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Muleshoe city council to look at capital improvement needs

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Among the items included with the City of Muleshoe's FY 2007-08 budget is a five-year capital improvement plan that hopes to improve or replace the city's infrastructure to the tune of an estimated \$6.2 million.

At the bottom end of the improvements are the replacement of various equipment, such as a used tractor at an estimated cost of \$70,000 — an item listed for replacement during FY

\$1.5 million.

With the ongoing expansion projects at Muleshoe Independent School District, the need for the space currently occupied by the city's decades-old municipal pool for additional parking at the high school was first addressed prior to the May 2006 school bond vote.

"The school issue has bumped up the swimming pool's priority," City Manager David Brunson said.

However, according to

would be discussing the issue at its next meeting, and noted that it was his recommendation that the council consider issuing \$4 million in certificates of obligation, which would be paid for through water and sewer revenues and tax dollars over a 20 year period.

"This is what I'd like to see done," the city manager noted, adding that the capital improvement plan was more of a projection of the city's future needs and had not been approved by a council vote.

Other large ticket needs listed in the improvement plan include:

- The extension of a new sewer line to the west city limits, estimated at \$500,000 and projected for this fiscal year.

- A new police department building, estimated at \$500,000, also projected for this year.

- Replacement of the potable water storage tank referred to earlier, at an estimated cost of \$250,000.

- Possible purchase of a landfill compactor, estimated at \$350,000 in FY 2011-12; a bulldozer, estimated at the same price, but projected for purchase in FY 2010-11; and a \$230,000 grader with a projected purchase date in FY 2009-10.

The city manager explained that the recently approved budget doesn't include funds for many of these items, such as a new police department building or sewer line, and if funds did become available at a later date would probably

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2007 Queen crowned

Natasia Daniel was honored as the 2007 Homecoming Queen during ceremonies preceding Friday's game. Pictured on the left, Natasia, accompanied by her father — Luis Daniel, receives her crown from last year's queen, Irma Torres.

The queen's court included, pictured below from left to right: Hillary Shurbet, Kelsey Tipps, Caitlin Wills, Natasia Daniel, Cassie Steinbock, and Jacy Lawrence.



'Some of the equipment is almost crises driven...'

'This is what I'd like to see done...'

— David Brunson

2007-08, or repairs to the city's million gallon potable water ground storage tank liner, estimate at \$50,000.

The three "big ticket" items listed on the plan is an upgrade to the city's wastewater treatment plant, estimated at \$1 million, along with the development of another municipal landfill, also at about \$1 million, and the construction of a new swimming pool, which tops the capital improvement plan with an estimate of

Brunson, the "big ticket" items would probably be funded through "certificates of obligation" while the lower end items would be funded through lease purchases.

He noted that since the plan was drafted problems with some of the city's equipment may force changes there as well. "Some of the equipment is almost crises driven," Brunson said.

Certificates of obligation, Brunson explained, differ from general obligation bonds in that they normally don't require a public vote, although there is an approval process that allows public input into the decision to issue such certificates.

Brunson said the Muleshoe City Council

Sales tax allocations show increase

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The City of Muleshoe's received good news from the office the Texas State Comptroller, which released its September sales tax allocations recently

This recent local sales taxes allocation represented monies collected in July and reported to the comptroller's office in August.

In Muleshoe, the records show \$39,255.45 was collected, an increase of \$4,808.69 from the same period in 2006.

Collection increase percentages

Earth... up 957.97%
Morton... up 68.04%
Olton... up 48.68%
Muleshoe... up 13.95%
Littlefield... up 11.38%
Dimmitt... up 10.85%
Friona... up 5.13%
Sudan... up 3.34%
Farwell... down 20.45%

behind Littlefield's, which received \$58,453.52, an increase from last year's figure of \$2,480.09.

However, according to the comptroller's office, Muleshoe also fell behind Earth, which listed collections for July 2007 at \$46,014.71, an increase of \$41,665.39 from the same period in 2006.

Attempts to learn why Earth's collections of two months ago showed an increase of 957.97 percent from the comptroller's office were unsuccessful. And, it should be noted that Earth's year-to-date total sales tax collections received in September 2006 were only \$35,333.76.

Other area communities fell behind Muleshoe, with Farwell taking the award for last place with a \$1,851.21 drop in sales tax revenue.

The remaining area allocations were as follows:

- Morton's allocation figures were \$10,879.09 for September 2007, an increase from \$6,473.79.

- Olton is to receive \$9,219.78, an increase of \$3019.01.

- Dimmitt's figures of \$23,822.53 are up from its September 2006 allocation of \$21,489.70.

- Friona showed collections of \$24,296.42, up from \$23,110.80, its collection from the same period last year.

- Sudan's September 2007 allocations totaled \$2,805.47, an increase of \$90.84 from September 2006.

Local Weather

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Words to ponder from Beverly

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Here they come!

Muleshoe cheerleaders escort the varsity Mules onto the field prior to Friday's game against the Shallowater Mustangs. Turn to page 6 for game details, and page 14 for homecoming photographs.

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Junior high groundbreaking

The public is invited to a groundbreaking ceremony at Watson Junior High Addition on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 3 p.m. The groundbreaking ceremony will be conducted on the north side of the junior high.

Class of 1992

The Muleshoe High School Class of 1992 is holding a 15-year reunion Oct. 19-20.

Classmates are urged to visit www.classreport.org/usa/tx/muleshoe/mhs/1992 for the latest reunion information, and to add contact information on the page.

Class contacts for the reunion are: Shea (Wilbanks) Hope at swhope28@suddenlink.net; Audree (Anzaldua) Halcomb at aahalcomb@yahoo.com; or Tiffany (Angeley) Boehning at 806-946-9273.

The events planned include: Friday, Oct. 19 — Pregame meal, 6 p.m.; football game, 7:30 p.m.; Friday night gathering, 10 p.m. or after the game, at Audree's parent's house, 621 W. Sixth. Saturday, Oct. 20 — Family event at the FBC Activity Center, 1-4 p.m.; Class meal at Leal's 5 p.m.; Saturday night gathering at Muleshoe Country Club, 7 p.m.

Mule support encouraged

The Muleshoe Athletic Boosters would like to encourage local businesses to join in showing their support for the Mules by participating in a business decoration contest. Each Thursday morning, beginning with the first week of district play, Sept. 27, the entries will be judged. Contact Starla Ellis at 946-7552 for additional information.

Heritage foundation annual meeting

The Muleshoe Heritage Foundation's annual meeting and membership drive has been set for Saturday, Sept. 22, at 6:30 p.m., at the Muleshoe Heritage Center.

Activities will include live music, a performance by Muleshoe High School's Ballet Folkloric, food, an exhibit of entries and winners in the western art contest, and a dummy steer roping contest.

The foundation will also be celebrating the grand opening of the Virginia City Hotel, which was recently restored at the center. Guided tours will be available throughout the evening. Admission is free for all of the festivities, contests and tours.

Projection Graduation fund raiser

Project Graduation 2008 is currently taking orders for painting the double muleshoes on drive-ways and sidewalks. These muleshoes look just like the ones painted on the street around the high school.

The cost is one set for \$20. Orders can be called in until Sept. 17. All of the painting will be done between Sept. 4-18. Call Lori Bales at 272-5400, Starla Ellis at 272-5838 and Terri Precure at 272-5073 to place an order.

AA meeting

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA and Al-Anon meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Friday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. 2nd. Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.

Thanksgiving turkey orders

The 4-H Club is now selling meat for Thanksgiving. They have smoked pork loin, sausage kolaches, bacon, sausage patties, peppered turkey breast, chicken tenders, pork tamales, fajitas, cajun pies, hickory smoked turkey, homestyle pit ham, and a tailgate party pack.

This is the only fundraiser that the 4-H Club has. This money helps pay for the 4H'ers district and state contest, camps, county projects and supplies.

