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Three die in 'construction zone' accident at Earth



Photograph by Richard Porter

A helicopter lifts off to transport eight-year-old Bianca Manzanales to Covenant.

By Deborah Zacher
Special Projects Writer
Plainview Daily Herald

Two people were killed in a wreck Monday afternoon that involved four semi-trucks and a pickup near a highway construction area west of Plainview.

Heath Lunsford, 20, of Amherst was driving a 2008 Dodge Ram 1500 east on U.S. 70 about 8 1/2 miles west of Plainview at 3:38 p.m. when he came upon a line of 18-wheelers stopped in the eastbound lane awaiting a Texas Department of Transportation pilot vehicle

to lead them through the construction area.

According to the DPS, Lunsford failed to control his speed and struck the right rear of a 1991 semi-trailer, causing the pickup to roll.

Lunsford's girlfriend, 27-year-old Melissa Manzanales of Earth, a passenger in the front seat, was ejected and thrown into a 1985 semi-trailer.

According to DPS officials, Manzanales was wearing a seatbelt while Lunsford was not.

Both Lunsford and Manzanales were

pronounced dead at the scene at 4:42 p.m. by Justice of the Peace Kaye Phillips. Three of Manzanales' children also were involved in the wreck.

Eight-year-old Bianca Manzanales was airlifted to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock with head and internal injuries, where she reportedly died Tuesday afternoon.

Five-year-old Ariana Manzanales was taken by Plainview EMS to Covenant Hospital Plainview and

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Council approves land purchase for new police department

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe City Council approved the purchase of land belonging to the Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizens' Center for the construction of a new

police department during Monday's regular meeting.

The property, which is located on East Avenue C across from the Old Higginbotham lumber yard has enough space for both the building and the

parking the department would need.

"We believe this is a suitable property," City Manager David Brunson added.

The city manager said other property closer to the

Bailey County Courthouse was considered, but was rejected because of the requested price.

The senior center will receive the appraised value of \$9,018 for the property, a decision that received words

of appreciation from council member Gary Parker.

"It's nice to know it's about to become reality," Mayor Pro Tem Irene Mason, who chaired Monday's meeting said.

In other business, the

council:

- Briefly discussed the water quality assessment that was recently distributed by the city. While no one appeared in response to

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Rural health application denial increases need for clinic expansion

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The need for the expansion of Muleshoe's Family Medicine Clinic became apparent during the Tuesday, July 8, special meeting of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District when MAHD CEO Ray Mason announced that a request to reclassify the Medical Clinic of Muleshoe as a rural health clinic had been denied.

The Family Medicine Clinic, which houses the practice of Dr. Bruce Purdy, previously carried the designation as a rural health clinic, which allows for a higher medicare reimbursement.

For more than a year, the hospital district has been following the advise of its auditors who recommended the expansion of the Family Medicine Clinic to a facility large enough to house all of the physicians in the district with the intent of claiming the higher reimbursement.

And even with the recent news that Medicare intends to drop its reimbursements by at least 10 percent, the hospital board's expressed consensus during Tuesday's financial planning session was that it was still in the best interest of the district to pursue the expansion.

Referring to the pending Medicare reimbursement cuts, and the impact it's

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Annual Journey of Hope arrives

Push America... the Journey of Hope made its annual trek through Muleshoe Tuesday as members of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity carried their message of disability awareness and acceptance and were once more hosted by the Jennyslippers. After performing their "Kids on the Block" puppet show at Park View Nursing Care Center, the team members were treated to a traditional steak dinner at the First Assembly of God. Pictured on the left, some of the bicyclists travel down West American Blvd.

Photograph by Larry Thornton

Commissioners court tables action on indigent program

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners Court tabled action concerning what has been called an "insurance policy" for capital murder cases during Monday's regular session, deciding to postpone action until it had a chance to look at next year's fiscal budget during a workshop scheduled for

Wednesday, July 30.

Jack Stoffregan of Lubbock, the West Texas Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases, appeared before the court at its June 9 meeting urging participation in the regional program aimed at controlling the cost individual counties had to pay for the legal defense of indigents charged with a capital offense.

At that time, the assessment for Bailey County's first year of participation would have been \$7,332, with the figure increasing each year.

However, District Judge Gordon Green, who appeared at the commissioners court, took issue with the initial assessment amount because the records

provided by Stoffregan's office indicated it was based upon the three capital murder trials indictments against Larry Kitchens and not three separate, unrelated crimes.

When Stoffregan's office verified this information, the assessment brought back to the court was reduced to

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Muleshoe tops area in July sales tax allocation received

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The City of Muleshoe topped the list of area communities in regards to the increase in its July sales tax allocation, according to information received from the Texas State Comptroller's office.

In fact, Muleshoe was the only one of the 10 area communities with a significant increase over last year's totals. And, while Muleshoe topped the list with an additional \$4,024.95

in sales tax, the City of Littlefield found itself at the bottom this month, collecting \$14,375.19 less in sales tax for the same period.

Morton inched in just ahead of Littlefield, with an 18.30 percent drop in sales tax allocation, representing a \$452.32 drop in revenue.

The closest increase to Muleshoe's this month was noted in the allocation received by Friona, which added \$813.61 to the amount it collected this period, followed by Olton,

with a \$213.36 increase.

All other area communities showed a decrease in their July sales tax allocation, according to the comptroller's office figures.

The July sales tax allocations are from monies collected by businesses during the month of May and reported to the comptroller's office in June.

According to the comptroller's office, the

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Sales Tax Results

City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$40,128.05	\$36,103.10	11.14%
Dimmitt	\$25,088.30	\$25,540.62	-1.77%
Morton	\$ 7,825.96	\$ 9,579.67	-18.30%
Littlefield	\$58,254.02	\$72,629.21	-19.79%
Olton	\$ 9,799.77	\$ 9,586.41	2.22%
Sudan	\$ 2,891.73	\$ 3,208.98	-9.88%
Farwell	\$ 7,247.17	\$ 7,493.18	-3.28%
Bovina	\$ 5,382.27	\$ 5,836.26	-7.77%
Friona	\$24,203.57	\$23,389.96	3.47%
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This is an eight-hour course divided into two four-hour sessions for motorists 50 years of age and older who have years of experience and wish to take advantage of a discount on vehicle insurance.

The program, which is taught by trained volunteers, must be repeated every three years.

Cost of participation is \$10, which is paid to AARP. For more information, and to register, call Charlene Treider at 272-5738. Class size is limited to 30.

This program was developed in 1979, and has been updated every few years. It is aimed at reminding older motorists of driving skills and techniques they once learned, but perhaps fail to use regularly.

Christian roping camp scheduled

Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship will be hosting its annual Christian roping camp July 20-22 at the Good Times Arena, located 2-1/2 miles north of town on Hwy. 214.

The event begins at 8 a.m. Sunday and ends at 4 p.m. Tuesday, and will include a team roping clinic, horse activities, dummy roping, and a roping contest on Tuesday afternoon. While there is a \$100 per family participation fee that includes meals, scholarships are available.

The evening's activities include a church service Sunday and Monday, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Call Gary Morris at 505-749-3242, Steve Friskup at 806-786-7539, or Jearl James at 806-891-0151 for additional information.

Trinity Baptist to host Bible schools

Trinity Baptist Church of Muleshoe will be hosting two Bible schools on July 28-31 for students who have completed kindergarten to 11 years of age.

The morning Bible school will be from 9-11 a.m., at 312 E. Ave. B.

The evening Bible school will be from 6-8 p.m. at 323 E. Dallas. This will be a backyard Bible school so student are encouraged to dress appropriately.

To pre-enroll call 806-272-4015. Leave a message if no answer.

Earth Rodeo is this weekend

The 65th annual Earth amateur rodeo is set for this weekend, July 18-19, beginning at 7:30 p.m. each night.

Special events at this year's rodeo include a pony express race, fireman's calf dressing, wild cow milking, trailer loading and a wild mare race.

Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for school-aged children.

Signed releases are required for all minor books, which opened July 14. To enter call 806-668-4458.

Saturday's events will include a parade at 5 p.m.

And there will be a dance with Guyle Roberson and the 8-Second Ride band providing the music.

