bridesmaids were Shelley Sheets and Cori Layne Sheets.

Groomsmen were Tyler Sheets, David Galloway, Glen Strader, Brandon Sheets, Adam Bryan, Adam Brown, Andy Brown and Ben Sheets.

The bride is the daughter of Kyle and Bernita Sheets of Muleshoe, and the groom is the son of Gary and Kathy Brown of Red Oak.

Following the service, a reception was held at the Abilene Zoological Gardens.

After a honeymoon in Asheville, N.C., the couple traveled to Zimbabwe, Africa, on a mission trip. They plan to live in Abilene, where they own and run Premier Cleaning Service.

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Engagements



Benham, Hinson engaged

Jack and Nancy Benham of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their daughter, Kendra Benham of Lubbock to Austin Hinson of Brownfield. The bride-to-be attended McMurry University, and is currently employed as a teacher by the Roosevelt Independent School District. The groom-to-be attended Texas Tech University, and is currently employed as a teacher and coach by the Brownfield Independent School District. He is the son of Phil and Pat Hinson of Denver City. The wedding ceremony has been set for June 4, 2005, at Calvary Baptist Church of Brownfield.

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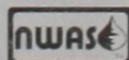
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AVISO DEL SORTEO PARA UN LUGAR EN LA BOLETA Por lo presente se da aviso que habra un sorteo para determinar la orden en que aparecern los nombres de los candidatos en la boleta para la eleccion que se celebrara el Mayo 7, 2005 en Muleshoe, Texas. El sorteo tendra lugar a las 8:30 a.m. el Marzo 14, 2005 a 514 West Avenue G, Muleshoe, Texas. Published in the Muleshoe Journal March 10, 2005.

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Road grant approved by MEDC... Continued from page 1

needed to the road that serves his business. Grant also noted that while he was heading up the project, it was not a road within his precinct's maintenance area.

MED manager David Brunson said the authority's funds could be used for this purpose, or for any purpose that promotes Muleshoe's economic development.

"You run the risk affecting public perception anytime you do anything," Brunson pointed out.

However, it was clear that the authority members didn't want the public or county officials to form the perception that MEDC funds were a supplement to county funds.

Although Angeley appeared uncertain at one point about the economic development providing the needed funds, she also pointed out that MEDC had already joined in the effort to bring the dairies to Bailey County and business to Muleshoe.

"I believe it is going to have more of an economic impact than the dairies the EDS gave a \$100,000 grant to," Angeley said. She also said she was inclined to provide the county with a \$50,000 grant to assist with the completion of the project.

At the beginning of the meeting, Brunson provided the committee members with documentation that indicated dairies currently in operation in Bailey County, had a taxable value of \$7,284,440, with a

significant tax levy for Bailey County, the Muleshoe School District, and the hospital district.

However, MEDC member Jose Sanchez expressed agreement with MEDC member Mark Morton and said he was inclined not to leave a road "halfway done."

In the end, Sanchez moved that the committee approve a grant for the actual cost of the project up to the \$89,430 requested.

Actions taken by the economic development committee require final approval by the Muleshoe City Council.



Muleshoe's Senior valentines...

Two couples won top votes for the Oneita Wagon Senior Center's Valentine Couples for 2005. Pictured above, from left to right, are Helen and Earl Schmitz, and Walt and Rose Sain. Both couples have been married for more than 50 years.

Senior Citizen News

The Oneita Wagon Senior Center has more activities added to the calendar each month.

Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. are a great time for Senior Citizens to gather at the Center to enjoy a time of fun, visiting and dancing. Our favorite D. J., Sandy Vandevender, chooses those special waltzes and two-steps that are favorites of country-western fans. Muleshoe Seniors are on hand to greet and make welcome the many visitors from out of town. Some come to just listen to the music and visit with old and new friends. The pot-luck is enjoyed by all and it's a fun evening for only \$4.

It was reported that one fellow arrived on a walker, set it aside and with his partner, never missed a dance.

