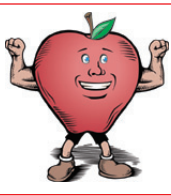




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MAHD board approves financial restructuring

By **Larry Thornton**
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's Board of Directors approved a \$1.675 million financial package during its July 24 regular meeting intended to fund the expansion of the district's rural health clinic and provide operating capital, but does not include refinancing the bonds currently against Park View Nursing Care Center.

During the presentation by Tom Shirey of Consolidated Financial Resources, Inc., the district's financial advisor, it was pointed out that the amount the district would have received from refinancing the nursing home bonds "wasn't worth it."

However the financial package include restructuring the debt on some of the hospital's equipment to "free up" some

much needed operating capitol.

The package also will include financing the first year's bond payment, a move which Shirey described as "typical of public financing when public revenue is part of the repayment."

"If we're going to move, you need to do it fast because of the unstable market," Shirey also told the board prior to the motion and vote of approval.

The board also revisited the issue of possible cuts in Medicare reimbursements and the impact it would have on the clinic expansion, an issue that had raised some concerns at a previous board meeting since one of the primary reasons behind the clinic expansion is to capture a higher Medicare reimbursement.

However, MAHD CEO Ray Mason had better news than at that previous time,

noting that the announced cuts had garnered such strong opposition in the medical community — which included physicians opting not to take on new Medicare patients — that the proposal had been scuttled.

Mason also pointed out that Bailey County's economy and high percent of minority patients should help protect the district's single rural health clinic, something about which

district's located in counties with better economies and multiple rural health clinics were worrying.

David Shaw of Covenant, who was attending Thursday's meeting, added that the expansion of the rural health clinic at Plainview had been accepted by Medicare without question.

In the end, board member Bob Donaldson said a

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Muleshoe family rescued from New Mexico flood waters

By **Larry Thornton**
Managing Editor

Bailey County's shallow surface waters recently proved to be inadequate training for a Muleshoe family that found itself trapped by the flood waters this past week at Ruidoso, N.M.



The Shawn and Sonia Rejino family was at a cabin in the upper canyon of Ruidoso when nine inches of rainfall raised creek levels and took out eight bridges in the area.

"It knocked out one we needed to cross over," Sonia Rejino said Tuesday, trapping them until Sunday night.

Although an attempt was made to locate and bring in military "scissor-type" bridges, she explained that the bridges that were normally available are currently in use in Iraq, which left the only way out over a couple of fire

department bridges that were stretched across the creek.

Rejino talked briefly about her fears as her two boys, ages eight and 11, crawled across the ladder bridge, and how her four-year-old daughter was carried across by a fireman.

"My kids told me yesterday that they didn't want to go back," Rejino said.

The only person she knew of who needed medical treatment was an elderly man who was trapped in his small house for about six hours with the flood waters level with the windowsills.

Area residents tried to reach the man before the fire department arrived, Rejino said, but were held

back by the flood waters. "The water was so wild," she said.

Eventually, Rejino said, the fire department was able to reach the stranded resident and carried him across the ladder bridge in an ambulance gurney.

While Rejino and the children returned home Sunday night, she said her husband, remained behind until a makeshift bridge strong enough to allow their vehicle to cross with the rest of their belongings was built

He arrived home early Tuesday morning.

Shawn and Sonia Rejino have owned Hi-Tek Motors in Muleshoe for the past 15 years.

New MAHD CFO describes district's financial situation

By **Larry Thornton**
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's new chief financial officer had a strong clear message for the district's board members Thursday, presenting a picture that while stark wiped away any doubt.

"It's not a secret that we're strapped for cash," David Burke said in his first report to the board members since joining the hospital district's management team.

Burke, whose acceptance of the MAHD position returned him to West Texas and his Lubbock roots from McAlester, Okla., describes himself as a "pretty straight forward person," said since coming to Muleshoe his greatest fear is answering

the phone and learning another of the district's vendors was on the other end, threatening to cut the district off.

"You have a whole lot of revenue, and not any cash. We're hurting for cash," he said. "The one main problem, right now, is that we've got to collect."

"You can sell all day long, but if they don't pay you're going to have to shut the doors," Burke added.

According to the CFO, both Muleshoe Area Medical Center and Park View Nursing Care Center are "living a day at a time."

Burke said the district's revenue collections have to be brought up, and discussed how previous financial

'We're hurting for cash!'

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Mud pies that matter

Most of us have experienced the fascination of mud pies as a youngster, and no doubt remember experiencing the disapproval of a parent who had forgotten the simple joy a youngster receives from a little water, a little dirt and a little time without someone griping that they needed to find something a little less messy and a lot more constructive. Pictured above, and below, concrete workers at Muleshoe High School build the new bus lane, part of the ongoing expansion project, and possibly prove that their time spent alongside a childhood mud puddle was more constructive than most adults thought.

Photographs by Larry Thornton



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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.

'Son-sational Saturday'

Earth United Methodist Church, 303 NE First Street in Earth will be having a "Son-sational Saturday" on Aug. 2 for children in grades pre-K through fifth grade.

Bible stories, crafts, games, music and snacks will begin with registration at 12:30 p.m. and conclude with a closing ceremony and children's concert at 5:30 p.m.

Following the children's concert, there will be a free swimming pool party and hot dog supper at the Earth City Park for all families from 6-8 p.m.

Children 6 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at the pool and park. For more information call the church at 257-2061.

Annual BCCA meeting

The Bailey County Cemetery Association will hold its annual general membership meeting at the Bailey County Coliseum on Saturday, Aug. 16, at 10 a.m.

Anyone owning property at the cemetery, those having family or friends buried at the cemetery, and anyone interested in the welfare and maintenance of the Bailey County Cemetery are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Three director's positions will be up for election. Persons interested in running for one of these positions are encouraged to call Donna Kirk, Secretary-Treasurer, at 272-5237.

Texas Night Out

The 25th annual "National Night Out" in Texas will be on Tuesday, Oct. 7, according to Muleshoe Police Chief Brian Frieda, who is working with the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture to plan various activities.

While the national event will be held in early August, it was decided to postpone the event in the Lone Star State until after summer's high temperatures had passed.

AA meeting

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

For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.

Muleshoe Day Bazaar

Muleshoe's Jennyslippers announces its first annual Mules Day Bazaar to be held on Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Bailey County Civic Center and Coliseum.

Applications for booth space are being accepted until Sept. 5. To request an application contact Elaine Parker at 806-272-3165 or 806-729-6753.

Historic village open for tours

Muleshoe's Historic Village offers an authentic look at life in the early days of our area. The village includes the Santa Fe Depot, the Janes House, the Muleshoe Cookhouse from the XIT Ranch, the Figure 4 Ranch House and the Virginia City Hotel.

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The facilities may also be used for private parties and community events. The village is operated by the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation, a 501c3 charity. Donations are always needed. Call 272.5873 for more information.

