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School board approves new budget

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a \$14,423,767 budget for the 2008-09 school year during Monday's regular meeting.

The action, which followed the state-required public hearing at which no one appeared to address concerns about the proposed action, didn't include setting the tax rate for the upcoming year, MISD Business Manager Trae

McNeill said. She explained that the tax rate won't be set until August.

The 2008-09 budget, the superintendent noted, is based upon the state's education figures from the 2005-06 budget.

"But our expenditures have gone up," board member Nick Bamert said, a problem the superintendent has noted over the past few years, especially with the increased cost of supplies and the increasing number of unfunded state mandates.

"This is going to be a tight budget," Sheets said, "I think we can make it, but I'm not so sure about the next year."

"We may have to look at a roll back election next year," McNeill said, "or else we will have to use a lot of fund balance to make up the difference."

The new budget includes \$11,910,734 in the general fund, \$814,400 for food service, \$18,000 for the summer lunch program and \$1,680,633 for the debt

service fund.

In other business, the school board:

- Discussed the expansion project at Muleshoe High School, during which the superintendent noted the pre-bid conference was set for Tuesday, July 1, and the guaranteed maximum price would be presented to the board members toward the end of July. Sheets said actual construction should begin toward the end of August or the beginning of September.

- Approved the Dillman Elementary, Muleshoe High School and MISD employee handbooks.

Dillman principal Todd Newberry said there were few changes to the elementary handbook, but mentioned a change in state law that requires the district to give the parents of twins the option of placing them in the same.

Newberry also talked about the much needed changes in Dillman's lunch schedule, made possible through the construction of the campus' new cafeteria.

"11:15... that's better than 10:30," Sheets said.

Minimal changes to the Dillman handbook.

When discussing the high school handbook, Assistant Superintendent Don Woods referred to a requirement that a student must have passed the TAKs test before a student would be allowed to order a graduation cap or gown.

Woods also referred to possible changes in how the grade point averages are figured should the Texas Higher Education Board succeed in its attempt to establish a uniform GPA policy.

The superintendent's response was to note that it was just another area in which local control is being

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Photograph by Larry Thornton

Workers run the computer cables necessary for the dialysis units at Park View Nursing Care Center.

Dialysis machines to be uncrated Tuesday

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Installation of the dialysis units at Park View Nursing Care Center should begin

on Tuesday, according to Alan Wetsel, R.N., of AccessCare, Inc.

Wetsel was in Muleshoe Monday to take the final sample from the water system that has been installed for the dialysis process.

After the individual dialysis machines have been installed, similar tests will be run on them as well, to certify that the entire system is bacteria free, Wetsel said.

A 15-year veteran in dialysis and critical care, Wetsel is pleased with what

is being done at Muleshoe's nursing home.

"It's a really, really good thing that we're doing," he said.

"For them to bring dialysis to a small community is awesome," Wetsel added.

The grand opening of AccessCare's dialysis unit at Brownfield was to be held on Tuesday, July 1, according to Wetsel, which will allow more of the workers to focus their attention on the unit at Muleshoe.

Although the most recent target date for Muleshoe's opening is in about a

month, Wetsel said staffing decisions may push the date back toward mid-August.

AccessCare is installing eight dialysis machines at Park View.

Originally, the company planned to install 10 units, however, at last month's Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board meeting former Park View Administrator Sandy Sandlin explained that state regulations would have required an additional registered nurse to be on duty if more than eight machines were installed.

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Events are still being added to this year's Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Independence Day celebration, with the latest being antique and vintage vehicles that will be on display at the Bailey County Courthouse after the parade.

A total of 27 parade entries had been received as of Monday morning, according to chamber officials. The deadline for signing up for the parade is 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 2.

The theme "America's moments in history."

Parade participants should be at the "old boy Scout Hut" by 8:30 a.m. on Friday, July 4, to line up.

The parade is set to begin at 10 a.m.

This year's holiday

highlights include several events that have become a tradition in the Muleshoe's

July 4 blowout, including a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Oneita Wagon Senior Citizens

Center, a brisket cook-off, a cobbler contest, muleshoe pitching at the Jennyslippers' MulePutt miniature golf course, a softball

tournament, a talent show sponsored by Carolyn's Christmas

Creations, and of course... the Independence Day parade.

For additional information about the Independence Day events in Muleshoe, call the following telephone numbers:

General information — chamber office at 272-4248; booth information — Kristi Parker at 272-3152; softball tournament — Richard Orozco at 946-6063; or the talent show — Carolyn Johnson at 272-5911.

On Thursday, July 3, there will be two live bands at the New City Park, according to Richard Orozco, part of this year's entertainment in conjunction with the softball tournament.

The concert is set to begin at 8 p.m.

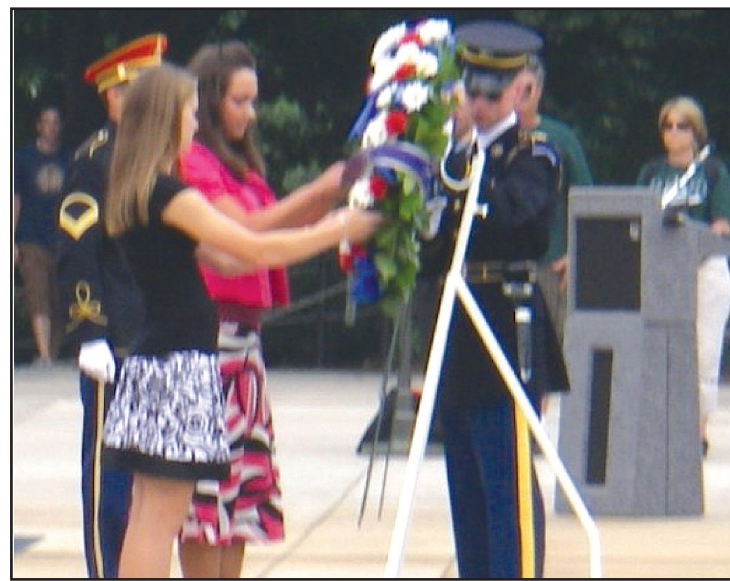


Muleshoe grad places wreath on Tomb of Unknown Soldier

Janae Pyle recently had the honor of placing a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, at Washington D.C.

Janae was one of two students selected from the 100 students for the honor during the Government-in-Action Youth Tour sponsored by Bailey County Electric Co-op and other cooperative members.

Janae and Smith returned to Muleshoe on June 20 after a nine-day trip to Washington, D.C. sponsored by Bailey County Electric Cooperative. The trip was part of the Texas Electric Cooperatives' Government-in-Action Youth Tour.



Janae Pyle and Lindsey Marik place the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Courtesy photo

Even though they were tired, the trip was a once in a life time experience and they enjoyed every minute. They traveled to Dallas to join 98 students who had

also won contests similar to the one held by Bailey County Electric.

The youth were accompanied by 12 chaperones. They all joined approximately 1400 students from other states in Washington, D.C.

Janae is the daughter of Tracy Been of Muleshoe. She finished her junior year at Muleshoe High School this past year.

Rochelle is the daughter of Randy and Terrie Smith of Lazbuddie and finished her senior year at Lazbuddie High School.

Both Janae and Rochelle say anyone eligible to enter contest should do so.

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Editorial

A step in the right direction

It was a divided court, with only a 5-4 margin that kept it in line with the thoughts and ideals of the original framers of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, but it is still the most important gun-related U.S. Supreme Court decision in more than 100 years.

In case you haven't heard the wailing and moaning from the anti-gun crowd, the U.S. Supreme Court finally took a stand in regards to a "citizen's right to bear arms," in effect ruling that a private citizen — who isn't barred from owning firearms due to past criminal records — is guaranteed the right to own, possess and utilize a handgun in defense of his home.

For a couple of decades, there has been an absolutely asinine debate over what the word "militia" meant in the minds and intent of the framers of the Bill of Rights, those first 10 amendments to the Constitution aimed at protecting the individual rights of private citizens.