The ladies afternoon bridge club meets on the first and third Wednesdays. The Square dancers meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays and each fifth Thursday evening. The men's bridge club meets on the first and third Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.

On Friday, March 4, a Digital Pulsewave Analysis machine was available at the Senior Center. It tested heart rate, arterial flexibility, hydration levels and overall cardiovascular health. It then printed out an evalua-

tion report for the 30 people who took part in the program.

Also on Friday, handouts from the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce were given out. It told of a telephone call from the T.V. show "Town Haul" which is televised on TLC, The Learning Channel, Channel 95 in Muleshoe.

They help revitalize Main Street and other projects in towns that need a "hand". They are considering Muleshoe and may be here this week. A "welcoming committee" is needed on the spur of the moment when they come.

Call Jan Thompson at the Chamber office, 272-4248, and give her your ideas and telephone number and help get Muleshoe on national television!

Senior citizens could be readily available. Our Seniors had a vision for the future of Muleshoe, helped build it and are still working at it. Our youth are on Spring Break this week and may have ideas and be on the Welcome Committee also.

On Monday, March 14, at 11:45, a program will be presented by Al Goforth and Mark Groom, a certified estate planning professional from Alliance Financial Services of Lubbock. Subjects will be stock market gains

not losses, reducing taxes on your IRAs, structuring investment income that is largely tax free and maximizing distribution of your estate to your heirs. They have presented this program in many other Senior Centers.

Remember the Oneita Wagon Senior Center for memorials, birthdays, anniversaries and other occasions. Appropriate messages are sent. Send your request to P.O.Box 292.

Next Week's Senior Center Lunch Menu

Monday, March 14 — Brisket, potato salad, turnip greens, cornbread and peach cobbler.

Tuesday, March 15 — Chicken strips, new potatoes with white sauce, broccoli, sweet pickle, hot roll and a brownie.

Wednesday, March 16 — Ham and beans over rice, spinach, biscuit and banana pudding.

Thursday, March 17 — Spaghetti, Italian vegetables, cucumber-onion salad, garlic bread and apple crisp.

Friday, March 18 — Fish nuggets with tarter sauce, baked beans, okra coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

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Mary Carter

Graveside services for Mary Carter, 60, of Cochran County, is scheduled for 2 p. m., Thursday, March 10, 2005, at Morton Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Harold Harrison officiating. Burial will be in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Carter died on Monday, March 7, 2005, in her residence. She was born March 24, 1944, in Lubbock, and married Tommy Carter in Dallas on July 16, 1979.

Riley moved to Cochran

County in 1979 from Carlisle. She was a member of the American Kennel Club, and enjoyed raising and showing Basset Hounds. She worked part-time at the US Post Office in Morton, and was an agent for A. C. Neilson Company.

Survivors include her husband Tommy of the home; three sons — Ricky Levens of Morton, Jackie Eugene Levens of Lubbock and George Daniel Carter of Reno, Nev.; a daughter —

Lynda Kay Francis of Lubbock; two brothers — Joe Bob and John Hoyle of Wolforth; a mother-in-law — Sallie Carter of Morton; and six grandchildren.

It is suggested that memorials be sent to your favorite charity.

Tell them you read it in the Journal!

It's Time for the Muleshoe Journal's 11TH ANNUAL CUTEST BABY CONTEST

Enter any child born in 2004 who you fell in love with at first sight - children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, etc...

This year's contestant will appear in the March 24 edition of the Muleshoe Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the **MOST ATTRACTIVE PICTURE** to be the 2004 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed in this Easter edition of the paper. Babies need not be born in this area.

Bring your favorite photo along with \$13 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 201 W. Ave. C, Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or mail the coupon below along with your child's photo and \$13 to Cutest Baby Contest, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, March 28, 2005. **NOTE:** Arrangements must be made to return photos by mail.

ENTRY DEADLINE
Friday, March 18 at 5 pm

Winner will receive a \$50 Savings Bond for being selected 2004's Cutest Baby!

Please provide phone number or address (it will not be published) so that we may contact you if we need additional information.

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Mom & Dad's Name: _____

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Contact Info: _____

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