Editorial

"Openness" means just that

There's an old saying that "close only counts in horseshoes and atom bombs."

What it means is that no matter what your intent, or how hard you try, if you miss the mark... you miss the mark.

Such has been the case with the Muleshoe Area Hospital District, and more specifically it's board of directors. While the board members have expressed a desire for more openness with the public, along with building support for current and future projects, there has been a continuing series of "problems" that have been troubling to say the least.

Case in point... the hiring of the new administrator for Park View Nursing Care Center. At Thursday's meeting, the board closed its doors for "contract discussion" with a candidate for the position. Both the candidate and the hospital district's CEO were invited into the closed session with the board.

After returning to open session, a motion to hire this "candidate" was made, seconded and approved by a quick show of hands — which means if you glance away for a second you don't know who voted for what. But that's a separate issue.

With the motion's passage, the board president announced that the candidate had "accepted the position."

Wait a minute... did we miss something? Motion made, seconded, vote... but

no "Ms. Candidate, will you accept the position?"

When did the candidate accept the position... in executive session?

The state's open meetings law is very clear that not even a "straw poll" or consensus can be taken while in closed session. Sure, the board members may express their opinions in closed session, but we don't see how the board members can go from that to "Will you accept the position?" without a decision being reached and state law being violated.

While some may suggest it's just a case of the board "placing the cart before the horse," the truth is Texas law says this horse shouldn't have been harnessed in the first place.

State law is clear that public business — except for under certain defined situations — must be conducted in public. Closed session polls, secret ballots and even carrying documents from board member to board member, whether by hand or email, for either signatures or revision is expressly forbidden. State law says "rubber stamping" an action taken out of open session isn't allowed.

While it undoubtedly wasn't the board member's intent to violate the law, it appears that a violation occurred none the less.

We applaud the hospital board's stated interest in open government, but preventing such problems in the future would go a long way toward building trust with the community it serves.

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Something worth saying...

By Glen Williams

Now walk your walk

Many years ago the apostle Paul wrote the Church at Ephesus: "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called."

One meaning of the word "vocation" is "occupation." So this speaks of the occupation in which they were employed. It is also a good lesson for us. Even though we often feel unworthy he says walk "worthy."

The next verse speaks of attitude: "with all lowliness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love." It is difficult, nay, it is impossible to walk worthy unless we maintain a proper attitude. Attitude is a state of mind. Elsewhere Paul wrote, "With my mind I serve the law of God."

I read of an elderly man that liked to go walking with his grandson. He was a tall man. Consequently he used a long walking stick. The grandson admired his grandfather and wanted to be like him. That is as natural as breathing. Children and grandchildren want to admire and imitate their elders. So the child found one of grandfather's walking sticks and tried to walk with it. But it was so tall he couldn't do much good with it.

Then grandfather cut a shorter one, gave it to the child and said: "Now take this, and 'walk your walk'." That's the way it is in real life. We must teach our children to start at their level... at something they can handle. Then as they grow they can use a longer walking stick. They will in time be able to walk like grandpa. That, again, is real life. And we can assure them that the journey will be more pleasant than the destination. That too is a fact of life.

Whatever vocation the young ones choose, and that goes for us too, we must start at a level we can manage, then learn the trade, build a solid foundation and move forward-grow upward. It is dangerous to start too big, whether a business, job or profession. The large companies, Coca Cola, Wal-Mart, McDonald's and others had very humble beginnings. Delta Airlines began as a crop spraying service. The great athletes, the large investors, advanced as they learned the vocation and developed their talents. With ministers, doctors, lawyers, whatever be the calling, it is the same. For that's the process.

Paul also wrote; "Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called." This is a must, if we are to expect success. We cannot succeed by trying to function in vocations for which we do not have the native or God given abilities. Sometimes it takes a while to determine what our talents and desires really are, but when we do learn it, then we should, as Paul said, "Abide therein," and devote ourselves to it. Some are teachers, some are preachers, doctors, lawyers, farmers, athletes, scientists, on and on. It takes all to make up the whole.

IRS backs down on claims against hospital

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

"I'm from the government, and I'm here to help."

Words that make private citizens cringe, and can create a similar response in public entities as well when the "helpful" government agent carries identification that says Internal Revenue Service.

On July 17, 2007, a representative of the IRS dropped by the Muleshoe Area Medical Center in what was reported at that evening's hospital district board meeting as the first such visit to a West Texas medical facility.

According to hospital administrator Ray Mason, the agent was particularly interested in how the hospital employed its physicians, to which Mason pointed out that under Texas law hospitals could contract with a physician, but couldn't "employ" a physician.

While Mason said he felt good about the IRS visit a year ago, the agent's

"friendly" attitude apparently changed as the hospital district found itself facing fines and penalties totaling \$719,000 as a result of its adherence to Texas medical employment laws.

The result of last year's IRS visit wasn't revealed at a hospital board meeting until Thursday, July 24, when Mason announced that through the efforts of the

district's auditors — Parrish, Moody & Fikes, P.C., the IRS assessment had been reduced to \$2,751.

"It's taken almost a year to resolve," Mason said, adding that Texas hospitals have operated under the same state employment regulations for years without running afoul of the IRS.

At this time, Mason said, the hospital district

is operating in compliance with the IRS requirements.

Although the IRS dramatically lowered the amount it sought from the hospital district, it was noted upon questioning by a hospital board member that the auditor's bill for reaching an agreement with the federal agency was \$60,000 of the \$90,000 currently owed to the auditing firm.

CFO speaks...

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officers have been sending account information to collection agencies for years — the "bad debt" handled each month in a board motion.

However, he added that from what he could see nothing had ever been "written off," meaning that an enormous amount of uncollectable debts are basically hidden among the district's financial records.

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Our sincere appreciation to all volunteers who help at the center. The time you give to help with the upkeep of the building, working in the kitchen, donations made to help keep the bills paid and just you being here enjoying the center is a blessing.

Tuesday, Aug. 5, is Bunco day. All you players be sure and come in. Call a friend

and remind them to come. Everyone has a great time. Prizes are awarded the winners. Interim Home Health Care supports the game.

The Tuesday night senior dances will only be held once a month, beginning in August. Tuesday night, July 29, will be the last dance, until Aug. 26.

We sincerely hope all of our friends from the

surrounding area will mark their calendars and continue to come visit on dance night. The increase of gas prices has made a difference in the attendance.

The disk jockeys thought this would work better. Can't dance without music.

The summer is going by fast. We hope all of your family reunions, class reunions, and vacations have been a happy

one. We have enjoyed visiting with friends that have come to Muleshoe and come by the center to visit. We are proud to have anyone come by and see our wonderful center.

We are looking forward to having Aurora Gomez back with us. She has been out since June with foot surgery. Get well soon. We need you.

Our prayers and thoughts

go out to Ed Nickels and his family. Just know we are thinking of you and hope you recover real soon.

