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County placed under emergency burn ban

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

A burn ban is currently in effect for Bailey County.

County Judge Sherri Harrison used her authority to put an "emergency" burn ban in effect on Friday, Feb. 1, after learning that while applications for disaster funds didn't require a ban to be in place, distribution of such funds — according to Texas Governor Rick Perry's office — would be limited to counties that had taken such steps.

According to the judge, the emergency order she approved last week was limited by state statutes to a seven-day period, and



would expire on Friday, Feb. 8.

However, a special session of the Bailey County Commissioners' Court has been called for Thursday, Feb. 7, and the judge said she expects the court will approve a 30-day burn ban.

During last year's fire season which was split between occasional days of rainfall, problems arose

when special meeting had to be called for the court to approve temporary periods that allowed burning.

This year, the judge said in an interview Monday, she will be requesting that the court grant her the authority to temporarily lift the ban, so it can be handled with fewer meetings.

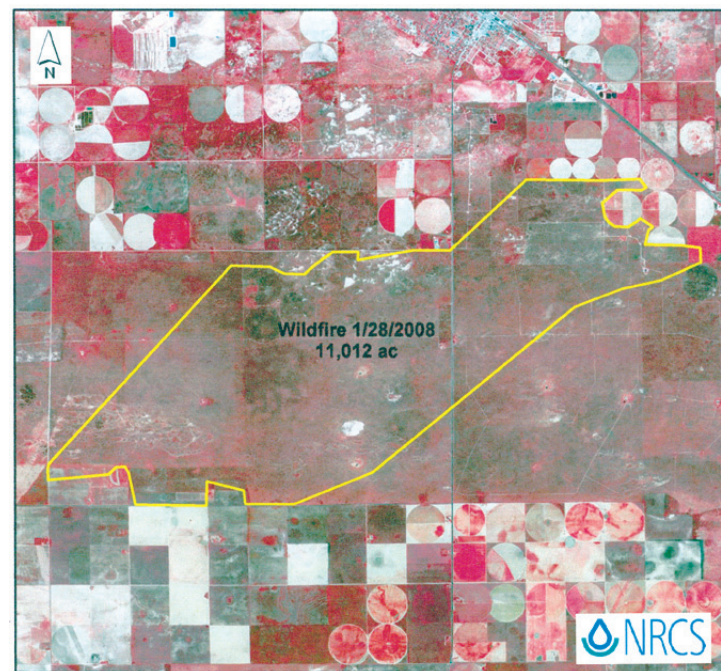
If the longer-term ban is approved on Feb. 7, the judge said, county residents needing to burn should contact her office, the fire and police departments, or the sheriff's office to find out if the ban has been temporarily lifted following a period of precipitation.

On Jan. 30, Governor Rick Perry issued a state disaster proclamation for 152 counties in response to the threat posed by wildfires rapidly spreading in areas across the state. Burn bans were already in place in those Texas counties.

This disaster proclamation allows affected counties to be eligible for state assistance.

At that time, Bailey County had not issued a burn ban, and was not included in Perry's proclamation.

Since that date the governor has also requested disaster assistance from the federal government.



Outline of the Jan. 28 wildfire burn area in Bailey County.
Provided by the NRCS Muleshoe Service Center

Muleshoe seeks NWS 'StormReady' certification

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Bad weather... it's something you tend to expect during certain times of the year, and it doesn't matter if you're at the north end of "tornado alley," or on the southwest end, as is Muleshoe.

And whenever you think about being prepared for the storm season, you can't get away from two primary issues:

- Gathering the information needed to make the necessary decisions when the rain goes horizontal.
- Getting that information, and storm notices out to the

general public.

Faced with these needs, and determined to improve on its ability to serve the community it is charged to protect, the Muleshoe Police Department has been working on improving its storm watch capabilities, and expects to apply for "StormReady" certification with the National Weather Service later this month.

"It's tied into the other things we're doing to prepare this community for difficult situations," said Police Chief Brian Frieda.

While some of the requirements for the StormReady certification are standard for law enforcement agencies, such as a 24-hour communication system allowing for a 24-hour warning point and an emergency operations center with multiple means of communication with the NWS, other requirements



Photograph
by Larry Thornton

Pinewood pleasures

Members of Muleshoe's Cub Scout troop gathered at DeShazo Elementary Saturday, Feb. 2, for the annual Pinewood Derby. Pictured to the right, a couple of the young

competitors hover over the track as their entries head for the finish line. This year, the competition was run on a new aluminum track with a digital finish line.

MAHD continues looking at rural health clinic

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District approved a contract with ProjX, LLC, during a special meeting Monday, Feb. 4, as it continues to gather the information necessary to determine the feasibility of restructuring the district's debt service, and possibly combining its separate clinic offices under a single roof.

"How important is the clinic?" MAHD board president Ronnie Dent said, referring to questions area residents have asked concerning the expansion of the rural health clinic currently housing Dr. Bruce Purdy's medical practice.

"I think it's very important," Dent said.

"It's imperative that the clinic is here."

Ray Mason, CEO of the hospital district and administrator of Muleshoe Area Medical Center, explained that a lot of the younger physicians wanted to practice in a medical facility with other doctors "where they can help each other."

"Recruiting would be 65 percent easier," board member Bob Donaldson said.

Added on top of this is the financial benefit the hospital realize by placing all of its physicians in a building already designated as a "rural health clinic," and able to capture a larger reimbursement from Medicare.

The issue of expanding Purdy's clinic originated

more than a year ago when the hospital district's auditor pointed out the significant increase in Medicare reimbursements the action would allow. However,

"I think it's very important... It's imperative that the clinic is here."

previously studied funding options didn't appear to be a viable solution.

In December 2007, the hospital board contracted with Consolidated Financial Resources, Inc., which would act as the district's financial advisor and develop possible options

for the MAHD board to consider.