Give a call to your favorite 4-H'er or call the Extension office and place your order now at 806-272-4583

Jr. High game schedule change

Watson Junior High will be playing Westover Junior High on Oct. 25, from 5-6:15 p.m., at Randall High School, located between Canyon and Amarillo.

Sudan Ex-Students/Teachers

The Sudan Ex-Students/Teachers are hosting a homecoming on Friday, Sept. 21-22. The homecoming pep rally starts at 3:15 p.m., Friday, where the homecoming queen will be crowned.

The junior class is serving a supper from 5-6:30 p.m. The ball game between the Sudan Hornets and the Anton Bulldogs will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Registration and a reception begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22. The noon meal will begin at 12:30 p.m. A short business meeting and entertainment will be after the meal. In conjunction with the meeting will be a silent auction

Trinity Baptist Church to host revival services

Trinity Baptist Church, 314 E. Ave. B, Muleshoe, will be hosting revival services, Sept. 23-26, with the theme: Coming Home, taken from Luke 15:11-32. The parable of the prodigal son given by Jesus Christ to his disciples.

Sunday services will be 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Following the

Sunday evening services the church will host junior high and high school students with a pizza feast.

Weekday services, Monday through Wednesday, will include a noon luncheon. Trinity Baptist will host the meal from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. A short devotional and special music will be provided.

Evening services are at 7 p.m.

Are you registered?

Bailey County residents will be heading to the polls to cast their ballots for 16 Propositions on Nov. 6.

All of the county precincts will be voting again at the Bailey County Coliseum, located on West American Blvd.

Precincts 1,2,3 and 4 will be located across the room from each other in the coliseum's main hall.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Nov. 6.

The last day to register to vote for this election is Oct. 9.

"You only have to register to vote one time, but if you have moved to a new county or to a new address within the county, you must get a new voter card," Bailey County Clerk Paula Benton said.

Individuals not wishing to wait until Nov. 6 to cast their ballots can vote early at the Bailey County Clerk's Office.

Early voting will be held from Monday Oct. 22, until Friday, Nov. 2, from 8:30 a.m. until noon, and 1-5 p.m.

Individuals wishing to request a ballot by mail, may do so until Oct. 31.

Ballots being cast by mail are especially helpful for individuals 65 years of age and older who don't wish to travel to the coliseum on Nov. 6, and individuals who plan to be out of town on election day and can't take part in the early vote.

Voters are reminded that mail-in ballots must reach the county clerk's office by election day.

For additional information, contact the Bailey County Clerk's office, 300 S. First Street, Muleshoe, or call 272-3044.

Benton also urges voters to register this year to avoid the rush prior to the presidential elections.

Ombudsman training available

South Plains Association of Governments' Area Agency on Aging will hold an orientation on Saturday, Sept. 22, for nursing home volunteer advocates.

The special session will be from 1-4 p.m. at 1323 58th St., Lubbock.

Call Paul Moore at the Area Agency on Aging at 687-0940 or 1-888-418-6564 to pre-register or to receive more information.

Monday evening there will be a special program for elementary children at 6 p.m. Please call 272-3301 if you plan to attend. Food will be provided. Featured will be By All Means Productions, Inc. of Cleburne, a Christian ministry organization.

Lifeway, a publishing and ministries arm of the Southern Baptist Convention has and continues to feature By All Means Ministries at Glorieta, N.M., Ridgecrest, S.C. and other locations in its Family Life Enrichment Retreats.

Randell and Paula Sterrett are the ministry founders and directors. Paula is the daughter of the Rev. Bennie Wright, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Muleshoe.

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Heroes found during ride in the Red Zone

Protected by body armor and Kevlar helmet, I load into the passenger seat of the third in a group of three armored SUVs about to make the trip from Camp Victory to the International Zone (Green Zone).

The drive takes only 15 minutes or so...if that, but it seems like a lifetime. The driver is talking to me, telling me about the armor that protects the vehicle, noting the thickness of the bulletproof windows, and pointing out various landmarks that we pass along the way: The place where Saddam was sentenced to death, the oddly shaped "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," and a brand new billboard.

There are some landmarks that need no explanation — shells of buildings that have been gutted by the blast of a car bomb or suicide bomb. There are plenty of buildings that are only half-standing.

The roads are eerily deserted due to mandatory Friday curfew, and we are moving at a nice clip as I attempt to snap pictures. On a subsequent trip to Camp Victory, I will learn that curfew day, though it seems eerie, feels much safer than other days, when there is the possibility of a dangerous traffic jam.

As we leave Camp Victory, just prior to entering the Red Zone, a soldier gets out of the lead car and walks to the top of some contraption that resembles a deer stand.

I ask what he's doing, and my kind driver explains to me that he's looking for threats ahead... making sure things are clear before we head into the danger zone.

After passing through the gate, my driver revs the engine and sticks to the back side of the second SUV. There will be no getting in the middle of this entourage.

We move erratically back and forth from side to side, making our vehicle an unpredictable target in case we are shot at. The driver

Council...

Continued from page 1 have to be added though a budget amendment, Brunson said.

As for the upgrades needed at the wastewater treatment plant, Brunson said it's needed due to the city's growth, adding that the plant "isn't getting adequate detention time" for the wastewater, and that the least costly solution would probably be the construction of a second clarifier.

"Our treatment plant does a great job," Brunson said, noting that all of the state's discharge requirements are currently being met.

In regards to parks and recreation, the capital improvement plan indicates \$15,000 is proposed to be used for a new softball field from the next three municipal budgets.

Seliger to speak

State Sen. Kel Seliger will be speaking at a town hall meeting set for Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 2:30 p.m., at Muleshoe State Bank.

**Go Mules!
Beat Idalon!**



This is me riding through the red zone all decked out in my "kit" (protective gear). The "huge" shades are not a fashion statement... just part of the kit.

points out the thickness of the bulletproof windows.

We approach an overpass, and I hear radio chatter that the overpass appears to be clear. With every crossing pedestrian, there is a radio call.

Roadkill does not go unnoticed.

All of my senses are engaged. I do not feel afraid. But I am alert and ready thanks to a healthy shot of adrenaline. I'm in no real danger. My driver is experienced, and I know I am safe.

I feel a little guilty. Guilty because I know that if anything were to happen, this man who has a wife and

kids back home would sacrifice his life to save this girl he doesn't really even know.

I think of the soldiers who spend their days patrolling on foot in the heart of Baghdad. And the ones who are on convoy duty day in and day out, hauling supplies in and out of Iraq, vulnerable to every kind of danger.

They spend every day risking their lives for some girl with a backpack on her way to school back in Texas, some boy on his way to market in Baghdad, for you, for me.

These boys... these men... these are heroes.

'Saw you at the pole' set for Sept. 26

Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship, 710 E. American Blvd., will be hosting "Saw You at the Pole" youth night on Wednesday, Sept. 26.

The event will include a night of food, fun, fellowship, music and worship led by 184 Christ.

Pizza will be served from 6:30 p.m.-7 p.m.



Planeguard speaks to students

U.S. Navy Lt. Brandon Sheets dropped by to visit first grade students in Claire Brown and Brenda Lackey's classes Thursday, Sept. 13.

Pictured above, Sheets answers questions about learning to fly a helicopter. Sheets is assigned to an SH-60 "Seahawk" aboard the U.S.S. Ronald Reagan.

Sheets is the son of Muleshoe ISD Superintendent Gene and Melody Sheets. Photograph by Larry Thornton

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Joe Robinson, the developer, commented: "Since the government concluded its study, we have sold a half million Gas Savers. To our surprise, more people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life by cleaning out the carbon than buy it to increase gas mileage or to raise octane."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2007

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 103)

HJR 103 would update the constitutional reference to Angelo State University to conform with the statutory transfer of that institution from membership in the Texas State University System to membership in the Texas Tech University System.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the continuation of the constitutional appropriation for facilities and other capital items at Angelo State University on a change in the governance of the university."

PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 57)

SJR 57 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to college and university students, and to enter into bond enhancement agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students and authorizing bond enhancement agreements with respect to general obligation bonds issued for that purpose."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 40)

HJR 40 would authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for property tax purposes in a tax year to the lesser of the most recent appraisal valuation, or 110 percent, or a greater percentage as determined by the legislature, of the appraised value in the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation is limited to the lesser of the most recent market value of the residence homestead as determined by the appraisal entity or 110 percent, or a greater percentage, of the appraised value of the residence homestead for the preceding tax year."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 65)

SJR 65 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue up to \$1 billion in general obligation

bonds, the proceeds of which would be dedicated to maintenance, construction, repairs, and equipment purchases, as authorized by the legislature for the following state agencies: the Texas Building and Procurement Commission; the Parks and Wildlife Department; the Department of the Adjutant General; the Department of State Health Services; the Department of Aging and Disability Services; the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; the Texas Youth Commission; the Texas Historical Commission; the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; the Texas School for the Deaf; and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$1 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for maintenance, improvement, repair, and construction projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 44)

SJR 44 would authorize the legislature to permit cities with a population of less than 10,000 to hold an election to allow the city to enter into an agreement with a property owner to temporarily freeze taxes on property either in or adjacent to an area approved for funding under the Downtown Revitalization Program or the Main Streets Improvements Program administered by the Department of Agriculture.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the voters of a municipality having a population of less than 10,000 to authorize the governing body of the municipality to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to an area in the municipality that has been approved for funding under certain programs administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture under which the parties agree that all ad valorem taxes imposed on the owner's property may not be increased for the first five tax years after the tax year in which the agreement is entered into."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem tax one motor vehicle owned by an individual that is used by the individual for both business and personal use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional

amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation one motor vehicle owned by an individual and used in the course of the owner's occupation or profession and also for personal activities of the owner."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 30)

HJR 30 would allow a governmental entity to sell property acquired through eminent domain to its immediately previous owner at the original purchase price, if the public use of the property has been canceled, if no progress is made toward that public use by a prescribed deadline, or if the property is unnecessary to accomplish that public use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow governmental entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the property."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 72)

HJR 72 would clarify home equity loan procedures and protections and make conforming changes to the written disclosure provided to the borrower at the loan closing. The amendment would establish that the status of whether property is an agricultural homestead for the purpose of receiving homestead protection, would be determined by whether it was designated for agricultural use on the date of the loan closing. The amendment would provide that a declared state of emergency (e.g., following a natural disaster) would justify execution of a second home equity loan on the same property less than one year after the first home equity loan. It would provide that non-substantive omissions on a loan application would not affect the agreement. It would require a borrower to receive a copy of all executed loan documents, and a disclosure list of fees and costs at closing. It would prohibit the use of preprinted checks for the use of unsolicited loan advances to obtain a home equity line of credit.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to clarify certain provisions relating to the making of a home equity loan and use of home equity loan proceeds."

PROPOSITION 9 (SJR 29)

SJR 29 would authorize the legislature to exempt all or part of the market value of the residence homesteads of veterans certified as having a service-connected 100 percent

disability rating. SJR 29 would also clarify the progression of property tax exemptions available to veterans who are less than 100 percent disabled.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt all or part of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans from ad valorem taxation and authorizing a change in the manner of determining the amount of the existing exemption from ad valorem taxation to which a disabled veteran is entitled."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 69)

HJR 69 would remove constitutional references to the former office of inspector of hides and animals.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to abolish the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animals."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 19)

HJR 19 would require a vote taken in either house of the legislature to be recorded by record vote, if the vote was on final passage of a bill, other than local bills, a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment, or any other resolution that is not purely ceremonial. The record vote must be archived and available for public viewing on the Internet for at least two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to require that a record vote be taken by a house of the legislature on final passage of any bill, other than certain local bills, of a resolution proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment, or of any other nonceremonial resolution, and to provide for public access on the Internet to those record votes."

PROPOSITION 12 (SJR 64)

SJR 64 would authorize the Texas Transportation Commission to issue up to \$5 billion in general obligation bonds for highway improvement projects, the proceeds of which will be used to pay for projects, costs, and payments owed under related credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Transportation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5 billion to provide funding for highway improvement projects."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates conditions of release

in a family violence case and permit the legislature to authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders in a family violence case.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence case."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 36)

HJR 36 would limit a state justice or judge's service to December 31st of the fourth year of the term if he/she is elected to all or part of a six year term, and reaches mandatory retirement age during the first four years of said term.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement age while in office to serve the remainder of the justice's or judge's current term."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 90)

HJR 90 would require the legislature to establish the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, and would provide for its management, duties, and powers. It would authorize the issuance of up to \$3 billion in general obligation bonds to be used for operations and grants for the purpose of scientific research of all forms of human cancer.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and authorizing the issuance of up to \$3 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for research in Texas to find the causes of and cures for cancer."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 20)

SJR 20 would authorize the issuance of up to \$250 million in general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance to economically distressed areas of the state to help provide adequate sewer and water supply services for residential use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$250 million to provide assistance to economically distressed areas."

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Several senior citizens enjoyed a very good program at the Coliseum Saturday.

Our hats off to Mandi Seaton, Debbie Crabtree, Joy Stancell and Sandy Sandlin for sponsoring a superb seminar.

Our heartfelt thanks to Sandy Sandlin for the lift chair he won at the session and donated to the senior center. Come by the center and try it out.

Our many thanks to all who have contributed to the

ticket sales for the playhouse.

The tickets will be on sale until Oct. 6. The playhouse will be on display at several business the next two weeks. So stop by and visit with us.

The drawing for the playhouse will be at the Mule Days Celebration prior to the parade.

On Tuesday, Sept. 25, make plans to come to the center for our play day and lunch. We will have special guests from other centers and representatives from

SPAG visiting with the center. So make plans to come and enjoy.

Sandy should be back with us for the Tuesday night dance music. Call a friend, prepare your favorite dish and come enjoy the fellowship.

Wednesday, Sept. 26, NursCare will be presenting the program, Rights of Patients, during the noon hour. This should be a very informative and helpful program.

Thursday, Sept. 27, will be our September birthday

party.

Make plans to come and celebrate your birthday. All senior citizens with birthdays in September are invited.

You should have received a phone call, if we have you on our records.

If you did not get a phone call, come and we will be glad to add you to our records. Hope to see you at the party.

The senior center will be participating in the Mule Days Celebration. We will have a float in the parade.

We need all of you to plan to ride on the float, so make plans to have a great time.

The center will also be serving a brisket, beans, potato salad, cornbread and cherry cobbler lunch from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The lunch will be open to the public, young and old. Tickets will be \$5 for adults. Children 10 and under, the tickets will be \$3.

Menu for Sept. 24-28:

Monday, Sept. 24 — Chicken ala king, rice, greens, salad, rolls and apple crisp.

Tuesday, Sept. 25 — Smothered pork chops, sweet potatoes, black eye peas, salad, cornbread and lemon pudding cake.

Wednesday, Sept. 26 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and chocolate pudding.

Thursday, Sept. 27 — Chili, beans, rice, salsa, chips, onions, cheese and birthday cake.

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by Max Lucado

Two of our three daughters were born in the South Zone of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. We lived in the North Zone, separated from our doctor's office and hospital by a tunnel-pierced mountain range. During Denalyn's many months of pregnancy, we made the drive often.

We didn't complain. Signs of life do a samba on every street corner. Copacabana and her bathers. Ipanema and her coffee bars. Gavea and her glamour. We never begrudged the South Zone forays. But they sure did bewilder me. I kept getting lost. I'm directionally challenged anyway, prone to take a wrong turn between the bedroom and the bathroom. Complicate my disorientation with randomly mapped three-hundred-year-old streets, and I don't stand a chance.