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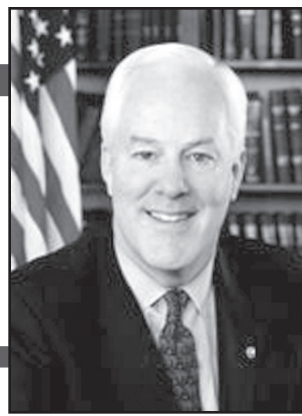
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Texas Times

By
U.S. Sen.
John Cornyn

Water is the lifeblood of Texas. Starting with our state's early inhabitants, the availability of water determined where Texans would live.

The insatiable demand also led to creative attempts to produce more water. Experiments in rain-making began in drought-plagued areas of Texas more than 100 years ago. In a memorable experiment in 1891, college professor John T. Ellis fired cannons at explosives that had been launched with balloons over South Texas.

"After several delays because of unsettled weather, a two-day bombardment of the sky apparently paid off with a downpour. But cynics said that Ellis had simply stalled until rain appeared inevitable, and doubts remained about the practicality of the technique," according to the Handbook of Texas.

As populations increased, Texans wanted dependable water reserves. Where towns sprung up, so did water towers. The municipal water tower is often the first sight as you approach most Texas towns. Along with their primary function, water towers provided city leaders an opportunity to welcome visitors and to advertise their community and its points of pride.

In Poteet, host of the Strawberry Festival each April, the tower is painted to resemble the town's most famous product. The water tower in Luling, home of the annual Watermelon Thump festival, depicts its leading crop. Crockett promotes "Paradise in the Pines."

While all water towers rise above the landscape, some stand out for their design or message. Kemah on Galveston Bay built a water tower shaped and painted to resemble a lighthouse — in addition to operating as a lighthouse as well. Alice bills its tower as the "world's tallest, cement water tower."

Kermit, near the New Mexico border, painted its tower to resemble the beloved frog star of children's television. A tower in

Plainview bears the name of another town, Rustwater, the fictional place featured in Steve Martin's 1992 film, Leap of Faith. San Benito's tower recognizes the town's famous son and Grammy-winning singer, Freddy Fender.

The most common tower design, however, is the "Tin Man" shape, reminiscent of The Wizard of Oz character. Other designs are used: Pedespheres sometimes are described as a "golf ball-on-a-tee."

Texas water towers promote the names of high school sports teams, including the Fighting Wildcats, Gladiators, Cubs, Pirates, Yellowjackets, Trojans and Badgers. In Progreso, home of the Mighty Red Ants, the top of the tower is painted to resemble an ant hill.

Whatever their size or shape, water towers are designed to ensure stable water pressure. Homeowners and businesses depend on them, as do firefighters. Many are used as a backup when emergencies threaten water availability.

By continuing to invest in lakes and reservoirs, water treatment systems, conservation and reuse programs, desalination plants, weather modification and new technologies, and by safeguarding the quality of our water, we can meet the future needs of Texas towns, agriculture and businesses. This is an important part of being good stewards of the state we call home.

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having on the medical industry with more and more physicians refusing to take on additional medicare beneficiaries, Mason said, "They keep wanting us to do more, but do it for less."

"It's going to affect our reimbursements at our clinic and eventually at the hospital," Mason said about the medicare cuts, later adding that it made the expansion of the Family Medicine Clinic even more important.

However, in light of the recent changes in Medicare, board member Zona Gatewood asked that a letter be sent requesting documentation that Medicare's policies would allow the expansion under the existing rural health clinic designation.

Even with the proposed

expansion, an application seeking the "prized" rural health clinic designation for the Medical Clinic of Muleshoe, which houses the medical practices of Dr. Kyle Sheets and Dr. Grant Nitzel, was apparently submitted in 2007, and according to a letter received in November 2007, was being recommended for approval.

When no additional news was received by February 2008, Mason apparently requested information about the application's status... which received a response in what only the federal government would describe as "timely," a June 24 letter of denial.

Other issues discussed during the hospital district board's financial planning session included:

- Staffing at both the hospital and Park View Nursing Care Center in the face of what some are calling the "worst nursing shortage they have ever confronted."

- The bus at Park View, on which the district still owes \$5,265.

Although the board made a commitment to pay off the remainder owed against the bus after receiving the majority of funds for its purchase from the community, it was noted Tuesday that in light of the nursing home, and the district's, diminished cash flow, it was difficult making the payments.

"It was a bad decision to buy the bus," board member Bill Liles said, "we needed a van."

According to board

president Wayne Pierson, there are seven months left to pay on the van, with the monthly payment being approximately \$750.

It was pointed out that if 30 people would commit to donating \$25 a month for seven months, a \$175 total, the problem would be solved.

- Taxes and the previously dismissed suggestion of refinancing the nursing home's bond.

"We couldn't foresee what was going to hit us from the back," Pierson said, talking about the possible need to reconsider restructuring the debt, lengthening the pay off to 20 years.

Council...

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the report, it was noted that Muleshoe's drinking water is safe.

- Approved the minutes from the May 12 regular meeting.

- Approved a resolution suspending the effective date for a base rate increase by Southwestern Public Service to allow the city's consultants the opportunity to study the proposal, but approving certain interim rates.

- Received an update on the city's capital improvement plans, including the projection that the completion date for the new swimming pool will depend on when the related bids are received.

"Hopefully, we'll have it operational by next summer," Brunson said.

Commissioners Court... Continued from page 1

\$4,218 for the FY2008-09 budget.

"One capital case could break the county," Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver said Monday, apparently agreeing with Judge Green, who said, "It's still a good insurance policy," at the June 9 meeting.

Prior to asking for a motion to table the issue, County Judge Sherri Harrison indicated she would like to

take a closer look at next year's budget first, and would like additional input from Judge Green.

In other business, the commissioners court:

- Tabled consideration of a county employee policy change that would allow the employees to donate vacation or sick leave to another employee on extended leave due to injury, illness or a family emergency.

County Treasurer Shonda Black noted that the existing policy provides for the county to pay six months of the employee's insurance premiums, but doesn't provide for any type of payroll assistance.

"It's up to you if you want to allow employees to do that," Black told the court.

Accident...

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later transferred to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. She was listed in good condition this Tuesday morning.

Seven-year-old Joe Manzanales was taken to Covenant Hospital Plainview where he was treated and released.

According to reports, none of the children, who were in the backseat of the pickup, were wearing seatbelts.

The item was tabled to allow the elected officials time to speak to the county employees about the proposed policy change.

- Held a two hour executive session to discuss personnel issues concerning Bailey County Emergency Medical Services. After returning to open session, employees and \$12 per month for dependents.

"With everything else going up," Judge Harrison explained that no action was being taken by the board concerning the executive session, adding that one issue in which an EMS employee who was being paid at a contract rate higher than the employee's accreditation dictated was being handled by EMS director Jackey Wayne Burris.

The court also briefly discussed readdressing the issue of contracting with Covenant Health Systems to provide management services for the ambulance service.

- Approved renewal of the county's employee health insurance policy with the Texas Association of Counties Health Insurance and Employees Benefits Pool, which included a rate reduction of \$22 per month

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state collected \$1.7 billion in sales tax revenue in June, an increase of 8.4 percent compared to the June 2007 totals.

The comptroller's office sent July sales tax allocations totaling \$311.9 million to cities across the Lone Star State, a 2.6 percent increase from the same period in 2007.

The total sales tax allocations for the year are up five percent.

"Through June 2008, fiscal year-to-date state sales tax collections have increased 6.1 percent compared to fiscal 2007," State Comptroller Susan Combs said. "While we have seen the national economy slowing, growth in Texas sales tax revenue continues at a steady pace."

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We are so thankful for the wonderful rains we have received. Everything is so green, the flowers are so bright and pretty, even the weeds have a good green color.

Monday, July 21, Mandi Seaton, from the Bailey County Extension Office, will be presenting her program.

Mark your calendars, Mandi always brings a good nutrition program and we enjoy her presentations. Come be with us for lunch.

Tuesday is a good play day. Come early and play eighty, dominoes, work on a puzzle, read a book, watch television, or just visit with friends.

Tuesday night is our

senior dance. We invite you to come and listen to the good country and western music furnished by Sandy Vandevender. The dance begins at 7 p.m. with a break at 8:30 p.m. for a pot luck supper, and ends at 10 p.m. We have a lot of fun and fellowship. Come and join us.

Wednesday is steak day

at lunch. We invite you to come have lunch with us and enjoy a good chicken-fried steak cooked by Joe Sowder.