At it's Jan. 15 meeting with the hospital board, Ira Chilton of ProjX, LLC, of Nashville, Tenn., a facility development specialist who has worked previously with CFR, suggested the district consolidate and restructure its debt service as a means of freeing the funds necessary to expand the clinic.

The first question at Monday's meeting, as presented by Dent, was whether the district needed to contract with Chilton. He explained that CFR needed additional information, such as project estimates, before it could develop the information it would later present for board approval.

And while it was pointed out that the contract cost

would be about \$8,000 plus expenses, it was pointed out that Chilton's contract could be "rolled" into the contract with CFR. Although, there was a little uncertainty if that meant the portion of the contract with CFR which states that the hospital district doesn't owe the financial advisor anything if a viable option isn't produced would be included in the contract with ProjX.

Currently, CFR is leaning toward the use of modular construction for the expansion project, according to Dent, nothing that it would also benefit the district because of a faster depreciation.

Along with re-selling

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The Muleshoe Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture announced that the 58th annual Chamber Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 29, at the Bailey County Coliseum. The special guest for the event will be Ray Stone, host of the Dallas Cowboys radio network, and also the Jeff McCreight Band. Tickets for the “black tie and boots” event will be available starting Feb. 1 from any chamber board member.

‘Family oriented’ service planned

Trinity Baptist Church, at 314 East Ave. B, invites you to a special worship service on Sunday, Feb. 3. Featured in the 11 a.m. worship hour will be a family team know as Jeremiah 29:11 Ministries. The Becker family from Brevard, N.C., will present a program entitled “Replicators,” a family oriented program that speaks to children, teens and adults. Call 292-4015 for additional information.

EMS benefit scheduled

Bailey County EMS will be hosting a southern and country gospel concert to raise funds on March 1, at 6 p.m., at the Muleshoe High School auditorium. The concert will include performances by Jack and Deb Stone, and also the 2007 International Christian Country Music New Artist of the Year, Russ Murphy of Nashville, Tenn. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Bailey County EMS building, 715 W. Second, or from any EMS personal. Children under 10 are free.

Alzheimer’s Disease Support Group

The Bailey County Alzheimer’s Disease Support Group will be meeting Thursday, Feb. 14, 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, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 272-4583.

Girl Scout cookies

It’s that time again! For more than 80 years, the Girl Scouts have been raising money to fund troop activities by selling cookies. Cookies are \$3 per package, and may be ordered by calling Nelda Merriott at 272-4071, Onieda DeLeon at 272-3959, and Jennifer Parker at 806-241-8046 cell. Or call Belle Kelly at 272-4455 to enroll in either Daisies or the Girl Scouts.

Scholarship applications available

Applications for the Kristy M. Landers Memorial Scholarship are available from the MHS counselors, Nanette Anglin and Dana Wright. The final day to apply is Feb. 25.

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.

Garten donations sought

A special account at Muleshoe State Bank has been set up to assist Gary Don Garten with medical expenses.

Lazbuddie senior fund raiser

The Lazbuddie Senior Class is holding a luncheon on Sunday, Feb. 17, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Lazbuddie School cafeteria to raise money for its senior trip. The menu will be steak and chicken kabobs, baked potato, roll, salad and homemade dessert. The cost of the meal is \$7. Take outs are available. For tickets please contact: Jeff Ford, Chelsea Nichols, Brittney Schacher, Brianna Sanchez, Rochelle Smith, Megan McGuire, Regina Mata, Joaquin Campos, Esteban Pacheco or Jason Davis.

Valentines Dance benefit planned

The family and friends of Alfredo “Freddy” Santos are hosting a benefit Valentine’s Dance, at the Muleshoe Fire Department on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 7-11 p.m. Junior high and high school students are invited to attend. Santos is currently a patient at Covenant Hospital of Lubbock and is in need of a kidney transplant. Proceeds from the dance are to help with expenses related to the transplant. Anyone wishing to donate to the cause can bring by their donation to the Fire Department during the dance.

A&M peanut production workshop

Farmers can update their peanut knowledge at the fifth annual Texas AgriLife Research & Extension peanut production workshop scheduled for this month. The dates and locations are:
• Feb. 19 at the Plains Community Building, Plains.
• Feb. 20 at the Lamb Co. Agriculture & Community Center, 1619 Hall in Littlefield (on U.S. 385 about four blocks north of U.S. 84).
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., includes a free lunch sponsored by Western Peanut Growers Association, and concludes by 2 p.m. Topics will include varieties, fertility, weed and disease control, and irrigation. Three CEUs will be available. For more information contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Lamb Co., (806)385-4222, Ext. 235, or extension agronomist Calvin Trostle, Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center, Lubbock, (806)746-6101.

Diabetes support group

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet this month on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center. This program is free of charge to anyone interested. For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, county extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, 118 W. Ave. C., Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

Dairy disaster sign-up rescheduled

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency is postponing sign-up for the Dairy Disaster Assistance Program until the agency publishes final regulations in the Federal Register, announced Kim Hanlin, executive director for the Bailey County Farm Service Agency. Sign-up for the program was scheduled to resume on Monday, Feb. 4. Unlike other disaster programs, FSA was forced to delay DDAP-III sign-up, because the Paperwork Reduction Act and other regulatory requirements mandate there first be an issuance of the proposed rule for public comments on the program. FSA is finalizing review of the numerous comments received from the proposed rule and expects to publish final regulations for DDAP-III within the next few weeks. A sign-up date will be announced at that time.

Births



BRAYDEN TIM BYNUM
Brayden Bynum
Josh and Katie Bynum of College Station announce the birth of their son, Brayden Tim Bynum, on Dec. 5, 2007, at College Staton. Brayden weighed seven pounds at birth, and was 19-1/2 inches in length. His grandparents are Kevin and Ronda Bynum of Spearman, and Rex and Brenda Black of Muleshoe.