Menu for Aug. 4 - 8:

Monday, Aug. 4 — Grilled chicken/sauce, rice, sliced carrots, salad, wheat rolls and cookies.

Tuesday, Aug. 5 — Baked Ham with pineapple, au gratin potatoes, greens, sliced tomatoes, wheat rolls

and cake.

Wednesday, Aug. 6 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat rolls and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Aug. 7 — Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, pork and beans and pudding.

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Water for Your Soul by Max Lucado

Where do you find water for the soul? Jesus gave an answer one October day in Jerusalem. People had packed the streets for the annual reenactment of the rock-giving-water miracle of Moses. Each morning a priest filled a golden pitcher with water from the Gihon spring and carried it down a people-lined path to the temple. He did this every day, once a day, for seven days. "On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water'" (John 7:37-38).

He "stood and shouted" (NLT). The traditional rabbinic teaching posture was sitting and speaking. But Jesus stood up and shouted out. Forget a kind clearing of the throat. God was pounding his gavel on heaven's bench. Christ demanded attention.

He shouted because his time was short. The sand in the neck of his hourglass was down to measurable grains. In six months he'd be dragging a cross through these streets. And the people? The people thirsted. They needed water, not for their throats, but for their hearts. So Jesus invited: Are your insides starting to shrivel? Drink me.

Internalize him. Ingest him. Welcome him into the inner workings of your life. Let Christ be the water of your soul.

Toward this end, I give you this tool: a prayer for the thirsty heart. Carry it just as a cyclist carries a water bottle. The prayer outlines four essential fluids for soul hydration: God's work, God's energy, his lordship, and his love. You'll find the prayer easy to remember. Just think of the word W-E-L-L.

Lord, I come thirsty. I come to drink, to receive. I receive your work on the cross and in your resurrection. My sins are pardoned, and my death is defeated. I receive your energy. Empowered by your Holy Spirit, I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength. I receive your lordship. I belong to you. Nothing comes to me that hasn't passed through you. And I receive your love. Nothing can separate me from your love.

Don't you need regular sips from God's reservoir? I do. I've offered this prayer in countless situations: stressful meetings, dull days, long drives, demanding trips, character-testing decisions. Many times a day I step to the underground spring of God and receive anew his work for my sin and death, the energy of his Spirit, his lordship, and his love.

Drink with me from his bottomless well. You don't have to live with a dehydrated heart.

Receive Christ's work on the cross, the energy of his Spirit, his lordship over your life, his unending, unfailing love. Drink deeply and often. And out of you will flow rivers of living water.

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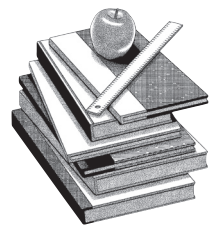
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1 complete change of clothes (pants, shirt, socks & underwear)

If your child uses diapers or pull-ups you will need to bring some to school.

1 box of Zip-Lock gallon baggies

2 large boxes of baby wipes

2 large boxes of Kleenex

1 cup with a lid

Pre-Kindergarten

1- (4 oz) bottle Elmer's school glue

2 regular size No.2 pencils

4 beginner size (Oversized-Husky) pencils

1 package washable markers-Classic size (primary colors-no neon or fluorescent)

2 package construction paper 9 x 12 assorted colors

1 box water colors

1 box crayons (large-beginner size) 8 colors only (Crayola Brand)

1 pair student scissors (Fiskar brand) rounded ends

1 box of tissues

1 box baby wipes

2 folders (2 pocket-no brads)

1 rest mat (folding type)

1 complete change of clothes in gallon ziploc bag labeled with your child's name: Boys -

shirt, pants, underwear and socks; Girls - dress or pants and blouse, panties and socks.

* If your last name begins with "A-L" - 1 Box gallon ziplock bags

* If your last name begins with "M-Z" - 1 box sandwich ziplock bags

Kindergarten

2 Regular size #2 pencils

2 (4 oz).

Elmer's

School

Glue

(not

paste)

2

Elmer's

glue sticks

2 Boxes of regular size crayons (8 count, Basic count. Colors only-not fluorescent) We do many things with only basic colors and use them to learn to write/recognize color words.

1 Box washable Crayola markers - classic colors large size

2 Large boxes of Kleenex (We will send notes for more occasionally if supply gets too low.)

2 Pkg. Construction paper 9x12 Assorted or white

1 Pair metal (Fiskars brand) scissors (right or left, whichever one your child needs.)

1 Complete change of clothes in gallon zip-lock bag labeled with your child's name): . Boys:

shirt, pants, underwear, aud socks . Girls: dress or pants, and blouse, panties, and socks

2 Pocket folders

1 Vinyl mat for naptime (please keep in mind we have limited space for storage when purchasing these. (The thin red and blue ones fit nicely in our small spaces.)

1 Box Gallon Ziploc bags (if your LAST name begins with A-L)

1 Box Quart or Pint Ziploc bags (if your last name begins with M-Z)

1 Plastic school box

1 Zippered pouch

1 Set of Crayola basic color water colors (please,

No little pot paints)

1 Box wet wipes (please leave them sealed so they won't dry out.)

1 (24 oz. or smaller) plain water bottle (pop top or screw on lid)

1 large pink eraser

1 pkg of pencil top erasers 1 (1 inch only)

3-ring binder for journals

Please use a permanent marker to label each individual item with your child's

name.

Every so often we may send a note asking you to replenish your child's supply of crayons, glue, or glue sticks.

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MISD Second Grade

1 small pencil box

24 #2 Pencils - no mechanical pencils

2 package of 25 to 30 pencil end erasers

2 handheld pencil sharpeners

4 red pencils

1 box of Washable Crayola Classic Color Markers

2 boxes of 24 Crayons

1 spiral notebook (wide-rule)

2 bottles of Elmer's School Glue (Ross does not work well)

1 package assorted construction paper

2 pocket folders - one red, one blue (no designs)

1 box of 8 water color paints

1 boxes baby wipes

1 box of Ziploc bags: boys bring gallon size; girls bring quart size

1 pair of Fiskar scissors

1 boys bring package of paper plates (No styrofoam)

1 girls bring 8 oz. plastic solo cups

4 glue sticks

3 boxes of Kleenex No Trapper Keepers. No rolling backpacks.

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• Exceptions to this would be Special Education needs.

• Absolutely "no" backpacks on wheels

• Absolutely "no" 3 ring

binders

• Absolutely "no" flip top clipboards or carrying cases. These items do not fit in the desks or lockers.

