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Prickly Perch

The old sailor's adage of "any port in a storm" apparently holds true for birds on a sunny day, also. Pictured above, a small flock of sparrows in Muleshoe take in the sun Monday morning after the weekend's chilly temperatures, using the spiny stalks of a yucca plant as their perch.

Photograph by Larry Thornton

Eating Tips From My Plate

The crazy rush of the holiday season may disrupt your regular meal and exercise patterns. The good news is that you can eat healthfully and lower in calories by filling half your holiday plate with fruits and vegetables. Most people need to consume 4-5 cups of fruits and vegetables every day.

Remember these messages from MyPlate, supplied by Janis Hunter of Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service, whether you're eating at home, the office party, a restaurant, a food court, or picking up a meal at a drive through window.

Fill appetizer plates half way with vegetables.

A plate with one cup of carrots and celery and two mini quiches contains only 145 calories while a more typical plate with four mini quiches, two slices of cheddar cheese and crackers contains 546 calories.

Choose red, orange, and dark-green vegetables like tomatoes, carrots and broccoli, along with assorted other vegetables. Good appetizers include Melba toast topped with sun-dried tomatoes and

a thin slice of part-skim mozzarella cheese, hummus or tomato bruschetta spread on cucumber slices, and mushrooms marinated in a low-fat vinaigrette.

Fill dessert plates at least half way with fruit.

When dining out, eat sliced fruit from the salad bar as your dessert to avoid baked desserts that are high in calories.

Or, fill your dessert plate with fruit and leave room for a thin slice of your favorite pie, a small piece of cake or a cookie. A cup of fresh fruit and a small cookie or half a slice of pie has about 290 calories, but a plate with a peppermint brownie, a slice of pecan pie and a butter cookie contains a whopping 900 calories.

When shopping, take an apple to munch on if you get hungry. This will keep you from being tempted by the aroma of pretzels and cookies in the food court. Before you eat a snack from the mall, visualize what it looks like on a regular dinner plate.

If it takes up the whole plate, then it is too large. Super-sized snack items like large pretzels, cookies and

cinnamon rolls are so common that we have become oblivious to their large size.

Eat a healthy snack plate with fruits and vegetables before going to a party.

Eat your fruits and vegetables before you

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A Year Of Hot, Dry

Part 1

If anything, the words that best describe 2011 in Bailey County are hot and dry.

With recorded precipitation falling below both the norm and the needed for most of the year, seemed as if large portions of the county were trying to leave for parts unknown, and that which stayed behind — for many days at least, stayed in the air.

January

At the beginning of the year, the Bailey County Commissioners Court made no changes to the 90-day burn ban that had followed them into the new year.

The ban, which was enacted during a special session on Jan. 3, allows certain activities, such as the use of enclosed grills, welding under certain restrictions, as

well as the use of below-ground incinerators.

Individuals were allowed to weld outside, however, the welder first had to contact the Bailey County Sheriff's Department before any welding, cutting or grinding began, or face the possibility of a

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\$500 fine for a violation of the ban, a Class C misdemeanor.

But the biggest story in January 2011 had to have been the second trial over the July 4, 2010, shooting death of Roloando "Rollie" Saucedo at 202 W. Fifth in Muleshoe.

In November 2010,

co-defendant Daniel Mendoza was found guilty by a Bailey County jury for his involvement in the murder, and sentenced him to eight years incarceration.

While Dist. Attorney Kathryn Gurley made no effort in the November trial to place the murder weapon in the hands of Mendoza, defense attorney David Martinez of Lubbock said it was his intent to place the gun in the hands of Wednesday's defendant, Michael Garcia.

"You're not going to hear we know who fired the shots," Gurley said in her opening arguments in the Mendoza trial in January 2011.

After receiving the court's instructions, the jury deliberated for three hours and

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Candidates Set For 2012 Elections

With the 2012 political season about to kick off in Bailey County, the following candidates have filed for office:

- County Commissioner Precinct 1 — Floyd "Butch" Vandiver (Republican)
- County Commissioner Precinct 3 — Joey Kindle (Democrat); Charles Waggoner (Republican)
- County Sheriff — Joe Balderamma

(Democrat); Terry Snell (Republican); Richard Willis (Republican, incumbent).