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for a community with Muleshoe's population include at least two ways for hydrometeorological data to be received, and two annual weather safety talks to better prepare the community.

Currently, the police department connects through IM Chat with

the NWS, and is capable of receiving information about weather conditions by the internet and text messaging.

And with the area only receiving intermittent broadcasts through weather radio, the police chief is looking at increasing the dependability of this service

as well.

The police chief also noted that when the tower camera the city received from the office of Homeland Security is mounted, it will take the city a step beyond the StormReady requirements by increasing its capabilities to watch disaster situations.

Oh, student, thy name is hypocrisy

By Alicia Porter

High school is one big ball of hypocrisy. One minute everyone is as close as best friends, and the next, they are stabbing each other in their backs.

People claim they would never do that to their real friends, but who are they? Who are the friends that are considered good enough to back up no matter the situation?

There are two girls in my class who act like best friends; however, their actions say otherwise. They say rude things about each other when one is not around, and they both lie to each other as consistently as Barak Obama and Hillary Clinton do in the presidential debates.

Last week, I heard another girl say something about one of the others when she was absent, and her friend jumped to the rescue, defending her non-stop.

That is great, but what about the other times when she is the one saying the bad things? Who defends her then? Nobody.

Mule Moments



Sadly, the hypocrisy extends beyond mere rumors or hateful words. During football season, the football players constantly asked for support from their classmates at their games.

Fans filled the stands at every game. There was even a group of high-spirited girls who went to every game, no matter the distance or weather conditions, and cheered on the Mules.

During basketball season, however, these same girls who cheered on the Mules and kept their adrenaline pumping are not receiving the support and respect they have earned.

Now, unfortunately, the school is forced to give incentives to fill the stands. They give an early release to lunch for anyone who attends the games. They should not have to do this. Everyone should want to attend the games and support our teams.

We like them during

football season, so what is different about basketball season?

Another concern this all brings to mind is lying and cheating. In almost any high school relationship, one is bound to find someone who has cheated or been cheated on.

Even I have been cheated on. This goes beyond relationships and flies into the classrooms.

Nobody's work is sacred. Anyone is subject to cheating. Somehow this has become justified within the minds of virtually all students.

Basically, everyone is a hypocrite. They may not know it, and they may not care. The truth is, nobody is infallible, and everybody makes mistakes.

The question is can some be prevented? Certainly. If everyone follows their own rules for their friends, the halls would be a happier place.

Sailing the seven seas of Muleshoe

Although we received a little snow this past week, it wasn't enough to raise the water levels at Lake Muleshoe enough to float a duck, so the chances of getting a boat off its keel are even slimmer, still this hasn't kept various boating advocacy groups from filling my email box with their news releases of late.

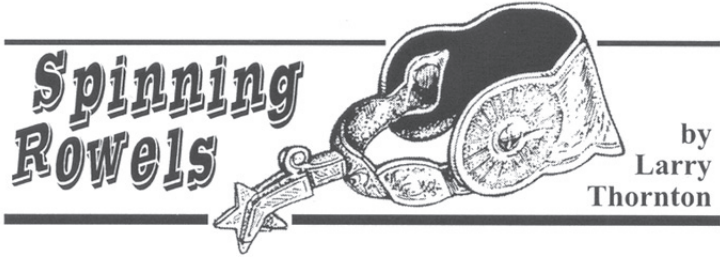
For the most part, I don't think BoatU.S. — which claims it represents boat owners from across the nation — even knows where Muleshoe is located. If they did, they'd understand that Lake Muleshoe, located at the corner of West American Blvd. and 12th during extremely wet days, usually isn't deep enough to hold "The Celebrates Jumping Frogs of Calaveras County."

And even if a fast moving tractor-trailer can occasionally put up a wave large enough to move a surfboard, the closest thing we have to a marina in that area is Muleshoe Motors, and I doubt their invitations for customers to "cruise on down" includes a suggestion that life vests will be needed.

As for the body of water downstream from the lake — in the new city park — the puddle that gets the prize can usually hold a frog on a summer day, but a fleet of ships or even boats is completely out of the question.

Still, that doesn't keep these boating groups from "flooding" my email.

And, while I've tried to unsubscribe from their email service, the computer that hosts that capability has apparently been either shanghaied or boarded by pirates, because these attempts have been for



not... or considering the issue at hand, maybe that should be "for naut?"

They're kind of like those unsolicited Caribbean vacations that seem to hit the fax number at the newspaper on an almost daily basis. My attempts to get those tree-killing faxes canceled have also been ill-fated... shipwrecked, so to speak, since we seem to be stuck in this nautical mode.

Maybe the answer is for us to give in... surrender... "lower our colors."

Should we form our own navy, complete with admirals, captains and swabees? Sure, the fleet would be more a bit "land-locked," but we've got enough sand blowing through here for a beach, even if it does have some greenish particles mixed in with it. It's like the boxes of dehydrated food says: "Just add water."

Granted, we might have to switch from the equine cousins — mules and horses, to the "ships of the desert." Now wouldn't that be a sight at a team roping?

Forget the cattle prod, the steer will leap from the chute to get away from the towering beast behind him.

And we would probably need to look into changing the name of the school's mascot again, from the Mules to the Mariners, but that wouldn't be too bad, would it?

I mean it would still be better than Alva, Okla., and its "Gold Bugs," a local name for a subspecies of June bug that appears in that area.

To be honest, when I think of the "ferocious" Gold Bugs, I get the mental picture of somebody in a costume fighting the "Mighty Morphing Power Rangers™."

...Who am I kidding? This is "Mule Country," and will always be "Mule Country!" A mariner might be a tough deep-water sailor, but he's neither as tough nor as determined as a Mule.