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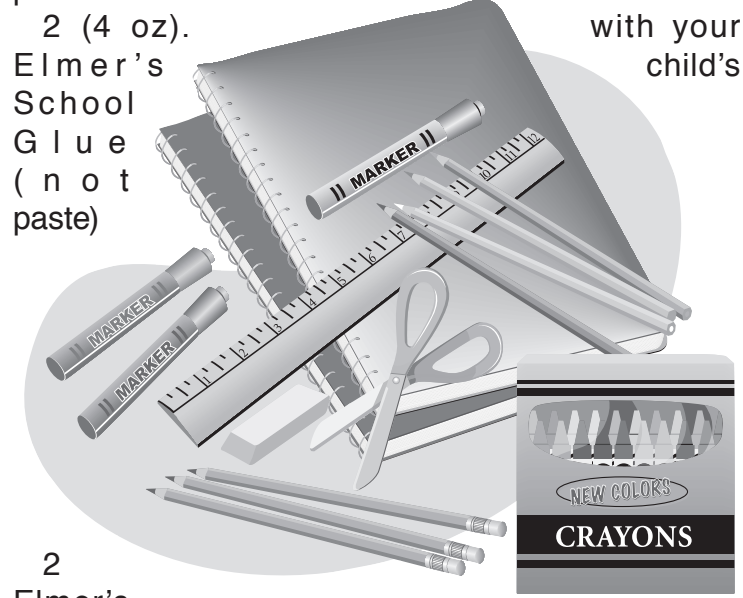
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Snack suggestions for Dillman Elementary

We eat lunch early in the day and the children get hungry before the end of the day.

We will ask that you send snacks for the entire class every so often.

If your child has a food allergy please let us know. We will ask for snacks several times throughout the year.

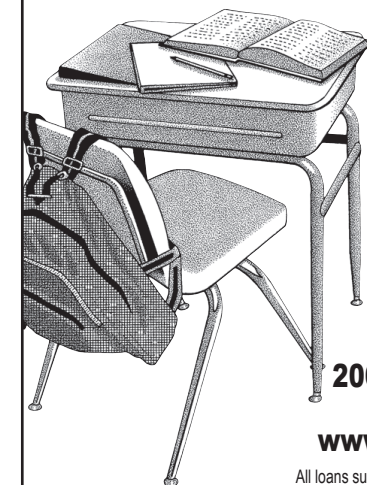
If you can send snacks it would be greatly appreciated.

Suggestions for snacks are:

- Animal crackers
- Popped popcorn (\$1 at the dollar store)
- Graham crackers or sticks
- Rice Crispies treats
- Pretzels
- Chips that are individually wrapped if possible. Baked only.
- Dry cereal that has big pieces (Honeycomb, Fruit Loops, Apple Jacks, etc) Watch the sugar count.
- Cheese crackers
- Goldfish snack crackers
- Vanilla wafers
- Raisins
- Salty crackers
- Fruit
- Vegetables (Celery, carrots, broccoli, etc.)

Please make sure if they are individually wrapped that you send enough for the entire class. Check with your child's teacher to see how many are in the class.

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You stayed in your seat while the bus was moving. Go forward 1 space.

You left your backpack in the aisle. Go back 2 spaces.

You were noisy and received a warning from the bus driver. Go back 2 spaces.

You pushed someone as you got on the bus. Go back 2 spaces.

You waited until the bus came to a complete stop before leaving your seat. Go forward 1 space.

Hey, kids! School is starting, and here is a little game to remind you how you to ride the bus safely. To play, you will need some buttons to use as game tokens and a die. Place the tokens on Start, choose a player to go first and have them roll the die and move their token the number of spots on the die. The first person to reach the school is the winner.

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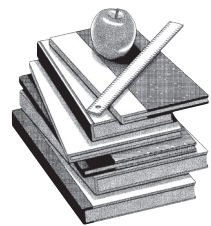
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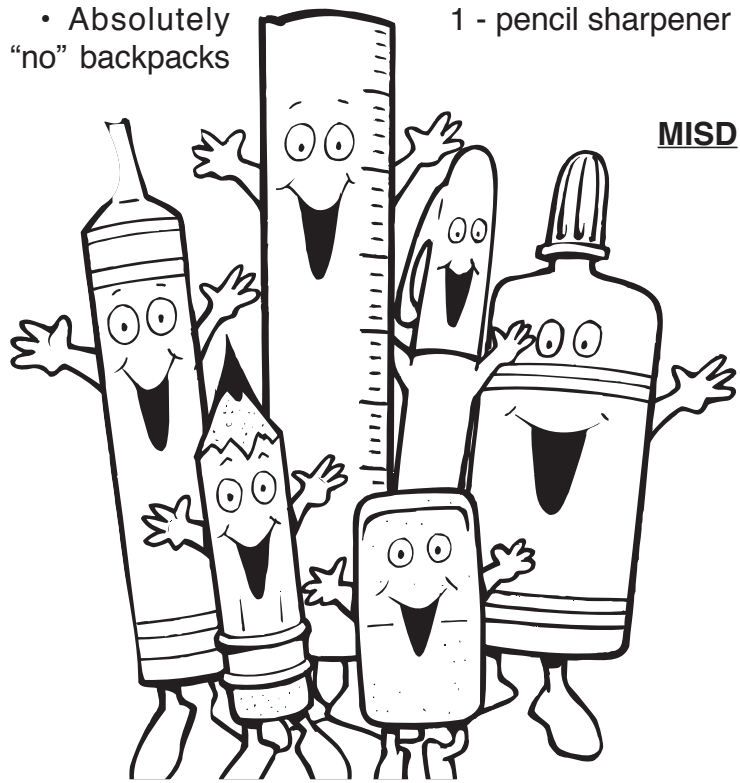
- 1 - Package 3x5 index cards
- 2 - Packages clear sheet paper protectors
- 1 - Set of Crayola brand Map Pencils
- 48 - Pencils - plain wooden #2
- 2 - Red pens
- 1 - Box of crayons
- 2 - Highlighters
- 3 - Packages notebook paper (wide rule)
- 1 - Package of eraser tops
- 1 - Pair of scissors
- 1 - Spiral notebook (120 Pages)
- 1 - Bottle of glue or glue stick
- 1 - Pencil bag (sturdy)
- 3 - Boxes of Kleenex
- 6 - Folders (with brads and pockets)
- 1 - 1 inch, 3-hole binder
- 1 - Plastic ruler
- 1 - Box quart ziplock bags

• Extra supplies at teacher discretion.
• Exceptions to this would be Special Education needs.
• Absolutely "no" backpacks on wheels. They do not fit in the lockers.