Listed among the recent decision's dissenters, Justice John Paul Stevens said he couldn't imagine the framers of the Bill of Rights "made a choice to limit the tools available to elected officials wishing to regulate civilian uses of weapons..." Which shows how little he understood the times leading up to the forming of this nation, its Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The simple fact is that under the same rules the anti-gun establishment seeks to impress upon our great nation, the American Revolution and all that resulted from it wouldn't have been possible. This particular clause was included to insure that the steps the residents of the colonies had to take to separate from Great Britain would never be necessary again.

In some of the most hypocritical attitudes imaginable, liberals who fought for individual rights in every other clause of the Bill of Rights — except for the freedom of religion — turned against this particular clause aimed at protecting the other rights listed in the same document.

From its original drafting, and through its adoption, the total intent of the Bill of Rights was to protect "individual rights." Only when the anti-gun establishment needed to circumvent this truth did the idea arise that "militia" referred to the protection of a state's right to form a state militia.

But while the nation's high court has finally stepped off the fence and ruled in support of the amendment's original construction, with the liberal hounds in control of Congress and the possibility of anti-gun liberals taking over the White House, the question is how long with this ruling remain intact?

There is little doubt in our minds that should liberals from the Democratic party control the White House and the next high court nominations this particular ruling will not only hit the dust, but will also be followed by a slurry of decisions that would have many of this nation's founding fathers spinning in their graves.

Diabetes support group to meet

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet on Tuesday, July 15, at 6:30 p.m., in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center. This program is free of charge to anyone interested.

For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, 118 W. Ave. C., Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

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Independence Day celebration

Planning for the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's Independence Day celebration is under way. The theme for this year's event is "America's moments in history."

This year's holiday highlights a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizens Center, a brisket cook-off, a cobbler contest, muleshoe pitching, a softball tournament, and a talent show, and the Independence Day parade.

Individuals and groups interested in participating in the events may pick up entry forms at the chamber office, United Supermarkets, or www.muleshoe.org. The deadline for vendor fees is June 30.

For additional information call the following telephone numbers: General information — chamber office at 272-4248; booth information — Kristi Parker at 272-315; softball tournament — Richard Orozco at 946-6063; or the talent show — Carolyn Johnson at 272-5911.

Springlake to host celebration

Springlake will be hosting a July 4 celebration, beginning at 6 p.m. with a parade. Lineup will begin at 5 p.m. Bicycles, floats, cars and tractors are welcome.

The activities planned for the evening include:

- Live music from the Guylle Roberson band.
- A hamburger supper benefiting the Springlake Volunteer Fire Department.
- Naming of the Pioneer Award winner.
- A cake auction, dunk tank, face painting, glowsticks, and cold drinks, benefitting the Springlake-Earth FCCLA.

Alzheimer's support group

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting on Thursday, July 10, at noon, at Park View Nursing Care Center.

The program will be presented by Kathy Melton of Legacy of Love Hospice of Littlefield. Lunch will be served.

For more information contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, 272-4583.

Energy assistance available

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program Jan. 1 - Dec. 31. The primary intent of this is to make funds available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-income households.

Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, a handicapped individual and families with young children under the age of six. For additional information concerning this program contact Janic Posadas, 804 W. American Blvd., Suite C, 272-7537.

Softball league is forming

The Muleshoe Softball League will be hosting womens and co-ed league games this summer, with the starting date to be announce later. The entry fee is \$170 per team. The deadline for entering is July 3.

Call Oscar Hernandez at 778-9635, Eufemia Torres at 729-8791, or Angelica Olivas at 566-5333 for additional information.

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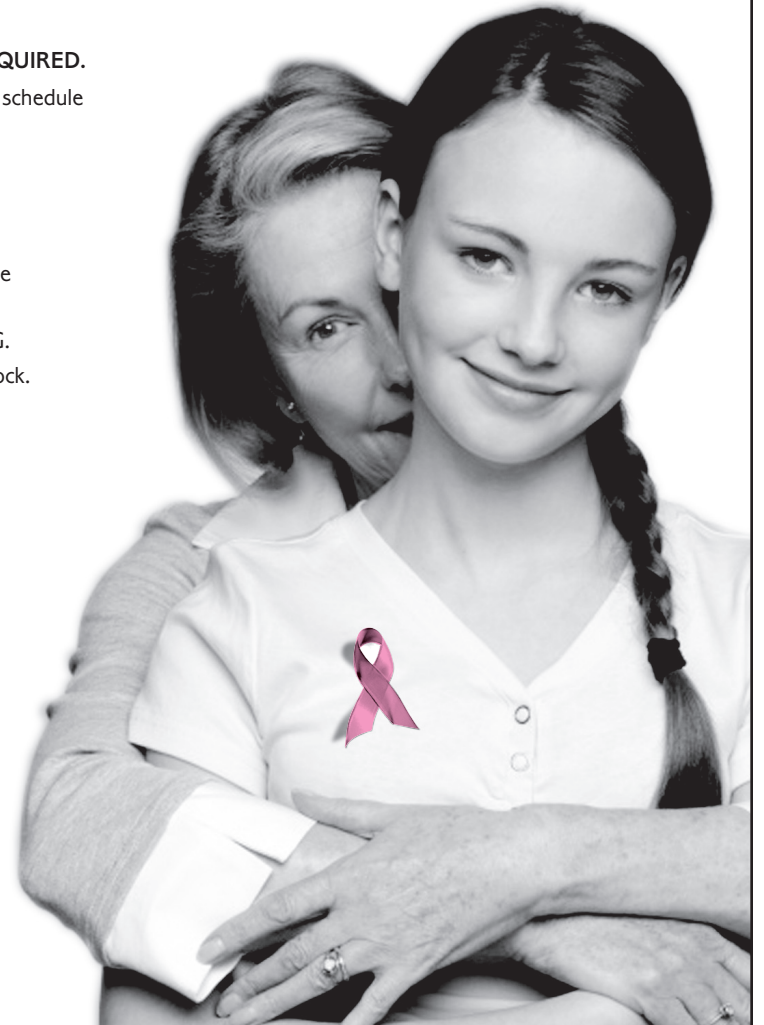
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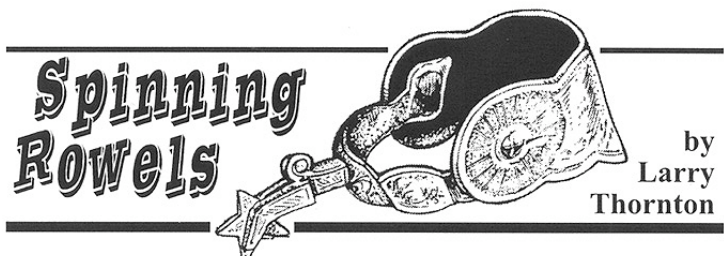
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For the most part tennis is considered one of the more sedate, genteel sports.

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Of course, there was that incident in 1993 in which Monica Seles was stabbed in the back, but tennis normally isn't as violent as say... figure skating. However, things changed last week when shotguns instead of racquets were broken out to deal with some troublesome pigeons at Wimbledon.

Needless to say, the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals are in an uproar over this bit of British savagery. But what can you expect from a group that once labeled an early morning meal of bacon and eggs as the "breakfast of cruelty."

It's no big surprise to learn that PETA has joined forces with former Vice President Al Gore to promote planet health, proclaiming the number one cause of pollution as "meat consumption."

That's right! Forget the Taurus, Dodge Ram, Impala and Mustang, and all of their ilk, that just zoomed past you on the highway. And forget all of the other types of industries belching chemicals into the air. This country's biggest pollution problem is rooted in that hamburger you had for lunch, and that glass of milk that went with breakfast.

Personally, I have more problems from members of the cabbage family and lentils, but that's another story.

Now PETA's anger — which has previously been directed toward such outlandish behavior as eating a bowl of cereal, or fixing supper for your family — has taken center court at Wimbledon, calling the actions by the tennis officials "cruel and illegal."