I just need to apply a little more of that determination to the current situation, and somehow "torpedo" these incoming emails.

MAHD board...

Continued from page 1 the bonds held against the construction of Park View Nursing Care Center at a lower interest rate, the district may also be looking at selling additional "junk bonds" — which reportedly would be similar to the certificates of obligation recently approved by the Muleshoe City Council — that won't require a public election and are based upon the hospital district's generated revenue.

Concerning the viability of CFR's eventual presentation, Mason assured the board members that the current plan called would be examined by the district's auditor to determine what impact it would have on the district prior to the board rendering its decision.

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Happy Valentine day to everyone. We will have our Valentine Dance on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

There will be special gifts to be given away. Make plans to bring your sweetheart for the good music, fun and fellowship. Bring your favorite dish for the supper break and come enjoy.

Also, mark your calendar to be at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center on Tuesday, Feb. 12, for lunch. Mandi

Seaton with the County Extension Office will bring her program during the lunch hour. Mandi's program is always informative and entertaining.

The monthly board of directors' meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb. 13, beginning at 1 p.m. at the center. The meetings are open to the public.

We want to encourage senior citizens who need to walk to come to the center. The weather has not been real cooperative with

walking outside. Several of our seniors come and walk, so come in and join in the exercise.

The Bunco players had a great time. We invite you to come play on the first and third Tuesdays beginning at 10 a.m.

Our donation project is going great. If you would like to help the center by donating a \$100 you just might be rewarded with \$10,000. The donation is tax free. We will take 300 hundred donations only.

The recipient of the \$10,000 reward will be announced on April 9, at the center. Call or come by the center if you would like to make a donation.

Maybe you have some friends that you could all go together and make a donation. The donations are greatly appreciated and needed to keep our wonderful center open.

Menu for Feb. 11-15:
Monday, Feb. 11 — Vegetable beef stew, salad, cornbread and apple

cobbler.

Tuesday, Feb. 12 — Sheppard's pie, tossed salad, wheat roll, cottage cheese and pears.

Wednesday, Feb. 13 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and cake.

Thursday, Feb. 14 — Taco salad, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, chips, beans, and pudding with cookies.

Friday, Feb. 15 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

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Do you journey to the Grand Canyon for the souvenir T-shirt or the snow globe with the snowflakes that fall when you shake it? No. The reward of the Grand Canyon is the Grand Canyon. The wide-eyed realization that you are part of something ancient, splendid, powerful, and greater than you.

The cache of Christianity is Christ. Not money in the bank or a car in the garage or a healthy body or a better self-image. Secondary and tertiary fruits perhaps. But the Fort Knox of faith is Christ. Fellowship with him. Walking with him. Pondering him. Exploring him. The heart-stopping reali-zation that in him you are part of something ancient, endless, unstoppable, and unfathomable. And that he, who can dig the Grand Canyon with his pinkie, thinks you're worth his death on Roman timber. Christ is the reward of Christianity. Why else would Paul make him his supreme desire? "I want to know Christ" (Phil. 3:10).

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Obituaries

Lela Faye Crawford

Funeral services for Lela Faye Crawford, 85, were held on Monday, Feb. 4, at the Hamlin Church of Christ with Curtis Smith, her son-in-law, officiating. Burial followed in Hamlin Memorial Cemetery.

Lela passed away on Friday, Feb. 1, 2008, in Muleshoe. She was born on May 30, 1922, in Swearingen to the late Joseph Benjamin and Lola (Dunn) Warren. She was the sixth of seven siblings.

Lela married Marvin (Pockets) Crawford, on July 8, 1938, in Benjamin.

She was a dedicated nurse for 40 years, working in Stamford, Aspermont, and Hamlin.

She was a member of the Hamlin Church of Christ.

Lela was preceded in death by her husband and one granddaughter — Jenni Lind Crawford.

Survivors include a son and his wife — Marvin, Jr. and Marilyn Crawford of Austin; a daughter and her husband — Lela Ann and Curtis Smith of Muleshoe; five grandchildren — Rusty Crawford and wife, Lisa, of Meadowlakes, Judy Gorman and husband, Mike, of Keller, Dana



LELA FAYE CRAWFORD

Rasco and husband, Wes, of Muleshoe, Stacy Foster and husband, Kyle, of Lubbock, and Marty Crawford and wife, Alanna, of Bedford; great-grandchildren — Jenni Mattox and husband, Nathan, of Las Vegas, Nev., Shani Nichols and husband, Randy, of Muleshoe, Mary Crawford of San Marcos, Jenna Hunt and husband, Coli, of Sudan, Erin and Conner Gorman of Keller, Kaitlin and Cole Foster of Lubbock, and Ashton and Jackson Crawford of Bedford; a great-great-grandson — Clayton Nichols of Muleshoe; and her 89-year-old brother — Clyde Warren of Seymour; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Rusty Crawford, Mike Gorman, Wes Rasco, Kyle Foster, Marty Crawford, Randy Nichols and Coli Hunt.

Virginia Garth

A memorial service for Virginia May Garth, 62, of San Angelo, formerly of Muleshoe, is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 10, at Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship Church with Allen Smyer officiating. Garth died on Jan. 29, 2008, in San Angelo. She was the daughter of D.T. and Jeanne Garth of Muleshoe. Survivors include her parents; biological siblings — Carolyn Farris of Lake

Kiowa, Lorene Strutton of Linden, Thressia Henry of Austin, Doris of East Texas, Marvin of Oklahoma, Eldon of Vernon; a brother and his wife — John and Teresa Garth of Hereford; a brother — Clifford Garth of Austin; and a sister — Verlene Jo Garth of Lubbock. Memorials may be sent to the Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship Church, 710 E. American Blvd., Muleshoe, Texas 79347.