MISD Fifth Grade

- 1 - Large set of Crayola brand map pencils
- 12 - Pencils - plain wooden #2
- 5 - Red pens
- 4 - Ink pens (blue or black only)
- 3 - Packages notebook paper (wide rule)
- 1 - Pair of scissors
- 2 - Spiral notebooks (120 pages)

- 1 - (4 ounce) Bottle of Elmer's glue or 1 glue stick
- 3 - Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 - Ruler
- Extra supplies at teacher discretion.
- Exceptions to this would be Special Education needs.
- Absolutely "no" backpacks



MISD

- (wide ruled)
- 10 - pocket folders with brads
- Art students:
- 1 - (4 oz.) bottle white glue
- 6 - #2 pencils
- 2 - boxes colored pencils
- 2 - erasers
- 1 - pencil sharpener

Seventh Grade

- (2) wide ruled spirals (reading, English)
- (1) 2 subject wide ruled spiral (math)
- (3) folders with brads and pockets (reading, science, social studies)
- (1) set of map pencils (social studies)
- (1) set of dividers (math folder)
- (1) package of 10 sheets of 11 x 14 poster board (science)
- (2) large boxes of Kleenex (to first period teacher)

The following need to be provided for all classes and replaced as they are used up or lost:

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MISD Sixth Grade

- 1 - box of colored pencils
- Notebook paper, wide ruled
- #2 - pencils
- 2 red pencils
- Erasers
- 1 - pack red pens
- 1 - pack blue or black pens
- 2 - boxes of Kleenex per semester
- 1 - zipped pencil pouch
- 1 - binder
- 1 - transparent ruler
- 5 - 100-page spirals

- (1) Hi-Liter
- (2) large packages of notebook paper
- (2) packages of # 2 pencils
- (2) packages of blue or black pens
- (1) package of red pens
- (1) binder
- Art students:
- (1) 4fl. oz. bottle white glue
- (6) # 2 pencils
- (2) boxes colored pencils
- (2) erasers
- (1) pencil sharpener

MISD Eighth Grade

- #2 Pencils
- (8) pens (blue or black)
- (8) folders with brads and pockets Colored pencils for Social Studies and Science Graph Paper (Algebra I only) Regular lined notebook paper
- (2) spirals (150 pages)
- (1) spiral (2 subject)
- (1) spiral (dividers with pockets)
- (2) boxes of tissue
- (1) ruler
- (2) red pens
- (1) pencil bag
- (1) stick glue
- (1) package of 3x5 note cards

- (1) package of tabbed dividers
- Art Students:
- 1 (4 oz.) bottle white glue
- 6 #2 pencils
- 2 boxes colored pencils
- 2 erasers
- 1 pencil sharpener
- Spanish class:
- (2) pocket folders

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2007-08 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students

Grades K-12



This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements incorporated in Title 25 Health Services, §§97.61-97.72 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC).

This chart is not intended as a substitute for consulting the TAC, which has other provisions and details. The Department of State Health Services is granted authority to set immunization requirements by the Education Code, Chapter 38, Health & Safety, Subchapter A, General Provisions.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

A student shall show acceptable evidence of vaccination prior to entry, attendance, or transfer to a child-care facility or public or private elementary or secondary school in Texas.

VACCINE	REQUIRED DOSES ¹
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP/DTP/DT/Tdap/Td)	Five doses of a diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis containing vaccine, one of which must have been received on or after the fourth birthday; however, 4 doses meet the requirement if the 4 th dose was given on or after the 4 th birthday
Ages 7 years or older <i>(pertussis vaccine is not required)</i> Tdap/Td(DTP/DaP or any combination of these	Three doses, including one dose on or after the fourth birthday
Booster Dose Tdap/Td	One dose is required ten years after last dose of DTP/DTaP/DT
Polio	Four doses of polio vaccine one of which must have been received on or after the fourth birthday; however, 3 doses meet the requirement if the 3 rd dose was given on or after the 4 th birthday
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)²	Two doses of a measles-containing vaccine with the first dose on or after the first birthday; second dose required upon entry into kindergarten
Hepatitis B^{2,3}	Three doses
Varicella^{2,4}	One dose on or after 1 st birthday (Two doses if vaccine given at 13 years of age or older)
Hepatitis A^{2,5}	Two doses on or after 2 nd birthday for grades K-3 in selected counties

¹Receipt of the dose up to (and including) 4 days before the birthday will satisfy the school entry immunization requirement.
²Serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, or varicella or serologic evidence of infection is acceptable in lieu of vaccine.
³Two doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax[®]) are acceptable. Dosage and type of vaccine must be clearly documented. (Two 10 mcg/1.0 ml of Recombivax[®])
⁴Serologic proof of immunity or documentation of previous illness may substitute for vaccination. Previous illness may be documented with a written statement from a physician, school nurse, or the child's parent or guardian containing wording such as: "This is to verify that (name of student) had varicella disease (chickenpox) on or about (date) and does not need varicella vaccine."
⁵Hepatitis A vaccine is required for students attending a school located in a high incidence geographic area designated by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Forty (40) counties affected by Hepatitis A requirement are: Bexar, Brewster, Brooks, Cameron, Crockett, Culberson, Dimmitt, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Grayson, Gonzales, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, McMullen, Moore, Nueces, Pecos, Potter, Presidio, Randall, Real, Reeves, Starr, Sutton, Terrell, Terry, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Zapata, and Zavala.

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REPRESENTATIVE SALES - SAT., JULY 26, 2008

770 head of cattle, 80 hogs and 696 sheep and goats for a total of 1546 livestock sold at the July 26 sale. Market 1-2 higher on stocker cfs. with good demand. Not enough feeder cattle to truly test market. Pairs & bred cows steady with few offered. Packer cows & bulls steady.

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Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Patricia Trujillo, Clovis	10	Hol. bulls	217 lbs.	at \$69.00
Patricia Trujillo	8	Hol. bulls	197 lbs.	at \$73.00
Gerald Boehning, Muleshoe	3	BWF bulls	305 lbs.	at \$135.00
FM Farms, Brownfield	3	Blk. bulls	402 lbs.	at \$128.00
FM Farms	8	Char. str.	483 lbs.	at \$127.00
Duncan Farms, Lovington	8	Mxd. str.	476 lbs.	at \$126.00
Duncan Farms	13	Mxd. str.	602 lbs.	at \$116.00
B&M Cattle, Lubbock	22	Mxd. str.	486 lbs.	at \$122.00
JCL Inc., Sudan	22	Mxd. str.	723 lbs.	at \$109.50
Rolando Estrada, Muleshoe	Blk. hfr.		165 lbs.	at \$290.00
Peter Neufeld, Seminole	4	Mxd. hfrs	376 lbs.	at \$125.00
FM Farms	8	Blk. hfrs	422 lbs.	at \$117.00
D&A Livestock, Morton	11	Blk. hfrs	422 lbs.	at \$125.00
B&M Cattle	4	Char. hfrs	479 lbs.	at \$114.00
Abraham Sawatsky, Seminole	2	Red hfrs	573 lbs.	at \$107.00
Abraham Sawatsky	5	Blk. hfrs	623 lbs.	at \$101.00
Duncan Farms	11	Mxd. hfrs	593 lbs.	at \$110.50
Frank Banman, Seminole	2	Blk. hfrs	595 lbs.	at \$106.00
Shafer Farms, Sudan	4	Char. hfrs	658 lbs.	at \$100.00
Jill Morris, Muleshoe	3	Blk. hfrs	677 lbs.	at \$105.00
Mattie White, Lubbock		Char. pair		\$1000.00
Peter Neufeld		Char. pair		\$900.00
Pat Clark, Morton		Red cow P8		\$810.00
Luis Flores, Muleshoe		BWF cow P8		\$700.00
J.D. Cage, Muleshoe		BWF cow	1165 lbs.	at \$63.50
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Martha Rodriguez, Sudan		Blk. cow	1530 lbs.	at \$55.00
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Uh-oh, better to think up your own fun and keep busy! The middle of the summer is here and many kids start to get bored. Well, let's beat those summertime blues with ideas for things to do!