I had one salvation. Jesus. Literally, Jesus. The Christ the Redeemer statue. The figure stands guard over the city, one hundred twenty-five feet tall with an arm span of nearly a hundred feet. More than a thousand tons of reinforced steel. The head alone measures ten feet from chin to scalp. Perched a mile and a half above sea level on Corcovado Mountain, the elevated Jesus is always visible. Especially to those who are looking for it. Since I was often lost, I was often looking. As a sailor seeks land, I searched for the statue, peering between the phone lines and rooftops for the familiar face. Find him and find my bearings.

John 3:16 offers you an identical promise. The verse elevates Christ to thin-air loftiness, crowning him with the most regal of titles: "One and Only Son." Do what I did in Rio. Seek him out. Lift up your eyes, and set your sights on Jesus. No passing glances or occasional glimpses. Enroll in his school. Make him your polestar, your point of reference. Search the crowded streets and shadow-casting roofs until you spot his face, and then set your sights on him.

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4-H News

By Mandi Seaton

The Bailey County 4H club held its annual achievement banquet on Sunday, Aug. 19, on the

Bailey County Courthouse lawn.

4H members were recognized with achievement pins for project

participation. District contest participants were presented 4H t-shirts for their accomplishments. 2007

Bailey County Gold Star recipients were announced. Gold Star award winners are Austin Bamert, son of Rayniel and Nick Bamer

; and Jackson Myers, son of Rhonda and Thurman Myers. These young men will also be recognized at the Dist. 2 4H Gold Star Banquet in Lubbock, in November.

The Bailey County Outstanding Adult Leader

award was presented to Sam Whalin. Whalin has gives of his time and talent to help the 4H program in whatever way is needed.

The Michael Dunham family was presented the Bailey County 4H Family of the Year award. The Dunham's have been active in Bailey County 4H for three years in the Family

and Consumer Sciences projects, leadership projects, the parent's association, record books, and agriculture projects.

The Friend of 4H award was presented to the Bailey County Commissioners' Court for their support of the 4H program.

Related photographs are on page 9.

Obituaries

Kyle Scifres

Church services for Kyle Ray Scifres, 44, of Irving were held on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe with Fr. Leo Pahamtang officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Kyle died on Sept. 15, 2007, at his residence in Irving. He was born on Feb. 27, 1963, in Clovis, N.M.

He was preceded in death by his mother — Alice Hicks Scifres on July 24, 2007.

Kyle had lived in Irving and the Dallas area since 1985, moving from Clovis, N.M.

He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Clovis, N.M., and worked as a fraud investigator for the Sprint Phone Company.

Survivors include his father — Medford Scifres of Irving; a brother — Alan Jay Scifres of Richardson; two aunts — Ethel Storrs of Lubbock and Mattie Hicks of Muleshoe; and a nephew — Michael Andrew Scifres of Richardson.

Engagement



KALA JOHNSON OF CANYON AND BRADLEY THOMASON

Johnson, Thomason Engaged

Reggie and Sue Johnson with Charles and Pam Thomason are happy to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Kala Deann Johnson of Canyon, to Bradley Matthew Thomason, also of Canyon.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Muleshoe

High School. She is employed by High Plains Dermatology in Amarillo.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and a 2007 graduate of West Texas A&M.

The couple will marry on Nov. 24, at The West Texas A&M Chapel in Canyon.

We want to thank the Muleshoe community, pastors and their congregations, employers and co-workers, friends, and extended families for their prayers, phone calls, visits, cards and gifts during Leonardo's kidney transplant. Both Leonardo and Leo are doing excellent. Thank you!!!

Leonardo & Leo Gallegos families

Tana Young

Funeral services for Tana Moorlene Young, 63, of Dimmitt were held on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt with the Rev. Clint Young officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Young died on Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007 in Amarillo. She was born on Oct. 22, 1943, in Temple to J.M. and Leta Mae Hefner.

Young served as the Bailey County Justice of the Peace for a time and the Castro County Justice of the Peace from 1999 until her

death. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

Young was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband — Marshall Young of Dimmitt; a daughter — Dana Jameson of Dimmitt; a son and his wife — Jim and Susan Holmes of Lubbock; a step-daughter and her husband — Daria and Dennis Rice of Canyon; and six grandchildren.

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Sports

Mules dominate equine battle

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules celebrated Homecoming with a fireworks display on the field that few will forget, dominating the game from the coin toss.

Quarterback Garrett Riley threw five touchdown passes to five different receivers in the first half.

Victor Vasquez ran for one TD and the Mule defense scored a safety.

"We wanted to be more efficient on offense than we were in the first two games," said Mule quarterback Garrett Riley. "In the first half we were pretty efficient. Our goal on defense is always to dominate and shut down the other team."

"We met our goals in the first half on both sides of the ball. The defense was unbelievable in the first half and set up the offense in good field position. It was not a perfect half but it was pretty close," he added.

"We may have lost some intensity in the second half and had a lot of new personnel or people playing different positions than normal," said Riley. "Depth is important to us and we take every opportunity to work on it."

The Mules had rolled up a 43-6 lead by the intermission. Most of the second half was used by the Mules to work on developing depth on both sides of the ball.

The Mules defeated the Mustangs 50-26.

"We got up 43-0 but just before half Shallowater scored and we went to the dressing room with our heads down just a little," said Mule coach David Wood. "We sputtered a little when the second half started, but that was a good football team. We put 43 points on in the first half."

"It was a good climax to a great week and a good homecoming. Everyone got a piece of this homecoming win. That is the way we want



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Muleshoe's defense welcomes the Mustangs to Friday's party.

it, everyone playing and having fun," he said.

"We improved this week and now we have to get ready for Idalou. They maybe the best team we have faced. We start tomorrow putting this one behind us and getting ready for the next one," concluded Wood.

The Mules scored on each of their first three drives in the opening period. Riley completed TD tosses to Ray Ramirez for 15 yards and Dusty Clayton for 17.

Those two touchdowns sandwiched a two-yard TD leap by Vasquez. The Mules led 20-0 at the end of the first period.

Riley threw three more TDs in the second 12 minute period. Wes Wood was on the receiving end of a 25-yard toss, Colby Carpenter grabbed a five-yard throw and Doc Fullmer hauled in a 32-yard pass.

Andrew Morris, the Mustangs' quarterback, was chased back into his own end zone and attempted to throw the ball away to avoid the sack and safety.

Morris' pass didn't reach the line of scrimmage resulting in an intentional grounding penalty that gave the Mules the safety Morris

was trying to avoid.

The Mules had begun to shuffle in players with a 43-0 lead before the first half ended.

The Mules gave up a four-yard toss for a TD with 25 seconds left in the first half. The Mules led 43-6 at the intermission.

Lane Wood scored the Mules only touchdown of the second half when he powered into the end zone from the one-yard line. Jorge Rodriguez kicked his fourth straight point after.

Shallowater found the end zone three times in the final frame.

The Mules have become known for their spectacular aerial attack but Riley only had 22 attempts Friday night. He completed 13 for 298 yards.

Seven Mule receivers made catches with Clayton leading the parade with four receptions for 53 yards and a touchdown. W. Wood completed one of two for nine yards.

L. Wood had three catches for 79 yards, Wes Wood caught two for 56 and a TD and Carpenter grabbed two for 14 and a TD.

Vasquez had one reception for 57 yards,

Fullmer made one for 32 and a TD and Ramirez grabbed one for 15 yards and a touchdown.

The Mules rushed 27 times for 208 yards to accumulate 514 yards of total offense.

L. Wood led the Mules with nine carries for 85 yards and a touchdown,

Vasquez had 10 tries for 56 and a TD and W. Wood gained 40 yards on four attempts.

Riley ran three times for 14 yards and Ramirez had one attempt for 13.

The Mule defense held the Mustangs to 130 yards of offense in the first half. The Mustangs had a total of 391 yards with 106 coming on the ground and 285 through the air.