My guess is that they would be real upset over the pheasant hunt breakfast at the Bailey County Coliseum.

A little more than a week ago, PETA sent a bunch of information to me at the newspaper, urging me to "go vegetarian!" They've apparently been following me through the buffet line. No real problem unless they start sending reports to my doctor.

Occasionally, PETA kills off a few trees, or uses some petroleum-based CDs, to educate members of the media about the plight of their furry and feathered friends.

Among the interesting bits of information they shared with me this year are the large number of "meat-related food-borne illnesses every year in the United States." I guess that means we need to leave the chicken, pork and beef alone, and eat more lettuce, tomatoes and frozen strawberries. Oops, I forgot about those recalls.

Living here in Muleshoe all you have to do to encounter the "smell of money" is to step out your front door on a quiet morning. It's a fact of life in West Texas. Domesticated livestock do what domesticated livestock have always done, and the only way to prevent it would be to stop feeding them. Eventually they'd starve to death... and solve both PETA and Al Gore's problem.

MISD school board discusses policies

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wrested away from the local school district.

And the school board talked about the handbook's proposed changes to the district's exemption policy, ultimately voting to leave the policy from last school year in place.

It was explained that the campus forum, which had recommended the policy

National sorghum checkoff begins collections

On July 1, the Sorghum Promotion, Research and Information Order began collections for a program to improve the development of the sorghum industry.

The National Sorghum Producers has been working toward the creation of a nation-wide sorghum checkoff program for over two years.

"This step will lead to more research on sorghum, better markets for sorghum, and eventually more acres for this crop," said Dale Murden of Monte Alto.

The checkoff rate for grain sorghum is 0.6 percent of value and is collected at the first point of sale. The checkoff rate for forage sorghum is 0.35 percent of value. A previously-existing state checkoff was suspended upon commencement of national checkoff assessments.

change, had suggested an additional exemption because of the addition of a class.

However the superintendent pointed out that the change would make it possible for a student to exempt all of his core classes after the sophomore year.

Board member Bruce Barrett suggested the policy change be postponed until additional information could

be gathered.

- Approved a budget amendment to take care of end of year business.

- Approved a 25 cent increase for school lunches, and a 10 cent increase for breakfast.

The assistant superintendent noted that this was the first increase in the meal prices that he knew of in seven years. He also said Muleshoe was lower than other school

districts in the area.

"We think we can hold at this for a while," Sheets said, explaining why it was decided not to raise the cost by pennies.

- Voted to add dual credit English to the district's list of critical shortage subject areas.

- Approved the minutes of the June 16 and June 19 as distributed.

- Hired Amanda Sealy as a junior high instructor.

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

The friends of Dan Atkins wish him a safe and happy journey this weekend. Dan is moving back home to Oklahoma. He will be residing in an assisted living facility. Dan will be going back to where he was raised and still has relatives there to be with. We will all miss him very much. He

was our helper every day with setting up the tea, ice, and container for the trays. May God go with him. Dan, we will miss you.

Remember our pancake breakfast Friday, July 4. We will start serving at 6:30 a.m. and continue until 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children

under 10. Come and enjoy visiting with your friends.

The regular board meeting for the Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizens Center will be on Wednesday, July 9, beginning at 1 p.m. The meetings are open to the public.

Ben Jackson, with Hearing Technology, will be in the center on Thursday,

July 10. He will be here from nine until noon. Perhaps he can help you if you have a problem with hearing the telephone.

On Friday, July 11, NursCare will be doing blood pressure and heart rate checks beginning at 10:30 a.m. here at the center. Should you need this service, please come

by and visit. We appreciate their help.

Everyday is play day at the center. Perhaps, you have moved here to be with family and need to get acquainted and make new friends.

The center is the place to come. We invite you to come and enjoy our library, big screen television,

computers on the internet, or work on a puzzle. The center is open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The center serves meals Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. For seniors 60 and over, we ask for a \$3 donation. For anyone under 60, the meal is \$5

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Workdays? Yes, workdays. He ordained your work as something good. Before he gave Adam a wife or a child, even before he gave Adam britches, God gave Adam a job. "Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it" (Gen. 2:15 NASB). Innocence, not indolence, characterized the first family.

God views work worthy of its own engraved commandment: "You shall work six days, but on the seventh day you shall rest" (Exod. 34:21 NASB). We like the second half of that verse. But emphasis on the day of rest might cause us to miss the command to work: "You shall work six days." Whether you work at home or in the marketplace, your work matters to God.

And your work matters to society. We need you! Cities need plumbers. Nations need soldiers. Stoplights break. Bones break. We need people to repair the first and set the second. Someone has to raise kids, raise cane, and manage the kids who raise Cain.

Whether you log on or lace up for the day, you imitate God. Jehovah himself worked for the first six days of creation. Jesus said, "My Father never stops working, and so I keep working, too" (John 5:17 NCV). Your career consumes half of your lifetime. Shouldn't it broadcast God? Don't those forty to sixty hours a week belong to him as well?

The Bible never promotes workaholism or an addiction to employment as pain medication. But God unilaterally calls all the physically able to till the gardens he gives. God honors work. So honor God in your work. "There is nothing better for a man than to eat and drink and tell himself that his labor is good" (Eccles. 2:24 NASB).

Here is the big idea: Use your uniqueness (what you do) to make a big deal out of God (why you do it) every day of your life (where you do it).

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Obituaries

C.E. "Ed" Moore

Services for C.E. "Ed" Moore, 91, of Muleshoe, were held on Monday, June 30, at his residence on 320 County Road 173 with the Rev. Monty Leavell officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Moore died on Thursday, June 26, 2008, in his resident. He was born on Sept. 30, 1916, in Marlow, Okla., to Jesse Ross and Lottie Bell (McClellan) Moore. He married Jean Garnett Willman on June 7, 1942 in Bailey County. She preceded him in death on March 4, 2008.

Mr. Moore had lived in the Muleshoe area since 1949, moving from Needmore. He was the President of the Muleshoe Rodeo Club, board member of the Muleshoe Co-op Gin and the Muleshoe Elevator Board and was

very active member of the Texas Sesame Growers Association of Muleshoe. He was a farmer and a rancher.

Survivors include three daughters and their husbands — Val and Alan Daniel of Plano, Lana and Bob Bomer of Muleshoe, and Kathy and Larry Ayers, also of Muleshoe; two sisters — Cherrie Willard of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Jessie "Brownie" Wiseman of Sudan; six grandchildren — Robby Bomer, Taylor Daniel, Charles and wife Kate Flanary, Suzanne and husband Jeremy Foster, Julie and husband Joe Griffith Emily and husband Jamie Townsen; and two great-grandsons — Edward and Joshua Townsen.

Memorials may be sent to the Cal Farley Boys Ranch, 600 W. 11th St., Amarillo, TX 79109.

Antonia Gonzales

Church services for Antonia G. Gonzales, 76, of Amarillo, formerly of Muleshoe, were held on Wednesday, July 2, at the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church of Earth with the Rev. Fr. Pat Mahar. of Littlefield officiating.

Rosary was said on Tuesday, July 1, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel of Muleshoe.

Burial followed Wednesday's ceremonies in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Gonzales died on June 28, 2008, in Amarillo. She was born on Jan. 2, 1932, in Sinton, and married Rafael Suniga Gonzales in Lubbock on Sep. 9, 1961.

She was preceded in death by her husband — Rafael, on Jan. 8, 2004; and her parents — Julian and Consuelo Rodriguez Gonzales; and a brother — Ladislado Sanchez.

Gonzales was a resident of Muleshoe from 1965



ANTONIA G. GONZALES until moving to Amarillo in 2004.

She was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Amarillo and a past member of St. Mary Madgalen Catholic Church of Earth.