We could choose a nice shade of blue to paint your bedroom.

Find and circle all the places to which you can go when you feel a little bored. They are low cost or free.

farmers market movies
train station park
nature center beach
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A grape grown at the University of Arkansas is called the "Mars" grape.

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5. a plan, photographic print of a drawing in which the lines of the first drawing show as white lines on blue paper

Can you match these "blue" expressions to their meanings?

1. She talks a blue streak.
2. He ordered the blue plate special.
3. That pie is a blue ribbon winner.
4. She visits town once in a blue moon.
5. She always talks about the blue blood in her family tree.

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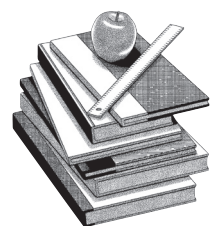
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- ask everyone to bring equipment for one activity or game: flying disc, bat and wiffle ball, comic books, etc.
- friends can bring their own dinners and snacks in a bag or your folks could set up a supper of hotdogs and beans using tin pie plates
- later could come the campfire with guitar playing, singing and spooky stories

Help the ant find his way through the maze to your tent where he's hoping to find crumbs from your snacks:

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PK Supply List

- 2 - Pencils
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- 1 - Bag 6 Pencils
- 2 - 16 Pack Crayola Crayon
- 2 - 4oz. Elmer's School Glue
- 1 - Plastic School Box
- 1 - 5" Pointed Fiskar Scissors
- 1 - Kinder Mat or Towel
- 2 - 100ct White Tissue (Kleenex)
- 1 - Prang Watercolor Paint
- 6 - Glue Sticks
- 1 - Box of Wipes (Can be antibacterial)

1st Grade Supply List

- 2 - Bag 6 Pencils
- 1 - 24 Pack Crayola Crayons
- 1 - Plain T-Shirt (Size larger than what they wear)
- 1 - 8oz. Elmer's School Glue
- 1 - 5" Pointed Fiskar Scissors
- 2 - 100ct White Facial Tissue
- 2 - Pink Flat Eraser
- 6 - Elmer's Glue Sticks(non-colored)
- 2 - Thick 2 pocket plastic folder
- 2 - Wide Ruled Spiral Notebooks
- 1 - 100 pack of wet ones
- 1 - 2XL shirt for painting & crafts
- 1 - XL School Box
- 1 - Backpack

2nd Grade Supply List

- 1 - Bag 10 Pencils
- 1 - 24 Pack Crayola Crayons
- 1 - 4oz. Elmer's School Glue
- 1 - Plastic School Box
- 1 - 5" Pointed Fiskar Scissors
- 3 - 150ct White Facial Tissue
- 2 - Pink Flat Eraser
- 1 - Crayola Colored Pencils
- 1 - Crayola Classic Markers
- 2 - Elmers Glue Sticks
- 3 - Pocket & Clip Folders
- 2 - Red Ink Bic Round Stics
- 1 - 3 Subject Wirebound Notebook
- 1 - Prang Watercolor Paints
- 1 - 12 in. Ruler
- 2 - 200 Sheets Wide Ruled Paper
- 1 - Bottle Hand Sanitizer
- 1 - Package #2 Mechanical Pencils
- 3 - Package Index Cards
- 2 - set of 6 - 3 ring dividers with tabs
- 2 - 1" - 3 ring binder
- 1 - Clipboard
- 1 - Box Zip-Seal Sandwich Bags

3rd Grade Supply List

- 2 - Bag 6 Pencils
- 1 - Pack Crayola Crayons
- 1 - 8oz. Elmer's School Glue (White)
- 1 - Plastic School Box
- 1 - 7" Pointed Fiskar Scissors
- 4 - 150ct White Facial Tissue
- 2 - Pink Flat Eraser
- 2 - 200 Sheets Filler Paper
- 1 - Crayola Markers
- 1 - Container Clorox Wipes
- 6 - Pocket Folder with Brads
- 2 - Red Ink Pens
- 1 - 3 Subject Wirebound Notebook
- 1 - Prang Watercolors
- 1 - Bottle Hand Sanitizer
- 1 - Clipboard
- 1 - Hi-Liter
- 2 - set of 6 - 3 ring dividers with tabs
- 2 - 1" - 3 ring binder
- 1 - Package #2 Mechanical Pencils
- 2 - Pkgs Index Cards
- 1 - Box Ziploc Sandwich Bags

4th Grade Supply List

- 4 - #2 Pencils
- 1 - 48 Pack Crayola Crayons
- 1 - Pkg. Markers, no fine tipped
- 1 - 5" Pointed Fiskar Scissors
- 1 - Highlighter
- 2 - Boxes Kleenex
- 1 - 4oz. Elmers Glue
- 1 - Elmers Glue Sticks
- 3 - Colored Folders with Brads and Pockets
- 2 - Red Ink Pens
- 1 - ruler, metric & standard; no bendable or folding rulers
- 1 - 200 sheets Filler Paper -Wide
- 2 - Spiral Notebooks
- 1 - Black Sharpie
- 4 - Black Ink Pens; erasable are fine, but not required
- 1 - Set of Multiplication Cards 1's - 12's
- 1 - Set of Addition Cards 1 - 10

5th Grade Supply List

- 4 - #2 Pencils
- 1 - 4oz. Elmers School Glue
- 1 - 5" Pointed Fiskar Scissors
- 2 - Box Kleenex
- 3 - pks (3x5) Index Cards
- 1 - Crayola Classic Markers
- 2 - Elmers Glue Sticks
- 5 - Colored Folders with Brads & Pockets
- 2 - Red Ink Pens
- 1 - 12" Plastic Ruler(Metric & Standard)
- 1 - Avery Neon Yellow Hi-Liter
- 1 - 200 sheets Filler Paper
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- Junior high — Aug. 13... 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m.; Aug. 15... 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m., 5-7 p.m.
- High school — Aug. 14-15... 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (New students only.); Aug. 22... Seniors 10 a.m., Juniors 11 a.m., Sophomores 1 p.m. and Freshmen 2 p.m.

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RANDY'S ROUNDUP

UPDATE BY CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER

Continuing To Work On Solutions Toward America's Energy Independence

As the debate on America's energy crisis continues, I have been working with my colleagues to provide real solutions to the very real problem of America's energy dependence. I am disappointed, however, by some of my colleagues. They have thus far refused to bring any Republican proposed bills to the floor for a vote.