Ten Mules made 15 tackles for losses; they recorded five sacks, hurried the quarterback 10 times, caused five fumbles, broke up five passes, recovered three fumbles, intercepted one and broke up five passes.

L. Wood led the Mules with 12 tackles, two for a loss, two sacks and two hurries. Colton Heinrich had 11 stops, two for losses, and two on special teams. Ramirez made nine tackles and broke up a pass. Clayton made seven stops, caused a fumble and broke up a pass and Fullmer had six tackles, three for losses and three hurries. W. Wood made three stops, recovered a fumble and intercepted a pass.

Muleshoe High School celebrated Homecoming this past week, with the Class of 1957 appearing as special guests at the game.

The Mules travel to Idalou to tangle with the Wildcats next Friday night.



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Dimmitt	2	1	0	0
Littlefield	2	1	0	0
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Freshmen Mules shutout the Mustangs

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The freshmen Mules rolled to 3-0 on the season with a 22-0 shutout of the Mustangs at Shallowater Thursday night. The Mules first tally came in the opening period with Cooper Washington hitting Isaias Guerra with a three-yard toss.

Washington found Juan

Sanchez open in the end zone for the two-point conversion to give the Mules an 8-0 lead. Neither team scored again until the second half.

Washington got loose on an option play and rumbled 49-yards to pay dirt in the third period. Sanchez was on the receiving end of a Washington toss for his second two-point conversion

to extend the Mule lead to 16-0.

Joey Ramirez zipped 51-yards for the Mules final touchdown and ended all scoring.

Other big plays for the Mules were a 20-yard screen pass to Sanchez. Washington had a 20-yard scamper for a first down.

Leading rusher for the Mustangs was...

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Cross-country Mules compete at Amarillo

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Muleshoe cross-country teams competed in Amarillo's Thompson Park.

Two of the Varsity Lady Mules were not able to compete but the Lady Mules placed ninth on the two-mile route.

Ashley Cisneros led the Lady Mules with a 23rd

place finish in 13 minutes 59 seconds.

Lupita Andrade ran 30th with a time of 14:12 and Cassidy Lowe was close behind at 33rd with a 14:12.

Shayla Carpenter finished 39th with a 14:47 and Jessica Behrends was 84th in a time of 16:05.

The Varsity Mules were one man short of a team

JV Mules fall to Shallowater

The JV Mules came up just a bit short in Shallowater Thursday night.

Caleb Conner scored the Mules only two points when he intercepted a Mustang placed ninth on the two-mile route.

The Mules lost to the Mustangs 12-0. Conner also rushed 17 times for 113 yards and caught four Jared

Skipworth passes for 24.

Alex Godinez made eight solo tackles and had three assists. Nathan Chavez and Cole Hawkins each made six solo tackles and one assist and Mitchell Forte had three solo stops.

The Mules are 1-2 on the season but fought hard to stay in both games. The Mules will host the Wildcats of Idalou Thursday night.



Mine!

JV Mule Cole Hawkins debates ownership of the ball with a Shallowater Mustang during Thursday's game.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

Freshmen...

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Mules was Ramirez with 75 yards on four plays. Washington carried seven times for 70 yards and Sanchez gained 53 yards on five tries.

Sanchez made four receptions four 44 yards and Guerra had one for three yards.

The Mules rushed 20 times for 220 yards and Washington completed five of 10 passes for 47.

Royce Strader led the defense with three solo tackles, five assists, two tackles for a loss and a sack. Ramirez made one solo stop, seven assists, one hurry on the quarterback, caused a fumble and intercepted a pass.

Rico Alarcon made three solo tackles, four assists, one sack and caused a fumble. Esteban Vidana had three solo stops, two assists, one tackle for a loss and a hurry. Sanchez made five solo tackles, three assists, one tackle for a loss and one hurry. Washington had a big hit and one interception.

The Mules put their perfect record on the line in Benny Douglas Stadium Thursday when they host the Wildcats of Idalou.



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and had to run for pride and individual honors.

Sterling Leopard set the pace for the Mules with a time of 18:43 on the three-mile course for eighth place.

Gilberto Mojica finished 34th with a time of 20:34, Josue Macias ran 49th with a 20:55 and Matthew Garza was 89th in a time of 27:47.

The JV Lady Mules took eighth place as a team with Jenna Whitworth placing

26th with a 15:00. Sandy Mojica ran 31st in 15:05, Breann Baca was 54th in a time of 15:38 and Vivian Ronquillo finished 70th with a 15:57.

Caitlin Durben was 89th with a 16:45 and Amelia Clemons placed 120th with an 18:28.

Check our web pages for more sports stories!

Courage Under Fire: Do We Have It?

(Originally published Feb. 16, 2006)

In his book *Citizen Soldiers*, author and historian Steven Ambrose tells the story of the pivotal days during and after D-Day in World War II as the Allies landed what would be the decisive blow against the Nazis. Ambrose tells much of the story from the perspective of the soldiers who fought in those battles.

I suppose all guys have wondered about how they would react in battle. Would I have the courage needed to get the job done or would I turn tail and run? I suppose no one can



Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

know for sure until the time of testing really comes. To actually know the answer to that question is a fearful and costly thing, and whether that knowledge is worth the pain it takes to possess it is very much open to question. Most men have no choice: they are either there at the time of testing or they are not.

My wife's father knew. And, like most of the guys who were in the thick of battle and who stood the test, he didn't much like to talk about it. I don't know what he'd had to do. But his silence probably said more than words could. Learning the answer about the depth of his own courage was expensive to him.

Ambrose writes:
About themselves the most important thing the majority of the GI's discovered was

that they were *not* cowards. They hadn't thought so. That had fervently hoped it would *not* be so. But they couldn't be sure until tested. After a few days of combat, most of them knew they were good soldiers. They had neither run away nor collapsed into a pathetic mass of quivering jello—their worst fear, even greater than the fear of being afraid.

They were learning about others. A common experience: the guy who talked toughest, bragged most, excelled in maneuvers—everyone's pick to be the top soldier in the company—was the first to break. While the soft-talking kid who was hardly noticed in camp was the standout in combat. These are the clichés in war novels precisely because they are true.

Courage under fire. Would you have it? Would I? No one really knows until he is tested.

Most of us will not be tested on a battlefield in Normandy or the Mekong Delta or outside of Baghdad. But you can be sure that tests of courage will come.

You may not be breaking through a hedgerow in France when the bullets come; you may be waking up after cancer surgery and hearing the verdict.

You may not be lying in the snow bleeding with shrapnel wounds from a mortar explosion; you heart may be bleeding because of painful "explosions" in the life of a child.

Tests of courage on the battlefield of life will come. But God's children never face their enemies alone, and because they know their King will win, they fight in the sure knowledge that, even though the struggle is long and difficult, the victory is theirs in Him.

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

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Entries may be mailed to the Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, dropped off at the office (201 W. Ave. C) during business hours, M-F, 8-5 or Emailed to: advertising@muleshoejournal.com or cityankee@fivearea.com. Please indicate FOOTBALL CONTEST ENTRY. Need not have original entry form to enter.

Entries for any week's contest must be postmarked before or received in our office by 5 PM on Friday of that week's games. No exceptions! Muleshoe Journal employees and their families are not eligible to win. Decision of the judges is final. Games not marked will be counted against the player. Must be at least 12 years old to play.

TIE BREAKER

(Write in your guesses for the score of this game)

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Tie-breaker decides this week's contest winner; women place well in top 10 entries

By Leah Bell
General Manager

Until the very last moment this time around, it really looked like a woman was going to take the Week 3 contest. That is, until the last entry was graded.

And yet again, the tiebreaker game decided the contest winner this week.

Struggling in the first two weeks, this week's winner is no stranger to the Journal's football contest, but he is a stranger to winning top prize if my memory serves me right.

Missing just two games and coming closer to the actual score of Muleshoe's romp over Shallowater, 50-26, was William Orozco. Orozco guessed the combined score would be 63 points.