- County Attorney — Jackie Claborn (Republican, incumbent).

- County Constable — Freddie Anzaldua (Democrat); Kent Wiley (Republican).

- County Tax Assessor-Collector — Maria Gonzalez (Republican).

- County Chairman

— Carroll Precure (Republican).

Normally, the filing period for county offices would have closed on Dec. 19; however, according to the Texas Secretary of State's office, the last day to file for a place on the ballot have been changed for the 2012 elections to Feb. 1, due to a federal court order resulting from the 2010 redistricting.

The first day voters can apply for ballots by mail for the April 3 primary election is Feb. 3, with March 27 being the last day the application can be received.

March 5 is the last day to register to vote.

Early voting for the primary is March 19-30.

Celebrating With A White Christmas

Muleshoe and the Bailey County area joined the rest of the Texas Panhandle in a snow white Christmas this year.

Although the immediate area missed the quantities of powder that settled over a wide portion of the state, Muleshoe received enough to briefly cover the roadways, and add to the Christmas decorations, such as those on the fence at the Muleshoe Heritage Center, pictured on the left.

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OPINION

Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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MAHD Board Meeting

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board of Directors will be meeting on Thursday, Dec. 29, in the dining room of the Muleshoe Area Medical Center, beginning at 6 p.m. The meeting will include an executive session to discuss the appointment of a board member, and the election of a vice president.

Death Notices

Glenda Morris

Former Muleshoe resident Glenda Morris, 89, of Merkel died on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011. She was born on Oct. 22, 1922, to Ira and Janie Roberts of Maud, Okla. Funeral services were Monday, Dec. 26, at Calvary Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

MyPlate...

Continued from A1 go out, because it is not always easy to eat healthfully at the office party or your friend's house.

By eating a small salad and a piece of fruit beforehand, you won't arrive starved and tempted to fill up on fried chicken tenders or fatty roast beef.

If you need to take a dish to a party and are pressed for time, pick up a pre-assembled fruit and vegetable tray from the supermarket.

Make a healthy plate for lunch and dinner.

Use a smaller plate at meals to lower calories. You can finish your entire plate and feel satisfied without overeating. This is MyPlate's method of portion control.

Vegetables provide texture and low-calorie bulk that satisfies. Cook light, tasty vegetable side dishes in one of these 10 healthy ways: bake, roast, boil, steam, blanch, stir-fry, sauté, grill, stew or microwave. For example, stir-fry a mixture of vegetables with olive oil and herbs, or steam some cabbage seasoned with caraway seeds and a sprinkling of salt and pepper.

Looking for a lower-calorie pasta dish? Prepare vegetable

lasagna by replacing the meat with eggplant, spinach, broccoli, carrots, mushrooms or your favorite combination.

Or, make a 400-calorie pasta dish by filling half your plate with veggies, one-fourth with pasta and one-fourth with meatballs. That contains less than half the calories in a 900-calorie large bowl of traditional pasta with meatballs!

Add extra vegetables to your pasta dish by slipping some peppers, spinach, red beans, onions, or cherry tomatoes into your traditional tomato sauce.

When ordering dinner in a restaurant, ask for an extra side of vegetable or side salad instead of the typical fried side dish.

Visit <http://ChooseMyPlate.gov> for a variety of information on MyPlate, which is USDA's new food guide to educate Americans on how to eat healthfully.

If you would like to contact me with questions or requests for more information, please do so at my office at 118 W. Ave. C, Muleshoe, TX 79347 or call 806 272-4583, or email kathy.carr@agnet.tamu.edu.

God's Gift Is One We Couldn't Give Ourselves

What we need most for God to do in our world and in our lives are the very things we cannot possibly do ourselves.

They are also quite often the things that we, in our frequent fits of arrogance (it's called human pride), are tempted to think we can.

God's people in first century Palestine were quite sure they needed the Romans thrown out of their country and excised from their lives.

And so they fell prey not only to the Romans but to a succession of pseudo-saviors raising rebellion and multiplying misery.

Then, almost unnoticed except by a few shepherds out on the hills near Bethlehem and some animals cramped in their stable by the presence of a guy from Nazareth and his wife who'd managed



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Curtis Shelburne

to turn the place into a delivery room, God does something to truly save his people that the mightiest general and the strongest army on earth could never have done.

