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Editorial

By Chris Bradford

I will not hold these words up as being my own, but I will tell you I wish they were. I am sick and tired of the United States of America dodging critics every time someone screams that they are offended by our actions, our beliefs or our way of life. Well, by golly, be offended if that makes you feel better. But...I don't care!

Are we fighting a war on terror or aren't we? Was it or was it not started by Islamic people who brought it to our shores on Sept. 11, 2001? Were people from all over the world, mostly Americans, not brutally murdered that day, in downtown Manhattan, across the Potomac from our nation's capitol and in a field in Pennsylvania? Did nearly three thousand men, women and children die a horrible, burning or crushing death that day, or didn't they?

And I'm supposed to care that a copy of the Koran was "desecrated" when an overworked American soldier kicked it or got it wet? Well, I don't. I don't care at all!

I'll care about the Koran when the fanatics in the Middle East start caring about the Holy Bible, the mere possession of which is a crime in Saudi Arabia.

I'll care when Abu Musab al-Zarqawi tells the world he is sorry for hacking off Nick Berg's head while Berg screamed through his gurgling, slashed throat.

I'll care when the cowardly so-called "insurgents" in Iraq come out and fight like men instead of disrespecting their own religion by hiding in mosques.

I'll care when the mindless zealots who blow themselves up in search of nirvana care about the innocent children within range of their suicide bombs.

I'll care when the American media stops pretending that their First Amendment liberties are somehow derived from international law instead of the United States Constitution's Bill of Rights.

I'll care when Clinton-appointed judges stop ordering my government to release photos of the abuses at Abu Ghraib, which are sure to set off the Islamic extremists just as *Newsweek's* lies did a few weeks ago.

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Photograph by Larry Thornton.

Welcome back...

Dillman Elementary teacher Marjorie was only one of the teachers preparing for the return of students during the past week. Pictured above, Powers puts some of the finishing touches on the door to her classroom.

A close call...

The Muleshoe Fire Department, and other emergency service agencies responded to the report of a fire in the 200 block of W. Ave. F Monday morning. Reportedly, the quick response limited the damage to an attached storage shed.



Bailey County EMS to purchase new ambulance

Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The accident that totalled Bailey County EMS' newest ambulance on July 15 appears to have an unexpected silver lining, it was revealed during Monday's commissioner's court.

Bailey County EMS director Chris Thompson and County Judge Sherri Harrison informed the commissioners that with the insurance check received as a result of an accident, along with a \$35,000 grant the EMS had initially planned to turn back, the ambulance

service will be able to replace the ambulance with a much better unit.

According to Thompson, the year-old ambulance that was involved in the accident had apparently been a disappointment, requiring much more maintenance than such a new unit should

require. At Monday's meeting, Sherman Martin of Professional Ambulance presented information on his company's TraumaHawk ambulance, which reportedly has

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Postal official denies rumors

On Monday, Don Jones of the U.S. Postal Service in Lubbock denied rumors of wrongdoing as the reason for Muleshoe Postmaster Patty Aleman being unavailable.

Currently, Sharalyn Larsen, the postmaster at Spearman, is the "officer-in-charge" at the Muleshoe Post Office.

Jones said Monday that Aleman was currently on two weeks vacation, and that the audit being performed at the post office "isn't unusual."

He further explained that Aleman lives a considerable distance

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'Need for speed' runs in the family

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

"I like going fast... I like a good horse," Eugenie Crist of Fort Sumner, N.M., a mother of three and grandmother of five said about her "need for speed" during a recent interview.

Of course, Crist comes by her horsemanship and probably her joy at riding a fast horse naturally, she's the sister of Charmayne James, who holds 11 world championship barrel racing titles.

Crist was among several barrel racers — members of the Cowgirls

Barrel Racing Association of Clovis, N.M., performing at the David Allen Arena, east of Muleshoe on Hwy. 84, Wednesday, Aug. 3.

"This is my family," Crist said about the CBRA, and although the members undoubtedly knew of the accomplishments of Charmayne James, she indicated she would be surprised if all of them — or many of the people she knew in the Muleshoe area — knew she was the sister of the woman who holds the most world championship titles.

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Eugenie Crist bends her APHA horse "Paint," around a barrel prior to the competition.



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Beginning Aug. 15, all remaining seats will go on sale on a first come, first served basis.

Any reserved seats remaining after the season starts will be available for \$6 per game and may be purchased at the administration office on game day. Contact Dana Rasco at 272-7400 for additional information.

Alfalfa workshop

A regional alfalfa production workshop is being held Friday, Aug. 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Bailey county Coliseum, located on West U.S. 84, in Muleshoe.

The event, which is being hosted by the Texas Cooperative Extension and New Mexico State University, targets producers in Bailey, Lamb, Parmer, Castro, Deaf Smith, Cochran, Hockley, Hale and Lubbock Counties in Texas, and Roosevelt, Curry and Quay Counties in New Mexico. For additional information, or to pre-register contact Curtis Preston, Bailey County extension agent, at 806-272-4583. There is a \$10 registration fee, which includes a meal.

Ombudsman volunteers sought

South Plains Association of Governments' Area Agency on Aging will hold an orientation on Saturday, Aug. 6 for nursing home volunteer advocates. The special session will be from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at MHMR, 1602 10th St. in Lubbock. Call the Area Agency on Aging at 687-0940 or 1-888-418-6564 to pre-register or to receive more information.

Drivers license office closed

The Drivers license office in Muleshoe will be closed Sept. 5 for Labor Day, and Sept. 6-7 for an in-service training school.

Bailey county diabetes support group

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 16, in the Bailey County Coliseum Meeting Room, at 7 p.m. The program will be "Maintaining your good health."

This program is free of charge to anyone interested. The Diabetes Support Group meets the third Tuesday of each month. For more information contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79346, or call 806-272-4583.

Plant clinic rescheduled

The Bailey County Extension Office's Home Horticulture Plant Clinic, originally scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 2., has been rescheduled for Tuesday,

Aug. 16. Dr. Harold Kaufman, plant pathologist from Lubbock will conduct the clinic. Call Curtis Preston at the extension office at 272-4583 to make an appointment for Kaufman and Preston to come to your home or business and discuss your horticulture needs.

Before school shot clinic

A shot clinic has been scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. until noon, at the Muleshoe High School nurse's office. The cost is \$10 per shot, and parents or guardians are instructed to bring the child's shot record.

State law requires that a student's shot record be current to attend public school. Call Michele Barton, RN, at 272-7303 for additional information.

Senior center election announced

There are three places to be filled on the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center Board of Directors. Nominations must be made at the center no later than Aug. 15 for these vacancies. All senior citizens, age 60 and up, are eligible to vote. No donation is required.

Senior citizens painting class

Individuals interested in taking part in a senior citizens painting class should call 272-4969.

Community band members sought

Danny Rodriguez and D.J. Dominguez are looking for individuals interested in forming a community-wide band to play at community events, social occasions, outdoor concerts and various other events. This is not a paid position at this time.

The duo hopes to gather numerous musicians to play all types of music, including jazz, big band, funk, pop and rock. They are also looking for singers.

Charts are available and reading music isn't necessary, but would be helpful since some of the music is "challenging." All types of instruments will be used and every musician is encouraged to make contact.

"From brass to woodwinds, drums to electric guitars, every instrument can be utilized. Even if you haven't played in 15 or 20 years, give it a try," he said. "We really want this band to be something special and fun for the community."

If you're interested in more information about the concept, contact Danny Rodriguez at 272-3345 or D.J. Dominguez at 272-6814.

AA meeting

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Saturday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. 2nd. Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings or AA in general, call Bobby F. at 272-8948 or 272-4433.

Births

John and Becky Espinoza of Muleshoe are proud to announce the birth of their son, Isaiah Michael Espinoza, on June 21, 2005, at 8:44 p.m., at Covenant Medical Center of Lubbock.

Isaiah weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces at birth and was 21 inches in length.

He has two sisters, Abriana, 6, and Elysia, 4.

Isaiah's grandparents are Camilo and Lupe Espinoza, and Vicente and Nina Cortez, all of Muleshoe.

His great-grandparents are Evangelina Orozco of Littlefield, and Marcelina Ovalle of Muleshoe.

Muleshoe's recorded rainfall for the weekend of Aug. 6-7, was .88 inches for the south side of town.

Hospital Report

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center has released the following list of admissions:

Erminia Ortega,	July 30 — David,
Cavazos and Don Geries,	July 31 — No Report.
July 28 — Claudio Nunez	Aug. 1 — Virgie Perry.
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Words to ponder from Beverly

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Letter to the Editor

Hospital administrator speaks out

To the Editor:

The hospital district has received much attention over the past several months in your newspaper. The majority of it has been reflective of a negative perspective. Little attention has been given to positive aspects or efforts. Yet, the paper has had access to such information.

An example of the negative perspective is the lead article and editorial in the Aug. 4 edition, where, while admitting that the action of the board of directors at a recent meeting was legal, the implication was that it was some wrong.

The board has heard a negative perspective of the hospital and its operation from a number of people who have raised concerns over the past several months. The board has an interest in identifying areas where improvements can be made and address concerns.

Covenant Health System has the resources and experience to objectively evaluate the operation. Yet, the editorial suggested that Covenant would not be objective and questioned "how independent a study conducted by an entity as closely tied to MAHD and its administration as is Covenant can be." Such assertion calls into question the honesty and integrity of the board, administration and Covenant. It condemns an activity even before the activity occurs.

Concerns have been expressed about the hospital closing. The paper is aware of those concerns. And the paper is also aware the hospital is having one of the best years in its history with a positive operating income (profit) through June of \$445,142 — before tax revenue is added. But such perspective is not reported to the people of MAHD by

your paper, even with the financial information routinely provided to you.