Survivors include four sons — Joe Angel Gonzales, Rafael Gonzales III and Joe Frank Gonzales, all of Amarillo, and Jose Luis Gonzales of Ft. Worth; two daughters — Rosalinda Wilson and Connie Ewing, both of Amarillo; four sisters

— Lupe Solis of Anton, Elsa Fernandez, Viola Sanchez and Yolanda Hernandez, all of Lubbock; five brothers — Ramiro, Domingo and Felix Sanchez, all of Anton, Jose Luis Sanchez of Meador and Jose Francisco Sanchez of Mission.

She is also survived by eight grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 805 E. Hickory, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

College releases

If your college student is graduating or has made the Dean's or President's List, in order for that information to appear in the Muleshoe Journal, we must receive notice from the respective educational institution.

Your son or daughter must sign a release so the information can be sent to us. Have them visit their bursar's office to sign a form indicating they wish to share their good news!


Once permission to share information has been granted, the college or university should send the info via email to: editor@muleshoejournal.com.

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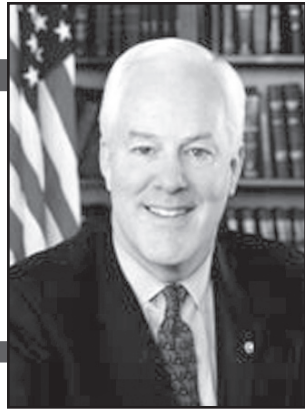
- Oneita Wagnon Senior Center Pancake Breakfast** - 319 S. Main Street - 6:30 AM-11:00 AM - Everyone Welcome! Come and eat with us, visit, play dominoes, or watch the parade. Serving pancakes, sausage, bacon, coffee, orange juice, flavored or sugar free syrup. \$5.00 donation/\$3.00 donation 10 and under.
- Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce Parade "America's Moments in History"** - Main Street - 10:00 AM - Entry forms for the parade are available at the Chamber office or at United Supermarkets. Line up for parade 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM. South end of Main Street.
- Annual Brisket Cookoff** - Chamber Parking Lot - 11:30 AM - Cook off will begin on Thursday evening. Teams will cook all night with the judging at 11:30 AM on July 4th. 1st place will be awarded \$100. Entry forms may be picked up at the Chamber office or at United Supermarkets.
- Annual Cobbler Contest** - Chamber office - 1:00 PM - Entries must be turned in by 11:45 AM at the Chamber office. Entry forms may be picked up at the chamber office or at United Supermarkets.
- Annual Mule Shoe Pitching Tournament** - Mule Putt Miniature Golf Course - 1:30 PM - Sign-up 1:00 PM to 1:30PM - Doubles \$10 entry fee/singles \$5 entry fee. The Jennyslippers invite everyone out to try your hand at pitching mule shoes!
- Mule Putt Golf Tournament** - Mule Putt Miniature Golf Course - 2:00 PM - Singles \$5 entry fee - Mule Putt will be open 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM on July 4th.
- Muleshoe July 4th Annual Softball Tournament** - Roque Flores Softball Field - July 3rd, 4th & 5th - Entry fee \$125 per team - 12 team roster - Prizes, awards & plaques given. Contact Richard Orozco for more information at 806-946-6063 or the Chamber of Commerce at 806-272-4248.
- Fireworks Display & Entertainment** - New City Park - Beginning around 8:00 PM - Join your family and friends for this annual spectacular event with entertainment by The Boot Scooters! Fireworks begin around 10:00 PM.
- ArtLoft/ Trés Chic Inside Sale** - 1529 American Blvd. - Open after parade - till 5:30 PM.
- Carolyn's Christmas Creations** - 106 E. American Blvd. - July 3-July 6 - Huge Parking Lot Sale including furniture, jewelry, purses and much more - July 4th Red, White & Blue Savings all day 10%-50% off - Carolyn's Talent Search Contest begins around 11 AM - Limbo Contest begins at 12:00 PM.
- Muleshoe Metal Art** - 224 W. American Blvd. - 9:00 AM -4:00 PM - Huge outdoor sale on numerous unfinished metal art 25% to 50% off.
- Williams General Store** - 1405 W. American Blvd. - July 3rd 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM; July 4th & 5th 9:00 to 4:00 PM - Firecracker Sales under the Tent - every shoe under the tent up to 50% off - Muleshoe t-shirts \$15 - Shop in the Cool: Storewide cool down prices inside store - Honey Do BarBQue will be grillin' July 3rd-5th.
- United Supermarkets** - 104 W. 9th - After the parade until 5:00 PM - Selling hotdogs & hamburgers & ice cold watermelon slices in quarters and halves. All proceeds to go the Bailey County Relay For Life.
- Vendors** - Visit Chamber office for information for a vendor booth. Deadline to rent space is June 30th! Booth set up start 7:30 AM
- Vendors that have already signed up:** Jr. High Cheerleaders-BBQ brisket sandwiches; Comite Patriotico-Burritos, frito pie & nachos; Maria Gonzales-Burritos, nachos & sausage on a stick; Otwell Caribbean Ice-Snow cones; Muleshoe VFD-Ice cream; Rolos Roasted Corn - Corn on the Cob; Double J BBQ; Ziggy-N-Me Jewelry.

Celebrating Independence Day, recent U.S. Supreme Court decision

As we celebrate Independence Day this year, we can also celebrate the U.S. Supreme Court's recognition that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to keep and bear arms. Our country's founders understood the importance of this right, and secured it in the Bill of Rights immediately after the right to free speech and religion. The founders had suffered under tyrannical government.

They drafted the Second Amendment to ensure that citizens were never disarmed. I am proud that Texas has so many tireless advocates of the Second Amendment, a bulwark of our personal liberty.

On June 26, in a historic decision, the Supreme Court found that the District of Columbia's complete ban on handgun possession and the requirement that all guns in the home be



Texas Times

By
**U.S. Sen.
John Cornyn**

disassembled or locked made it impossible for citizens to defend their homes and families. In a 5-4 decision, the majority found the D.C. law unconstitutional.

Richard Heller, who challenged D.C.'s laws, was a security guard at a federal judicial building. He was allowed to carry a gun to protect federal court employees, but was prohibited from taking his

gun home to protect his own family and property. Now Mr. Heller can keep a firearm at his residence for self defense, and no longer has to fear being unarmed in his home.

This decision is a landmark. Texans have always known the Second Amendment's guarantee that "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed" protects the right of American

citizens to own guns. But this is the first time the high court has strongly affirmed this fundamental right.

I joined a "friend of the Court brief," along with Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Vice President Dick Cheney, 53 other members of the U.S. Senate, and 250 members of the U.S. House of Representatives—all supporting Heller.

We argued that Congress has long interpreted the Second Amendment as protecting an individual right to own a gun.

As elected officials, many of us felt that it was important to stand up for the constitutional rights of our

constituents.

Like most Texans, I deeply cherish my Second Amendment rights. I am a proud gun owner, avid hunter and sport-shooter.

I currently serve as vice chairman of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, a bipartisan group of Congressmen who enjoy the outdoors, and hunt and fish on a regular basis. There are more than 14.5 million hunters in America and over 10,000 target shooting tournaments are staged annually.

While some politicians believe that guns are the enemy, our founding

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Obituaries

Ray Stone

Graveside services for Ray Stroud, 75, of Portales, N.M., formerly of Muleshoe, were held on Tuesday, July 1, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with David Van Wattering officiating.

Stroud died on Sunday, June 29, 2008, in Plains Regional Medical Center of Clovis, N.M. He was born on Dec. 11, 1932, in Olton to Ernest and Leola Stroud, and married Zora Flynn in Clovis. He later married Lawanna Lee in Muleshoe on March 31, 1979. She preceded him in death on Feb. 4, 2005.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, one sister — Darce Sanders and one brother — Truman Stroud.

Stroud moved from

Muleshoe to Portales, in 2005. He was a member of the Southside Church of Christ in Portales.

He retired from the Texas Highway Department in Muleshoe after 20 years.