Because no one who has ever lived or who ever will live has been able to live a life completely grace-filled and sin-free, perfectly righteous and yet perfectly gentle, absolutely holy and yet absolutely winsome, God sends to us at Bethlehem the very best Christmas gift, his own Son, to lift up the fallen sons of Adam and daughters of Eve to be the adopted sons and daughters of God and "joint heirs" with

Christ of the very best blessings of the Father.

Ah, we could never have done that on our own! It's God's gift to us, and all we can do now is to accept it through faith as a gift — or not.

It comes in no other way. It is a gift. And it can be received in no other way.

While all of eternity is not long enough for us to adequately praise God for the gift he has given, how dare we even begin to think that, could we give them, a thousand years of our praises, our songs, our worship, our good deeds, our pious ritual, would ever be enough

to in any way even begin pay God back for that wonderful Gift?

And don't we realize that to refuse to accept a gift as a gift is to dishonor the Giver?

Yes, worship the Giver!
Yes, live to honor Him!

Yes, join the angels in singing his praises and proclaiming his salvation!

But do it with real joy because you have opened your hands and your heart to freely receive the Gift God gave at Bethlehem to do for you and for me what we could never do for ourselves.

Addresses for charitable giving suggested

- Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Center, P.O. Box 201, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, (806) 272-5873.
- MOST Scholarship (given to all graduating MISD seniors yearly), c/o Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets, 514 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Oneita Wagon Senior Center, P.O. Box 292, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Hope Chest, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Muleshoe Hospital Auxiliary, c/o Muleshoe Area Medical Center.
- Bailey County Food Pantry, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Meals on Wheels, 300 1st St., Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department, c/o Muleshoe City Hall, 215 S. First, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-4528.
- Lazbuddie EMS and Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 125, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.
- Park View Nursing Care Center, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Inc., 104 E. Ave. C, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-5727.
- Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 62, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, 115 E. American Blvd., Muleshoe 79347.
- Bailey County Child Welfare Board, P.O. Box 243, Muleshoe TX 79346, or call 272-3204.
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Each of you did a wonderful job and I will always be grateful. You were so kind and thoughtful to me, too. Thanks for helping my sisters and other family members, too.

I also remember how lovingly you cared for my mother, Elsie, too.

Thank you and God bless each of you.
Your friend forever, Jo McCray

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Muleshoe Firefighter Of The Year Honored

On Monday, Dec. 12, the Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department held its annual Christmas party, during which several members were recognized.

The members who were recognized for their years of service included: Wayne Wauson, 40 years; Billy Tosh Jr., 30 years; Robert Wauson, 15 years; and Ricky Railsback, 10 years. New members for

2011 included Gerhard Friesen, Trynn Koehn and Jackie Claborn.

Fire Chief Tom Ladd presented Jerry Bruton with the Firefighter of the Year award for his outstanding service and dedication to serving and protecting the community of Muleshoe.

Bruton has been a member of the department for eight years.



Fire Chief Tom Ladd presents Jerry Bruton with the Firefighter of the Year award.

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48 minutes before returning to the courtroom and announcing the guilty verdict.

However, although he was found guilty, Garcia also received a minimal six-year sentence for his part in Saucedá's death.

January also marked Bailey County Electric Cooperative's move into their new building. After five years of planning, and months of construction, the new facility, located at East American Blvd. and East Sixth, was completed and BCEC employees began the move.

"It was a hard decision," CEO David Marricle said, concerning the decision to build the new facility rather than renovate the cooperative's more than 50-year-old existing office space, but with remodeling costs estimated at nearly twice the costs of new construction, BCEC's governing board decided it was best to relocate.

Since then, the cooperative's original building has been torn down and removed.

The big news at the Muleshoe Area Hospital District in January was the partial amnesty that was offered to unpaid account holders, the hospital district gave them a chance to save a little if they'd take care of their past hospital debts.

The amnesty amounted to a 30 percent discount offered to individuals with outstanding bills. According to MAHD officials, these unpaid accounts totaled as much as \$3 million.

"If we collect two percent we're doing better than we were," MAHD employee LaJuana Renfro told the board.