We ask for a \$3 donation if you are 60 or over. A \$5 fee is asked for anyone under 60. If you know of a senior citizen that needs a day out, pick them up and come have lunch at the

center. The July birthday party will be on Thursday, July 24. You should receive a call to remind you to come for lunch and be honored with a card and cake. Make plans to be here.

Bingo is enjoyed every Thursday beginning at 1:30 p.m. We have several good items donated for prizes. The

black out game will win you a free lunch at the center. Come have lunch and stay for Bingo. Refreshments and fellowship follow the games.

Friday is fish or chicken day. Our catfish is really a treat. Come and enjoy eating and visiting with friends.

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Jesus "set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that: a crucifixion" (Phil. 2:7-8 MSG).

Let's follow his example. Let's "put on the apron of humility, to serve one another" (1 Pet. 5:5 TEV). Jesus entered the world to serve. We can enter our jobs, our homes, our churches. Servanthood requires no unique skill or seminary degree. Regardless of your strengths, training, or church tenure, you can ...

Love the overlooked. Jesus sits in your classroom, wearing the thick glasses, outdated clothing, and a sad face. You've seen him. He's Jesus.

Jesus works in your office. Pregnant again, she shows up to work late and tired. No one knows the father. According to water-cooler rumors, even she doesn't know the father. You've seen her. She's Jesus.

When you talk to the lonely student, befriend the weary mom, you love Jesus. He dresses in the garb of the overlooked and ignored. "Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me" (Matt. 25:40 MSG).

You can do that. Even if your sweet spot has nothing to do with encouraging others, the cure for the common life involves loving the overlooked. You can also ...

Wave a white flag. We fight so much. "Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from?" asks the brother of Jesus. "Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves" (James 4:1 MSG). Serve someone by swallowing your pride. One more aspect of servanthood.....

Every day do something you don't want to do. Pick up someone else's trash. Surrender your parking place. Call the long-winded relative. Carry the cooler. Doesn't have to be a big thing. Helen Keller once told the Tennessee legislature that when she was young, she had longed to do great things and could not, so she decided to do small things in a great way. Don't be too big to do something small. "Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort" (1 Cor. 15:58 MSG).

A good action not only brings good fortune, it brings God's attention. He notices the actions of servants. He sent his Son to be one.

When you and I crest Mount Zion and hear the applause of saints, we'll realize this: hands pushed us up the mountain too. The pierced hands of Jesus Christ, the greatest servant who ever lived.

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Commissioners court...

Continued from page 5 for employees and \$12 per month for dependents. "With everything else going up," Judge Harrison said, "this was a pleasant surprise."

- Approved a list of

county election judges. Later, during a brief budget workshop, County Clerk Paula Benton requested the commissioners court consider an increase for the election judges, bringing their wages more in line with other public entities in Bailey County.

Benton suggested the election judges' salaries be raised from \$7 to \$12 per hour, and their assistants from \$6.50 to \$10.

"They're responsible for a lot of stuff that has to be right," Benton pointed out.

• Met Matthew Dickerson who attended Monday's commissioners court while working on an Eagle Scout merit badge.

• Approved payment of bills totaling \$666,508.18.

• Approved budget amendment #7 of the FY 2008 budget.

• Approved the minutes from the June 9 commissioners' meeting.

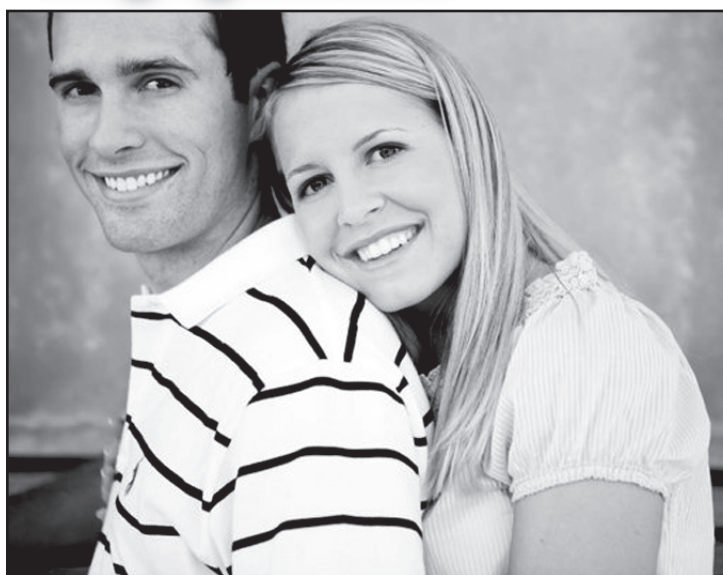
• Approved the May 2008 treasurer's report, and received the June 2008 report.

• Approved an easement allowing Don Bryant to bury an eight-inch water line in the vicinity of County Road 1008 and County Road 225.

• Approved in-county travel forms.

• Received daily equipment inspection reports for the month of June.

Engagement



DAN WILLIAMS AND LYDIA WOLCOTT

Wolcott, Williams to wed

Lydia Wolcott and Dan Williams, both of Lubbock, have announced their engagement and upcoming wedding.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Connie Wolcott and Dr. and Mrs. Randy Wolcott.

She attended Trinity High School and Texas Tech University, and is currently employed by Southwest Regional Wound Care Center.

The prospective groom is the son of Roger and Dawn Williams of Muleshoe.

He attended Muleshoe High School and Lubbock Christian University, and is employed by Coldwell Bankers.

The wedding has been set for Sept. 12, at the Watson Building in Lubbock.

Obituaries

Bobby Fried

Bobby Fried, 64, of Muleshoe died on June 23, 2008 in Muleshoe. He was born on July 19, 1943, in Amherst, to John L. and Velma Fried.

Survivors include two sons — Kevin Fried of Muleshoe and Bobby Ray Fried of Portales, N.M.; two daughters — Shannon Michelle Fried of Lubbock and Tina Suzanne Fried of Anton; three sisters — Peggy Bates and Ladene Spears, both of Muleshoe, and Betty Ashford of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother — Johnny Fried of Muleshoe; and three grandchildren.

No services were held.

Additional obituary on page 11

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 \$5,200.

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.

Don't forget your photographs

Do you have any blank spots in your photo albums?

Photographs that have been submitted for publication in the *Muleshoe Journal* may be picked up during regular business hours.

At this time, a large number of photographs have been accumulated, and may include your missing photographs.

Senior Citizen News

Continued from page 4

Menu for July 21 - 25: Monday, July 21 — Beef fajitas, tortillas, grilled veggies, beans, salad and brownies, potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and fruit cobbler.

Tuesday, July 22 — Sheppard's pie, mixed veggies, salad, wheat roll, Jello™ with fruit.

Wednesday, July 23 — Gilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, July 24 — Pork roast, scalloped potatoes, black eye peas, salad, cornbread and cake.

Friday, July 25 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

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Buy-in waiver for disaster assistance programs in new farm bill

USDA's Farm Service Agency will allow producers who would otherwise be ineligible for the new disaster assistance programs to become eligible by paying a fee as required by the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008.

The 2008 Act requires producers who wish to participate in the new disaster programs to have crop insurance or non-insured crop disaster assistance coverage for the land for which assistance is being requested, and for all farms in all counties in which they have an interest.

Since the 2008 Act was enacted after the application periods had closed for those programs, producers who did not have such coverage could not comply with this requirement in order to be eligible for the new disaster programs.

However, the 2008 Act

authorizes a waiver that allows producers to pay a fee, called a "buy-in" fee, to be eligible for this new disaster assistance.

Every producer whose crops, including grazing lands, are not fully covered by crop insurance or NAP may take advantage of this one-time opportunity. The buy-in fee is due no later than Sept. 16, 2008, 90 days after the date of enactment, as required by the 2008 Act.

Those who miss this opportunity will not be eligible for disaster assistance. Producers are also reminded that the payment of the applicable buy-in fee does not afford the producer crop insurance or NAP coverage; it only affords eligibility for the 2008 disaster programs.

The crop insurance and NAP coverage requirements will be waived in 2008 for producers who did not obtain crop insurance or NAP

coverage by the applicable sales closing date, if the producer files an application for waiver and pays a buy-in fee in an amount equal to the 2008 applicable NAP coverage or catastrophic risk protection plan fee for the crop or grazing lands.

Producers who meet the definition of "Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource," or "Beginning Farmer or Rancher," do not have to meet the Risk Management Purchase Requirement, and, therefore, are not required to pay the buy-in fee.