Survivors include three sons — Calvin Stroud, Frank Stroud, Silas Stroud, all of Portales. Four daughters — Gladys Hendrich of Ft. Worth, Glenda Hyatt of Portales, Joyce Crooks of Lubbock and Carolyn Van Wattering of Portales; a sister — Juanice Bridgeman of Tulsa, Okla.; 24 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411.

Senior Citizen News

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Menu for July 7-11:

Monday, July 7 — Baked ham, black eyed peas, salad, cornbread and cake.

Tuesday, July 8 — Beef with sweet and sour sauce, rice, chinese vegetables, salad, wheat rolls, and Jello® with fruit.

Wednesday, July 9 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, July 10 — Smothered pork chops, scalloped potatoes, broccoli w/cheese, salad, wheat roll, cookies and fruit.

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Agricultural News

Direct, counter-cyclical payment sign-up under way in new farm bill

Kim Hanlin, executive director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Bailey County says that sign-up begins immediately for the 2008 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program (DCP) which helps delivers certainty for the crop year and the option of a timely advance payment.

Contracts are available today at USDA Service Centers and sign-up will continue until September 30. USDA's DCP readiness follows the June 12 availability of marketing assistance loan and loan deficiency payment (LDP) provisions, within three weeks of commodity title enactment.

"Within weeks of its becoming law, we began to put a farm bill into the field and out into the country," said Hanlin. "USDA does what its employees do best: putting words into action and delivering results."

Producers can fill out their 2008 DCP contract at any USDA Service Center. Producers can also sign-up online. They can choose payment options, assign crop shares and sign and submit their contracts from any computer with Internet access. They can also view and print submitted contract options.

USDA computes DCP payments using base acres and payment yields

established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2008, eligible producers may request to receive an advance payment of 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. USDA will issue advance direct payments as soon as practical after enrollment.

Final direct payments will be issued after Oct. 1. Counter-cyclical payments vary depending on market prices, and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price (which takes into

account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate).

Since 2002, USDA has issued approximately \$40 billion in DCP payments to America's agricultural producers. Participants must submit the completed DCP contract by Sept. 30. Applications filed after this date will not be approved.

The online, electronic DCP (or eDCP) service saves producers time, reduces paperwork and speeds contract processing at USDA Farm Service Agency offices. It is available to all producers who are eligible to participate in DCP and who obtain eAuthentication accounts.

The electronic service is available by going to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/edcp> and clicking on "Access eDCP Service." To access the service, producers must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account.

To get a Level 2 account, producers must complete an online registration form

at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov> and then visit the local USDA Service Center to verify their identity. The service has strict security measures to protect participants' private information. Only authorized federal employees have access to information producers submit electronically.

Texas sorghum totals show an increase

According to the Texas Field Office, June 1 stocks of sorghum in all positions totaled 20.8 million bushels, up 29 percent from the 16.1 million bushels on hand a year ago.

On-farm stocks totaled 600,000 bushels, doubling last year's total. Off-farm stocks, at 20.2 million bushels, were up 28 percent from June 1, 2007.

Stocks of wheat in all positions June 1, 2008, totaled 25.9 million bushels, up 12 percent from last

year's level of 23.1 million bushels. On-farm stocks totaled 500,000 bushels, up 200,000 bushels from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 25.4 million bushels, up 11 percent from June 1, 2007.

The Texas Field Office no longer publishes on-farm corn stocks, but the off-farm storage, at 43.8 million bushels, was down 12 percent from a year earlier.

Stocks of corn in all positions in the United States

totaled 4.03 billion bushels, up 14 percent from the June 1, 2007 level. All old crop wheat stocks totaled 306 million bushels, down 33 percent from the June level of 456 million bushels a year ago.

U.S. stocks of sorghum totaled 96.8 million bushels, up 29 percent from last year. Soybean stocks totaled 676 million bushels, down 38 percent; oats on hand totaled 66.8 million bushels, up 32 percent from June 2007.

Total upland cotton acreage down from last year

Texas Upland cotton acreage for 2008 is estimated at 4.7 million acres, down four percent from 2007 and down 27 percent from 2006.

The first forecast of harvested acreage and production will be released on August 12. Planted acreage of American Pima cotton is estimated at 20,000 acres, down 20 percent from last year.

Sorghum planted acreage is expected to total 2.6 million acres, down five percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 2.25 million acres, down eight percent from 2007.

Planted acreage of corn is estimated at 2.45 million acres, up 14 percent from 2007; harvested acreage, at 2.25 million acres, is up 13 percent from last year.

Texas' peanut planted acreage is estimated at 240,000 acres, up

26 percent from 2007. Harvested acreage is forecast at 235,000 acres, up 26 percent from 2007.

Rice producers have planted 190,000 acres, up 30 percent from 2007.

Acreage planted to soybeans is estimated at 200,000 acres, up 133 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 185,000 acres, 126 percent more than last year.

Planted acreage of winter wheat, at 5.9 million acres, is down five percent from last year.

Harvested acreage, at 3.5 million acres, is down 8 percent from last year's crop and up three percent from the May forecast.

Texas's harvested acreage for all hay is estimated at 4.75 million acres, down 11 percent from last year.

Other planted acreages for 2008 include dry beans at 15,000 acres, down 12

percent, sunflowers at 68,000 acres, up 66 percent from the 41,000 acres planted last year and oats at 690,000 acres, down three percent from last year.

United States Upland cotton acreage is estimated at 9.04 million acres, down 14 percent from last year and the lowest acreage since 1983.

Corn acreage, at 87.3 million acres, is down seven percent from 2007. Sorghum acreage is down six percent at 7.27 million acres.

Nationally, producers expect to plant 74.5 million acres of soybeans, up 17 percent from 2007, and 1.46 million acres of peanuts, up 19 percent.

Winter wheat planted acreage is estimated at 46.6 million acres, up four percent from 2007. U.S. producers expect to harvest 40.3 million acres, up 12 percent from last year.

Softball Tournament July 18-19, 2008

If you are interested in playing you will need a coed team.

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REPRESENTATIVE SALES - SAT., JUNE 28, 2008

798 head of cattle, 101 hogs and 671 sheep and goats for a total of 1570 livestock sold at the June 28 sale. Market steady on all classes of stocker cattle with good demand. Remember, NO SALE JULY 5!

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Can you find and circle all these symbols that are as American as our Liberty Bell? (Note: find and circle only the parts in bold print.)

The Star-Spangled Banner
Pledge of Allegiance
The Spirit of '76
American Bald Eagle
George Washington
Uncle Sam

Declaration of Independence
Statue of Liberty
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Betsy Ross
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The Great Seal of the United States of America

1. assures people that the U.S. stands by items it is printed on T F
2. is on the one-dollar bill T F
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Reading Club Fun

Patriotic Music

How much do you know about the music you hear on the Fourth of July? (Ask Mom or Dad to help with this puzzle!) Match each clue to the person or song it is describing.

1. This is our National Anthem. The words were written by Francis Scott Key during the War of 1812.

2. This man was known as the "March King." He loved marches and wrote over 100 of them.

3. This is a song that the English made up to make fun of the poorly dressed American soldiers. It is our oldest patriotic song.

4. This man claimed to have been "born on the Fourth of July" and to be "... A real live nephew of my Uncle Sam..." He is famous for patriotic songs: "Yankee Doodle Boy," "You're a Grand Old Flag," and "Over There."

A. John Philip Sousa
B. George M. Cohan
C. "Yankee Doodle"
D. "Star-Spangled Banner"

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The Sudan Buzz

‘Through all the gloom, I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory’

On July 3, 1776, the day after the Continental Congress unanimously voted for the Declaration of Independence, John Adams wrote this to his wife, Abigail: “You will think me transported with enthusiasm, but I am not. I am well aware of the toil, and blood, and treasure, that it will cost us to maintain this declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet, through all the gloom, I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory.”

The next day, when the Founding Fathers signed that Declaration of Independence, they pledged their “lives, fortunes and sacred honor” to create a new nation rooted in liberty.

They had faith in the righteousness of their struggle with no guarantee of its success. They saw that unprecedented opportunities lay ahead, though they were aware of the cost.