A stark country

Blowing sand and burned stubble are all that remains on a large area southeast of Muleshoe following the raging wildfire on Jan. 28, giving the landscape a brutally desolate and lonesome appearance.

Photograph by Larry Thornton

Engagement



WHITNEY KETTREN AND LANDON SHEETS

Kettren, Sheets to wed

Kyle and Bernita Sheets of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their son, Landon Sheets of Abilene, to Whitney Kettren, also of Abilene.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Ladd and Fran Kettren of Colorado Springs, Colo. She is a student at Abilene Christian University and expects to receive a degree in May 2008.

The prospective groom, who is a graduate of Muleshoe High School, is attending Abilene Christian University with plans to enter the medical field.

The wedding has been set for June 14, 2008, at 6 p.m., at Colorado Springs School. A reception will be held on May 10, 2008, in Abilene.

Bailey County Democrats to meet

Bailey County residents are invited to meet with the Democratic Party's candidates in the upcoming election on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 11 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum meeting room, according to county party chairperson Linda McGonagill.

Calvary Baptist to sell cookies

Calvary Baptist Church of Muleshoe will be selling Valentines Day cookies and other items as a fund raiser for its youth program. The nine-inch cookies may be ordered by calling either 806-272-4071, or 806-272-5248.

District spelling bee to be held

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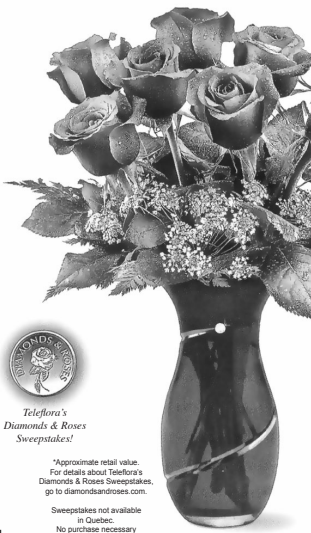
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Sports



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Varsity Lady Mules fall to the Lady Falcons

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules sent the Lady Falcons into a tail spin after their first meeting in early January. The Falcons were undefeated in district before the Lady Mules took it to them on their home floor.

The Falcons lost three games in a row before downing Amarillo Highland Park. They had climbed into second place in the District 2-2A race when they flew into the Muleshoe Athletic and Convocation Center Friday night.

The Lady Mules were open Tuesday and were tied with the Friona Squaws for the third playoff spot at 6-4.

Rough and Tumble basketball is the name of the game for the Falcons and Friday night was no exception. The Lady Mules could not find a way to stop the Falcon's big post player from bull dozing her way to the basket.

Lisa Adams scored 13 of her game high 30 points in the second period to push the Falcon lead to 28-17 at the intermission. The Falcons matched the Lady Mules in the third quarter as each posted 12 on the board.

The Lady Mules clamped down on the defense in the

final frame and put on a scoring run that threatened the Falcon lead. The Falcons hung on to take a 53-47 win and clinch the second playoff spot.

Coach Val Acree moved Yvonne Gardea and Val Olivas to the varsity for the balance of the season. Both girls had shown tenacity and scoring ability for the JV Lady Mules.

"The game is faster at the varsity level," said Coach Acree. "But these two girls have a lot of quickness and can help us. They will have an impact for us."

Adrenaline was running rampant through both team's veins as the game got under way and neither really light up the score board. Ashlie Grumbles broke the ice for the Lady Mules with a break-away lay up with a half-court pass for an assist from Sarah Johnson.

Grumbles had a second chance at a break away but was hammered to the floor as he went up. She recovered her breath and composure to make one from the line. The Falcons used back-to-back plays inside by Adams to pass the Lady Mules.

Gardea checked into the game and used her quickness to drive through the seam in the Falcon

Mules still tied for third spot in Dist. 2-2A

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The District 2-2A standing's only change after Friday night's games ended was the Bushland Falcons had clinched a playoff berth. The Mules were still tied with the Dimmitt Bobcats for the third spot as both teams dropped games.

The Bushland Falcons towered over the Mules with three players over 6-4. The Mules had opportunities in the final period to put the Falcons away but could not get 3-pointers or free throws to go through the hoop.

The Mules missed seven straight from the charity line in the final period before Brian Poynor finally got one to go through. He missed

his second attempt leaving the Mules with one of nine in the final eight minutes.

Despite their shooting woes the Mules were close to the end and scored 15 in the last quarter with out the free throws. They fell to the Falcons 41-39.

Patrick Precure drilled a 3-pointer to open the game and Garrett Riley made a nifty move to get a shot up among the tall tress. The Mules trailed at the end of the first quarter 11-5.

The Mules rained three 3-pointers on the Falcons in the second period and all but grounded the birds of Bushland. Colby Carpenter, Dillon Gallman and Victor Vasquez all connected from long distance as the Mules

out scored the Falcons 13-6 to take an 18-17 lead at the half.

Lane Wood made the only two free throws the Mules shot in the first half and Poynor hit from the elbow.

Both teams connected three times in the third period but Bushland struck twice from outside the arc while all three of the Mules scored inside the arc.

Wes Wood broke into the scoring column as did Colt Ellis. Both grabbed offensive rebounds and got the ball back on the glass before the window of opportunity closed above them.

Gallman made a short jumper but the Mules fell behind 25-24 going into the final eight minutes.

Bushland connected on 10-of-19 free throw attempts in the final period. The Mules only allowed the Falcons three buckets inside the

arc as they tried to catch Bushland.

Precure nailed his second trey of the night and chipped in a short jumper in the final quarter. Carpenter got through the defense for a hard fought lay up and Vasquez made a short jumper. Cooper Washington wiped the glass clean on offense rebound and with a head fake got the big defender off his feet to allow Washington a clear shot.

The Mules needed a win over the Friona Chieftains Tuesday night in Friona and continue winning through the balance of the season. The Mules took Friona to over time in their first meeting. Friona has a lock on first place in the district and Bushland claimed second.