The buy-in fee for 2008 eligibility only for either the catastrophic risk protection insurance or NAP is \$100 per crop, but not more than \$300 per producer per administrative county, or \$900 total per producer for all counties less any previously paid fees for CAT or NAP.

Producers can contact

their local administrative FSA County Office to file the application for waiver and pay the applicable fees.

The applicable buy-in form must be completed and applicable fees paid by Sept. 16, 2008. Payment of the applicable fees will allow the producer to be eligible for benefits for losses under Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program, Livestock Forage Disaster Program, Tree Assistance Program, and Emergency Assistance Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program.

The 2008 Act authorizes funds to be used to make payments to farmers and ranchers incurring eligible crop production/quality losses under the SURE Program, grazing losses under LFP, livestock death losses under LIP, and losses suffered by producers of livestock, honeybees, and farm-raised fish under ELAP. The 2008 Act also authorizes TAP.

To be eligible for SURE, TAP, and ELAP, producers must meet the Risk Management Purchase Requirement by purchasing at least the CAT level of crop insurance for all insurable crops and/or NAP coverage for non-insurable crops.

To be eligible for LFP, producers must meet the Risk Management Purchase Requirement by purchasing or obtaining for the grazing land incurring the losses where assistance is being requested, a policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act, including pilot programs such as the Pasture, Range.

For additional information contact the USDA's Farm Service Agency in Bailey County.



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Muleshoe team captures district title

Muleshoe's Minor League All-Stars competed in the Cal Ripken Baseball 2008 Minor District Tournament in Brownfield June 28-July 1, returning home as the 2008 District Champions in the double elimination tourney.

They competed against Sundown, Sudan, Morton, Brownfield, and finally played Littlefield for the championship, beating them twice. Olton also competed in this tourney but was eliminated before Muleshoe could play them.

The team is composed of Nathan Rejino, Jason Florez, Beto Diaz, Felipe Guerrero, Tony Castillo, Eric Tovar, Logan Long, Danny Campos, Cameron Hardwick, Triston Boehning, Reese Orozco and Dagen Dunham (not pictured). The team is coached by Johnny Florez, Beto Diaz and Michael Dunham (not pictured).

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Weddings

Toombs, Williams united in holy matrimony

Melissa Louise Toombs of Lubbock, the daughter of Gayla Toombs of Lubbock and the late Gary Toombs, and Johnathan Dale Williams, also of Lubbock, the son of Kenneth and Beckey Williams of Lubbock, were united in matrimony on June 28, 2008, in ceremonies at the Buddy Holly Ballroom with Jim Long of Lubbock officiating.



MELISSA WILLIAMS

The Maid of Honor was Marianne Toombs of Lubbock, and the bridesmaids were Christy Kendall of Houston and Charla Cogdill of Lubbock.

The Best Man was Patrick White of Lubbock, and the groomsmen were Waylon Williams and Matt Williams, both of Lubbock.

Also included in the wedding party was Harlee Garner of Lubbock, at the guest register.

Music played during the ceremony, with parents and special guests being seated to "A Long Line of Love" by Michael Martin Murphy.

The bridesmaids walked down the aisle to "When you say nothing at all" by Keith Whitley.

And, the bride walked down the aisle to "Can't help falling in Love with you" by Elvis Presley.

A unity candle was lit to "You and Me" by Kenny Chesney.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her nephew Garrett Toombs.

She wore a White

strapless A-Line gown with a cuff neckline and pleated black sash that overlaid an attached sweep train. She carried a bouquet of white calla lilies wrapped in hot pink French-knotted ribbon with white beads. In addition, she carried a single stem red rose in her bouquet in her father's memory.

Something old was an embroidery handkerchief that her mother carried during her mother's wedding. Pinned inside the handkerchief was a penny in the year of her parent's marriage and a current 2008 penny. Something new was her dress. Something borrowed was a silver tennis bracelet from her good friend Anissa

Huckert. Keeping with tradition, something blue was her garter made by friend Charlotte Holt.

The bridesmaids gowns where black satin empire ball gowns with a chiffon halter top and ruched sash. Each bridesmaid carried, a bouquet of hot pink Calla Lilies wrapped in black ribbon.

The groom and groomsmen wore black wrangler riata pants, a white dress shirt, and black fitted vests.

The groom wore a white Calla lily boutonniere and all groomsmen wore hot pink Calla Lily boutonnieres

A reception and dance was held at the same location.

Finger foods, punch, and cake were provided and served by Carolyn Curry, Rebecca Haney, Nicole Sexton, Anissa Huckert, Dolores Fedelin, and Elva Alvarez.

Both the bride's and groom's cakes were made and by Gina Adams of Floydada, TX.

The Dance Music was provided by IS and Z Productions of Lubbock.

A rehearsal dinner and swimming party was hosted by the bride and groom for family and friends the night before the wedding at the home of Marianne Toombs.

Special guests included Lou Mankins, Harold Toombs and Bonnie Wright, Jack and Adelle Wages, Roberta Williams, and Stan and Tina

Vanpelt.

The couple honeymooned in San Antonio, and currently the couple resides in Lubbock.

The bride is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and Texas Tech University. She is employed by ARMtech Insurance Services in Lubbock.

The groom is a graduate of Luling High School and is employed by Sexton Automotive in Lubbock.

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Writer says: Biblical axiom still holds true today

"Where there is no vision, the people perish," said Solomon the wise man. That was true in his day, it is true in our day and it will be true through all days that are yet to come. People perish when there is no vision.



Several years ago I spoke at the junior-senior prom of Friona High School, and used this as a theme for my remarks. At that time I thought of vision as being foresight — the ability to see or understand about things that lay ahead. And I quoted the third verse of chapter 23 of Proverbs, which reads, "A prudent man foreseeth the evil and hideth; but the simple pass on, and are punished."

"Man" here is generic. "Prudent" is judicious, cautious, careful of the consequences of an action. On the other hand the "simple" are not so cautious or observing, and they get hurt. A prudent man will generally observe a flaw or a wrong in a pending action and stay away from it. But not so with the simple. He, quite often, will go forward without observing the problems, and therein lies the danger.

Sometime after that teacher came in and asked if I had a bible in the office. She wanted to check on the scripture, "Where there is no vision the people perish."

"I tell my students," she said, "that they need to to set their minds on some worthy endeavor, that they have got to get a vision, something worthwhile, and work at it."

I knew instantly that she had a better understanding of the scripture than I did. That she had probably made a more correct interpretation of it than I had.

Then later I delivered the graduation address to the same graduates and spoke from the same scripture, but with that interpretation — that they, the students — in order

to do their best, to live the life they would really like to live-they must get a vision, a picture of something in their minds of and for their life's work and pursue it.

"Always keep it in your mind, keep the picture before you, and never give up," I said. "If you will do that you can and you will succeed."

I have dealt with people of all ages in many conditions and circumstances of life, with many opportunities, but I'm sorry to say.

I have known very few who actually did that. Those who did generally attained their goals and desires of life.

Also I had quoted from Dist. Judge E.A. Bills who had delivered the first graduation address to the graduates of the newly formed Three-Way School of our county.

I had just recently assumed office as Bailey County Judge and ex-officio Bailey County School Superintendent. So those things were of particular interest to me, as I hoped they would be to all of them.

Judge Bills spoke of three components of life and suggested that they consider them as they went forth to further their education, make a living and possibly raise a family.

First, as you go forth now to further your education and apply yourselves to the matter of life's work you should take stock of your talents and abilities. What would you like to do? What can you do best? Perhaps that is what you should train and prepare yourselves to do.

Second, that should be something at which you will not only enjoy working but can earn sufficient income to live comfortably. You might remember that money, or the lack of money, probably causes as much unrest and trouble as anything. So apply yourselves to something at which you can earn a good living, and that you enjoy doing. And take care of your money so as to save for the future.

And, third, let that work be something in which there is room for service to others. For only as you serve and do good to others will you find your own untarnished happiness.

Those three steps properly observed, so I thought and so I still think, will almost certainly assure a good and prosperous life.

I'm happy to say that the students of that class that I know about today are apparently getting along quite well even though almost 50 years have passed.