February
Among the top

Health Tip

Do you know that over half of all cancers are preventable by your behavior?

For example, small changes in eating will have a big impact on health. Just don't take that second helping or skip the dessert

Look for messages in the *Muleshoe Journal* to help you do your part in preventing cancers with those you love.

news in February was Muleshoe High School Senior Cooper Washington's decision not to fulfill his verbal commitment to play football for the University of Oklahoma Sooners.

On Feb. 2, as students, faculty, family and friends watched, Sergio Montejano and Cooper Washington signed their letters of intent to play college football.

While Montejano's signing with West Texas A&M University was no surprise, Washington's decision to stay closer to home and play for the Texas Tech Raiders was a surprise to all but a few.

February also brought cold temperatures to Muleshoe; however, even with the snowfall that was received the commissioners court decided the amount was insufficient to lift the county's burn ban.

The month also marked the end of an era in Muleshoe as the steel supporting what was the Muleshoe Motor Company building were cut away.

Originally constructed in 1972, the building housed an automotive dealership and service garage with links to the Muleshoe community extending back to December 1924, when the county's first Ford dealership was opened by the Green-Hicks Motor Company, at 201 W. Main, in Muleshoe.

The dealership changed owners and names in the years that followed, moving its showroom to First Street for a number of years, until final move to the location on West American Blvd.

And, in February, the ongoing battle between the Muleshoe Area Hospital District and Horizon Health, came to an end, with

the hospital district's board of directors approving an out of court settlement of no more than \$150,000.

In May 2010, the MAHD board "pulled the plug" on the Pathway geriatric behavioral health unit that had been constructed at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, and which the hospital district had contracted with Horizon Health for management services.

The Pathways project began to sour early when the renovation costs exceeded expectations, reaching \$325,000, according to MAHD CEO Burke at the hospital board's April 2010 regular meeting.

At the time the unit was shut down, Burke estimated that Pathways unit was costing the district almost \$10,000 in payroll alone.

There was good news at the Five Area Telephone Cooperative's annual meeting in February 2010, as cooperative officials expressed their confidence about the future of the company.

"We're doing the right thing at the right time," Sandy Vandevender, Five Area's general manager, who had recently become president of the National Telecommunication Cooperative Association's board of directors.

"Five Area is known nationwide as a great cooperative," Vandevender said.

March
In March, after repeated action and months of review, the Muleshoe City Council passed what it no doubt hoped will be the final changes to its itinerant vendor ordinance.

Muleshoe's itinerant vendor saga began in July 2010, when local merchants expressed their concerns about

such street merchants and urged the city council to change the existing ordinances with the intent of restricting the vendors.

However, the issue was returned to the council in August 2010, with various revisions, and again in January 2011. Finally, in March, the city council approved changes in the ordinance's related fee schedule that set the vendor fee at \$100.

Also in March, the city council was able to do a little celebrating when the predictions for Bailey County's 2010 census were shown to contain a huge error.

According to Muleshoe City Secretary LeAnn Gallman, preliminary estimates for both the city and Bailey County indicated a population drop.

For the City of Muleshoe, the preliminary estimate was 4,200, a drop of 330 residents or 7.29 percent from its 2000 census total of 4,530, and in the mind of local officials a huge undercount of what many believe to be one of the most progressive communities in West Texas.

"We're very pleased with our census numbers," Gallman

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn
 May all of your Christmas' be as good and blessed as mine.

May your new year be a happy, blessed, and healthy one.

The Oneita Wagnon Senior Center will be open on Monday, Jan. 2. So make plans to come and start your new year with us at the center. There is good fellowship and fun with your friends.

Tuesday, Jan. 3, will be Bunco playing time. Be sure to call a friend and come in to play.

The games start at 10 a.m. Prizes are given and a lot of fun is enjoyed.

Thursday, Jan. 5, Rick with Hearing Aids Technology of Lubbock, will be at the center. If you should need this service please come in around 10:30 a.m., or call to see if he could make a house call.

As we begin our ninth year in the center, we would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all of you that have supported the center with your presence and contributions.

Without you we could not have the center we have today. We are considered one of the best in the state and it is because of all of you.

Donations to the center are tax deductible. Perhaps you have some one you need to acknowledge consider making a nice donation to the center. We are a nonprofit organization and appreciate all your help.