The Mules will travel to River Road Friday night and then host the Amarillo Highland Park Hornets the following Tuesday to wrap up district play.

Height no help for JV Falcons

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Bushland Falcons towered over their own varsity team much less the JV Mules. The Falcons had slipped past the Mules 73-67 the first time the two teams met. The Mules had been looking forward to the rematch for weeks.

The Mules trailed 22-

19 at the intermission and the deficit may have given the Falcons a false sense of security. But the Mules came out strong after the intermission to hand the Falcons a 49-37 loss.

The Mules started fast with Tyson Turnbow making three baskets. Nathaniel Chavez added two buckets

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Sports

Muleshoe’s JV ladies fall to the Lady Falcons

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules were operating shorthanded Friday night when the Bushland Lady Falcons visited. The Falcons had dropped the Lady Mules in the first round 43-32 when they were hitting on all cylinders.

Val Olivas and Yvonne Gardea were moved to the varsity this week leaving the Lady Mules two players short. But the Lady Mules stepped up and got after the Falcons on both ends of the floor.

Gabby Perez and Amber Fuentes had the hot hands in the opening quarter. Perez made her first bucket and added a second and was fouled. She converted the free throw for an old fashion three-point play for five points.

Fuentes was fouled shooting and converted both shots from the free throw line. She dialed in from long distance for a 3-pointer and five points in the quarter. Ali Eagle drained her first of three treys in the game. The Lady Mules led 13-12 going into the second period.

Eagle dialed in from long distance in the second period. Tori Alvarado added a bucket as did Melissa Mendoza. The Falcons out scored the Lady Mules 10-7 to take a 22-20 lead at the half.

Brenda Rodriquez found the range from behind the arc after the half. Eagle dropped in a short jumper. Fuentes converted one from the line and added a bucket. The Lady Mules fell one point farther behind as the Falcons made nine in the period to lead 31-28 with one quarter left to play.

Eagle dropped in her third 3-pointer of the game and Tessa Burris drained a trey. Mendoza converted three-of-four from the line but the Lady Mules could make up no ground on the Falcons.

Eagle set the scoring pace with three treys and 11 points. Fuentes dropped in eight points and Perez and Mendoza added five each. Rodriquez and Burris made three points apiece and Alvarado chipped in two.

The Lady Mules were 7-3 going into their final game in Friona Tuesday night.

Ninth grade ladies have tough start against Friona

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Neither the Lady Mules nor Friona got off to a good start Monday night. Erika Rodriguez broke the scoring ice with a 3-pointer from the right wing late in the quarter. Friona answered with a bucket before the period ended.

A bad second period cost the Lady Mules the low scoring game 21-18.

Jenna Whitworth made one from the charity line for the Lady Mules only points

of the second quarter. The Maidens made hay while the Lady Mules struggled on offense with six points. Friona led 8-4 at the half.

Whitworth opened the second half with a short jumper in the lane to cut the Friona lead to two. Friona answered before Rodriguez scored back to back buckets and knot the score at 10-10.

Whitworth finished a fast break with Rodriguez dishing to her. The Maidens drained a trey on an in bounds play

from the corner to take the lead for good. The Maidens led 15-12 going into the final quarter.

Rodriquez passed to Amy Regalado in the lane for an easy deuce. Devine Orozco intercepted a pass and drove the floor to keep the Lady Mules close as time ran down. She had a foot on the arc when she drained a

long distance bucket to cut the Friona lead to 19-18. Orozco’s long shot capped the Lady Mules scoring.

Rodriquez led the Lady Mules with seven points. Whitworth dropped in five points, Orozco four and Regalado chipped in two.

The Lady Mules completed their season in Dimmitt Monday night.

Eighth grade Lady Mules pull off big win against Friona

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Lady Mules pulled off a big win over the Friona Maidens Monday night. A fast start by the Lady Mules gave them the boost to take the win 34-24.

Alyssa Leal answered a Friona basket with one from the charity line. She would add two baskets along with a second free throw for six in the first quarter. Dominique Mata grabbed an offensive rebound and put it in for two points.

The Lady Mules led 8-3 after one quarter but gave up two buckets to the Maidens as the second period began.

Leal pulled down an offensive rebound and passed to Mata to get the Lady Mules started. Baylee Bessire banked in a 15-foot jumper to give the Lady Mules a 14-9 lead. Mata and Leal each added a bucket before the half ended. The Lady Mules led 16-13 at the half.

The two teams battled to

a 6-6 tie in the third period. Melissa Casanova cleaned the offensive glass and put the ball in the hoop. Brianna Kirk made one from the line as did Leal. Leal drove the base line for a basket to end the third quarter.

The Lady Mules led 22-19 to start the final quarter. Friona cut it to one with a basket before Leal drove the lane for a bucket. Casanova and Samantha Reyes chipped in a free throw each. Leal scored another bucket and went five-of-six from the charity stripe in the final period.

Leal provided the fire power for the Lady Mules with 20 points. Mata dropped in six points, Casanova added three, Kirk and Bessire made two each and Reyna chipped in one.

The Lady Mules finished up their season in Dimmitt Monday night.

Thanks
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Valentines Dance benefit planned

The family and friends of Alfredo “Freddy” Santos are hosting a benefit Valentine’s Dance, at the Muleshoe Fire Department on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 7-11 p.m. Junior high and high school students are invited to attend.