And yet, they strove, through difficult times and against seemingly impossible odds, to secure the freedoms we enjoy today.

For eight long years, early American forces struggled against the formidable British military. With help from our allies, including France, Spain, and the Dutch Republic, America eventually secured its independence.

The Declaration of Independence might be one of the most direct presentations of the natural rights of people in



Capitol Comment

By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

documented history.

Across the world, other nations, silenced by oppressors and stifled under tyranny, have looked to America as a beacon of hope when they have chosen freedom and democracy for future generations of their children.

Within just the past 25 years, the light of liberty has spread across the globe. In 1955, the Warsaw Pact was signed by a block of Communist countries in Central and Eastern Europe.

The Soviet-led pact — formalizing what Winston Churchill called “the Iron Curtain” in a speech right after World War II — was to be the Communist answer to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Thirty-five years later, with the collapse of the Soviet Union, the people of Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, and Romania, overthrew their Communist despots and thus seized their “unalienable rights” of freedom and self-governance.

Liberty has also spread in the Middle East, a region steeped in ancient tradition and centuries-old tribal systems. Persian Gulf

states, like Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, and Bahrain, are slowly opening the political process to enfranchise all of their citizens by expanding voting rights and civil liberties to women.

Some states now allow minority ethnic or religious populations to hold elected office. In Iraq, after nearly 25 years under Saddam Hussein’s fierce dictatorship, the Iraqi people overwhelmingly affirmed a constitution in 2005.

Though saddled with the challenge of a violent insurgency, this new democracy makes courageous strides toward stability every day.

The process is sometimes gradual and often difficult, but the rights that seem natural to Americans are illuminating dark parts of the world and introducing their citizens to freedom and democracy.

Throughout our own nation’s history, whenever our freedom has been threatened, we have risen to its defense. On battlefields across the world, our forces have heeded the call to service, fought on the frontlines, and showed the true measure and depth of American character.

Whether at Bunker Hill, on the beaches of Normandy, or in the streets of Baghdad, their mission has always been the same: fight for freedom, liberty, and a just society.

In the face of global terrorism, America’s own resolve is again being tested.

Iraq and Afghanistan — the central fronts in the Global War on Terror — are where the forces of freedom, tolerance, and democracy are fighting to defeat the tyranny and oppression of Al-Qaeda, the Taliban, and the radical Islam that was exported to American soil.

The eyes of the world are on our nation as we meet this great challenge. Our enemies and friends are watching to see if America has the same tenacity and commitment that we’ve exhibited throughout our great history.

As families across Texas, and throughout the U.S., gather to celebrate this Independence Day, let us all keep our brave troops in our prayers.

And let us always remember they are fighting to preserve the liberties our forebears won so long ago.

Remember!

Letters to the editor must be signed and include a contact telephone number for verification to be considered for publication in the Muleshoe Journal.

The Happiest People Are People Who . . .

Are you happy?

If that question catches you off guard and you’ve really not thought of it in awhile, chances are that you really are. Happy, that is.

One sure way to be unhappy is to spend a lot of time asking yourself often and with the deepest feeling you can muster, “Am I happy?”

By the way, another sure-fire path to unhappiness is to spend a lot of time around

are people who know something about balance. They work and play equally well.

The happiest people I know like their work but love life and know their work is just part of their lives, not the whole show. I’ve known some over-achievers I’d say seemed fairly happy but their Type A-ness is more a challenge to their happiness than conducive to it. And it can be challenging indeed to the happiness of those near them.

The happiest people I know take pleasure in small things and rank them as among the best blessings of all. Sunrises, sunsets, naps, flowers, grandkids, puppies, good books, good food, sweet songs, hugs.

The happiest people I know realize that bigger and more only occasionally mean better.

The happiest people I know laugh often and know that life is far too serious business to always take seriously (or to always be business).

The happiest people I know invest time not only in friends they can trust but in friends they can trust themselves to.

The happiest people I know are deeply content and not ashamed of it. I keep coming back to that word: balance. Not stagnant, neither are they particularly “driven.” They enjoy their own company, but also have deep friendships. They have goals but they keep their eyes open to the joys along the road. They seem to know instinctively that it is on the journey, and not in reaching the goal, that life happens.

The happiest people I know not only love life, they love the God who gave them life. They know he loves them and that when he looks at them, which is always, he looks at them with eyes filled with a Father’s joy.

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



Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

either of two kinds of people: navel-gazers always asking themselves if they are happy, and folks who seem to feel guilty when they are happy (as in “content”) too long.

Chase happiness as a goal and you’ll find you always chase it away. It can’t be had that way because by its very nature, real happiness is a wonderful byproduct of living a life not focused on self.

Happy people are almost always surprised when a bothersome busybody like me asks the question, “Hey, are you happy?” Their reaction is usually something like, “Well, I’ve not thought about it all that much . . .” That’s a key, you see. “But, yeah, now that you mention it, I really am.”

It’s not a scientific survey, but I’ve tried to think of some common qualities the happiest people I know seem to share. In no particular order:

The happiest people I know come from families who are very good at being happy.

The happiest people I know

“Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.”
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Weddings

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Chanda Elise Weatherbie and Bradley John Brashears were married Saturday, June 14, 2008, at St. Rita Catholic Church in Dallas, Texas.

The Rev. Fr. Jonathan Austin officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dan and Connie Weatherbie, formerly of Muleshoe, currently residing in Kearney, Neb.

Her grandparents are Fred and Mary Weatherbie of Fort Morgan, Colo., and Julene Meier of Booker, and the late R.D. Meier.

The groom's parents are Mike and Brenda Cunningham, formerly of Amarillo, currently residing in Las Vegas, Nev., and Greg and Joanne Brashears of Dana Point, Calif.

His grandparents are Bobby and Cora Lee Brashears, formerly of Amarillo, currently residing in Laguna Woods, Calif., and John Frisby, formerly of Amarillo, currently residing in Las Vegas, Nev., and the late Joy Frisby.

The matron of honor was Kristin Montgomery, sister of the bride.

The bridal attendants were Brianna Williams, Katie Bynum, Kendra Brashears, Karen Thompson, Kailee Wheeler and Katherine Brashears.

The best man was Brennan Brashears, brother of the groom.

The groom's attendants were Chad Montgomery, Jordan Reecer, Jarred



Mrs. BRADLEY BRASHEARS

Hughes, Morgan Ballou, Tony Stilz and Chris Coffey.

The flower girls were Maren Montgomery and Ella Brashears, and the ring bearer was Madden Montgomery.

The color theme of the wedding was pink and navy.

The couple planned a honeymoon to St. Thomas and St. John and reside in Dallas.

Celebrating 232 years of democracy

This Friday, July 4, will mark the 232nd birthday of America as a sovereign nation.

The Declaration of Independence was not authored spontaneously, but was the result of years of debate among delegates from the original colonies as to whether they should declare their independence from Great Britain and govern themselves.

Our Founding Fathers knew the consequences and the tremendous challenges they faced. They had envisioned a brighter future, the "Great Experiment" of democracy.

Thomas Jefferson had said looking toward the possibilities of success, "I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past."

John Adams believed that establishing independence from Britain would allow for a greater pursuit of happiness, even at his own expense. He noted, "I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy."

And so, the fight for independence began, in which modest farmers, merchants and tradesman took up arms against the greatest empire the world had seen since the Roman Empire.

John Adams said, "Our obligations to our country never cease but with our lives." It was with this fortitude and resolve that the colonists fought against all odds and defeated the British, creating a new beginning for a new

RANDY'S ROUNDUP

UPDATE BY CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER

From that day forward, America set its own course to become the free nation that it is today, continuing for 232 years to give its citizens the right to a free press, free speech, the right to worship whatever God they choose, and the ability to prosper through their own hard work.

America has prospered and grown to be the world's greatest nation. Americans are liberators, protectors of freedom, and the opportunities in this country are endless.