The next four finishers also missed just two games each, but their tiebreaker scores weren't high enough to help them take the \$25 weekly prize. They will, however get cumulative points for their efforts, as will Orozco who earned 10 with his win this week.

Also noteworthy, three

out of the five top finishers this week and six out of the top ten were women — way to go girls!

Finishing just out of the top position in second place was another contest regular, Rosalinda Toscano, who will get nine of those all-important grand prize points. Toscano's tiebreaker guess was 52.

Behind Toscano was Patricia Orozco and Weldon Smith who tied for third place and will get eight points each, and Starla Ellis, who placed fifth earning her six points.

Rounding out the top 10 for the week, along with cumulative points earned, were: Sherri Harrison-5 pts., Rosa Rey-4 pts., Terry Field-3 pts., and Veronica Gonzales and Rene Valle (tie)-2 pts. No one-point entry was named due to the tie.

Cumulatively speaking, here's the point totals after three weeks: Joe Flores 17, Sandra Orozco 15, Weldon Smith 14, Rene Valle 12, William Orozco 10, Terry Field 9, Brandon Acevedo 9, J.C. Orozco 9, Rosalinda Toscano 9, Sam Gonzales

8, Starla Ellis 8, Patricia Orozco 8, Richard Orozco 7, Gabriel Acevedo 6, Tommy King 5, Sherri Harrison 5, Rudy Gonzales 4, Rosa Rey 4, Fernando Toscano 3, Travis Bessire 3, Scott Brown 2 and Veronica Gonzales 2.

Finishing just outside of the points this week were L.V. Watts, J.C. Orozco and Sandra Orozco.

Other players and how they fared: Rudy Gonzales-15th, Claire Brown-17th, Scott Brown-18th, Jan King-20th, Bruce Bruns-22nd, Vicki Gonzales-27th, Joe

Flores-28th, Tommy King-29th and Raymond Villalobos-32nd.

Thirty-three players vied for the prize in Week 3.

Games that caused problems for players this week were Sanford-Fritch's win over Tulia, Idalou's overtime win over Littlefield, Perryton's loss to Lubbock Roosevelt, and Plains' win over Sudan.

If you have missed playing these first three weeks, don't worry! You can still join and you still have a great chance to win the

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Top 10 Farm Safety Tips For Producers

1. Stay alert, and be aware of your surroundings.
2. Account for the mental and physical differences associated with age.
3. Be sure to include hazard and safety lessons when training workers.
4. No seat, no rider, no exceptions. Extra riders can cause distractions and block access to controls.
5. Use hydraulic equipment cautiously, and control operations from the tractor seat only.
6. Never attempt to unplug equipment while power is engaged.
7. Use safety identification markers, turn signals, flashing lights, and/or escort vehicles when driving farm equipment on public roads.
8. Carry a fire extinguisher on every piece of powered equipment.
9. Prepare a safe play area for children away from machinery.
10. Enforce basic safety rules for others, and follow them yourself.

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- DO NOT PERMIT OTHERS TO RIDE
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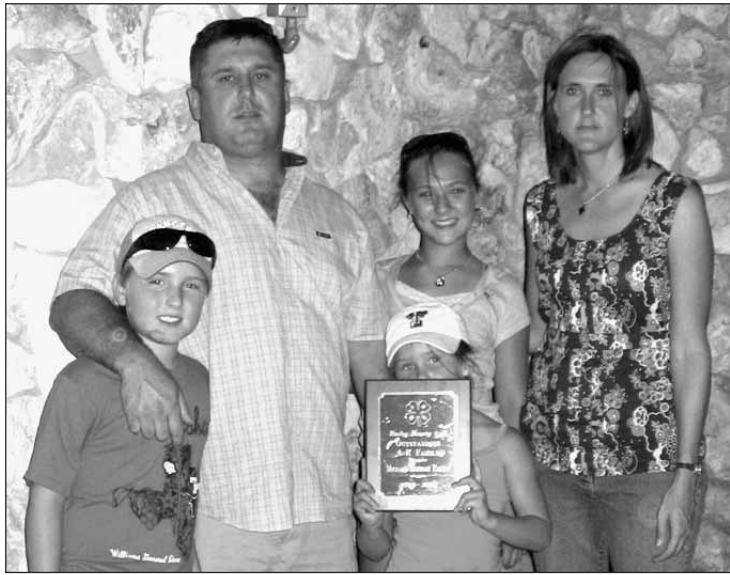


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Football contest...

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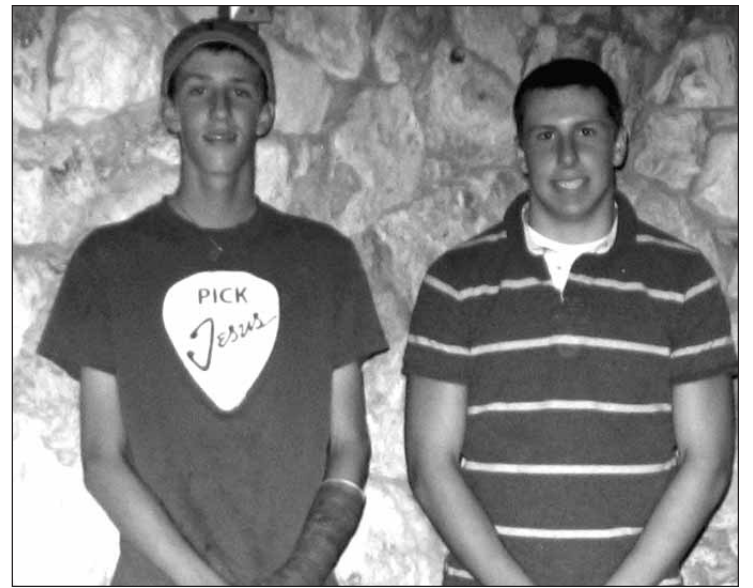
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The Dunham family was honored recently as the Bailey County 4-H Family of the Year. Pictured above are: Michael, Dagen, McKenna, Keley and Denise.



Outstanding 4H Leader...

Sam Whalin was recognized as Bailey County's Outstanding 4H Leader at the banquet.



Gold Star winners...

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Safe Use of Harvesting Equipment

Harvesting equipment is a necessity on farms to gather the crops for a bountiful harvest. Harvest time is primary revenue time on many farms and is also one of the peak periods for farm injuries and deaths. Many of these injuries can be prevented through effective farm safety management.

- Develop a "safety first" attitude. Follow safe work practices all the time and set a good example for others.
- Be physically and mentally fit before operating equipment. Fatigue, stress and worry can distract you from safely operating equipment. Take frequent breaks.
- Pay attention to all safety information. Read operator's manual and warning decals.
- Inspect the equipment and correct any hazards before operating.
- Identify hazardous areas on equipment and make sure you stay away from moving parts. Beware of pinch points, shear points, wrap points, pull-in areas, thrown objects, crush points, stored energy hazards and freewheeling parts.
- Make sure everyone who operates the equipment has the appropriate training and is physically able to operate it safely.
- Shut down equipment, turn off the engine, remove key and wait for moving parts to stop before dismounting equipment.
- Keep bystanders and others away from equipment operation area. Do not allow "extra riders", especially children.

Inspection

- Are PTO shields in place?
- Are safety locks operational?
- Is a 20 lb. "ABC" fire extinguisher in place?
- Is reflective "Slow Moving Vehicle" signage in place?
- Are guards and shields in place?
- Are there any leaks in hydraulics?
- Are lights working properly?

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- Develop a "safety first" attitude. Follow safe work practices all the time and set a good example for others.
- Be physically and mentally fit when operating tractors. Fatigue, stress, medication, alcohol and drugs can detract from safe tractor operation. Take breaks.
- Read operator's manual and warning decals. Pay attention to safety information.
- Equip the tractor with a Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS) and wear seat belts.
- Inspect the tractor for any hazards and correct them before operating.
- Make sure everyone who operates a tractor has received training and is physically able to operate it safely.
- Shut down equipment, turn off engine, remove key and wait for moving parts to stop before dismounting equipment.
- Keep bystanders and others away from tractor operation area. Do not allow "extra riders", especially children.