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REPRESENTATIVE SALES - SAT., JULY 12, 2008

1082 head of cattle, 99 hogs and 1050 sheep and goats for a total of 2231 livestock sold at the July 12 sale. A big thanks to all of our sellers and buyers for the confidence you have shown in us in filling your marketing needs. Market steady on all classes of livestock with packer cows 5-6 dollars higher.

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Seller	City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Marvin Tillman	Olton	1	Char. bull.	170 lbs.	\$330.00
Ronald Coleman	Morton	4	Mxd. str.	283 lbs.	\$137.00
Ronald Coleman		7	Mxd. str.	431 lbs.	\$128.50
Diego Anchondo	Idoka	1	Bk. str.	320 lbs.	\$140.00
Sandhill Cattle Co.	Portales	3	BWF bull.	335 lbs.	\$135.00
FM Farms	Brownfield	4	Mxd. str.	378 lbs.	\$134.00
W.B. Dickenson	Olton	1	Bk. str.	470 lbs.	\$117.00
Aaron Kizer	Tahoka	2	Char. str.	473 lbs.	\$122.00
Aaron Kizer		2	Char. str.	589 lbs.	\$109.50
Jones Bros.	Earth	10	Mxd. str.	577 lbs.	\$114.50
Howard Leavell	Texico	1	Char. hfr.	230 lbs.	\$350.00
Ronald Coleman		4	Char. hfrs.	428 lbs.	\$129.50
Ronald Coleman		4	Char. hfrs.	371 lbs.	\$115.00
Ronald Coleman		6	Mxd. hfrs.	465 lbs.	\$111.00
Kendall Terry	Portales	2	Bk. hfrs.	326 lbs.	\$390.00
Pat Moberly	Littlefield	2	Bk. hfrs.	287 lbs.	\$109.00
Greg Young	Muleshoe	12	Mxd. hfrs.	610 lbs.	\$101.00
Greg Young		8	Mxd. hfrs.	439 lbs.	\$116.00
Jacén Claunch	Enochs	2	Mxd. hfrs.	463 lbs.	\$107.00
Jones Bros.		3	Mxd. hfrs.	531 lbs.	\$110.00
Aaron Kizer		6	Char. hfrs.	540 lbs.	\$104.50
Phillips Farms	Portales	2	Bk. hfrs.	633 lbs.	\$101.00
2-W Inc.	Littlefield	5	Bk. pair		\$900.00
2-W Inc.		4	Char. cows P 7&8		\$985.00
2-W Inc.		10	Bk. cows P		\$960.00
2-W Inc.		19	Bk. cows P&7		\$940.00
2-W Inc.		8	Red cows P		\$835.00
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Marvin Tillman		1	BWF cow P		\$635.00
Irene Wiebe	Seminole	1	BWF pair		\$960.00
Irene Wiebe		1	Red cow	1090 lbs.	\$64.50
J.C. Pearson	Muleshoe	1	Char. cow	173 lbs.	\$95.00
J.C. Pearson		1	Char. bull.	1645 lbs.	\$81.75
Sandhill Cattle Co.		1	Bk. cow	1000 lbs.	\$65.00
Michael Harnage	Olton	1	BWF cow	1625 lbs.	\$95.00
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Swirl Cattle	Plainview	1	Red cow	1345 lbs.	\$64.00
Bo Brown	Lubbock	1	Bk. cow	1185 lbs.	\$64.00
Travis Belcher	Fogers, NM	1	Bk. cow	1179 lbs.	\$63.00
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The was shining. Sandy sunned herself and admired her reflection in the water. Suddenly the was gone. A had started! Lightning flashed! Thunder crashed!

Sandy dove into the choppy to escape. She started to swim, but soon she couldn't move. Her beautiful Mermaid's Hair was tangled in the . Sandy was very frightened. She couldn't reach far enough into the to free her hair. Just as Sandy was starting to she saw her and her new pet . They swam in and out of the long, thick until every strand of Sandy's beautiful Mermaid's Hair was untangled. The gave her a ride back safely to the kingdom under the sea.

Now, Sandy only s her hair once a day. She puts it up in a lovely string of . She plays with her and . She es her . She always remembers to feed her pets. Her father, the King , is very proud of his kind little Swell .

Princess Sandy

Connect the dots to see Princess Sandy!

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Can you name all of the sea creatures hiding behind the puzzle?

The words above are from this week's story. Study the words to fit them into the puzzle above.

Here are some clues to help you!

- thin, threadlike piece of rope, wire or hair
- country that has a royal person leading it
- two hinged shells, steamed to eat, related to clam
- grains of sand, coated by the oyster they are "bothering" become these beautiful, smooth jewels
- white, gray, and black sea bird related to seagulls
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The Sudan Buzz

Lamb County residents celebrate a century

By Leslie Powers

As part of Lamb County's 100th birthday celebration, there was a bus tour given through out our area.

The Lamb County bus tour began at the Duggan House Museum in Littlefield on June 27, visited various ranches and museums, the Olton business district, Springlake, Plant X and the Tolk, the Old Sudan Hotel, the Old Watering Trough in Sudan, Amherst's Brick Street, and R&J Sales, located in a Historical

building in Amherst,

The former Amherst Hospital, the First Co-Op Hospital in Texas, and other sites were also visited by the tour members before returning to Littlefield.

While in Sudan, the visitors were able to tour the first floor of the old Sudan Hotel. This hotel was built in 1917 to accommodate the farmers and ranchers of this area.

The Sudan Senior Citizens served refreshments after the tour of their facility.



Fighting back the Mississippi flood waters

Major John Harlan, USAF, the son of Betty Harlan of Sudan, and a group of volunteers from Scott Air Force Base recently joined in the effort help residents at the small town of Hamburg filling and placing sandbags to hold back the Mississippi River's flood waters. "It was a lot of hard work but the wall we put up appeared to be holding back the flood waters," said Maj. Harlan. "It was a mixed bag of workers, we were up there with the Army National Guard, a bunch of prison inmates, and volunteers from all over." Pictured above, the workers line up to place the sandbags. Pictured below, are some of the volunteers.

(Courtesy photographs)

Sharp family's 10th annual reunion held

On the first weekend of July, Bimbo and Sissie Sharp hosted the 10 annual Sharp Family Reunion at their home, seven miles west of Sudan.

Some family members from the Sharp family came in RVs, while others brought campers and tents to camp and enjoy three days of family, food, and fun.

There were 125 people in attendance.

Family members enjoyed many activities at the reunion, including music from three bands, Diamond Jack, Abandon Mine, and

Slow Burn.

Some of the bands were family members and some friends of the family from Sudan.

The bands began playing in the late afternoon and played into the night. There were dance and karaoke contest.

The weekend fun also included some physical activities such as volleyball, horseshoes, darts, and even a golf drive.

Prizes and ribbons were given to the winners.

The families attending also participated in cookoffs

to see who could cook the best casserole, brisket and desserts.

These competitions also helped feed the huge crowd.

The youngest family member attending the Sharp family reunion was 32-days-old Mayson Conley of Lubbock.

Pauline Griffin of Dalhart, was oldest family member attending.

Sharon and Alvin McNeal of Clinton, Oklahoma had the longest drive to attend the reunion.



Sudan student volunteers at Camp Quality

You might say a camp is only as good as the campers who attend and the staff that make it possible, and if that's the case... Camp Quality is just that.

Amber Conley of Sudan, who attends Camp Quality as a companion says, "This camp is truly a life changing experience! You will meet the most awesome children in the entire world while you are there!"

Held at Tyler, Camp Quality is a non-profit organization that provides free camping experiences with year-round support programs for children with cancer, and their families. The camp is volunteer-run and community funded. Each child is paired

with a companion during camp.

"Our camp motto is: A place for kids who have cancer to be kids again!" Amber said. "We strive to make these kids happy and if it really is possible, to make them somewhat forget that they are sick if only for one week out of the year."

The campers are involved in a variety of activities at the camp — swimming, fishing, canoeing, arts and crafts and games, Amber said.

"One day out of the week we have a relay day. That is where all the games we do that day involve relays. We have a water day, where each activity we do has to do with water and they get to

have a shaving cream fight!" she said. "We also have a carnival one night and a big dance the last night."

One activity that all the campers seem to enjoy is painting horses," Amber added. "Seems kind of out there, but they all love it!"

Amber, whose dream now is to become an oncologist, plans to attend next year as well, and hopes to get other people involved in the project.

"Once you go one summer you will always want to go back for more!" she said.