While we cannot drill our way out of the problem, we can, and must say YES to every potential resource, whether traditional fuel or alternatives. We must open every door and tap into new technologies and America's limitless potential to become energy independent and do "all of the above," when it comes to domestic energy production.

I strongly encourage leadership in the House to use this week to pass much-needed legislation to help increase our supply of energy and help reduce costs.

Standing Up For

Taxpayers and Supporting Our Economy

While there has been significant turmoil in the housing market, I firmly believe that government interference should be limited and taxpayers should never be "put on the hook" to bail out those who acted improperly or made poor choices.

That is why I voted against H.R. 3221 last week, legislation that would grant open-ended authority for the federal government to lend funds to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, as well as create a new program to help lenders bail out of their riskiest home loans. Unfortunately, this legislation passed the House and the Senate, and it appears that President Bush will now move to sign this into law.

This bill will only make matters worse, particularly for the taxpayers. At a time when 94 percent of Americans are paying their mortgage in full and on time, they should not have to make their neighbor's mortgage payment as well.

H.R. 3221 contained long overdue reforms I have

supported, such as a new, stronger regulator for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and modernization of the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) to make it a better alternative for borrowers than subprime loans.

However, the bill also included items that pose risks to the taxpayers and the economy. At a time when the housing market is relying on Fannie and Freddie to help lenders be able to provide mortgages to consumers, Congress should not divert money from them into a new Housing Fund. It makes even less sense that Congress would set up this fund at the same time we are giving the Treasury Department a blank check to support these entities, if needed.

I believe the best signal the federal government can send to the markets and the taxpayers is that it is done intervening. We must remember that markets are not always kind, but they are efficient. The sooner the federal government steps back, the sooner capital will

come off the sidelines and back into the marketplace.

Today I had the opportunity today to discuss our nation's economy with Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke. I appreciate the efforts he is part of to help provide short-term support to the economy while also working to ensure long-term growth and stability. Balancing considerations that promote economic growth and those that contain inflation is a difficult mandate, but I have confidence in Chairman Bernanke's leadership and knowledge of our economy.

Failing To Address Medicare's Future Shortfall

I am deeply disturbed by the Democrat Majority's decision to ignore the warning that future costs of Medicare are becoming more and more unsustainable and leaving the problem to be fixed another day. Last week, the Majority voted to prevent required debate on future sustainability of Medicare for the rest of the

110th Congress. Ignoring the problem will not make it go away. This is reckless and puts our seniors who rely on Medicare and future generations at risk.

Now is not the time to avoid debate. Rather, we need to embrace our responsibility as a Congress to provide the long term solutions Americans deserve from this body. I am truly disappointed by this "head in the sand" approach. We only face greater challenges tomorrow by ignoring the debate today.

For the third consecutive year, the Medicare Trustees have reported to Congress that more and more of Medicare's costs will not be covered by payroll taxes, co-pays and premiums, leaving 45 percent of Medicare unfunded down the road. Reforms are needed to ensure this program can continue over the long term without leaving trillions of dollars in unfunded promises.

I was proud to put seniors and the American taxpayer first by standing up against the Majority's efforts to close debate on Medicare

legislation. Preventing this debate comes at the expense of seniors as well as the financial solvency of a program on which Americans depend.

CRP Update

I was pleased last week to learn that the Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) that prevented farmers and ranchers from haying and grazing livestock on CRP land was lifted. Judge John Coughenour's ruling will allow farmers and ranchers to immediately resume usage to feed and forage on their CRP acres during a time when livestock feed is very costly and hard to come by.

The final ruling will allow CRP contract holders who applied and were approved for the CFU program before the July 8 ruling, to immediately resume haying and grazing until November 10, 2008. Applications that were received prior to July 8th but were not yet processed by the Farm Service Agency will continue to be processed, and those that are approved will be allowed to hay through Sept. 30, or graze through Oct. 15.



The Sudan Buzz



Sudan youth attend retreat

A group of 26 youth and 6 sponsors from Sudan's First Baptist Church attended a youth retreat in Sipapu, N.M. July 8-12. During the week, they camped in tents, ate outside, and had wonderful bible study and fellowship under the direction of worship leader and teacher Chris Nash from San Antonio.

The annual retreat is a way for the youth to get away from everyday distractions and focus on God in a beautiful setting. The retreat is attended every summer by youth in grades 7-12. The Sudan Baptist youth are under the direction of Joe Ky Shultz.

Email your Sudan news to Leslie Powers at: lspowers@yahoo.com
Have story or photo ideas? Let Leslie know!



Camp Quality results...

Amber Conley of Sudan recently participated at Camp Quality, held at Camp Tyler in East Texas, as a volunteer. The camp designed as an uplifting experience for young cancer patients had 42 campers and 78 volunteers. This year's theme was "a Medieval Night's Dream."

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Bridal Showers

Steinbock bridal shower held

Amberlee Steinbock, the prospective bride of Cody Altman, was honored with a bridal shower on July 19, at the home of Marca Morris.

Hostesses for the event included Marca Morris, Jonessa Brockman, Amy Barnes, Shanna Glover, Sherrie Nichols, Chandra Sanchez, Rhonda Roberts, Tonda Wood, Jan King, Christie Whitt, Estela Duarte, Rayniel Bamert, Brenda Black, LaDonna Scott, Sherri Kennedy, Caren Black, Jan Via, Jan Lawrence, Valinda Miller, Susie Claunch, Debbie Gallman, April Smith, Debbie Magby, Jo Ellen Cowart and Robin Friskup.

The hostess gifts was a pre-paid Visa™ card.

Special guests included Tanya Steinbock, Sheryl Altman, Lindsey Ramage, LeAnn Altman, Pat Sellers, Shirley Steinbock, Barbara



AMBERLEE STEINBOCK

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Robinson, Sirkel shower held

Emily Robinson, the prospective bride of Geoffrey Sirkel, was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, July 19, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Shorty and Rachel Robinson.

The prospective groom is the son of Gary and Sandy Sirkel.

Hostesses for the bridal shower included Rayniel Bamert, Donita Behrends, Brenda Black, Carren Black, Della Brown, Brenda

Clark, Jo Ellen Cowart, Linda Flores, Tiffany Flores, Shannee Geissler, Lavon Hunt, connie James, Sharry Jenkins, Rhonda Myers, Sandy Nash, Bernita Sheets, Melissa Smith, Cami Jo Vandiver, Lyn Vandiver and Lisa Whalen.

The hostess gifts included bedding, dishes, flatware and towels.

Special guests at the bridal shower included Rachel Robinson, Sandy Sirkel, Stephanie Sirkel and Bethany Crosby.

Reichman, Gatewood shower held

Padrah Reichman, the prospective bride of Christopher Gatewood, was honored with a bridal shower on July 12, at Trinity Christian Center Church of Muleshoe.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Trish and David Reichman. The prospective groom is the son of J.C. and Zona Gatewood of Muleshoe.