Menu for Jan. 2-6:
 Monday, Jan. 2 — Baked chicken dumplings, salad and fruit cup.

Tuesday, Jan. 3 — Lasagna, brussel sprouts, garlic bread and pears.

Wednesday, Jan. 4 — Chicken-fried steak, country gravy, mashed potatoes, stewed okra, seasoned corn and

pumpkin squares.
 Thursday, Jan. 5 — Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, whole wheat roll and pears.

Friday, Jan. 6 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

Drinks: Low fat milk, tea, coffee.

HealthTip

Quitting smoking or chewing tobacco at any time will substantially reduce your risk of cancer going forward as your body will heal from the effects of smoking or chewing.

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Death notices will be published free of charge in the Muleshoe Journal.

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In all cases, the death notice and obituary information should be submitted by the funeral home for verification purposed.

The guidelines that will be used to determine if, and how much the publication will cost is as follows:

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If the notice is to be published prior to any services, the time, date and location of services, and location of burial may be included.

Obituaries...

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed at the rate of \$4.50 per column inch, and may contain a variety of information, including but not limited to: Date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; biographical information; names of parents, spouses or children who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors; and where memorials may be directed.

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said at that time. "It says great things about our community."

Instead of the predicted drop, Muleshoe and Bailey County's 2010 census numbers show a significant increase — 13.86 percent for the city, which added 628 residents in the last decade, and 8.66 percent for the county, which has increased by 571 during the same period.

Pulling local utility numbers, Gallman said the city's water connections have grown from 1,802 in 2000 to 2,105, an increase of 303, marking a significant increase in city revenue.

"We're real excited about the increase in the census," she added. "It just proves that we are progressive... that Muleshoe is a growing place to be."

Comparing the Bailey County count to surrounding counties, the local 571 resident increase compared to a 603 decrease in Cochran County, a 732 decrease in Lamb County and a 223 decrease in Castro County.

Of the surrounding counties, only Parmer County's census numbers show an increase, with a 253 resident gain since the 2000 totals.

Over at the hospital board, March's meeting grew a bit intense as members of the board and John Hedrick of

AccessCare Dialysis exchanged words while discussing the facility past due rent.

Hedrick requested that the past due amount be waived. Eventually, the amount was forgiven; however, the issue returned to the board in December when it was noted that AccessCare was once more behind in its rent to the tune of \$10,000.

April
On the elementary campuses of the Muleshoe Independent School District, the game of "Keep Away," may be a seasonal favorite, but at the school board's April meeting, "give away," or to be more specific... "trade away" seemed to have everyone's attention as the board members listened to Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheet's suggestion that giving Springlake-Earth ISD some of Muleshoe ISD's unpopulated area would benefit both school districts.

By transferring 106 square miles from within the Muleshoe school district to the Springlake-Earth's, it was believed Muleshoe will be able to recapture a large portion of the funds that are expected to be lost due to the state's budget shortfall.

Dr. Sheets explained that the benefit to MISD and Springlake was the result of the state's existing school funding laws which provides additional funds for districts comprised of

more than 300 square miles.

"They will pay us for more than we lose," Dr. Sheets said, referring to Springlake-Earth.

By the end of the month, however, it had been decided that the potential benefit didn't exceed the school district's risk.

What seemed to throw the wrench into the plans was in large part the potential for area to the south of Muleshoe to eventually become part of a wind farm, and the difficulty, if not near impossibility, for MISD to regain that portion of land.

"That's where it might get sticky," Dr. Sheets said.

He explained that the process of regaining the land would be the reverse of the process that the districts were currently studying, and the requirement that the voters in the area would be willing to present a petition that requesting the detachment and annexation.

If the property taxes on the land were similar to the present situation, with MISD being more than 30 cents higher than SEISD, Sheets admitted there was a strong chance the voters wouldn't support another petition.

Sheets also said the school district's legal counsel advised against the agreement because portions of the contract that would require Springlake-Earth to transfer the lands back to MISD were unenforceable.

At the Bailey County Commissioners Court, in April, the area's drought conditions resulted in the renewal of the 90-day burn ban. Along with the approval of a new type of incinerator's use at L&L Pallet.