Camp Quality is held for one week during the summer — normally around the third week of July each year, and also have a reunion in November in Dallas. There are also additional support programs throughout the year, including family outings.

For more information about Camp Quality, go to www.tx.campqualityusa.org.

Sudan ISD to celebrate 90th anniversary

Plans are under way for a celebration in honor of Sudan Independent School District's 90th year.

The celebration is planned for Sept. 6, and the theme of the celebration is "Preserving the Past... Shaping the Future."

The day's activities will include a parade, talent show, music throughout the day, activities for kids of all ages, guest speakers and concluding the day will be a street dance.

Booth space for vendors will be available and contact information will be coming soon.

Email your Sudan news to Leslie Powers at: lslpowers@yahoo.com
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Bailey County Judge Sherri Harrison - Function - The Texas Constitution vests broad judicial and administrative powers in the position of County Judge, who presides over a five-member Commissioners' Court, which has budgetary and administrative authority over County government operations. The County Judge has judicial responsibility for certain criminal, civil and probate matters. The judge prepares the County budget along with the County Treasurer.

Justice of the Peace Deb Stone - Function - Hear small claims and Justice Court suits, collect traffic fees, perform wedding ceremonies, inquests. Magistrative duties; Jurisdiction - Entire county of Bailey; Number of personnel - one clerk, Gail Wilcox; Goals or Projects - I want the public to know that I am here to serve you.

Bailey County - District Judge Gordon Green, Rosemary Castorena, Sherri Harrison, Paula Benton, Misty Prater, Robin Dickerson, Rebecca Espinoza, Elaine Parker, Gerry Pierce, Deborah Stone, Gail Wilcox, Scott A. Say, Debra Redwine, Shonda Black, Raquel Barron, Berta Combs, Melba Clark, Christy Garcia, T.J. Glenn, Jose Triana, Kevin Smith, Lavonne Henderson, Alex Garcia, Jackey Wayne Burris, Patricia Robison, Enrique Lopez, Ray Precure, Dennis Turney, Butch Vandiver, Bennie Chavez, C.E. Grant, Robert Lopez, Ronnie Garner, Jeryl Bellar, Joey Kindle, Reynaldo Morin, Juan Chavez, Joe Ramon, Fernando Ramon, Debbie Crabtree, Carol Ring, Kay Hohes, Linda Bomer, Curtis Preston, Mandi Seaton, Sid Felan, Bruce Gibson, Jessica Montes, Ramon Rios, and Dianne Grumbles.

Function - Provide EMS service for the entire county, provide and maintain County roads, law enforcement, provide the Bailey County Coliseum; Jurisdiction - all of Bailey County, which covers 827 sq. miles; Subdivisions - County Judge's Office, Office of Aging/Veteran's Affairs, County Treasurer's Office, Tax Assessor/Collector/Voter Registration, District Clerk's Office, County Clerk's Office/Elections Administration, County Attorney's Office, Bailey County Extension Office, Bailey County Coliseum, County Commissioners (4) - 4 Precincts with 4 County barns; Goals or Projects - We have an excellent working relationship with the City of Muleshoe and Muleshoe Economic Development Corp. Together, we are striving to add to the economic growth of Bailey County and provide quality services to our citizens.

City of Muleshoe - City Manager David Brunson, City secretary LeAnn Gallman, Customer Service Coordinator Denise Esparza, and Deputy City Secretary Zaena Carpenter.

Function - The City of Muleshoe is a Home Rule city and operates under a Council/Manager form of government. The city is governed by a four-member council elected from Districts and a Mayor who is elected at large. The day-to-day operations of the city are directed by the City Manager. Services provided by the City of Muleshoe include: Water production, storage, treatment and distribution, wastewater collection, treatment and disposal, garbage collection and disposal, utility billing, street and alley maintenance, park maintenance and improvement, swimming pool, animal control, code enforcement, police and fire protection, emergency dispatching (police, fire, EMS, etc.), public library, municipal court and economic development; Jurisdiction - The city limits of Muleshoe, approx. 3 sq. miles; Personnel - The City employs 35 full-time employees. During the summer months, the city hires part-time employees to operate the swimming pool and to work in the Parks Dept.; Subdivisions - The City has the following departments each directed and supervised by a department head - Administrative: City Secretary, Public Works; Public Works Director, Police Dept., Police Chief, Fire Dept; Fire Chief (volunteer), Library, Municipal Court, Economic Development; Goals or Projects - The city is anticipating growth due to the economic development activities in the area and making plans to be prepared for that growth. Those plans include review and upgrade of the city's infrastructure, controlled expansion of the city limits and the development of suitable housing.

Muleshoe Eco. Development Corp. - MEDC is committed to the promotion of high quality development in the Muleshoe area and to improvement in the quality of life for its citizens; Members - Janet Claborn, Wanda Hooten, Max King, Pat Angeley, Mark Morton and Jose Sanchez.

Bailey County Sheriff's Office - Sheriff Richard Wills, Chief Deputy Joe Balderrama, Captain John Espinoza, Deputy Patrick Keele, Deputy Jeanne Knight, Deputy Kevin Jefferson, Reserve Deputy Ralph Sanchez, Office Deputy Julie Teel, Jail Administrator Rebekah Kennemer, Jailors Gail Wilcox, Sam Espinoza, Jewell Galvan, Joye Chavez, Gary Jones, Chance Daniels, Adriana Gonzalez, Jimmy Berry, Holly Millsap, Justin Gallegos, Sylvia Fuentes, Denzel Finey and George Villareal.

Jurisdiction - County of Bailey, approximately 835 sq. miles; Number of personnel - 4 sworn peace officers, 2 sworn reserve peace officers, 14 jailers, 2 reserve jailers, 3 cooks, 1 administrative assistant; Function - Provide law enforcement for the County of Bailey, house and manage inmates in the jail, serve the courts.

Muleshoe Police Department - Chief Brian Frieda, Lt. Benny Parker, Patrol Sgt. Shane Kirk, Sr. Patrolman Steve Clifton, Investigator Cassie Crandell, Jared King, Steven Bartley, Jared Johnson, John Espinoza, Administrative Asst. Jan Pierce, Dispatchers - Sue Scott, Mary Espinoza, Jim Scott, Gaynell Mitchell and Delma Espinoza.

Jurisdiction - City of Muleshoe, approx. 3 square miles; Number of personnel - 8 sworn officers, 5 communications Personnel, 1 administrative assistant; Function - Provide law enforcement functions in and for the City of Muleshoe, provide assistance to many agencies such as the Bailey County S. O. Texas DPS, Earth PD, Lamb, Parmer and Cochran County S.O., assist other federal agencies; Subdivisions - Communications (Responsible for receiving all calls for service and seeing to the dispatching of the appropriate resources); Goals - We are continuing our efforts in educating the community in crime prevention and encouraging their involvement in various prevention programs and emergency management programs like CERT.

Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department - Gerald Ambriz, Jerry Bruton, Scott Churchman, Gary Clark, Josh Clark, Kelly Helton, Justin Helton, Tom Ladd, Benny Parker, J.O. Parker, Rick Railsback, Jack Rennels, Billy Tosh, Robert Wauson, Wayne Wauson, Chad Nickels, Johnny Banks, Roper Fulcher, Aaron Banks, Howie Zimmerman.

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Obituaries

Jacki Chapman Bulls

Jacki Chapman Bulls, 30, of Lubbock passed away peacefully on July 15, 2008, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Dec. 27, 1977, to Larry Keith and Jeri (Cooper) Chapman. Jacki graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1996 and attended New Mexico Junior College.

She married Jason Bulls on Aug. 31, 2002, in Lubbock.

Despite her illness, Jacki always participated in the annual Relay for Life Walk for the American Cancer Society.

She was a loving wife, daughter, sister and will be missed by all those who knew her.

She is survived by her husband — Jason Bulls; mother — Jeri Chapman; sisters — Kristi Wilson and husband Wade, and Traci Chapman; two nieces and



JACKI CHAPMAN BULLS
four nephews.

Jacki was preceded in death by her father — Larry Chapman.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 18, at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Visitation will be Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at Resthaven Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd Street, Lubbock, TX 79423.

High Plains Water Dist. sets public hearings

Residents within the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District will have an opportunity to comment on proposed administrative changes to the district's rules at two public hearings in early August.

The first hearing is set for Aug. 5 at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Avenue C, in Hereford.