Inspection

- Are ROPS in place and seat belts used?
- Is the operator's platform clear of debris?
- Are lights and flashers operational?
- Is the hydraulic system free from leaks?
- Is a fully equipped first aid kit on the tractor?
- Is a PTO master shield in place?
- Is a reflective "Slow Moving Vehicle" emblem posted?
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Hispanic Heritage

People of Hispanic heritage have shaped the history of the United States for centuries. They have come here from countries such as Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba and many other parts of Central and South America. They may speak slightly different versions of the Spanish language, and possess a range of identities and cultures, but they have one thing in common - they are part of the American story!

Can you identify the Hispanic Americans below who have helped to shape our history?

- 1.) Antonia Coello _____ - the first Hispanic U.S. Surgeon General; also the first woman to hold the position
- 2.) Cesar _____ - went to many elementary schools while traveling to farms with his family to work; he started a labor union to get fair wages, better housing and to improve other conditions for farm workers.
- 3.) Oscar _____ - won a Pulitzer Prize for Fiction (1990) for his novel *The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love*
- 4.) Alex _____ - youngest major league baseball player to hit 500 home runs
- 5.) Ellen _____ - first female Hispanic astronaut
- 6.) Prudencio and Carolina _____ - began a company called Goya, producing Hispanic foods; the largest Hispanic-owned food company in the U.S.
- 7.) Luiz Walter _____ - won the Nobel Prize in Physics (1968); he and his son declared that the mass dinosaur extinction was caused by a meteor impact
- 8.) Bill _____ - Governor of New Mexico, running for office of President (2008)
- 9.) Rita _____ - first Hispanic actress to win an Oscar
- 10.) Nancy _____ - great woman golfer; got first set of golf clubs at age 8

The Largest Population

Many people of Hispanic heritage have immigrated to the U.S. Below are states with large populations of Hispanic people.

Fill in the vowels to see the names of some of the states (hint: cross off each vowel as you put it in one of the blanks.)

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A O I O O
I O A A E
O A E I

- 1.) C _ L _ F _ R N _ _
- 2.) T _ X _ S
- 3.) N _ W _ M _ X _ C _
- 4.) A R _ Z _ N _
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Native Countries

Can you find and circle these countries that people of Hispanic heritage come from?

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Over 30 million Americans speak Spanish at home. The majority of these people also speak or are learning English too. The words below came into the English language from words in Spanish. Some of them were originally words that the Spanish adopted from Native American words. **Match each word to its definition:**

- 1.) mosquito
- 2.) cafeteria
- 3.) chocolate
- 4.) poinsettia
- 5.) canoe
- 6.) burro

- A.) tropical plant with red leaves used frequently as Christmas decoration
- B.) this female pest's bite will leave you itching
- C.) beast of burden, often at petting zoos, on farms
- D.) treat made from roasting, grinding cacao beans
- E.) light, narrow boat with pointed ends (Native Americans made them from tree trunks)
- F.) place where one selects a meal, carries it on a tray to table

- 1.) hurricane
- 2.) manatee
- 3.) canyon
- 4.) barbecue
- 5.) rodeo
- 6.) chihauhau

- A.) event where cowboys ride broncos, compete in roping animals
- B.) powerful, twisting storm, comes off the ocean
- C.) small, Mexican dog, very little hair, barks a lot
- D.) "Sea Cow," large, endangered water mammal
- E.) deep valley, cliffs on sides, often a stream in it
- F.) a fireplace used for cooking meat, or a gathering where meat is cooked on one

Virginia City Hotel grand opening set for Sept. 22 at Muleshoe Heritage Center

The Muleshoe Heritage Foundation is pleased to announce the grand opening of the Virginia City Hotel, the most recently added and restored building in the Heritage Center's fine collection of historic old buildings important to the Muleshoe area.

Sammie and Ted Simpson worked long, tireless hours researching the history of the old hotel, supervising its repairs, and furnishing it in the appropriate manner.

According to the Heritage Foundation's historical brochure, the Virginia City

Hotel is a great representation of what was occurring at the time when land barons began purchasing large plots ranch land to sell into quarter section farms.

A train left Kansas City bi-monthly filled with farmers seeking to purchase this land.

In 1908, 40 coaches arrived in Plainview in one day. One of the reasons for this land rush was the break-up of the huge XIT Ranch and three years of good rains.

In March 1909, Mathew C. Vaughn, a land baron from Waterloo, Iowa, filed the first town plat in Bailey County on the Fort Sumner Road in hopes of that becoming the county seat.

More than 200 lots were sold. To accommodate his prospective buyers, a two story boarding house known as the Virginia City Hotel was used.

The top floor was one large room containing about eight cots.

The lower level was two rooms, a kitchen and an office which also served as the post office.

By 1913 Virginia City had become a "ghost town" after three years of extreme drought.

Maple Wilson bought the Virginia City Hotel and moved it two miles west of Maple for his ranch headquarters. Later it was used by his tenants as a residence.

Most of the land barons



The Virginia City Hotel

built boarding houses, but this is the only wooden structure known to still exist which was built for the sole purpose of accommodating the farmers who came to inspect the land.

The Virginia City Hotel is truly a unique addition to the Muleshoe Heritage Center. The Heritage Foundation encourages everyone to attend the annual meeting on September 22, as well as throughout the year, and tour the hotel.

EQIP program development group meeting set for Sept. 26

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service invites the public and any agencies with interest to participate in a Program Development Group meeting to be held at Five Area Telephone's meeting room in Muleshoe on Sept. 26, starting at 9 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to request participation and invite comments from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs.

The discussion in the PDG will help the Local Work Group (LWG), led by the Blackwater Valley Soil and Water Conservation District, to address for the FY2008 Environmental Quality Incentives Programs (EQIP).

The LWG will make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed for eligible practices, county priorities, and application ranking for counties.

One of the guiding principles of the 2002 USDA Farm Bill is that conservation programs are

locally led.

Through stake holder meetings the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program was established in the 1996 Farm Bill to provide a single, voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers to address significant natural resource concerns.

Nationally, it provides technical and financial assistance to address natural resource concerns. Administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, EQIP was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill and awards cost share assistance to projects which provide significant environmental benefit.

For more information, call the USDA Service Center office in Muleshoe at (806) 272-4538, ext. 3.

Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Thanks for reading!



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1st Annual Great Pumpkin Launch

Mule Days 2007

Sat., October 6th at 3 PM




The goal of the Great Pumpkin Launch is to construct a pumpkin launcher capable of hurling an 8-10 lb. pumpkin at a target 250 feet away obliterating it! Launchers can be constructed from ALMOST anything: wood, metal, PVC pipe, etc., taking the form of a traditional trebuchet, oversized sling shot or any other innovative design your little mind can construct! The target will be a bull's-eye painted on the field. The object is to get closest to the bull's-eye mark. There will be 3 shots given to each team/person and the closest shot out of 3 will be entered as your final launch. The winning pumpkin launcher will be the one that hits closest to the mark. Get your family, friends or co-workers and form a team!

No entry fee. Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place!

Sign-up Deadline is October 1, 2007

Sign-up sheets available at the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce, 115 E. American Blvd. 272-4248.



Official Rules:

Pumpkins: Will be pre-weighed and handed out that day.

Teams: Unlimited size.

Design Limitations: Launcher size is unlimited. You/Team must be able to carry it and set it in to place (a smaller sized launcher is easier to build, transport and is more accurate). The launcher must be able to store energy and release it remotely via a firing in or similar release mechanism to ensure everyone's safety. Energy stored in the launcher must be derived from human power, no electricity or air is to be used in any way including portable generators and compressed air cylinders.

Arena: South end of Main Street on the old Boy Scout field.