"We're certainly not going to lift it," Precinct 2 Commissioner C.E. Grant said about the burn ban.

Tom Landry of L&L Pallet appeared before

the court in April, seeking an exemption to the burn ban similar to that received by rural residents who have installed "covered" below-ground incinerators.

The use of "open" burn pits is prohibited under the county burn ban, but Landry explained how the open-topped incinerator at his facility, located across Hwy. 84 from Progress, differs.

May
In May, former US Attorney General Alberto Gonzales had some words of advice for Muleshoe's high school students: Why not me... why not you.

Reminding the students that he himself came from a humble beginning, Gonzales said he was encouraged by friends to attend college while serving in the US Air Force, and said, "If this poor kid from humble Texas, the son of a construction worker and cotton picker, can become the attorney general of the United States... anybody can do it. If you want to do it."

"If you get an education and you prepare yourself, you can do it," he said.

Gonzales answered questions from the students, ranging from the hardest decisions he had to make while in office — which included some of the decisions he made regarding the "war on terrorism, which followed the Sept. 11 bombing of the World Trade Center, to the ultra-conspiracy questions that always pop up regarding Area 51 and the Kennedy assassination, both of which he said he didn't "have the need to know."

Gonzales' visit to Muleshoe High School was followed by Dist. 19 Cong. Randy Neugebauer who held a town hall meeting focusing on the federal budget and government spending.

"What we're going to talk about over the next hour is spending your money," the congressman said in his opening address.

Comparing the federal budget with that of a family or a business, Neugebauer said something had to be done to control government spending, reduce the current deficit, and prevent the deficit increase he said has been projected due to President Barack Obama's proposed budget.

"We're going to have to find out how to operate the country using the money we have," Neugebauer said.

"We've got a government that borrows too much, spends too much, and taxes too much," the 19th district U.S. representative said.

June
In June, the hospital district board held a "heated" meeting; however, the heat didn't

have anything to do with unfavorable ideas, reports or even changes in board positions.

In fact, the heat came from the simple truth that it was simply hot in the meeting room due to problems with the hospital's air conditioning system.

MAHD CEO and hospital administrator David Burke explained that problems had arisen with the hospital's chiller and water cooling system a couple of weeks earlier, eventually progressing to the point in which the majority of the facility had lost its air conditioning.

"It probably should have been addressed 15 years ago," Burke said.

Also in June, the 2011 Bailey County Relay for Life was held at the Bailey County Coliseum, with more than \$55,000 being raised for the American Cancer Society.

Look for Part 2 of the Year in Review in next week's issue.



December's Park View Heros

Jenny Hall, pictured on the immediate left, and Paul Poynor were honored as Park View Nursing Care Center's heroes for the month of December. Poynor was unavailable for the photograph. Hall takes residents to doctor appointments, helps with bathing and morning grooming, and works where needed on each hall.

Ecclesiastes 3:2-8

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FSA Announces Bailey County Committee Election Results

Bailey County USDA Farm Service Agency Executive Director Kim Hanlin has announced that county committee elections are over, the ballots are counted and the results are in.

According to Hanlan, Rex Black of Muleshoe was elected to represent LAA1.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity, and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues.

"County committee

members are a valuable asset because they are local producers who participate in FSA programs themselves and have a direct connection to farmers and ranchers in the community," said Hanlin.

"All recently elected county committee

members and alternates will take office on Jan. 1, and join the existing committee," he said.

For more information about county committees and the election process, contact the Bailey County FSA office at 806-272-4538 or visit the website www.fsa.usda.gov.

High Plains Irrigation Conference Set

By Kay Ledbetter
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The annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show hosted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be held Jan. 19 in the Regency Room of the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St., Amarillo.

The program this year, which is jointly sponsored by AgriLife Extension and the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association, addresses a wide variety of topics, said Nich Kenny, AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist.

The registration fee will be \$30, payable at the door only, and includes lunch.

Topics and speakers include:

- Information on John Deere Water, Keith Patterson, John Deere Water senior technical services manager, Memphis.
- Aqua Spy: Capacitance probe irrigation scheduling, David Sloane, AquaSpy agronomist, St. Louis, Mo.
- Crop Metrics variable rate irrigation, Kevin Abts, vice president of sales and marketing, North Bend, Neb.
- Technologies in center pivot irrigation, Farris Hightower, Lindsay Corporation regional manager, Lubbock.
- Long- and short-term weather insights, Dr. David Brown, National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration, Fort Worth.