Concerns have been raised within the district about doctors leaving. The hospital district too shares that concern and is sorry when any doctor decides to relocate. The hospital would prefer that who practices in the district would choose to continue to serve his or her patients. However, the district has had clinic service contracts with three doctors: Dr. Purdy, Dr. Sheets and Dr. Smith.

Dr. Sheets signed a new contract in April, Dr. Purdy in June, and a new contract was offered to Dr. Smith. Dr. Smith elected not to sign a new contract, preferring to change his style of practice from clinic service to emergency room service.

Dr. Claborn operates his own private practice, and both Dr. Johnson and Dr. Conard work under an arrangement with Dr. Sheets that does not involve the hospital district.

After Dr. Conard indicated that he was leaving, the district approached him with a contract offer, which is still an option available to him. Too, he was asked what could be done to keep him in the community, and dialogue continues. The hospital hopes that he will continue to practice here and is anxious to work with him.

In your paper you published the announcement "Dr. Sheets Resigns." And the article, with the red hue, is accurate. However the hospital is working with Dr. Sheets in a mutually cooperative effort to address issues he might have. What Dr. Sheets is terminating is the clinic services contract with the district that he signed in April. Without a contract, Dr. Sheets still has every right to continue to

practice in Muleshoe and serve his patients. And the contract has no impact on his serving on the hospital medical staff and exercising his hospital privileges. Too, if Dr. Sheets wishes to practice in Muleshoe without a clinic services contractual relationship, as Dr. Claborn does, the district can transfer the clinic where he presently practices to him and withdraw the clinic from district control.

I personally hope that both Dr. Conard and Dr. Sheets choose to continue to serve the people of the community and district.

The district has initiated a search for a physician to replace Dr. Smith and it is a priority search. But Muleshoe is not the only community in the area from which physicians are relocating — Denver City, Lamesa, Littlefield and Seminole are currently looking for doctors because of recent losses. If Dr. Sheets leaves his practice in Muleshoe, the search will be broadened to include a replacement for him.

The hospital does have many positive things happening of which your readers might want to be aware. New electric beds for patient rooms have been ordered. A new air conditioning chiller is being installed with improvements to controls that will provide for greater patient, visitor and staff comfort.

A new floor will replace worn out carpet in the patient wings and nursing area. Almost all patient rooms have been repainted and furnishings improved. The hospital focus continues to provide the best service in the most professional, productive, compassionate, comfortable manner possible to those seeking hospital services.

Jim Bone,
Administrator, MAMC

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In the meantime, when I hear a story about a brave marine roughing up an Iraqi terrorist to obtain information, know this: I don't care.

When I see a fuzzy photo of a pile of naked Iraqi prisoners who have been humiliated in what amounts to a college hazing incident, rest assured that I don't care.

When I see a wounded terrorist get shot in the head when he is told not to move because he might be booby-trapped, you can take it to the bank that I don't care.

When I hear that a prisoner, who was issued a Koran and a prayer mat, and fed "special" food that is paid for by my tax dollars, is complaining that his holy book is being "mishandled,"

you can absolutely believe in your heart of hearts that I don't care.

And oh, by the way, I've noticed that sometimes it's

spelled "Koran" and other times "Quran." Well, Jimmy Crack Corn and — you guessed it — I don't care! God bless America!



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Lamplight By Larry Thornton

Several years ago, an attorney representing a client whose spouse had been killed in an accident with a train struggled to keep his composure as a railroad employee described how he stood in the middle of the crossing that tragic night.

At one point, he stood to demonstrate how he'd swung the lamp back and forth in an attempt to get the attention of the driver in the rapidly approaching car.

The railroad employee, a mild-mannered, elderly gentleman answered each of the attorney's questions as specifically as possible, just as he had the attorney representing the railroad company a few minutes earlier.

By the time the attorney asked his final question, he was certain that no matter what he said to the listening jury during his closing argument, the railroad employee's testimony had totally destroyed his client's case against the railroad company.

This opinion was found to be true later that day when the jury returned, after only a brief deliberation and announced its findings in favor of the railroad company.

Afterward, the attorney took a moment to speak with the elderly gentleman, whom the attorney had decided was one of the most effective witnesses he'd ever seen, and whom he thought might be able to offer some insight in the event he was ever faced with a similar witness in the future.

During the conversation, the attorney asked if there was anything he should have asked that he hadn't.

With a sheepish smile, the elderly gentleman said there was one thing, but added that he'd been uncertain whether to volunteer the information during his time on the witness stand.

"What was it?" the attorney asked.

"Well," said the railroad employee, "you asked if I was working that night, and where I was standing, and how I swung the lamp, but no one ever asked if the lamp was lit..."

Our Lord Jesus encouraged his disciples to be beacons of light; examples of good works not for their own glory but rather that God Almighty might be glorified through them.

In Matthew 5:14-15, NIV, Jesus said, "You are the

light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Is your lamp lit?

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The life of a Christian is not an easy one, but when a Christian doesn't walk in the light of God's word, his chances of stumbling are even greater.

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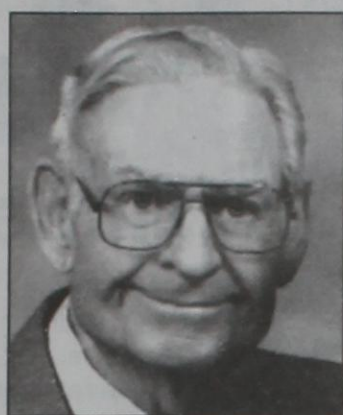
A church service for Jacque Baker, 74, of Muleshoe, was held Thursday, Aug. 4, 2005, at the Muleshoe Church of Christ with Royce Clay of Colorado City and R.A. Bradley of Lubbock officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Baker died Aug. 2, 2005, in Muleshoe. He was born on Sept. 3, 1930, in Lorenzo, and married Wanda Mitchell in Anton on Jan. 26, 1951.

He had been a resident of Muleshoe since 1934, after moving from Lorenzo. He was a 1947 graduate of Muleshoe High School and a 1951 graduate of Abilene Christian College, and owned and operated Baker Farm Supply Inc. Baker was a member of the Muleshoe Church Of Christ. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife — Wanda of Muleshoe; four sons — Rand Baker of Katy, Craig Baker of San Antonio, Brad Baker of La Luz, N. M., and Scott Baker of Austin; a brother — Wiley Baker of Shallowater; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a sister Vera Judd, and by brothers, J.M. Baker and Charles Leo Baker.

Memorials may be sent to New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, NM 88130-9411, or Muleshoe Meals on Wheels, 300 S. First, Muleshoe, TX 79347.



JAUQUE BAKER

Erald Long Gross

A chapel service for Erald Long Gross, 89, of Muleshoe was held Monday, Aug. 8, 2005, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Monty Leavell officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Gross died Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005, in Park View Nursing Home. She was born on June 11, 1916 in Plainview as the first child of William Daniel "Sam" Long and Verrah Francis Long. She married Ray Arnold Gross in Clovis, N.M., on Feb. 21, 1947.

She was a graduate of Plainview High School and a business college in Plainview, and moved to Muleshoe in 1943, where she worked for Bailey County Electric for many years. She was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe.

Gross was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters — Lida Long and Launa Kirkpatrick, and two brothers — Joe Long and Garland Long.

Survivors include her husband — Ray Arnold Gross of Amarillo; two sons and daughters-in-law — James Edward and Carolyn Gross of Odessa, and Joe Loyd and Georgia Gross of Amarillo; a brother — Fred Long of Olton; a sister — Jackie Hobbs of Pampa; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church, 507 W. Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or Park View Nursing Home, 1100 Ave. J, Muleshoe, TX 79347.



ERALD LONG GROSS

Cemetery association to hold meeting

The annual general membership meeting of the Bailey County Cemetery Association will be held Saturday, Aug. 20, at 10 a.m.

This will be a business meeting regarding the operation and maintenance of the Bailey County Cemetery, and will be held in the east room of the Bailey County Coliseum.

Business to be conducted includes a proposed increase in the cost of burial spaces, maintenance needs for the

coming year, and the election of three directors to serve on the board of directors.

The Bailey County Cemetery is not a perpetual care cemetery and requires active participation of its property owners.

This meeting is open to all in the community. Owners of cemetery property and family members of those buried at the cemetery are especially urged to attend and have a voice in the maintenance and operations of our cemetery.

James Haynes

A memorial service was held for James Haynes, 79, of Dumas on June 20, 2005, at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Benjamin D. Seller officiating. Burial followed at a later date at Nixon Cemetery, Charleston, Ark.

Haynes died on Thursday, June 16, 2005. He was born April 26, 1926, in Greenwood, Ark., and married Peggy Coleman on Sept. 29, 1945, in Russellville, Ark.

He started teaching in 1946, and later became the principal at Lazbuddie High School before moving to Dumas in 1957. He retired in 1987.

Haynes was preceded in death by two sons — Robert Haynes in 1965, and Billy Haynes in 1967; and his parents — John and Jesse Haynes.

Survivors include his wife; a son and daughter-in-law — Jim and Thelma Hayners of Muleshoe; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1118, Dumas, TX 79029.

Johnny Paul Shelton

Funeral services for Johnny Paul Shelton, 77, of Lubbock were held Monday, Aug. 1, 2005, at Flesher Funeral Home Chapel in Van Alstyne, with Jimmy Tarrant officiating. Burial followed in Van Alstyne Cemetery.

Shelton died on Friday, July 29, 2005, in Lubbock. He was born on Dec. 18, 1927 in Van Alstyne, the son of John and AnnMary Hedrick Shelton. On June 9, 1949, he married Glenna Mae Short.

Shelton served in the U.S. Army and later attended Austin College in Sherman. At one point, he was an officer and director of Muleshoe State Bank.