Target: Will be a large bull's-eye painted on the field.

Launch Process: All launchers will fire from the same place, so it must be easy to move your launcher from the staging area. Each time will have 3 minutes total to take 3 shots at the target with the clock starting after the first shot is taken. After a team's 3 shots are over the team must move their launcher back to the staging area so the next team may fire.

Projectile: Projectile will be an 8-10 lb. pumpkin not to exceed 10 lbs. per pumpkin.

Judging: The team with the launch closest to the target will be considered the winner(s).

Tie: In the event of a tie, the targets will be moved back to 300 ft., and there will be a shoot-out.

Prize: Trophies awarded to first, second and third place winners.

Sign-up Deadline is October 1, 2007

Restrictions:

1. A device other than the hands of the participants must be used for launching.
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Muleshoe students to share responsibilities of writing a weekly column

I'm Sunny Snider, and I'll be working along with Alicia on Mule Moments since Jessica graduated.

We're graduating early and so we both have two English classes with the same teacher. She decided to have us take turns writing this article each week.

I was born in Tucson, Ariz., and lived around there until I moved here in second grade.

I've lived in many climates and over all I prefer the warmer weather because I don't like to wear shoes that much.

I'm a member of the Mighty "M" Band and the varsity choir.

My best friend, Nicole, and I are the two lead student athletic trainers.

You can find me at football practice on weekdays and on the sidelines Friday nights. I'll be the goofy odd-one-out wearing khaki cargo shorts jumping up and down like an idiot when we score.

The last two years I ran

track and played softball in the spring. This year, I'll probably limit myself to playing softball only.

Teachers always convince me to do a few UIL events in the spring as well.

I plan on moving to Columbus, Ohio, when I graduate to attend either Franklin University or Ohio State.

I want to major in business and minor in journalism and design.

For vacations and holidays, I plan on visiting either my dad in Florida or my mom who currently lives in Lubbock but will be moving back to Boise, Idaho, when I graduate.

This is the first time I've ever tried journalism writing but it seems interesting and I look forward to doing it this year.

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Hello Muleshoe! I am Alicia Porter, and along with my new friend, Sunny, we will compose periodic articles for the *Muleshoe Journal*.

Mule Moments

By Sunny Snider and Alicia Porter

I just transferred to Muleshoe high from Farwell, and I can give you all a new student's point of view on the daily life of a high school student.

I participate in band as a flute player, and I am on the debate team as well.

Because my extracurricular activities tend to occupy most of my weekly life, they are sure to provide several article topics.

Band, my first class period, always makes for a few good laughs.

Steve-o and Barney, formally known as Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Barnett, are utterly hilarious.

They, along with much of our low brass section, can lighten and brighten any mood.

Debate, my last class period, is definitely one of my favorites. We get a lot

done "as fast as horses can trot" as Dr. Moore frequently says, but we always manage to have an enjoyable time doing so.

With the interpreters and their funny faces and ever changing voices and the debaters' eternally entertaining lingo and quick passed argumentative nature, there is rarely a dull moment.

I do have other classes, of course, but I will not talk

about them. They are often comparable to one great documentary of cheese making that just never stops.

It is only interesting the first few moments, and after that, one would do anything to escape — even go to the dentist!

The family of Hayden and Alex Mendoza would like to thank all of the teams that participated in our daddy's softball tournament on August 18, 2007.

A special thank you to all of the umpires who helped Mana the weekend of August 18, 2007. They are: Adrian Perez, uncles Fred Vara and Betito Mendoza, Bobby Toscano, Leroy Flores, Robbie Gauna, Jesus Berrera Jr., Lalo Reyes, Beto Diaz Sr., Ricky Diaz, Eddie Alvarado, Eli Villa, Tommy Green, Mon Toscano, Clay Dutton, Anthony Anguiano, Edward Olivas and Lorena and Carlos.

We also want to thank Kustom Keepsakes, Pizza Hut, Lowe's, Alco, McDonald's, Leal's and Family Dollar Store for your generous donations.

Thank you to Adrian Perez, Beto Diaz Jr. and Bobby Toscano and Uncle Fred Vara for helping Mana with the softball bracket.

Also to Mana, Buffy, Nena, Jackie, Nani and Letty for working the concession stand.

We thank you for a great tournament and a good time. We know our daddy was there with us in spirit, playing centerfield. We hope to see you again next year!

Hayden & Alex Mendoza

Lazbuddie students participate in COPE course

On the second, third and fourth day of school, students of Lazbuddie Junior High and High School went to a ropes course called COPE in Amarillo.

The ropes course was held at Camp Don Harrington in Palo Duro Canyon.

Challenge Outdoor Personal Experience, or COPE, is the challenge course (ropes course) program of the Boy Scouts of America.

It is a series of physical, mental and emotional challenges facilitated by a trained staff directed at enhancing personal growth.



Lazbuddie students prepare to lead their classmates through a portion of the course.

The recognized goals of the program are: Self esteem, communication, trust, leadership, problem solving, decision making, and teamwork.

This program was funded

by Longhorn Pride of Lazbuddie School.

As one group was going through the ropes course another group was doing leadership exercises led by Mitch Gray of Clovis, N.M.

Through the year, different leadership workshops are held for Lazbuddie students to enhance personal growth.

There was a 100 percent participation of all students who were registered on the first day of school.



Sept. 16 donation received

This year's Sept. 16 Celebration was deemed a success by the Bailey County Comite Patriotico. Pictured above, Isidro Gutierrez, Commissioner #3 in Lubbock, presents BCCP president Juan Chavez with a check for \$2,000.

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
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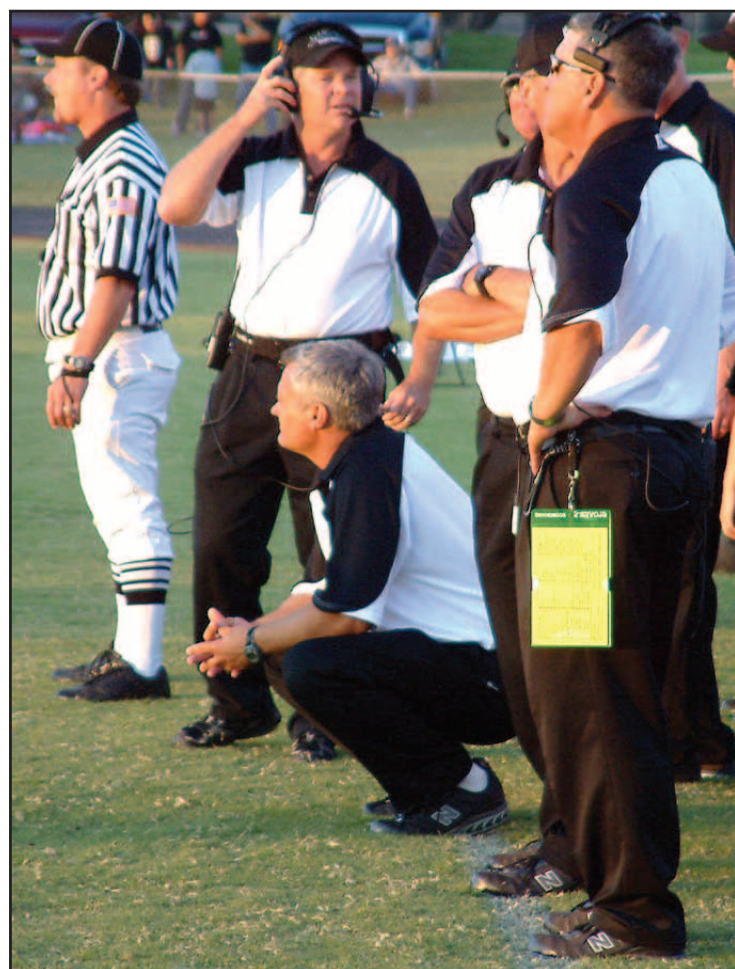
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