- Tillage effects on water use, Rick Kochenower, Oklahoma State University, Goodwell, Okla.
- Texas Alliance on Water Conservation Lockney project, Dr. Justin Weinheimer, Texas Tech University, Lubbock.
- North Plains Groundwater Conservation District "200-12 Reduced Irrigation on Corn Demonstration," Harold Grall, Moore County producer.
- Economics of irrigation systems, Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension, Amarillo.
- Efficient Profitable Irrigation in Corn or EPIC Project, Kenny.

• Drought tolerant corn research, Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo.

Five Irrigation Association certified irrigation designer and five certified crop advisor continuing education units will be offered for conference attendees, he said.

The trade show will include booths from the irrigation industry, area groundwater districts and educational institutions, Kenny said.

For more conference information, go to the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association website, <http://taia.org/> or contact Kenny at 806-677-5600 or npkenny@ag.tamu.edu.

For trade show information, contact Kern Stutler at 806-786-5644.

Crop Production Conference To Be Held

By Steve Byrns
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The Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Crosby and Floyd counties will conduct their Caprock Crop Production Conference from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center.

The center is six miles from Floydada on U.S. Highway 70 between Floydada and Lockney.

"We will have a number of agricultural updates crucial to our area," said Caitlin Jackson, AgriLife Extension agent in Crosby County.

"We plan to have representatives from the Texas Comptrollers office on-site to explain and issue the new Ag and Timber Tax registration numbers. We'll also have information on the High Plains Water District water meter requirements and a trade show," she added.

Jackson said the conference is open to all area producers

and those interested in the South Plains crop production industry.

"We'll also have commercial booths with exhibitors on hand to introduce the latest in technology and equipment," she said.

Other topics will include:

- A general crop disease update, drift minimization and equipment calibration.
- 2012 Farm Bill and conservation reserve program update.
- Updates on risk and pest management and crop insurance.

Seven Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available for those with a pesticide applicators license — 0.5 drift minimization, 3.5 general, two integrated pest management and one laws and regulations.

Seven certified crop advisor credits will also be available.

Individual

preregistration is \$35 by Jan. 20 and \$45 thereafter. The fee includes lunch, conference cap and educational materials. Organizers also will be giving away an iPad 2 as a door prize.

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- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2749' lv.area, lots of storage, nice courtyard & landscaping, workshop/storage/fenced yd., Much More!! Reduced-\$175K!**
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home on corner lot, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, remodeled bathrooms, nice carpet & tile, sunroom, fenced yd., auto. spkrl., approx. 2216' liv area!!! \$125K!!**
- 2-2-2 Brick Home, corner lot, built-ins, approx. 1695' lv. area, fenced yard., wkshp/stor., storm cellar!! \$67K!!**
- 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, approx. 2310' lv. area, 2 Franklin wood stoves, storm shelter, fans, fenced yd., man. spkrl.!!! \$120,000!!**

RURAL

- VERY NICE CUSTOM BUILT 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 car garage home, at edge of town on 80 acres!!** Geothermal heat & air, built-ins, FP, ash cabinets, approx. 2544' main lv. area plus 625' finished basement w/safe & storage, spkrl system, beautiful trees and landscaping, circle spkrl, 5 wire barbwire fence, 36' x 48' metal insulated bldg w/2 12' doors!! MUCH MORE!!
- VERY NICE 4-3 doublewide (2006) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., 25' x 40' Metal Bldg. septic system, domestic well, on pavement close to town!! \$152K \$130K!! MAKE OFFER**
- NICE 4.8 acre homesites, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!**
- LARIAT AREA - 3-1 Home, Cent. heat, 5 acres, 1989' lv. area (2 story), 2880' quonset barn, out bldgs., Reduced \$39K!! POSSIBLE OWNER FINANCE!!**
- 3-2-2 HOME ON 2 AC. (2860 FM 303)- APPROX. 2146' lv. area, DW, ceiling fans, thermal windows, lg. conc. patio, workshop/storage!! \$89,000!!**
- PROGRESS- 3-2-2 Home, Cent, Geo, A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2064' lv. area on 1.24 acres, 2 wells, 720' insul. shop w/288' awning, carport, storage Bldg., cellar!! MUCH MORE!! \$125K!!**
- West of Sudan 3-2-2 Brick Home on 5.57 acres, Cent. A&H, builtins, approx. 2688' lv. area, fenced yd., 40' x 80' quonset barn!! MUCH MORE!! \$135K!!**
- NICE 3-2-2 Home on 11 acres at edge of town, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, freshly painted interior, thermal windows & doors, plus 1 bdrm house, workshop, storage, greenhouse, plus 3 garages, barns & outbuildings!! \$155,000!!**
- FM 1760 @ edge of town, nice 3-2-2 carport home on 3 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, approx. 2253' lv area, fenced, horse barn w/corrals, hay & tack room!! \$105K!!!!**
- Remodeled 3-2 Home on 20 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, basement, nice yard, auto. spkrl., wkshp., stor. bldg. approx. 2145' lv. area!! \$150K!!**