He was preceded in death by a daughter — Terri Sue Shelton, his parents, three brothers, and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife — Glenna M. Shelton; a daughter and son-in-law — Johnna Lynn and Wayne Thompson of Lamsa; a sister — Anita Mullican of Sherman; a brother — Robert D. Shelton of Howe; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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School children across the state will head back to school soon. Therefore, the Texas Department of Public Safety reminds all drivers to watch out for children walking to school or waiting for school buses — and to obey all traffic laws related to school buses.

Drivers also need to slow down and pay attention in school zones. Children may not be looking for oncoming traffic when they step into the roadway, so drivers must remain alert.

"Although school buses are the safest form of transportation for students, the most dangerous time of the journey is when kids are entering and exiting the bus," said Col. Thomas A.

Davis, Jr., director of the DPS. "When a school bus is in the process of loading or unloading students, the law requires that drivers stop on most roadways." State law requires approaching drivers to stop when a school bus is stopped and operating a visual signal (red flashing lights or a stop sign). Drivers should not proceed until the school bus resumes motion; the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer



activated. A driver does not have to stop for a school bus if it is on a highway with roadways separated by an intervening space or physical barrier. However, if a highway is divided only by a left-turning lane, the roadways are not separated and drivers must stop for school buses.

Drivers who do not stop for school buses face a fine of up to \$1,000. If a driver is convicted of this offense more than one time, DPS can suspend their license

for up to six months. "DPS has zero tolerance for vehicles that pass stopped school buses," Davis said.

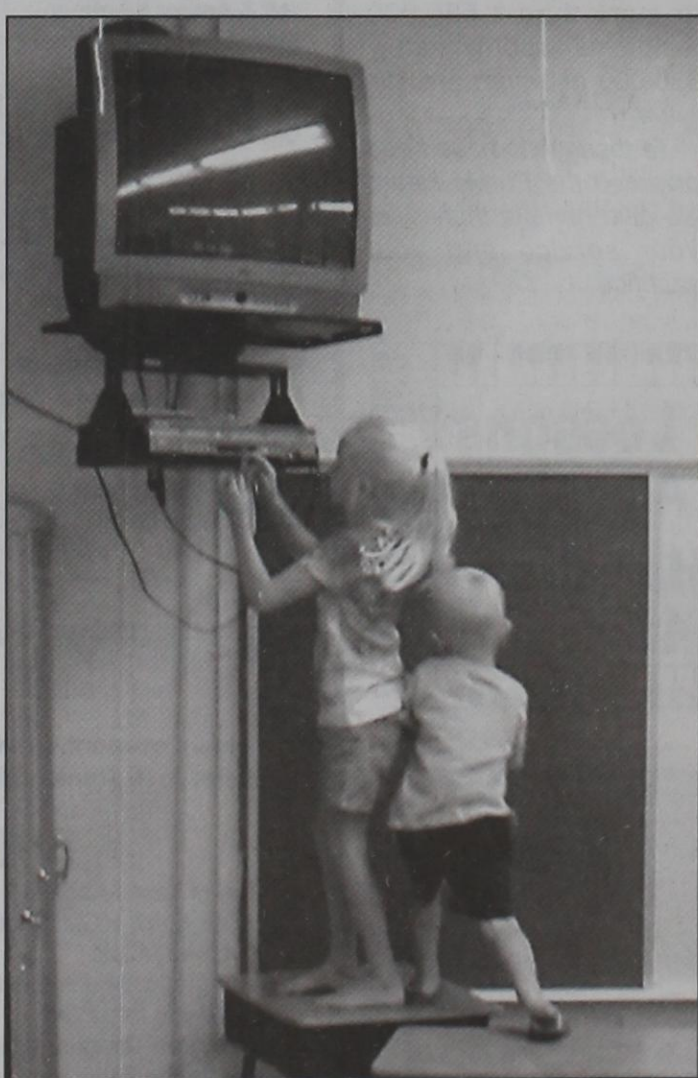
"Drivers must slow down, obey school zone speed limits and stop for school buses to ensure the safety of Texas school children," he said.

For more information on school bus safety, please contact DPS School Bus Safety Program Administrator Charley Kennington at 254-759-7235 or the Public Information Office at 512-424-2080.

More information is also located at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/schoolbus>.

The BUS stops here!

 Muleshoe ISD has released a list of the bus routes for the upcoming 2005-06 school year.
 The routes are as follows:
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 Bus #2 — East Sixth and Ave. F, East Sixth Housing Authority Apts., East Fifth and Ave. D, DeShazo Elementary, Dillman Elementary, Muleshoe High School and Watson Jr. High.
 Bus #3 — Main and Ave. G, East Fourth Ave. and Ave. F, Dillman Elementary, Muleshoe High School and Watson Jr. High.
 Bus #4 — West Birch and Chicago, Muleshoe Cotton Compress, West Date and Boston, West Cedar and Dallas.
 Bus #5 — West Ave. I and South First, West Ave. J and Eighth, West Sixth and Ave. G, West Third and Ave. H, Second and Ave. H, First and Ave. J, East Fourth and Ave. D; East 4th and Ave B, DeShazo Elementary, Dillman Elementary, Muleshoe High School and Watson Jr. High.
 Bus #6 — East Austin and East Cedar, East Austin and East Elm.
 Bus #7 — Behind ranch house.
 Bus #8 — Eighth and Ave. B, East Hickory (across from Roger Miller Park), East Birch and East Fir (next to the church), 10th and Ave. C, 14th and Ave. C, Dillman Elementary, 14th and Ave. C eastbound, 10th and Ave. C eastbound, DeShazo Elementary, Muleshoe High School and Watson Jr. High. (All DeShazo students going to Dillman or West Ave. C ride Bus #12)
 Bus #9 — Behind Carrousel, Reno and Ash, Quincy and Railroad Ave., Pasadena (middle of the street).
 Bus #10 — West 10th and Ave. D, West 14th and Ave. D, West 18th and Ave. D, Dillman Elementary, West 18th and Ave. B, West 14th and Ave. B, West 10th and Ave. B.
 Bus #11 — Behind the Dinner Bell, Kinder Corner - West Eighth and Ave. G.
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Is this working?
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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Safety Advice for Students

School bus safety tips for students:

- Be on time.
- Never run to or from the bus.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop.
- Stay in a group while waiting for the bus. If anyone bothers you, tell a trusted adult such as your parents or teacher.
- Stand back from the curb. Have a safe place to wait for the bus, away from traffic and the street.
- Don't push or shove.
- Stay in your seat.
- Don't yell or shout.
- Always obey the driver and follow his or her instructions closely.
- Wait for the driver's signal before crossing.
- Pay attention to your surroundings. Although motorists are supposed to stop for school buses loading and unloading, not all of them do.
- Always cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus.
- Never crawl under a school bus.

The numbers:

- Number of public school buses: 450,000.
- Number of miles traveled by school buses annually: 4.3 billion.
- Number of children who ride school buses annually: 25 million.
- Number of school-age children killed annually in motor vehicle crashes during school travel hours: 800.
- Percentage of those school-age deaths involving school buses: 2 percent.
- Number of children killed annually in crashes involving school buses: 20.
- Number of children injured annually during school travel hours: 152,000.
- Percentage of those injuries that involve school bus accidents: 4 percent.
- Percentage of the nation's 40,000 annual motor vehicle deaths that are school-age children during school travel hours: 2 percent.

SOURCES: Transportation Research Board; National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Illegal Passing: The Problem

The big yellow school bus approaches the intersection of First and Main. Seven or eight elementary school students are waiting near the curb. First the yellow lights come on. Then the school bus comes to a halt. The red lights start to flash. The stop-arm goes out. The school bus driver looks at the traffic behind her and in front of her and thinks, "Will anyone try to pass?"

School buses and motorists. Both have been part of the morning and afternoon landscape for five generations of school children. Although yellow wasn't adopted as the school bus color until 1939, school buses have been around since 1915, about as long as the automobile.

In all that time there has been an uneasy co-existence between school buses and motorists. School buses make frequent stops to load and unload students. It is the nature of their business. By law, when a school bus stops to drop off or pick up students, motorists must stop too. But motorists often don't want to stop. Motorists want to get where they are going, with little interruption and as quickly as they can.

In a recent survey on speeding and other unsafe driving behaviors, 99 percent of the drivers interviewed felt that the most dangerous unsafe driving behavior was passing a school bus with its lights flashing and stop arm extended. Passing a stopped school bus was considered to be more dangerous than any other unsafe driving behavior, more dangerous even than racing another driver, driving through a stop sign or red light, crossing railroad tracks with red lights blinking, passing in a no-passing zone, and speeding.

Don't put a child's life and future on the line just to get where you're going a few SECONDS ahead of time! Stop.

The Number of Persons That Can Safely Sit on a School Bus Seat

Federal regulation does not specify the number of persons that can sit on a school bus seat. The school bus manufacturers determine the maximum seating capacity of a school bus. The manufacturers use this number, which is based on sitting three small elementary school age persons per typical 39 inch school bus seat, in the calculations for determining the gross vehicle weight rating and the number of emergency exits. School transportation providers generally determine the number of persons that they can safely fit into a school bus seat. Generally they fit three smaller elementary school age persons or two adult high school age persons into a typical 39 inch school bus seat.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recommends that all passengers be seated entirely within the confines of the school bus seats while the bus is in motion. Federal motor vehicle safety standard No. 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection" requires that the interior of large buses provide occupant protection so that children are protected without the need to buckle-up. Occupant crash protection is provided by a protective envelope consisting of strong, closely-spaced seats that have energy-absorbing seat backs. Persons not sitting or sitting partially outside of the school bus seats will not be afforded the occupant protection provided by the school bus seats.

The BUS stops here!



ALWAYS STOP FOR A BUS LOADING OR UNLOADING CHILDREN

Avoiding the danger of handrail snagging

The bus driver's responsibility:

The school bus driver is a trained professional concerned with getting children to school and returning them home safely. Driving a school bus is a demanding task. There is a lot of activity in and around the bus. The bus driver must be aware of ever-changing traffic conditions, the children on the bus, and the children who enter and exit at each school bus stop. Compounding this already complex situation is the need for the driver to maintain the school bus schedule.