As we celebrate this great day and the birthday of our nation, let us remember those brave Founding Fathers who concluded the Declaration of Independence, stating, "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we

mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

They were willing to give all they had for freedom and the promise of a better future.

So, to all of you, a Happy Independence Day, and to America, Happy 232nd Birthday. As we commemorate this holiday, let us give thanks to all those who sacrificed so much to make this the greatest nation in the world.

Let us remember the brave soldiers who have worn the uniform and the current members of the armed services who are fighting abroad against terrorism and violent extremists.

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fathers recognized that gun ownership is essential to personal liberty. To remain truly free, Americans must be able to defend themselves and not rely on the government for protection.

The Second Amendment additionally ensures that the government does not overstep its bounds by disarming Americans. Patrick Henry, one of our founding fathers, proclaimed that "the great object is that every man be armed" and that "everyone who is able may have a gun."

With our frontier heritage, guns have always been a central part of Texas history and tradition. As we gather with friends and family this July 4th weekend, let's

remember the freedoms and blessings secured by America's founders. The right to responsible gun ownership should never be taken for granted, lest we cede a core part of who we are as Americans and what keeps us safe and free.

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Health

Being aware of 'sun safety' is important in the Texas heat

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCs

It's that time again in Texas when the temperatures get up to three digit numbers, but it isn't just the heat that is getting to you.

The sun also emits UV rays which can be harmful to the skin.

Did you know that excessive exposure to the ultraviolet radiation of the sun is the most important preventable cause of all skin cancers?

Melanoma is the most serious form of skin cancer and according to the National Cancer Institute it

is estimated that there will be 62,480 new cases in the United States as well as 8,420 deaths in 2008.

Don't let yourself or your family members be a part of these numbers. Learning a few things about skin safety can help you prevent it.

There are different types of UV rays that come from the sun. Some sunscreens only protect from one type.

Be sure to get a sunscreen that protects from both UVA and UVB rays. Just because it is cloudy outside doesn't mean that the UV rays are blocked from reaching your skin.

Like light UVA rays can go through glass, so before taking off for a car ride don't forget to put some sunscreen on. UV rays can also do damaged to your eyes so find a wide (3") brim hat and some sunglasses to protect your face as well.

Some tips on keeping the UV rays from harming you:

- Apply sunscreen 20 minutes before going out in the sun — it needs to soak in before being effective. Make it a morning routine and then you'll never forget!
- Apply sunscreen every two hours when in the sun — SPF 30 or higher and

one that protects against both UVA and UVB rays. Remember the hat and sunglasses too!

• Fill a basket by the front door with sunglasses, hats and sunscreen — so as you rush out the door you remember take a bottle with you to reapply later as needed.

• Make playing in the shade fun — During the peak hours of the day when the sun's rays are at their highest point find some fun games at <http://gameskidsplay.net>.

• Use extra caution around water and sand —

these surfaces reflect the UV rays which can increase your chances of getting a sun burn.

Want to learn more, check out <http://coolshade.tamu.edu/index.asp> or contact Mandi Seaton, County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences,

Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, (806) 272-4583.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Cancer Council encourage you and your family to practice sun-safe habits this summer and throughout the year.



Lake Muleshoe...

Lake Muleshoe, located occasionally on West American Blvd., has been appearing fairly frequently during the past few weeks. Pictured on the left, one of the Bailey County Sheriff Department units creates a summer time shower of its own as it travels through the deep water.

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Engagements



EMILY ROBINSON AND GEOFFREY SIRKEL

Robinson, Sirkel to wed

Shorty and Rachel Robinson of Alpine announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Emily Leona Robinson, to Geoffrey Austin Sirkel, the son of Gary and Sandy Sirkel, previously of Muleshoe.

The prospective bride is a 2007 summa cum laude graduate of Wayland Baptist University with a bachelor of arts degree in religion.

She is currently involved in camp ministry as an intern at Highland Lakes Camp and Conference Center at Spicewood.

The prospective groom is a 2006 graduate of Muleshoe High School, and is now a junior at Dallas Baptist University majoring in music business.

He is currently a summer missionary at Highland Lakes Camp and Conference Center.

The couple was engaged on March 1, and the wedding has been set for Aug. 7, 2008.

The ceremony and reception will be held at Highland Lakes Camp and Conference Center.

Visit the couple's wedding website, www.mywedding.com/geoffandemily, for more details.

DPS increases patrols to reduce holiday fatalities

The Texas Highway Patrol wants drivers and passengers to have a safe July 4 holiday weekend, so they are increasing patrols to reduce traffic fatalities and crashes. Troopers will be looking for people who are driving drunk, speeding or not wearing safety belts.

"If the thought of killing or injuring others on the road while you're driving drunk is not enough to make you drive sober, just remember that our troopers will be looking to arrest you," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr, director of the DPS. "Many drunk drivers think that they are sober enough to drive and discover that they are wrong when they're arrested and taken to jail."

Texans can avoid jail by driving sober. They should designate a sober driver before the drinking starts and make sure the driver

stays sober. Instead of risking drinking too much, the sober driver should stick to all nonalcoholic drinks before getting behind the wheel.

Last year during the extended holiday weekend (July 3-8), DPS troopers made 689 driving while intoxicated arrests and issued 10,445 speeding citations. During that same weekend, they issued 2,167 tickets for safety belt violations and 577 for child safety seat and booster seat violations.

This year, beginning at midnight on Friday, July 4 and running through midnight Sunday, July 6, the Texas Highway patrol will have all available troopers patrolling highways throughout the state. Troopers are participating in Operation CARE (Combined

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AMBERLEE STEINBOCK AND CODY ALTMAN

Steinbock, Altman to wed

Dennis and Tanya Steinbock of Lazbuddie announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Amberlee Nicole Steinbock, to Cody Marshall Altman of Muleshoe.

The prospective bride is a 2004 graduate of Muleshoe High School, and is currently a junior at West Texas A&M University, majoring in elementary education.

She is employed as a cheerleading and gymnastics instructor for Amarillo College.

The prospective groom is the son of Ronnie and Sheryl Altman of Muleshoe.

He is also a 2004 graduate of Muleshoe High School, and is currently a junior at West Texas A&M University, majoring in animal science.

He is self employed, training horses.

The wedding has been set for Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008, at Country Home Weddings of Canyon.

Births

Ella Wimmer

Max and Amanda Wimmer of San Antonio announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Carrol Wimmer, on May 19, at 10:10 a.m., at St. Lukes Hospital in San Antonio.

Ella weighed eight pounds, five ounces at birth, and was 19 inches in length.