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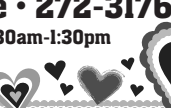
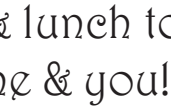
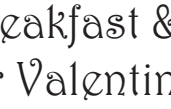
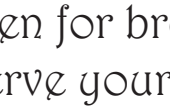
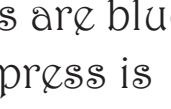
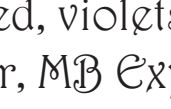
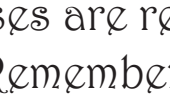
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The “Foolishness of the Cross” Is the Highest Wisdom

You don’t have to be a fan of Charles Darwin to get a kick out of the Darwin Awards, those tongue-in-cheek awards that each year honor “people who ensure the long-term survival of the human race by removing themselves from the gene pool in sublimely idiotic fashion.”

Some of the earliest and funniest Darwin Award contenders (if I might use the

memory of the day I decided the most sporting way to eliminate a mouse staring at me from the concrete floor down in our garage was to stand at the top of the stairs and shoot him with a BB gun. I would have had bragging rights if the BB had lodged in his soft little body, but it didn’t. It hit the cement floor of the garage, ricocheted off another cement wall, and hit me in the forehead. I’m lucky I didn’t shoot my own eye out!

Then there was the day I was heading out of town but decided at the last minute to run my pickup through the car wash. As the automatic car wash mechanism was firing up, I suddenly remembered that I had luggage back in the bed of the truck, some of which would not respond well to soap and water. So I reached through the back window vent and performed a rescue that, in hindsight, probably could have ground me up in the machinery and cleansed the gene pool of my presence! In this world, and between my ears, there is no shortage of foolishness.

But, according to St. Paul, one thing that looks completely foolish to the world actually carries with it the deepest and most loving wisdom of God himself: the cross of Christ. It makes no sense for God to become a man. It makes no sense for God to hang on a cross. It makes no sense for God to allow himself to suffer.

I can sometimes be very foolish. No surprise. But for God to love me so much that he would die for me? Now that’s proof of deep foolishness indeed. Or deepest love.

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Seventh grade Lady Mules dominate Friona's Maidens

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

The seventh grade Lady Mules got off to a fast start Monday when they hosted the Friona Maidens. The Lady Mules scrambled out to an 11-0 lead in the first quarter and continued to pound away at Friona for a 29-13 win.

Mandy Scolley got the Lady Mules started with a turn around jumper. She made a perfect pass to Sheridan White on the blocks for short jumper. Jessica Kube made the feed to White on the next trip down the floor and she was fouled shooting. White made one from the line for a 5-0 lead.

The Lady Mules continued to hold the Maidens scoreless and Kube went coast to coast for a lay up. Gisela Perez put the ball on the floor and drove around her defender for a basket. Kube dished to Adriana Guerra to finish a fast break as the first period ended.

The Lady Mule led 11-0 to start the second quarter. Scolley grabbed an offensive rebound and put it back to open the second period. Kube scored between two baskets by Perez. Friona

finally got on the board just before the half ended with the Lady Mules on top 19-2.

The big lead may have cost the Lady Mules some of their focus as Friona out scored them 6-4 in the third frame. Morgan Burris picked up a loose ball and kissed it off the glass for a bucket.

Perez and Scolley led the charge for the Lady Mules with eight points each. Kube and Guerra dropped in four points each, White made three and Burris chipped in two.

The Lady Mules finished their season in Dimmitt Monday night.



Baylee takes the trophy

Baylee Bessire, pictured above, the daughter of Todd and Cindy Bessire, a 4-H member from Muleshoe, exhibited a Reserve Champion Polled Hereford Steer in the Junior Steer Show at the 2008 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show on Jan. 31. Junior show entries totaled 9,815 at this year's show which ends on Feb. 3.

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JV Mules defeat Bushland

Continued from page 6
and Stevie Cisneros converted an old fashion three point play by making a free throw after being fouled making a basket.

The Mules led 13-9 starting the second quarter. The Falcons held the Mules to six in the second period. Jared Skipworth made a short jumper and Turnbow was four-for-four from the charity line. The Mules trailed 22-19 after the Falcons scored 13 in the second quarter.

The Mules exploded in the third quarter for 17 points. Caleb Conner should be known as TNT as he scored all 14 of his points in the third period. He made three in a row from inside the arc before making back-to-back 3-pointers. He added one last bucket before the period ended and Chavez chipped in a basket.

The Mules led 36-30 going into the final quarter. They converted seven-of-10 from the charity stripe as the Mules out scored the Falcons 13-7 to take the win. Kyler Steinbock, Turnbow and Chavez each made a bucket in the final frame.

Skipworth made two from the free throw line as did Turnbow and Steinbock. Bret Poyner chipped in one from the line.

"These kids really played

well tonight," said their coach Greg Poyner. "In fact I am not sure they can play any better than that. We had been talking about this game ever since we played at Bushland."

"The kids really wanted another shot at these big kids. It is nights like this that makes coaching worth while. It just does not get any better than this."

Turnbow and Conner led the charge for the Mules with 14 points each. Chavez dropped in eight in the win. Steinbock and Skipworth added four points each, Cisneros made three and Poyner chipped in one.

The Mules traveled to Friona Tuesday night and will go to Amarillo River Road on Friday. They will wrap up their season at home against the Amarillo Highland Park Hornets the following Tuesday.

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Please pick up a copy next week and join us in thanking all FFA members for their hard work and commitment.

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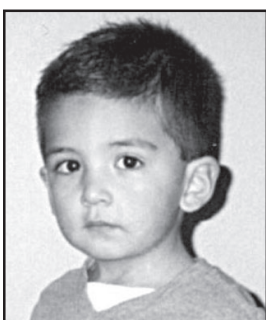
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Senator points out that in health, bigger isn't always better

In Texas, we are known for bragging, "Bigger is better."

From our pick-up trucks, to our linebackers, and to our cuts of beef, our state holds a premium on size.

Health, however, is where this trend stops. More and more, we are faced with the reality that excess weight can take a heavy toll on a person's health, leading to debilitating and often deadly illnesses, such as diabetes.