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Happy New Year!

In Scotland, the first person to visit shows what kind of luck the family will have in the new year.

- Scotland
- Shetland
- Scottish
- New Year
- England
- Loch Ness
- Glasgow

New Year's Eve
New Year's Day
Edinburgh
Robert Burns
Hogmanay
Auld Lang Syne
Highland Games

Scotland

Yikes! Did you find and circle the proper nouns above?

New Beginnings!

- Take the time to play with or walk
- Exercise
- Keep my room clean
- Read at least one book a month

- the dog each day.
- in fiction (made-up story) and nonfiction (true).
- and organized so I can find things.
- for at least 30 minutes a day.

- Take out the trash
- Let my family know that I love them
- Study for school so I
- Spend less time watching TV

- by doing nice things for them.
- without being asked.
- and use the time to do fun things with family or friends.
- get a report card I'm proud of.

Supporting Our Nation's Most Trusted Travelers

With the holiday season upon us, many Americans are traveling through crowded airports.

For our service men and women who are deployed overseas, reuniting with loved ones for the holidays likely has been their first thought each morning and their last thought each night. Many of these troops are traveling to or from multiple deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan.

As I travel back-and-forth from Texas to Washington, I have seen our military men and women in uniform waiting patiently in long airport security lines, watching as they must remove their combat boots, worn on the front lines of Afghanistan.

I think the vast majority of Americans would agree that our military men and women make sacrifices for our nation every day.

The least we can do is



make their lives — and the lives of their family members — easier when they travel on official orders around the country they defend. Our nation's military have earned the right from a grateful nation to go to the front of the line.

That's why I introduced The Trust Our Troops Act (S. 1954). The bill requires the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to work with the Department of Defense (DoD) to develop a program to expedite security screening procedures for our military personnel and their families who accompany them.

After I spoke on the floor of the Senate about this legislation, I was stopped in the hall by a young man

who just happened to be in the Senate Gallery that evening during my remarks

As an Army Special Forces Sergeant, he told me about his own experience at airport screening while in uniform carrying a military radio as part of official courier duty between bases. TSA agents took his radio apart to test for explosives.

Such examples occur every day to our men and women in uniform at airports across our nation. That's what drove me to introduce this legislation.

The Trust Our Troops Act has bipartisan support and was co-sponsored by Senators Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) and Richard Burr (R-NC). It passed the Senate unanimously.

The House of Representatives is expected to pass our legislation this week.

And although the bill will not affect this year's holiday travel season, it will require the TSA and DoD to work together to implement a more common-sense process for military personnel's travel.

Members of our military and their families, traveling on orders and in uniform, will benefit from these new rules. It will also expedite the process for all air travelers.

In a time of increasing fiscal constraints, the establishment of procedures to expedite the screening of a pool of travelers who are certainly our most "trusted travelers" will better allow TSA to focus their attention on

areas of real threat.

More than 1.4 million brave men and women comprise our nation's armed forces. While many of these service men and women will be traveling through our airports over the next few weeks for

long-awaited reunions with their families, still many others will be deployed in harm's way during the holidays. We are grateful to each of them as we enjoy our time with our loved ones at this special time of year.

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