A second hearing is set for Aug. 7 at the High Plains Water District office, 2930 Avenue Q, in Lubbock. Both meetings begin at 7 p.m.

This proposed revision to the Water District's rules includes introduction of a new printed format and addition of new procedural rules resulting from passage of House Bill 1763, now codified as Chapter 36.108 of the Texas Water Code.

"The Water District has operated under these procedural rules since the legislation was passed; however, they have not been specifically referenced in the

district's rules. This revision to the district rules will correct that," said General Manager Jim Conkwright.

He added that the new procedural rules deal with citizens' lawsuits pertaining to illegal water wells drilled without a permit from the district, water well permit hearing procedures, and rulemaking hearing procedures.

"Each proposed addition is now State Law. We are simply incorporating them into our district rule booklet for the convenience of our constituents," Conkwright said.

Also, the district rule booklet has been reorganized so that rules on a given subject are grouped in one location rather than being

scattered throughout the publication. "We hope that the new printed presentation of our rules makes them more user-friendly."

There are now 11 section headings and the district's 23 rules have been placed under the appropriate headers for easier reference," he said. Copies of the draft revised rules are available for public viewing during business hours at the High Plains Water District office, 2930 Avenue Q, in Lubbock.

A link to the rules is found on the district's web site at www.hpwd.com.

In addition, the rules are available for viewing at the district's offices in Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Hale, Hockley,

Lamb, Parmer, Potter, and Randall Counties.

Written comments regarding the proposed rule changes will be accepted until 5 p.m., Aug. 11, and should be directed to General Manager Jim Conkwright, High Plains Water District, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock TX 79411-2499.

The five-member High Plains Water District Board of Directors will consider public comments from the hearings and take action concerning the proposed rule revisions at their regularly scheduled Aug. 12 meeting.

Additional information is available by contacting Jim Conkwright or Sherry Stevens at (806)762-0181.

4-H News

Bailey County 4-H members Craig Black, son of Caren and Cliff Black, and Jackson Myers, son of Rhonda and Thurman Myers, placed ninth in the Safety and Injury competition at Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station, on June 12.

They presented the illustrated talk Wildfire and Wildfire Prevention.

Four Bailey County 4-H members, Judd Baker, Triston Boehning, Dagen Dunham, and Jayden Shearer, participated in the Dist. 2 4-H tours on June 19, in Lubbock.

Tours included Entomology presentations by Monti Vandiver and Brant Baugh, Texas AgriLife Extension IPM agents; horse presentations by Texas Tech University

Masked Rider Ashley Hartzog, Texas Tech Hippotherapy, and Horse Quiz Bowl participants; and tours of Holland Gardens and Tom's Tree Place.

Bailey County 4-H Officers attended an officer's retreat in Eagle's Nest, N.M., June 29 - July 2.

Those participating included Jackson Myers, Garrison Myers, Bailey Bales, Shelbi Harrison, Judd Baker, McKenna Dunham, Kayla Preston, Dagen Dunham, and Adult Volunteer Leaders Thurman Myers and Karie Preston.

Also attending were Coleman Preston and Bailey County extension agents

Curtis Preston and Mandi Seaton. officers participated in team building and leadership activities and

enjoyed camping, hiking, and fishing.

Four Bailey County 4-H members submitted record books in the Dist. 2 4-H Record Book judging on July 9. Dagen Dunham received fourth place in the Junior Swine category. McKenna Dunham placed second in the Intermediate Clothing & Textiles division. Garrison Myers received second place in the Intermediate Swine category. Jackson Myers received a first place in the Senior Swine category. Jackson's record book will compete in the State 4-H Record Book judging in August.

For more information about 4-H, contact Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, at (806)272-4583.

Conners attends general assembly

Dr. Stacy Conner, ThD, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe, participated in the 18th annual Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly in Memphis, Tenn., June 19-20.

More than 2,000 Fellowship Baptists attended this year's Assembly.

Highlights of the event included more than 80 ministry workshops, a celebration of missional churches, assembly-wide prayer and discernment

and missions projects throughout Memphis.

Additionally, 18 new global missions field personnel were commissioned at the event.

Keynote addresses were given by Daniel Vestal, CBF executive coordinator, and Lauran Bethell, Baptist minister and human rights advocate.

Singer and songwriter Bethany Dillon performed during worship sessions at the two-day event. Krystaal, a music group of three

brothers from Congo, also performed.

CBF is a fellowship of more than 3,000 Baptist Christians and more than 1,800 Baptist churches who share a passion for the Great Commission and a commitment to Baptist principles of faith and practice.

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Aging well in West Texas program set for Sept. 6

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

Health

When we think of the word "age," the most common thought is the number of years lived. However, as Americans continue to live longer, we also must think about how well we are living — how successfully we are aging.

Physical, mental, and emotional health are all interrelated and must be considered when discussing successful aging.

The first step to successful aging is to remain as physically healthy as possible for as long as possible.

Mary Herridge, a gerontologist and Hill County extension agent, points out that poor health is not a consequence of aging and being healthy is not just the absence of disease. "A chronic illness may be considered unhealthy but, if managed properly, the person suffering from that

illness may be able to lead a normal, healthy life."

A healthy lifestyle may have a positive impact on a person at any age. Proper diet, exercise and preventive healthcare are three primary means to maintaining your physical health.

Successful aging is also tied very heavily to a person's mental health. Just as with physical health, decline in mental health is not a consequence of growing older.

"Many clinicians and family members attribute an altered mental state to someone's age rather than recognizing symptoms of a disease and seeking treatment for it," says Andy Crocker, gerontology health specialist, Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Something as simple as the wrong prescription in a pair of glasses may cause

disorientation and then may be confused with dementia.

Crocker recommends keeping the mind active through stimulating activity such as reading or word games or even talking with friends and neighbors about a current news event.

Emotional and spiritual well-being is key to any discussion regarding healthy aging. Social interaction is an important part of emotional health. Whether it's through volunteerism or a group of friends who meet on a regular basis, staying involved in society gives a sense of purpose... a reason to get out of bed in the morning and to stay both mentally and physically healthy.

Americans are still searching for the fabled "Fountain of Youth" and until someone finds it, we must try to do what we can to age

well.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County; Bailey County Aging Services; Park View NursingCare Center; and the Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizens Center are hosting the elder care conference, Aging Well in West Texas, on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum, in Muleshoe.

Topics to be addressed include Medicaid Recovery, Adult Protective Services, and Support for the Caregiver by Andrew Crocker.

There is no cost to attend. Lunch will be served and entertainment provided. Representatives from various agencies will be available with information concerning their services.

Whether anticipating becoming a caregiver in the future or in the middle of the care giving journey, this conference is for you.

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend.

For more information or to confirm your participation in the conference, contact Mandi Seaton, County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, at 806-272-4583; or Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services at 806-272-3647.

RANDY'S ROUNDUP

UPDATE BY CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER

Bush lifts executive ban on offshore drilling

This week, Pres. George Bush lifted the executive ban on offshore drilling that has been in place for 18 years.

This is a tremendous step forward in tapping into America's abundant natural resources, in an environmentally friendly way, to help ease prices at the pump, while also working toward securing America's energy independence.

While this is a success for the American people, now Congress must also act to remove the moratorium placed on offshore drilling. While this is a positive step, if Congress does not remove the ban, Pres. Bush's efforts will not fix the current situation. That is why it is crucial that Congress listens to the voice of Americans asking for relief from record high energy prices.

As I have said, our energy policy should be "yes" to exploring every option available to achieve energy independence. This includes the production of traditional fossil fuels, building additional refineries, investing in new nuclear power plants, using our 250 year supply of coal, as well as putting the same amount of emphasis on renewable and alternative

energy sources.

I am pleased that Pres. Bush has lifted this ban, and I will continue to urge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to remove the Congressional moratorium as well.

USDA efforts to overturn CRP ruling

I was extremely discouraged last week when a United States District Judge from Seattle put a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) on a very valuable livestock feeding program that was made available to agriculture producers with land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

I sent a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Edward Schafer expressing my support for USDA's efforts to overturn the judge's ruling.

The Critical Feed Use voluntary program, which was announced on May 27, 2008, allowed farmers and ranchers to modify their CRP contracts to either hay or graze portions of land enrolled in CRP.