With obesity on the rise, healthcare costs skyrocketing, and the wellness of our children at stake, diabetes is one of the major problems we face.

Diabetes is a devastating disease that can deteriorate an individual's health, causing a lifetime of complications, including blindness, heightened susceptibility to infection and sickness, heart disease, and, in many cases, premature death.

In our state, diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death. It can also adversely affect a person's quality of life, due to increased disabilities, lost wages, and diminished access to care. In 2006, the indirect cost of diabetes in Texas reached \$4.3 billion.

When added to the \$8.1 billion in health care dollars



Capitol Comment

By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

associated with the illness, the total cost of diabetes in Texas soared to \$12.46 billion.

On a broad level, Texas is leading research efforts to find a cure for diabetes.

Last week, the National Institutes of Health designated the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston a Diabetes and Endocrinology Research Center. Renowned for its worldwide leadership in the study of diabetes, the center will be one of 17 in the country and the only one in Texas.

The work of this and other research institutions is critically important to Texas, which has a climbing obesity rate.

Trust for America's Health, an advocacy organization that monitors health conditions in each state, recently placed Texas twelfth nationwide in obesity, reporting that approximately one in four adults in the state is considered clinically

obese.

It is projected that our state's obese population will rise to a staggering 35.8 percent by 2040. And as Texans' waistlines expand, so will the diabetes epidemic in our state.

A new and alarming trend in diabetes is the rise in cases of type 2 diabetes among children. Formerly known as "adult onset," the diagnosis of type 2 diabetes in individuals under 20 has increased from less than 2 percent to as much as 45 percent over the last 20 years.

In addition to fragile health and the potential for lifelong medical problems, children with diabetes are negatively impacted in other areas of their lives. Diabetic children are frequently absent from school, are more likely to have learning difficulties, and demonstrate poor academic performance over the course of their education.

Since Texas ranks sixth

nationwide in the percentage of obese youth (ages 10 – 17), we are faced with the major challenge of ensuring that the next generation of Texans are fit and healthy.

In Texas, we are not taking this challenge lightly.

Currently, Texas is one of only 17 states that requires school breakfasts, lunches, and snacks to meet higher nutritional standards than the U.S. Department of Agriculture mandates.

This is an important first step, but the foundation for a healthy lifestyle must be reinforced in the home.

In the 2007 Farm Bill, I created an elementary school pilot program that encourages parents to participate in nutrition education with their children.

Under this program, schools would be able to employ a nutrition coordinator to assist them in establishing a comprehensive nutrition and fitness program for parents and students alike.

This program is one of the first of its kind and it will help prevent obesity and promote healthy lifestyles among families.

Congress recognizes the urgent need for diabetes research and efforts to find a cure.

In late 2007, I cosponsored a bipartisan measure to fund clinical trials on new medications, identification of factors that place individuals at risk of developing the disease, and efforts to reduce health complications caused by diabetes.

Diabetes is a massive

challenge that requires a comprehensive solution. From the family dinner table to the school cafeteria, and

from the research lab to the halls of Congress, efforts to prevent diabetes must be a priority.



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Pasture, livestock management workshops set

Two upcoming three-day workshops set at Overton will address the needs of novice ranchers, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle expert.

The "2008 Pasture and Livestock Management Workshop for the Novice" will be held first March 25-27, then again April 1-3, and is designed for those just starting in the cattle business or those considering starting.

"From introductory soils to fertilization strategies to stocking rate assessments to supplementation to vaccinating cattle, the workshop will cover most of the basics of forage and beef cattle production," said Dr. Jason Cleere, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist. Held at the Texas AgriLife Research and

Extension Center at Overton, attendance is limited to 50 people for each workshop, to allow for one-on-one interaction with AgriLife agricultural scientists and professors, Cleere said.

"The focus of the program is how to get started in ranching and pasture management based on research-tested, practical information," said Dr. Larry Redmon, forage specialist and workshop instructor. "We start with the assumption that our audience has limited hands-on management experience, and they want to increase their 'comfort zone' with pasture-animal decisions."

About half of each three-day course is spent in the field with demonstrations of essential skills such as planting, calibrating sprayers, soil testing, castrating,

dehorning, and vaccination of calves, stocking strategies, pasture management and many other topics.

AgriLife Research scientists also will give tours of the various forage and grazing sites at the center and show how theory is carried to actual practice. Registration is \$350 per person, and includes two evening meals, including a ribeye steak dinner, two lunches, break refreshments, a binder of educational materials and social functions where participants can share management experiences.

To register, send a check or money order to: Texas AgriLife Research, P.O. Box 200, Overton, TX 75684. For more information contact Jennifer Lloyd at 903-834-6191 or jlloyd@ag.tamu.edu.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Primary Early Voting beginning February 19, 2008, will be tested on Friday, February 15, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at the Bailey County Courthouse, 300 South First Street, Muleshoe, Texas to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast.

Also, the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in primary Election Day, March 4, 2008, will be tested on Monday, March 3, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 West American Boulevard, Muleshoe, Texas.

Anyone wishing to observe the testing is welcome.

Paula Benton, Bailey County Clerk

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LA MAQUINA TABULADOR AUTOMATICA

Se da aviso que la máquina tabulador automática que será usada en la Elección comenzando el 19 de febrero de 2008, será probado el viernes, 15 de febrero de 2008 a las 1:30 p.m. en la Corte del Condado de Bailey, 300 South First, Muleshoe, Texas, par aver que la máquina contará exactamente los votos.

También la máquina tabulador automático que será usado durante el día de las Elecciones el 4 de marzo de 2008, será probado el lunes, 3 de marzo de 2008 a las 10:00 a.m. en el Coliseum en el Condado de Bailey, 2206 American Boulevard, Muleshoe, Texas.

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Paula Benton, Secretaria del Condado de Bailey

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