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• 5-2 3/4 Cent. A&H, built-ins, approx. 2500' lv. area, fenced yard, storage!! \$98,500!!
• VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, corner lot, built-ins, Cent. A&H, approx. 1973' lv. area, guest cottage/eff. aptmnt. workshop!!! PRICE REDUCED!! \$129,900!!
• VERY NICE 4-4-2 Brick Home on corner lot, approx. 3500' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, auto. spktr., large finished basement!!! MUCH MORE!! \$265K!!
• NICE 3-2-4 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, insert, water softener, auto. spktr., fenced yd., large finished basement!! \$119K!! (approx. 2004' lv. area)
• VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, wood laminate & tile approx. 1818' lv. area, cov. patio, 15' x 30' pool, large storage/wkshop, fenced yd.!! \$149K!!
• NICE 2-1-3 carport Home, carpet, tile, fans, fenced yd., storage bldg. MORE!! \$45K!!
• NICELY REMODELED - 3-2-2 Brick Home, corner lot, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2159' lv. area, auto. spktr., add. lot w/stor/workshop Bldg.!! \$173,000!!
• 2 NICELY REMODELED DUPLEX UNITS & 1 NEW Duplex unit!! PRICED TO SELL!!
• NEW 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, alarm sys., spktr. sys., fenced yd., numerous other amenities. 140K!!
• BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM BUILT 3-2-2 Brick Home, built-ins, FP, isolated master, sale rm., patio, nicely landscaped, spktr. sys., fenced yd.!!
• NICELY REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick, new Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 3125' lv. area, spktr. sys., fenced yd., MORE!!
• VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fireplace, utility, new paint, carpet, tile, atrium doors, blinds, 7 fans, cov. patio, stor. bldg., fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$130,000!!
• VERY NICE 3-2-5-2 Brick Home, Dual Fuel Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, basement, cent. vac. & humidifier systems, auto. spktr., workshop/storage, fenced yd., corner lot!! \$169,500!!
HIGH SCHOOL AREA
• VERY NICE 2-1-1 Home, Cent. A&H, microwave, disposal, 4 cl. fans, carpet, laminate, tile flooring, utility, fenced yd. MORE!! \$45,500!!
COMMERCIAL
• NICE OFFICE/SHOP/WAREHOUSE on .7 acre on N. Hwy. 214, Cent. A&H, insulated shop & warehouse, has 1-3/4 bath & 1-1/2 bath!! MUCH MORE!! PRICED TO SELL!! \$85K!!
• 1900' Off. Bldg., 106' x 140' lot on Hwy. 70 and 84!! \$79.5K!!
• ANA'S BEAUTY SHOP — Approx. 1120' bldg., with or without furniture & fixtures!! PRICE REDUCED!!
• 3 office units on 40.6' x 140' lot across from courthouse!! \$33,000!!
• VERY NICE CHURCH BLDG. WITH PARSONAGE - Possible Owner Finance!! Price Reduced!!

• GOOD INCOME PROPERTY-LONG TERM LEASE-Approx. 8,075' office bldg. w/ approx. 20,000' paved parking area!! PRICE REDUCED \$350K.
• NICELY REMODELED - 800 sq. ft. Bldg., Cent. A&H, updated electrical & plumbing. PRICE REDUCED \$35,000.
• 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheetrock bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!!
• Approx. 1274' Building, 75' x 140' lot, U.S. Hwy. 84!! \$39.5K!!
• 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760' Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/paved area!! \$49.5K!!
• FORMER RICHLAND HILLS TEXACO - 1414 Bldg. + 1080' canopy + 16,530' asphalt paving!!
RURAL
• VERY NICE 4-3 doublewide (2007) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., 25' x 40' Metal Bldg, septic system, domestic well, on pavement close to town!! \$152K!!
• NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, 2163' lv. area, 191' bsmt., pool, wksp/storage, roping arena, horse barn on 5.99 ac., MORE!! \$120K!!
• PROGRESS AREA - 4-3 1/2-2 Home on Hwy. 84 on 10 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, basement, approx. 3,000' lv. area, 720' metal gar./wkshop!! \$249,500.00!!
• EARTH - VERY NICE 3-3 w/2 car detached garage/workshop on 1.158 acres on Hwy. 70, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, island cooktop, gameroom. Approx. 3200' lv. area, pergola, nicely landscaped, stor. bldg., pecan trees!! MORE!! \$129,900!!
• VERY NICE 3-2 doublewide (1998) on 14.68 acres on Hwy. 84, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 40' x 80' Metal bldg. (insulated) w/ 1/2 bath, office, MUCH MORE!! \$148,900!!
• Nice 3-2 Home at edge of town on .8 acre tract, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, efficiency apt. or guest cottage, horse barn & corral!! PRICE REDUCED!! \$99,900!!
• NICE 4.8 acre homesteads, close to town, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!
• NICE 3-2-5 carport Home on 2 acres, Cent. heat, Cent. evap. air, built-ins, fireplace, fans, utility, cellar, large shop, stor. bldg., MORE!! PRICE REDUCED!! \$109,500!!
• CLAY'S CORNER — VERY NICE 3-2-75-2 HOME on 5 acre tract, Cent. A&H (Elec. Heat Pump), built-ins, FP, 1100 sq. ft. new in 2005 plus additional updating w/carpet, tile, paint, fenced yd., cov. patio, 600' workshop/storage Bldg.!! Numerous other amenities!! \$189,500!!
• PROGRESS - NICE 3-2 Mobile Home on 1.24 acres, approx. 1876 sq. ft., Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 5 fans, 2 carport, 1250' Metal shop, 160', 480', & 96' stor. bldgs., domestic well, fenced yd.!! MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$69K!!
• 3-2 BRICK HOME on 7 acres, W. Hwy. 84, built-ins, office, geothermal heat pump, whirlpool tub, basement, paved circle drive & conc. parking!! MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$125K!!

High plains cotton crop comes close to setting new record

By Shawn Wade

The 2007 production season was book-ended by two weather extremes, but fortunately for High Plains cotton producers they combined perfectly and resulted in a near-record crop totaling 5.376 million bales.

According to final county production figures released by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) on June 20, the Plains Cotton Growers 41-county service area

accounted for 65.2 percent of the 8.25 million bales of Upland cotton produced in Texas last season.

On a national basis the High Plains accounted for 29.3 percent of the 18.355 million Upland bales produced in the United States in 2007.

A complete run-down of 2007-crop statistics for planted and harvested acreage, yield per harvested acre and total bales produced in PGC's 41-county service area is included in the table that accompanies this article.

To reach the 5.376 million bale mark, High Plains producers had to deal with a variety of issues. Abundant early rainfall and cool soil temperatures seemed to put the crop on a rocky road at the beginning of the season. Those tough early conditions gave way to a hot and dry close that was tailor made for maturing the bountiful yields that the early rainfall helped support.

Even though the area's 3.21 million planted cotton acres were well below what

has been planted in the region in recent years, the High Plains tallied only 182,000 lost acres for a minimal abandonment rate of just 5.67 percent.

The top producing High Plains county in 2007 was Gaines County, which produced 487,000 bales of cotton and averaged 905 pounds per harvested acre.

The 2007-crop's Top Ten cotton producing counties in the High Plains region (reported in 480-lb bales) were: Gaines, 487,000; Lubbock, 482,000; Hockley, 450,000; Lynn, 443,000; Dawson, 393,000; Hale, 389,000; Terry, 371,000; Crosby, 342,000; Floyd, 293,200; and, Martin, 233,000.

Each of the High Plains' top four cotton counties (Gaines, Lubbock, Hockley and Lynn) accounted for more cotton individually than was grown in seven of the 17 states that recorded cotton production in 2007.

On a straight yield per acre basis the High Plains' run-away top performer in

2007 was Parmer County with an average yield of 1,307 pounds.

Ranking second and third in yield per acre were Castro County (1,225 pounds), and Moore County (1,200 pounds). Hutchinson and Floyd counties rounded out the top five High Plains counties. Each of these counties averaged more than 1,100 pounds per acre in 2007.

Altogether, 10 High Plains counties managed to average more than 1,000 pounds per harvested acre in 2007. Overall the area averaged 852 pounds per harvested acre for the 2007 season.

A complete listing of the cotton production totals is available at www.usda.gov/nass/.

Troopers...

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Accident Reduction Effort) — a nationwide campaign by state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods. They are also participating in Operation Holiday—a statewide effort by law enforcement to reduce fatalities during holiday weekends.

Here are some driving tips the DPS recommends for travelers:

- Slow down, especially if weather and road conditions do not allow for the designated speed.
- Secure everyone in the vehicle properly, either with a safety belt or in the appropriate car seat or booster.
- Save phone calls for home or find a safe place to pull over to make your calls.
- Make sure you have enough gas in the fuel tank to make it to your destination.
- Drive with courtesy—do not participate in road rage behavior.

Park View Van effort continues

Muleshoe area residents continue to address the needs of the residents at Park View Nursing Care Center.

To date, they have donated thousands of dollars toward the purchase of the new van, but there is still a need.

As of this month, the total still needed to pay off the vehicle is \$5,400.

Individuals, or organizations wishing to contribute to the effort may send their donations to the Park View Van Fund, at First State Bank of Muleshoe.

For more information, or to donate directly to the nursing home, contact Joy Stancell at Park View Nursing Care Center, 806-272-7578.

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