The major reason for injury and death due to handrail snagging incidents is the driver's failure to notice that the child's drawstring has become snagged. The driver should observe all children, especially those with long drawstrings, oversized or baggy clothing, or other items that may become snagged in handrails, as they exit. Additionally, to ensure safety at each stop, the driver should be certain that each child has completely exited the bus and cleared the danger zones before closing the door and moving the vehicle. The driver should check around and underneath the bus if there is a question of whether a child has moved safely away from the bus. Finally, the driver must be alert for warnings as the bus pulls away. In many of the snagging incidents that have occurred to date, someone inside or outside the bus attempted to warn the driver that a child was being dragged by the bus.

Children's and parents' responsibilities

Children and parents must also accept some responsibility for ensuring that a snagging incident does not occur. While oversized and baggy clothing may represent the latest fashion trend, try to avoid choosing any article that may become caught in a school bus handrail or door. The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends that drawstrings be no more than three inches in length at the waist. Parents should caution children about attaching key rings and other items to their backpacks as these too may become caught on the handrail or door.



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 1 complete change of clothes — pants, shirt, socks and underwear
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 1 box of zip lock gallon baggies
 2 large boxes of baby wipes
 2 large boxes of facial tissues
- colors only — not fluorescent)
 We do many things with only basic colors and use them to learn to write and recognize color words.
 1 box washable Crayola markers — classic colors, large size
 2 large boxes of facial tissues
 We will send notes for more occasionally if supply gets too low.
- color water colors (Please, no little pot paints.)
 1 box wet wipes (Please leave them sealed so they won't dry out.)
 1 plain water bottle (pop top or screw on lid) 24 oz. or smaller
 1 three-ring binder (1 inch rings) for journals (Walmart and Mardels... usually around 99 cents)
 • Please use a permanent marker to label each
- 1 package of 25-30 pencil top erasers
 1 small hand-held eraser
 pencil sharpener (Conn's class only)
 4 red-lead pencils
 2 boxes of 24 crayons
 1 box of Crayola washable markers — classic colors
 1 small pencil box
 2 bottles of school glue (Ross brand does not work as well)

Pre-Kindergarten

- 1 bottle of school glue (4 oz.)
 2 regular size (no. 2) pencils
 1 beginner size (oversized-husky) pencils
 1 package water based markers — classic size (primary colors — no neon or fluorescent)
 2 packages construction paper 9 x 12 assorted colors
 1 packages manila paper
 1 box water colors
 1 box crayons (large-beginner size) 8 colors only (Crayola brand)
 1 pair student scissors (Fiskar brand) rounded ends
 2 boxes facial tissues
 1 box baby wipes
 2 folders (2 pocket-no brads)
 1 clear water bottle with pop up lid (16 ounce capacity) no sipper cups, please!
 1 (70-page) spiral notebook
 1 rest mat (folding type)
 1 complete change of clothes in gallon zip lock bag. Labeled with your child's name
 Boys: Shirt, pants, underwear and socks
 Girls: Dress or pants and blouse, panties and socks

- 2 pkg. construction paper — 9x12 assorted or white
 1 pair metal (Fiskars brand) scissors (right or left, whichever one your child needs.)
 1 complete change of clothes in gallon zip lock bag labeled with your child's name
 Boys: Shirt, pants, underwear, and socks
 Girls: Dress or pants, and blouse, panties, and socks
 2 pocket folders
 1 vinyl mat for naptime
 Please keep in mind we have limited space for storage when purchasing these. The thin red and blue ones fit nicely in our small spaces.
 1 box gallon zip lock bags — if your last name begins with A-L
 1 box quart or pint zip lock bags — if your last name begins with M-Z
 1 plastic school box or zippered pouch (Toscano requests boxes and Strawn requests zippered pouch, either one for all of the other teachers.)
 1 set of Crayola basic

- Kindergarten**
 2 regular size (no. 2) pencils
 2 school glue (4 oz.) — not paste!
 2 glue sticks
 2 boxes of regular size crayons (8 count basic

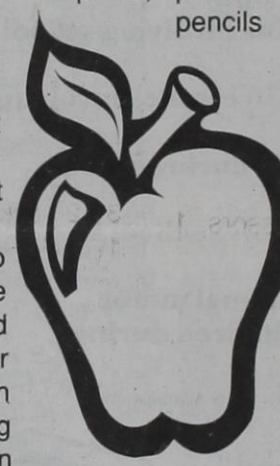
SCHOOL SUPPLY CHECKLIST

- individual item with your child's name. Every so often we may send a note asking you to replenish your child's supply of crayons, glue, or glue stick
- First Grade**
 • Please label backpack and folders only.
 1 package plain wooden pencils — no mechanical pencils and no decorated pencils
 1 package pencil top erasers
 1 large pink erasers
 4 boxes of 8-count crayons (Please, send only boxes of 8 crayons)
 1 box Crayola washable markers.
 2 bottles school glue (4 oz.)
 2 large glue sticks
 3 pocket folders
 1 wide-rule spiral notebook
 1 pair (Fiskar brand) scissors
 1 package stickers
 3 boxes facial tissues
 1 package assorted construction paper
 1 water color set
 1 package red-lead pencils
 1 zippered pencil pouch
 1 box snack size zip lock bags (boys)
 1 box baby wipes (girls)
 Due to the lack of storage space, please use child size backpacks that are no larger than 10" x 13" — No rolling backpacks, please.

- 1 package of assorted construction paper (no tablets)
 1 box of wet wipes
 1 box of zip lock bags — boys bring quart size, girls bring gallon size
 1 pair of Fiskar scissors
 4 small glue sticks
 1 package plates (boys)
 1 package small cups (girls)
 2 boxes of facial tissues
 No notebooks or trapper keepers, please.
 No rolling backpacks.

- Second Grade**
 24 No. 2 pencils — no mechanical pencils

- Third Grade**
 Standard list
 2 packages multicolored construction paper
 2 packages of pencils — plain wooden no. 2 (8-12 count)
 1 bottle of school glue (not Ross)
 2 packages notebook paper (wide rule)
 1 box crayons (Crayola brand, 24 count)
 1 pair pointed scissors (Fiskars brand)
 1 ruler (12-inch long, metric and English) not flimsy, easy to read
 4 flat pocket folders
 1 zipper pouch (sturdy)
 4 boxes of facial tissues (We give some to outside teachers)
 1 spiral notebook (wide rule, about 120 pages)
 1 box quart-size zip lock bags
 1 box pint-size zip lock bags
 • Extra supplies at teacher discretion.
 • No backpacks on wheels — they do not fit in the lockers.
 • No three-ring binders — they do not fit in the desks



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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Pre-Kindergarten | 2- bag 6 pencils | tissue | 2- pink flat eraser |
| 1- bag 6 pencils | 2- 8 pack Crayola crayon | 1- Prang watercolor paint | 1- Crayola colored pencils |
| 2- 12-pack Crayola crayons | 2- 402, Elmer's School Glue | 1- canvas bag (no backpack) | 1- Crayola classic markers |
| 1- 40z. Elmer's School Glue | 1- Plastic School Box | 2- bottles hand sanitizer | 2- Elmers glue sticks |
| 1- plastic school box | 1- 5 inch Pointed Fiskar Scissors | 3- packs 3x5 white index cards | 4- pocket and clip folders |
| | 1 - Kinder Mat | | 2 - red ink bic round sties |
| | 2 - 100 ct white facial tissue | | 2 - 70 sheet wirebound book |
| | | | 1 - Crayola watercolor paints |

Muleshoe ISD supply lists...

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or lockers.
• Exceptions to this would be special education needs.

- Fourth Grade**
- Standard list
- 1 set of Crayola brand map pencils
 - 12 pencils — plain wood, no. 2
 - 2 red pens
 - 1 box of crayons
 - 2 highlighters
 - 2 packages notebook paper (wide rule)
 - 1 package of eraser tops
 - 1 pair of scissors
 - 1 spiral notebook (120 pages)
 - 1 bottle of glue or glue stick
 - 1 pencil bag (sturdy)
 - 3 boxes of facial tissues
 - 6 folders (with brads and pockets)
 - 1 one-inch, three-hole binder
 - Binder or personal notebook
 - Extra supplies at teacher discretion.
 - Exceptions to this would be special education needs.
 - No backpacks on wheels — they do not fit in the lockers.