The approved producers have been making production decisions, investing in fencing and watering equipment and preparing their operations

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT AMENDMENT PERMIT NO. WQ0004811000

APPLICATION. Reliant Processing Group LLC, 3700 Kermit Highway, Odessa, Texas 79764, which operates a carbon dioxide manufacturing, storage, and distribution facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to amend wastewater disposal Permit No. WQ000481100 to authorize an increase in the disposal of treated wastewater to a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 6,820 gallons per day via irrigation on 1.95 acres of private Bermuda Road 1760 in the City of Muleshoe in Bailey County, Texas. TCEQ received this application on May 7, 2008. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the Bailey County Courthouse, 300 South 1st Street, Muleshoe, Texas. **ADDITIONAL NOTICE.** TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments. PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application.** The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. **OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. **TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST:** your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." 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All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, PO Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087.** If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from Reliant Processing Group LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Heath Babcock, Reliant Processing, LTD, at 800-523-5566. Issuance Date: June 18, 2008.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF MULESHOE, TEXAS INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Muleshoe is soliciting sealed bid proposals for a new sanitary sewer lift station including force main and gravity piping. Bid opening will be at Muleshoe City Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2008. Bid security in the amount of five percent of the bid submitted is required. Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves of all local conditions. Payment

and performance bonds will be required in accordance with Article 5160, V.A.T.C.S., as amended by House Bill 344 passed by the 56th Legislature, Regular Session 1959 and Experience Record. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin. Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications, and plans are on file at City Hall, City of

Muleshoe, 215 S 1st Street, Muleshoe, Texas. Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be obtained from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423 upon a refundable deposit of \$30.00 for each set of documents. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal on July 17 and 24, 2008.*

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Equipping our troops for the battlefield... and the future

In 1944 the Congress passed the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, better known as the GI Bill of Rights, which rewarded World War II veterans with higher education benefits paid for by the federal government. As a result some 7.8 million returning veterans were afforded the chance to complete their education and prepare for the future – at four-year colleges, vocational schools or agricultural training programs.

The resulting efforts and enterprise of these veterans allowed the United States economy to flourish and

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for this program, which was based on a good-faith contract. The Critical Feed Use program has already provided relief to many Texas producers facing high energy and production costs.

The TRO, if not overturned, will severely disrupt the production of livestock across Texas. Many producers will be faced with the decision of selling their livestock because they cannot bear the financial burden of feed costs or because they do not have any other land to use to feed their livestock.

Monitoring the financial markets

Last week I participated in several hearings regarding the state of the financial markets. One of the roles of the Agriculture Committee, on which I sit, is to monitor the Commodities Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). I am a strong advocate for an open and fair marketplace and have always believed that the marketplace is efficient, although it is not always kind.

The government's role is to ensure that the commodity and securities markets are functioning in an open and transparent manner and operating with integrity that allows for appropriate price discovery.

It is not the role of the government to influence market prices. As the Agriculture Committee continues to monitor the role of speculators and the rising costs of commodities, we must be cautious not to overreact and restrain from adding additional, burdensome government regulations.

Additionally, in the Financial Services Committee last week, we heard from Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke regarding proposals for updating regulation of financial markets. While there is considerable uncertainty in the financial markets, policymakers must not overreach and overregulate. Above all, we must not create a situation in which taxpayers are held responsible for poor decision making through a government bailout.

I look forward to again having the Federal Reserve chairman in our committee this week to further discuss economic policy challenges facing our country and the appropriate federal government response.



Capitol Comment

By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

laid the foundation for the technological, industrial and agricultural boom that would last for decades.

The men and women of today's military match the service, valor, and sacrifice of that Greatest Generation. Up until very recently, however, some of the benefits our active duty troops and veterans depend on for their education have not kept pace with rising education costs, or the needs of military families. They deserve benefits that will place a prosperous future within their grasp – whether in career military service or in the civilian job market. A substantial enhancement of our veterans' financial assistance has been long overdue.

In June, Congress passed, and the President signed into law, an emergency funding bill that included a sweeping measure to provide expanded education benefits to educate and equip our troops and veterans and their loved ones for future opportunities.

I am pleased that the

legislation addressed an inequity that I have actively worked in the Senate to correct – the transferability of education benefits to veterans' family members. For more than a decade, troops and veterans have implored Congress to extend these benefits to military families. In 2005, the Army launched a pilot program allowing GI Bill funds to be transferred to the spouse of a service member with a critical skill. Although a good start, the provision was restrictive and limited transferability to a narrow group of beneficiaries.

The new GI Bill will allow a broader group of military personnel to transfer up to half of their unused benefits to their spouse or child after six years of service and the full amount after ten years. In January, I introduced the Education Assistance Transferability Act of 2008, a separate bill that goes even further by allowing any service member – active duty, Guard or Reserve – who has paid into the GI Bill program the ability to

transfer education benefits to his or her spouse or child once the service member has served six years and commits to additional service.

The revised GI Bill that passed broadens education benefits for all active duty military personnel, as well as eligible activated National Guard and Reserve members, who have paid into it and have served at least three years since September 11, 2001. Veterans may receive educational benefits along with a cost of living stipend.

The law doubles the value of education assistance, and restores today's veterans' benefits to the levels of aid

that enabled World War II veterans to thrive.

The bill signed by the President also included a provision I authored to forgive VA debts that are owed by the courageous service men and women who have lost their lives in combat.

Previously, the VA Secretary was required by law to notify the fallen hero's family of the outstanding debt, most commonly educational payments, and attempt to collect it. It was unconscionable to compound the grief of military families with this insensitive requirement.

Finally, this bill will fund operations in two theaters of conflict well into 2009.

It will provide our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan the resources and equipment they need to complete their mission and to help safeguard our nation from the violent threat of global terrorism.

In a time of war, when our nation's servicemen and women are bravely carrying out the Global War on Terror, it is critical that lawmakers come together and stand behind our troops.

With passage of this legislation, Congress has provided our outstanding military service men and women, and their families who sacrifice so much, what they need and deserve – both on the battlefield, and for their futures.

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A Fool-proof Formula for Everything? No Fooling?

American magic. It's a funny term, particularly when spoken by missionaries who deal with witch doctor types and superstitions regularly. You just don't expect them to look back across the Pond, smile, shake their heads indulgently, and say, "Yep, that's American magic."

You see, magic, at its heart, has to do with manipulation. You get the formula right—



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

eye of newt, tongue of frog, liver of lobster—and out pops a potion-produced prince or hex or whatever.

American magic? It's the idea that there's a fool-proof formula for everything. There's not. And we're fools if we think so.

The hard truth for sinners like us, and like everybody else, is that we'll never get life right. Deal with it. Actually, God already has, and we're not God—which is quite a load off. God absolutely will not allow us to file Christianity in the Self-help Section of life.

But American magic, peddled by folks who may wear business suits but still bear a serious family resemblance to their brothers across the ocean dressing for shaman success in loin cloths, says that if you just work hard enough, long enough, and, with exactly the right formula, you can't help but "succeed." Add on to the garage and order your Ferrari!

Want to build a mega-business, a mega-church, a mega-life? Somebody will sell you a formula. If it doesn't work, you just didn't cook it right. Want to live almost forever

right here—or maybe five minutes longer than folks who ignore a good many health rules but in the dastardly unfairness of life chose parents with better genetics than yours? We've got non-trans-fat, non-caffeine, non-taste formulas for that, and we're busily commissioning food police to help us make food choices that masquerade almost as "moral" choices.

Couple the right number of sets and reps and rounds with the other gerbils on the treadmills, the right vitamins, and an amazingly dreary preoccupation with abs and gluts, and off you go to live long, healthy, thin, annoying lives.

Well, maybe. You see, life is unfair. Even American magic fails. The economy tanks. Merger mania mangles your company. One microbe or cancer cell cancels out a lifetime gym membership, and a life. And you're surprised to find yourself standing before the Almighty with low cholesterol and great abs but a tad ticked in a postmortem sort of way that, drat it all, you died anyway!

So what to do? Maybe get some perspective. A life lived joyfully in love is far better than a life just lived lengthily any other way. Moderation in enjoying lots of good gifts at the right time and with the right kind of gratitude to God will bless most of us a good deal more than world-class low cholesterol.

It ticked Pharisees then and now, but Jesus eschewed magic and lived a life of trust, not manipulation. He lived a life of divinely robust holiness that could never be confused with pious sterility and the curate pseudo-sanctity that's as shallow as it is stern, and all about lengthy lists of things we don't do and don't chew.

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