- Fifth Grade**
- 1 large set of Crayola brand map pencils
 - 12 pencils — plain wooden, no. 2
 - 2 red pens
 - 2 highlighters
 - 2 packages notebook paper (wide rule)
 - 1 package of eraser tops
 - 1 pair of scissors
 - 2 spiral notebooks (120 pages)
 - 1 - bottle of school glue (4 oz.) or 1 glue stick
 - 1 pencil bag (sturdy)
 - 3 boxes of facial tissues
 - 5 pocket folders with brads
 - 1 ruler — 12-inch, not flimsy. Easy to read. Inches on one side. Centimeters on opposite
 - Extra supplies at teacher discretion.
 - Exceptions to this would be special education needs.
 - No backpacks on wheels — they do not fit in the lockers

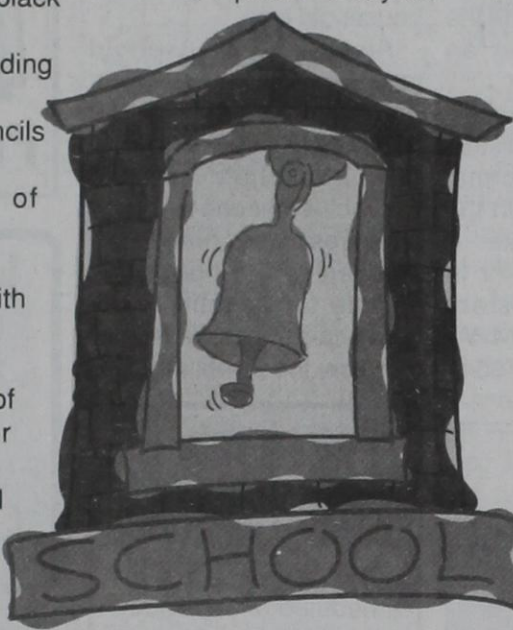
- Sixth Grade**
- 4 boxes of colored pencils
 - 2 highlighters
 - Notebook paper, wide ruled
 - No. 2 pencils
 - Erasers
 - 1 pack red pens
 - 1 pack blue or black pens
 - 2 boxes of facial tissues
 - 1 zipped pencil pouch
 - 1 binder
 - 1 transparent ruler
 - 5 spirals notebooks (100-page)
 - 10 pocket folders with brads
 - Art students — 8x11

- drawing pad, 1 box of pencils, 1 box of colored pencils, 1 box of tissue, 1 pair of pointed scissors, 1 ruler (12-inch)

- Seventh Grade**
- 1 pack of blue or black pens
 - 1 pack of red grading pens
 - 1 pack of no. 2 pencils
 - 1 highlighter
 - Large package of notebook paper
 - Binder
 - 5 pocket folders with brads
 - 2 spirals
 - 1 pkg. (5 sheets) of 11 x 14-inch poster board
 - 2 boxes of facial tissues
 - 1 box of colored map pencils
 - Art students — 8x11 drawing pad, 1 box of pencils, 1 box of colored pencils, 1 box of tissue, 1 pair of pointed scissors, 1 ruler (12-inch)

- Eighth Grade**
- No. 2 pencils
 - 8 pens (blue or black)
 - 8 folders with brads and pockets
 - Colored pencils for Social Studies and Science graph paper (Algebra I only)
 - Regular-lined notebook paper
 - 2 spirals (150 pages)
 - 1 spiral (2 subject)
 - 1 spiral with pocket dividers
 - 2 boxes of facial tissues
 - 1 ruler
 - 2 red pens
 - 1 pencil bag
 - 1 stick glue
 - 1 pkg of 3x5 note cards
 - Art students — 8x10-1/2 drawing pad, 1 box of pencils, 1 box of colored pencils, 1 box of tissue, 1 pair of pointed scissors, 1 ruler (12-inch)

- First Grade**
- 1 - bag 6 pencils
 - 1 - 24-pack Crayola crayons
 - 1 - 8 oz. Elmer's school glue
 - 1 - plastic school box
 - 1 - 5 inch pointed Fiskar scissors
 - 1 - 100 ct white facial tissue
 - 2 - pink flat eraser
 - 1 - 24-pack Crayola



- erasable colored pencils
- 1 - Crayola classic markers
- 3 - 2 pocket folders
- 1 - pack gallon-size freeze bags

- Second Grade**
- 1 - bag 6 pencils
 - 1 - 24-pack Crayola crayons
 - 1 - 4oz Elmer's school glue
 - 1 - plastic school box
 - 1 - 5 inch pointed Fiskar scissors
 - 1 - 100 ct white facial tissue



Workers at DeShazo Elementary prepare new walkways to the temporary classrooms.

- 1 - 200 sheets filler paper
- 1 - bottle hand sanitizer
- 1 - pkg no. 2 mechanical pencils
- 1 - package index cards

- Third Grade**
- 2 - bag 6 pencils
 - 1 - 24-pack Crayola crayons
 - 1 - 8oz. Elmer's school glue
 - 1 - plastic school box
 - 1 - 5 inch pointed Fiskar scissors
 - 1 - 150 ct white facial tissue
 - 2 - pink flat eraser
 - 1 - Crayola colored pencils
 - 1 - Crayola classic markers
 - 1 - Elmers glue

- sticks
- 1 - pocket folder
- 2 - red ink Bic round stics
- 2 - 70 sheet wire bound book
- 1 - Elmer's set of 6 tempra paints
- 1 - 12 inch plastic ruler
- 1 - clipboard
- 2 - 200 sheets filler paper

- Fourth Grade**
- 1 - bag 10 pencils
 - 1 - 24-pack Crayola crayons
 - 1 - 4oz. Elmer's school

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Muleshoe, Lazbuddie schools announce free lunch policy

Muleshoe ISD, and Lazbuddie ISD have announced their policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children under the National School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs.

Each school has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified in the policy will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-priced meals — foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children.

Applications are also available at the principal's office of each school. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year.

The information households provide on the application will be used for

the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at anytime during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free or reduced-price benefits, households receiving food stamps or TANF only have to list the child's name and the food stamp or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Households that do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application.

If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number, the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available by writing the word "none," "no number" or some indication that the person does not have a social security number. The application must be signed by an adult

household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, the administration secretary at Muleshoe, and the school secretary at Lazbuddie, will review applications and determine eligibility.

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the rulings of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis.

Parents or guardians in the Muleshoe School District wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to the assistant superintendent at 514 W. Ave G, Muleshoe, TX 79347

or by calling 806-272-7400.

At the Lazbuddie School District, parents or guardians wishing to make a formal appeal may contact the school secretary at P.O. Box 9, Lazbuddie, TX 79053, or by calling 806-965-2152, to request an official hearing.

Households that list a food stamp or TANF case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits.

Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income of more than \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size.

Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels required

to qualify for the program. For a copy of the program's income eligibility guidelines, contact the respective school district.



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- 1- red Centis pocket and clip folder
- 1- yellow Centis pocket and clip folder
- 1- green Centis pocket and clip folder
- 2- red ink Bic round stics
- 1- 12 inch plastic ruler (metric and standard)
- 1- Avery neon yellow hi-liter
- 1- clipboard
- 1- 200 sheets filler paper
- 1- 70 sheet wire bound book (spiral)
- 1- black bold Sharpie
- 1- Papermate blue erasable pen
- 1- Papermate black erasable pen
- 1- protractor (clear plastic)
- 1- Elmer's set of 6 temprapaint
- 1- compass
- 1 - small calculator
- glue
- 1- 5 inch pointed Fiskar scissors
- 2- 100 ct white facial tissue
- 2- pink flat eraser
- 1- Crayola colored pencils
- 1- Crayola classic markers
- 2- Elmer's glue sticks
- 1- blue pocket folder
- 1- red pocket folder
- 1- yellow pocket folder
- 1- green pocket folder
- 1- orange pocket folder
- 3- purple pocket folder
- 1- Crayola watercolor paint
- 2- red ink pens
- 1- 12 inch plastic ruler
- 2- Avery neon yellow hi-liter
- 1- 200 sheets filler paper, wide rule
- 2- Top Flight 100 sheet books
- 1- stack Sharpie
- 2- Papermate blue erasable pen
- 2- Papermate black erasable pen
- 1- Webster Thesaurus

Fifth Grade

- 1- bag 6 pencils
- 1- 48-pack Crayola crayons
- 1- 4oz. Elmer's school glue
- 1 - 5 inch pointed Fiskar scissors
- 2 - 100 ct white facial tissue
- 1- Crayola colored pencils (map colors)
- 1- Crayola classic markers
- 1- Elmer's glue sticks
- 1- orange Centis pocket and clip folder
- 1- blue Centis pocket and clip folder



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Obituaries

Josephine Lowe Fisher

A funeral service for Josephine Lowe Fisher, 81, of Sudan was held Aug. 9, 2005, at the First Baptist Church in Sudan with the Rev. Robert Ruecker and Joe Shultz officiating. Burial followed in the Sudan Cemetery.

Fisher died on Aug. 6, 2005, in Muleshoe. She was born on July 11, 1924, in Hollis, Okla.

She attended Sudan High School, and married Lee Roy Fisher in Clovis, N.M., on May 31, 1941. They farmed south of Sudan until 1963, when they moved into Sudan. He preceded her in death on June 22, 1980.

Fisher was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sudan.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law — Mike and Palsy Fisher of Sudan; a daughter and son-in-law — Missy and Joe Ky Shultz of Sudan; a son — Rodney Fisher of San Diego, Calif.; a daughter — Kalhey Granger of Brownfield; four sisters — Micki Ezzell, Margaret Mills, and Ramona Leinen, all of Amarillo, and Sonya Karr of Burleson; two brothers — Ramon Lowe of Apple Valley, Calif., and Keith Lowe of Hereford; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



JOSEPHINE FISHER

Senior Citizen News

By Nelda Merriott

On the second Tuesday of each month at noon, Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent speaks at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center on nutrition and ways to have a healthy meal.

August birthdays were celebrated on Wednesday, Aug. 10, with Debbie Carruth of Olton bringing the entertainment. She sings, plays the keyboard and the guitar.

Computer classes are held every Thursday at 1 p.m. The students will be divided into two 30 minute sessions. Last Thursday, Crystal Walton and Thursie Reid selected their internet IDs and sent their first e-mail. We are proud of you ladies!

Kenneth Henry, vice president of the Bailey County Senior Citizens, presented an award of appreciation to Sandy Vandevender, CEO of Five Area for their generosity in providing DSL internet service for the computer lab at the senior center.

Henry commended Vandevender for his many accomplishments and contributions to the betterment of the Muleshoe community.

The Tuesday evening Senior dance featured "The Boot Scooters," Muleshoe's own country and western band, consisting of Jack Henderson, Terry Kemp, Mart Long, Ruben Gonzales and Presley Newton.

The band "wowed" the crowd with their enthusiastic renditions of familiar favorites. Eighty three folks, which includes the band, were in attendance.

The register showed attendance from Muleshoe, Lazbuddie, Bovina, Friona, Morton, Clovis, Portales, Hereford, Olton, Lubbock, GlenRio, Earth, Bootleg, Wolforth, Springlake and Littlefield. We are always

glad to welcome these folks to Muleshoe.

On Tuesday, July 16, at noon, Sallie Farr with Experience Works will speak at the center. This is a program which hires, places and trains low-income people, age 55 and up, for new jobs. It's 20 hours per week at minimum wage.

On Thursday, four of the Lubbock line dancers came to Muleshoe to eat at the senior center and do some shopping in Muleshoe. They said they would enjoy living in Muleshoe, eating at the center and playing "42" with our friendly people.

A garage sale is being planned at the senior center. The seniors will sincerely appreciate anything you would like to donate. Just bring your items to the center between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The tentative date of the garage sale is Friday and Saturday, Sept. 3-4.

The monthly open meeting of the board of directors of the center will be Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 6 p.m., at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center. Visitors are welcome.

Nominations can still be made at the senior center no later than Aug. 15, to fill three vacancies on the center's board. Seniors, age 60 and up, are eligible to vote and no donation is required.

The menu for the coming week is:

Monday, Sept. 15 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, zucchini, cucumbers and onions, garlic bread and apple crisp.

Tuesday, Sept. 16 — Chile with beans, baked potato, broccoli with cheese, hot roll, pears and cookies.

Wednesday, Sept. 17 — Baked fish or chicken strips, new potatoes with white sauce, beets, hot roll and a brownie.

Thursday, Sept. 18 — Pepper steak, noodles, peas and carrots, wheat roll and bananas and strawberries.

Friday, Sept. 19 — Brisket, potato salad, turnip greens, cornbread, pickles, onion slices and peach cobbler.

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My wife has been collecting and displaying some old family photographs. She's been after me for awhile now to scan a small old photograph of my maternal grandparents that has long sat on a shelf in my office. And I just did.

I knew that little framed photo has been with me for a long time, but I had forgotten just how long until I carefully pulled it out of its frame to place it on the scanner—and I noticed the handwritten inscription on the back of the

Christmas, and here's one for Jimmy." (You see, I'm pretty sure my younger brother Jim got one, too. And I'm sure his would be inscribed to "Jimmy.")

Looking closely at that picture, I was also struck by the fact that, though I've always looked something like Granddaddy Key, the resemblance is increasing. The mouth. The eyes. The face. And, yes, increasingly, the white hair! I never knew his to be any other color. He had it all, thick and full, but he ran out of pigment early. It was snowy white cotton for as long as I remember.

Granddaddy ranched and trucked all of his life. He died in 1975. It was sometime in the early 80s when Grandmother followed. But they don't seem that long gone. They're still a big part of who I am every day.

A good many of the writers of the Old Testament, after they've told the story of someone's life, say something like this: "And he was gathered to his people." Sometimes they add, "old and full of years."

I don't think I'm old yet, though I guess I'm middle-aged (48) if I plan to live to be 96. I am filling up with years, but not "full" yet. I love life and am in no undue hurry, though I absolutely mean it when I pray the prayer of the early Christians, "Lord Jesus, come quickly!" But, you know, being gathered to my people, in God's good time, strikes me as not at all a bad thing.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

picture. I recognized the distinctive hand immediately. It was Grandmother Key's writing for sure.

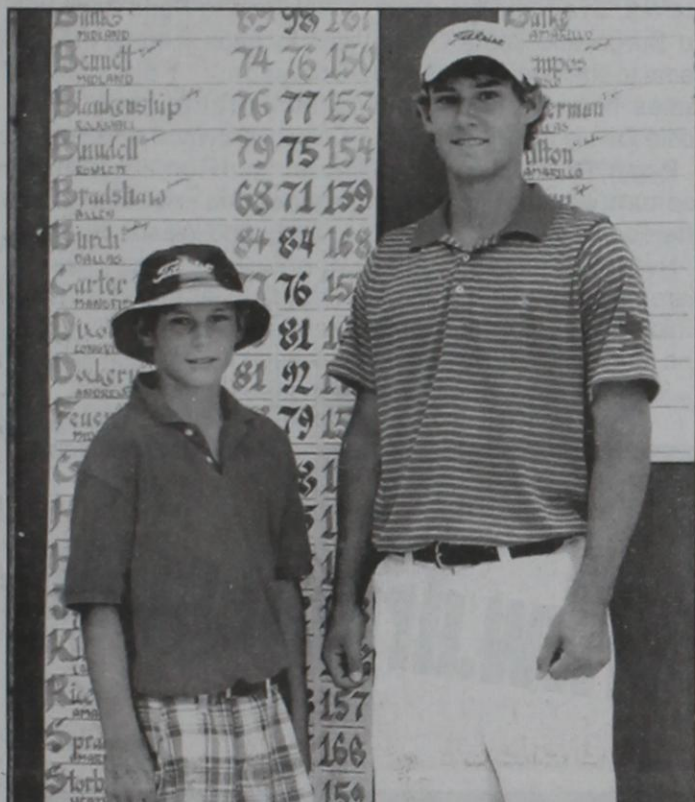
To Curtis Kline, 1965. Granddaddy and Grandmother Key.

One look at that script sent me on a trip down Memory Lane. I remembered my little grandmother's gentle but raspy voice and how she always called me "Curtis Kline."

To some of my family, I'm "C.K." To a couple of brothers and a few friends, I'm "Curt." And I come to "Curtis" just fine. But to Grandmother, I was always "Curtis Kline." And as I saw that fountain-penned script, I could almost hear Grandmother saying to my mother,

"This is for Curtis Kline for

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



Turnbows take the trophies

Tyson and Trevor Turnbow, the sons of James and Shelly Turnbow of Muleshoe, have been burning up the links, capturing honors at the North Texas PGA Westcott Tour at Woodbridge Golf Club, Wylie. Tyson took first place in the 10-11 year-old division with an 18-hole score of 73 (35, 38). This is his third year as the first place winner. Trevor took second place in the 16-18 year-old division with a 36-hole score of 72, 74-146.



Employee of the month

Leticia Mendoza of Mohawk Auto was recently announced as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's August Employee of the Month. Pictured above are, from left to right — Heather Foley, new Chamber Manager Amy Young, Jimmie Kay Moore, Leticia Mendoza, Lynn Moore, Leah Bell and Noelia "Shorty" Flores.

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Weddings

Berry, Forno united in matrimony

Shannan Berry and Anthony Forno, both of Lubbock, were married Saturday, July 9, at the Christian Life Assembly of God with the Rev. John Murdock officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Sharon Berry of Muleshoe. The groom is the son of Rita Bell of Spur.

Music was performed by Preston Langford and Sue Murdock of Lubbock

The bride wore a satin A-line wedding dress with an empire waist. The bodice and sleeves were accented with beads and lace. The neck was a scoop neckline. Pearl buttons were down the back. At the waist, a cathedral train was attached with a bow. The bride wore a pearl and diamond headband with pearl trim on the veil which was made by her mother.

The brides cascade bouquet consisted with white Daystar lilies, white rose spray, and pastel pink peonies with streamers.

In keeping with the wedding traditions. Something new was her dress, something old was her great grandmother's hankchief, something borrowed was her sister's bracelet, and something



MR. AND MRS. ANTHONY FORNO

blue was a blue garder.

The maid of honor was Shelly King. The bridesmaid was Britteny Forno.

The groom wore a black suit and a white shirt with silver accents. The best man was Chris Forno. The groomsman was Michael Forno.

Ushers were Ryan King, Shain Berry and Robert Forno.

The wedding reception was held in the Christian Life Assembly of God Tea

Room. The brides table was white with navy blue. The three cakes were white with a sculpt design and placed on three cake plate stands of silver and glass.

The center piece was a figurine called "May I Have This Ring," by Prayer and Praise.

Patty Heartline served the cake. Shelly Turnbow and Darlene Rutheart prepared and served the punch.

Katrina Scott and Sara Santos cut and served the grooms cake, which was strawberry with white and light brown icing with vintage cars and trucks placed around it.

The bride is a graduate of Muleshoe High School. The groom is a graduate of Spur High School. Following the honeymoon in Canyon, they will reside in Lubbock.

historic range in the Midwest and Southeast areas of the country. The birds are a valued inhabitant of farm landscapes, an important aspect of rural culture and are a key element to the heritage of hunting.

However, the northern bobwhite quail population has declined dramatically over the last quarter-century. Their habitat is disappearing due to urbanization, increased grassland cultivation and a transitioning of once grassy fields into woods and forests — a process called succession.

To underline the bird's importance, the FSA, which has the largest conservation partnership involving private land in the United States, is paying private land owners in 35 states, including Texas, to set aside land for quail habitat.

The Conservation Reserve Program's Northern Bobwhite Quail Habitat Initiative introduced a conservation practice intended to create 250,000 acres of early successional

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Nursing Home News

Thursday morning, Nancy Lemons delivered ceramics for the residents to paint in craft class. Residents participating were Ruth Clements, Cynthia Crawford, Gladys Wilson, Cathy Wilson, Argilee Miller, Loma Mosley, Gladys Wrights and Allien Lasiter.

Later Thursday morning, Zona Gatewood played a variety of songs as she, along with Janis Morrison and the residents sang.

The residents having a birthday in July were honored with a party Thursday afternoon. Lasting Impressions gave each birthday person a corsage or boutonniere and a TY beanie baby attached with a big bright balloon.

Liz Howard entertained and Paul Chaisson sang a few, too. Liz and Paul entertained Karaoke style.

The Activity Department and Volunteer Plus hosted the event. Marilyn Wilson, Dianne Brown and Lillian Street assisted with serving.

Laverne James attended with Jewel Peeler and Virgie Perry. Dana and Austin Wright were the guests of Gladys Wright, Pat Prather and granddaughter were the guests of Arnold Prater.

Friday morning and afternoon the residents took an "arm chair" vacation trip to Yellowstone. The tour took the scenic route through New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Idaho and Wyoming.

S'mores were made over the campfire and eaten in the state of Wyoming. The wild life seen in Wyoming was rather surprising.

Saturday Paul Chaisson gave a concert in the Day Room.

G.R. Lasiter called the numbers for the Bingo Bash Saturday afternoon.

The Muleshoe Church of Christ directs the communion service each Sunday morning.

Buster Kittrell or Harold Burge teaches the Bible study each Sunday Morning.

The Church of God in Christ came for a singing service Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Olon Clements attended the Sunday afternoon singing with Ruth Clements.

Nan Gatlin received a visit from Walter and Rose Sain and their grandchildren Sunday afternoon.

Rose Sain and Polly Ottwell visited Jewel Peeler Friday for Jewel's birthday.

Mrs. Peeler went to Friona Sunday with her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Peeler to continue her birthday celebration.

Tuesday morning, Jo Eddie presented a devotional and program of hats and bandanas.

Tuesday afternoon, Pat Watson, Pat Clark, Dolores, Garrett, Eva Nell Dale, Mary Jo Burge and Josie Ocalo came to shampoo and set the ladies hair. Pat Clark and Josie Ocalo gave haircuts.

Peggy Dent visited all the residents on Tuesday afternoon.

Nelda, Suzanne, and Karen Mayse visited Clifton Finley, Ruby Clark and Loma and Marlin Mosley last week.

Johnnie Kimbrough was

visited by Kim and Stephen Blue recently.

Harold Burge, Buster Kittrell and Loyce Killingsworth, served coffee, juice, and donuts to residents at Coffee Time Wednesday morning. Burge read things of interest to the group.

James and Ann Sinclair, Buster Kittrell and Jo Ellen Cowart directed the devotional and singspiration time.

Glenda Jennings directed the Sing-A-Long on Wednesday afternoon. Earl Talkington joined glenda in singing "Craw Dad Hale."

Sammy Allision visited several of the residents Wednesday morning. Among those she visited were Argilee Miller and Johnnie Kimbrough.

Donna Locker came by for a visit Tuesday.

The August birthday party is scheduled for Thursday Aug. 25, at 3 p.m.

Friday, Park View staff and employess hosted a "Welcome to Park View" pot luck luncheon in honor of Paul Chaisson, Park View administrator, and Mike Carter, our new director of nursing. Ronnie Dent's birthday was also celebrated.

Larry and Wanda Hooten, Ronnie and Peggy Dent, Mrs. Mike Carter and children were special guest at the luncheon. Peggy also helped with food for the dinner.

FSA partners to help Bailey County quail population

Texas bobwhite quail enthusiasts may no longer wonder where all the quail have gone, thanks to the efforts of USDA's Farm Service Agency and its many partners.

"All species seem to have their dedicated devotees, but no game species seems to provoke more enthusiasm than bobwhite quail," said Kim Hanlin, county executive director of the Bailey County Farm Service Agency.

Northern bobwhite quail are a native species with a

Football signup set for Thursday

Parents wishing to signup their children for football may do so on Thursday, Aug. 11, from 6-9 p.m., at the Watson Jr. High gym.

Divisions are Flag — 3yr. and 4yr.; Flag — 5 yr. and 6yr.; Jr. Tackle — Third grade and Fourth grade; and Sr. Tackle — Fifth grade and Sixth grade.

The cost is \$45 for flag, and \$85 for tackle.

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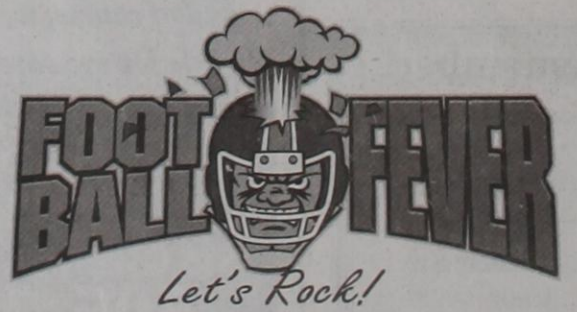
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Area News

Agriculture research seeks answers to Lygus questions

Got Lygus? You may indeed, without knowing it. Sampling your alfalfa, cotton or even roadside vegetation with a sweep net will tell the tale pretty quickly.

Research under way at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center here is geared toward finding out more about lygus bugs and their potential impact on cotton.

"Lygus are an unknown quantity here," said Dr. Megha Parajulee, a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station entomologist. "They can damage cotton by feeding on young squares... the fruit that becomes lint-bearing cotton bolls."

"In 2002, we began a study to determine which species of Lygus are common here and which host plants they prefer to inhabit during their life cycle," he said.

The study has revealed two species of lygus bugs in a 25-county survey area around Lubbock: pale legume bugs and Western tarnished plant bugs. The latter is more numerous and can pose a threat to cotton

if its preferred food plants are not abundant.

"In our species survey we determined that Lygus prefer to live in and feed on alfalfa and mustard from mid-March through mid-April," Parajulee said. "Then they move into alfalfa, pigweed and Russian thistle. They overwinter here in alfalfa and pigweed."

"They are opportunistic feeders. We believe they prefer these hosts plants over cotton, but there is a June through September window when they will move into cotton and feed on squares, blooms and bolls... if they are forced to. That window closes after cotton plants attain about 350 heat units, a measure of daily heat accumulation based on maximum and minimum temperatures. The bolls then harden and become impenetrable to lygus bugs," he said.

Lygus feeding can cause cotton plants to abort squares and small bolls, or stain and reduce the amount of lint. This damage means fewer dollars for farmers at harvest and in the market place.

"Lygus populations on the South Plains have been pretty static for several years," said Dr. James Leser, a Texas Cooperative Extension cotton entomologist who partners with Parajulee in this research.

"Lygus and fleahopper damage was especially high in 1999, but has generally been much lower and spotty during the last six years. In 1999, combined damage from Lygus and fleahoppers averaged about 12 percent, and control costs added up to more than \$7 million dollars," he said.

Lygus are difficult to control, often requiring two or more expensive applications, Leser said.

"Another species of Lygus is a real threat to cotton in the southeastern U.S. now that the boll weevil and bollworm have been taken out of the picture through eradication programs and by planting Bollgard cotton," Leser said. "The resulting reduction in sprays for these two pests has allowed their Lygus infestations to reach damaging levels. I think they are becoming more

noticeable in the Texas High Plains because we, too, are eliminating boll weevils and reducing bollworm infestations.

"But more importantly, our producers read about the eastern Lygus problems and assume that they, too, will have similar problems. Thus far this has not been the case."

By studying the host plants that lygus bugs prefer, their feeding behavior and patterns of movement, the scientists hope to develop tools farmers can use to protect their cotton.

"We are also evaluating methods for sampling and detecting Lygus in the field. If we can combine accurate sampling with knowledge of how and when they move and feed, we may be able to control them before they move into cotton," Parajulee said. "We are also evaluating host plants in the lab to see which ones Lygus favor for reproduction. And we are evaluating cotton varieties for Lygus resistance and tolerance in the field as well as in the lab."

Knowing which varieties are more tolerant to lygus bug feeding damage and when bolls become safe from the damage may help the researchers develop solid thresholds for spray treatments.

"All of our current treatment thresholds are from Arizona," Leser said. "It will be helpful to have treatment thresholds for Texas and to know which insecticides and doses will work best here. We are also looking for a simple, hand-held tool producers can use to gauge boll hardness in the field so they can tell when Lygus are no longer a threat."

The researchers are also studying how irrigation regimes may affect Lygus populations.

As the researchers gather more information about Lygus, they will step up their education campaign with area farmers. Leser's weekly "Focus on Entomology" electronic newsletter provides information about many important insect pests. Lygus will also be a featured topic in an ongoing series of Crop Production Guides Leser and other scientists are compiling.

Extension's integrated pest management agents are another avenue of sharing lygus bug information with producers.

"Focus on Entomology" is available weekly during the cotton growing season on the Internet at <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/focus/>.

"This is a team effort that combines applied research with a strong

extension component," Parajulee said. "We hope to one day have more solid information about Lygus than questions."

Their research is funded by the Plains Cotton Growers, Cotton Incorporated and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

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Beef producers wanting to know about marketing options for finished cattle can attend the Beef Grid Marketing 101-North seminar Aug. 16 at West Texas A&M University.

"Marketing Strategies for Finished Cattle" will begin at 8 a.m. in the Agriculture and Natural Science Building, and include a noon lunch. The program is jointly sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas Cattle Feeders Association and West Texas A&M.

Dr. Ted McCollum, moderator and extension

beef cattle specialist, said, "Basically, beef or carcass grids are established so you can differentiate among cattle by discovering a value for individual carcasses rather than a group of live cattle. There is continued interest, so we're providing opportunities for producers and cattle feeders to become more familiar with carcass grids to discover value for finished cattle."

Attendees will get a virtual packing plant tour, during which they will learn about beef carcass grading, carcass quality defects, and

carcass and animal maturity. There will also be a discussion on understanding grids.

Marcine Moldenhauer, strategic supply chain manager for Cargill Meat Solutions in Wichita, Kan., will explain how base prices, premiums and discounts are determined.

Dr. Ted Schroeder, noted livestock marketing economist, will compare live and grid marketing and discuss marketing trends for feedlot cattle.

Dr. Dan Hale, Extension beef cattle specialist in

College Station, and Mike Brown, West Texas A&M assistant professor of ruminant nutrition, will present an interactive "picking the right marketing method" demonstration and competition.

Other speakers, including a panel of cattle feeders, will address trends in marketing finished cattle and matching them to marketing options.

The registration fee is \$20; deadline is Aug. 12. Call Trent Tyson, TCFA special projects assistant, at (800) 299-8232 or fax the registration form to (806) 352-6026. A registration form can be found at: <http://tcfa.org/events.html>.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BAILEY COUNTY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The annual General Membership Meeting of the Bailey County Cemetery Association will be held on Saturday, August 20, at 10:00 a.m. This will be a business meeting regarding the operation and maintenance of the Bailey County Cemetery (sometimes referred to as the old Muleshoe Cemetery). The meeting will be held in the East room of the Bailey County Coliseum. Business to be conducted includes a proposed increase in the cost of burial spaces, maintenance needs for the coming year, and the election of three directors to serve on the Board of Directors. The Bailey County Cemetery is **NOT** a perpetual care cemetery and requires active participation of its property owners. This is a General Membership meeting and is open to all in the community. Owners of cemetery property and family members of those buried at the cemetery are especially urged to attend and have a voice in the maintenance and operations of our cemetery.

Bobwhite Quail... Continued from page 12

grass buffers along agricultural field borders.

To date, more than 48,000 acres have been enrolled nationwide. The FSA estimates this nesting and brood-rearing cover will increase bobwhite quail numbers by three-quarters of a million birds annually.

Planted buffers will also benefit reptiles, amphibians, aquatic species and upland birds, many of which are being considered for listing as endangered species. In addition, the initiative will reduce soil erosion and

protect water quality by trapping field sediments and nutrients.


"If there is one thing quail lovers agree on, it's that FSA's Conservation Reserve Program has provided the necessary funds for farmers and landowners to create habitat for these desirable upland birds," said Hanlin.

USDA estimates that through the Northern Bobwhite Quail Habitat Initiative, CRP will provide \$125 million in payments to participants through 2007, when the overall statutory

enrollment limit is expected to be reached. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and 32 state fish and wildlife agencies are providing technical, monitoring and evaluation assistance.

The FSA has partnered with Quail Unlimited, the Southeast Quail Study Group, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, the National Wild Turkey Federation and other conservation groups, as well as local conservation districts, to provide expertise and other assistance.

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Heritage Foundation News

Reports of progress were the main order of business at the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Board meeting Monday, Aug. 1, at the Santa Fe Depot.

Many improvements at the center were reported to board members attending: Jim Allison, president; Dan Throckmorton, vice president; Jenne McVicker, secretary; Gary Hooten, treasurer; Jean Allison, publicity chairperson; and members Lonnie Adrian, Lavonne McKillip, Larry Nickels, Ladene Spears and center hostess Dolores Harvey.

The president opened the meeting with prayer followed by minutes and the treasurer's report, both of which were approved.

Spears gave a report on the Heritage Thrift Shop, and she noted that the annual sack sale will begin on Saturday. Those shopping can have all they can place in a brown paper bag for \$5. The Thrift Shop report was accepted.

The hostess reported that some repairs at the center need to be taken care of soon, and the members agreed.

Spears also read a letter from a Tour de Muleshoe Bike rider from Clovis saying how much she enjoyed the ride and finished by saying she will be back next year.

Adrian gave a report on the bike ride and emphasized that sponsors for next year's ride need to be obtained

soon. Members voted to again sponsor the bike ride as this year's ride was one of the most successful to date.

As soon as possible Adrian will have a date for the next year.

Throckmorton gave an update on the Figure 4 Ranch House, noting that the front three rooms will be finished for museum-type displays while the back rooms will be returned to as near as possible the way the original house was.

He recommended that those who donate furniture of a certain value be honored on a plaque similar to the plaques in the depot honoring those who have contributed money and time. The recommendation was accepted.

The president reported on grant activity, noting that several grant applications are now under observation and will be acted upon soon. He said again how impressed Wes Reeves of XCel was with the center. The Heritage Foundation members are now working to match a challenge grant of \$25,000 from the Mayer Foundation. This must be completed by October.

Members commented on the landscaping which is going on at the front of the center property under the direction of native landscape architect Steve Turner. Grass has been set out as well as other plantings.

Larry Nickels explained

what will be necessary to raise the windmill beside the Janes Ranch House. A discussion followed and it was decided to try to get this done before the annual membership meeting.

Members then heard a report from Jean Allison, chairman of the planning committee, about the annual open membership meeting.

It was voted at the last meeting to hold this on Saturday, Sept. 17.

She also noted that it has been 20 years since the first building, the Santa Fe Depot, was placed at the center in 1985, and said it was time to celebrate and suggested that the theme be "Celebrate Bailey County Heritage — The Way It Was."

She said that plans are underway to have something unique and from the past at each of the old buildings at the center — demonstrations, cowboy music, dancing, gospel singing, rope tricks, etc.

Many more plans will be coming soon. Board members voted to accept the theme and to begin work to make this a big success.

Hooten was made chairman of the nominating committee to present names to be elected at the annual meeting.

The final pieces of business at the meeting pertained to a proposed accounting policy and insurance for the center. More of these will be handled at the next meeting.

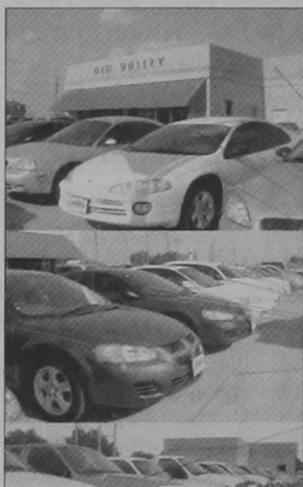


Business of the Month

Muleshoe Motor company was recently announced as the August Business of the Month by the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Back row — Heather Foley, Rick Wilcox, David Hill, Lary Hooten; font row — Noelia "Shorty" Flores, Wanda Hooten, Marisol Robles, Leah Bell and new Chamber Manager Amy Young

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Muleshoe scouts attend camp

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Getting the job done...

Workers at DeShazo work on the ramps to the temporary classrooms purchased by the school district over the summer.

Racing runs in the family... Continued from page 1

raised around horses, with her father managing a feedyard at Clayton and her mother also an active horsewoman.

At eight years of age, Crist said she finally received her own horse, and had to train it to run barrels herself. She also asserted a woman's prerogative about telling her age by noting that if she told how long she's been training horses she would be revealing too much about herself.

"Barrel racing requires an exceptional horse," Crist

said, adding that both a horse's speed and soundness were required for a barrel racer to be successful.

Over the years, Crist has trained a number of barrel horses, and has competed as well, running in everything from jackpots to pro events.

"I admire anyone who can do anything with a horse," Crist said, noting that if she wasn't involved in a speed event such as barrel racing she would probably be jumping horses.

Currently, she is working on filling her professional permit within the next couple of years, something that she'd pushed to the side for several years as she raised her three daughters.

"Now that my girls are on their own, I can spend more time running barrels," Crist said.

But even though Crist didn't initially follow her sister into the professional arena, she hasn't remained at home. She explained that a lot of her time has been spent working on horseback, riding the feedyard pens, day working for ranches, and of course, training horses.

"She may be a better jockey," Crist said, referring to her sister Charmayne, "but I'm a better trainer."

Still, Crist isn't fearful of competing against her world-champion sister "Every time she's come to my arena, I've outrun her," she said with a quiet smile.

County commissioners court

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significantly stronger modular box.

Martin priced the ambulance at \$124,737, with a \$4,400 discount from Ford.

The county has already received a check for \$89,982.30 for the ambulance, the judge said.

The additional \$35,000 is from a Texas Department of State Health Services grant that was required to be spent by Aug. 31. Initially, Thompson said, the EMS wasn't going to be able to use the grant.

However, as a result of the wreck, and the county's need to replace the damaged ambulance, Thompson contacted the granting agency and learned it wasn't too late to use the grant funds... if the funds were used by Aug. 31.

Also during Monday's meeting, the judge explained that while gathering information for the upcoming budget year, it was discovered that the county's out of pocket expense for ambulance service during the current fiscal year was \$6,800, due in large part to the collection

efforts by the EMS staff.

According to Harrison, previous years' cost for providing the ambulance service has totaled more than \$100,000.

In other business, the court:

- Approved a budget

amendment.

- Approved the lease-purchase of a motor grader at \$57,622, with trade-in, for Precinct 3.

- Approved a fuel bid from Western 66.

- Approved county bills totaling \$143,850.64



**PUBLIC NOTICE
MAHD To Hold Public Hearing
on the 2005-2006 Budget**

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2005-2006 Budget on **Thursday, August 18, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 South First Street, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Members of the community and other interested parties are invited to attend.



School board... continued from page 1

desperately needed the participation of the citizens within the school district. "We're responding to your vision of the school," Faulk said. "We need to hear from our clients what are their goals and aspirations."

Regarding the timeline for the master plan update, Faulk said, "It's important that we listen a whole bunch before we start drawing lines... The community has to buy into this."

"What can we do to capture the imagination of the students and the imagination of the teachers?" Faulk said.

Prior to approving the \$22,500 contract with MWMarchitects, board member Cindy Purdy said, "I'm very excited about getting started on this."

In other business, the school board:

- Approved the purchase of two school buses from Blue Star Bus Sales, Ltd., at a cost of \$113,530, including trade-in.

Assistant Superintendent Don Wood explained that recent safety requirements increased the amount initially budgeted for the purchase of the buses by \$3,300.

- Were informed of a change to the district's meal reimbursement policy, as suggested by the school district's auditor.

- Approved the hiring of the following teachers after returning from an executive session to discuss personnel: Peggye Petersen, Jan Fountain, Marcos Gomez, Joyce Scott and Gary Fussell.



Masked Quilter displays work

Pictured above, "Masked Quilter" Bertha Stockman displays the patriotic quilt VFW Post 8570 is auctioning off on Labor Day weekend to raise funds for several community projects, including a new flagpole at one of Muleshoe's schools. Tickets are \$1 each, or six for \$5, and are available from any auxiliary member or on weekends at United Supermarket in Muleshoe. For more information, contact Ruby Green at 272-3733, or Doug Tennell at 272-5784, evenings, or contact the VFW.

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