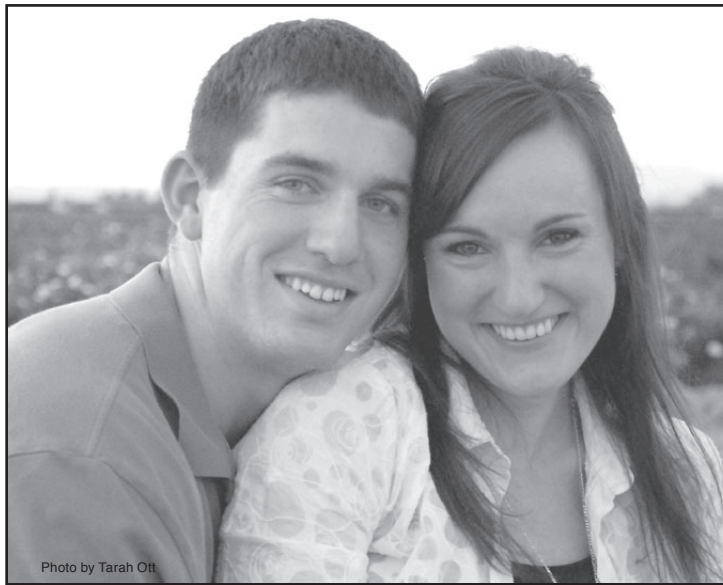
Hostesses for the event included Tracy Claybrook, Barbara Mills, Brenda Lackey, Sherrie Wisian, Kay Gray, Kathie Rolston, Diane Grumbles, Laura Killingsworth, Vannett Field, Sharla Stanford, Jennifer Givens, Rhonda Low and Tracy Bean. The hostess gift was cash.

Special guests included Zona Gatewood, Zonell Baker, Nadine Baker of Morton, Rose Lee Powell of Tulia and Becky Hardt of Lubbock and her three daughters.



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Engagement



MATTHEW CORNETT AND SARAH SHEETS

Sheets, Cornett to wed

Dr. Kyle and Bernita Sheets announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Sheets of Phoenix, Ariz., to Matthew Cornett, also of Phoenix.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Muleshoe High School, has a bachelor of science degree in nursing, and is employed in Phoenix as a registered nurse.

The prospective groom is

the son of Gabriel Cornett and Mr. and Mrs. John Cornett. He is a senior airman in the U.S. Air Force.

The wedding is set for Oct. 25, 2008, at 4 p.m., at the Muleshoe Golf and Country Club, with a reception to follow in the home of the bride's parents.

Obituaries



ANDREW LOMA BEATY

Andrew Beaty

No funeral services are scheduled for Andrew Loma Beaty, 90, of Muleshoe.

Beaty died on July 24, 2008, at the Park View Nursing Care Center. She was born on March 29, 1918, in Burnet, TX to Icopy and Madge Gibbs.

She had been a resident of the Muleshoe area since 1955, and worked as a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband — Loyd Beaty of Muleshoe, a daughter — Shirley White of Muleshoe; a granddaughter and a great-grandson.

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Sports academy students win big at national competition

The Acrosprits Trampoline team from Muleshoe Sports Academy recently competed in the USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Trampoline and Tumbling National Championships in Kansas City, Mo., this past month.

Competing for the team was Hadlea Geissler, Cambree Haseloff, and Kaylin LeRoy.

Each athlete competed in individual trampoline, and LeRoy also competed in tumbling and double mini trampoline.

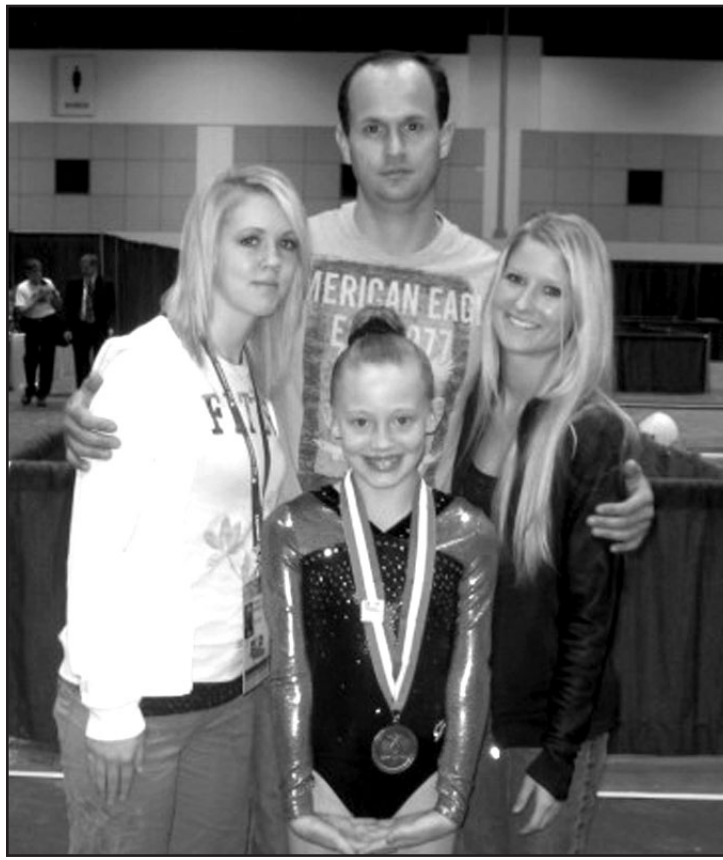
Topping the results of the local gymnasts was Hadlea Geissler, who captured the title of the 11-12 year-old level 9 trampoline champion

Haseloff took the silver medal in nine-year-old level 5 trampoline with LeRoy

taking fifth in the silver medal in the same division.

LeRoy also finished 19th in double mini level 5 and 40th in the tumbling level 5. "I was so happy for Hadlea to take home a very tough to win national title. She has competed with some of the toughest competition all year and the work she put in this summer put her on top of the podium," coach Kaitlyn Geissler, coach said. "The other two girls really competed well considering this was their first national championship," she added.

The team will have a couple of weeks off before returning to work for next year's National Championships in San Jose, Calif.



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Births



BRYNLIC KATE CLEAVINGER

Brynlic Cleavinger

Dustin and Lysnie Cleavinger of San Angelo announce the birth of their daughter, Brynlic Kate Cleavinger, on June 4, 2008, at 2:05 p.m., at San Angelo.

Brynlic weighed seven pounds, 12-1/2 ounces at birth and was 20-1/2 inches in length.

Her grandparents are Brenda and Rex Black of Muleshoe, Cindy Harrison of Lubbock, and John and Shirley Cleavinger of Amarillo.

Military News

Petty Officer Louis Simpson

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Louis D. Simpson, the son of Tim M. Bradley of Muleshoe, was recently awarded the Enlisted

Fleet Marine Force Warfare pin after successfully completing the Enlisted FMF Warfare Program.

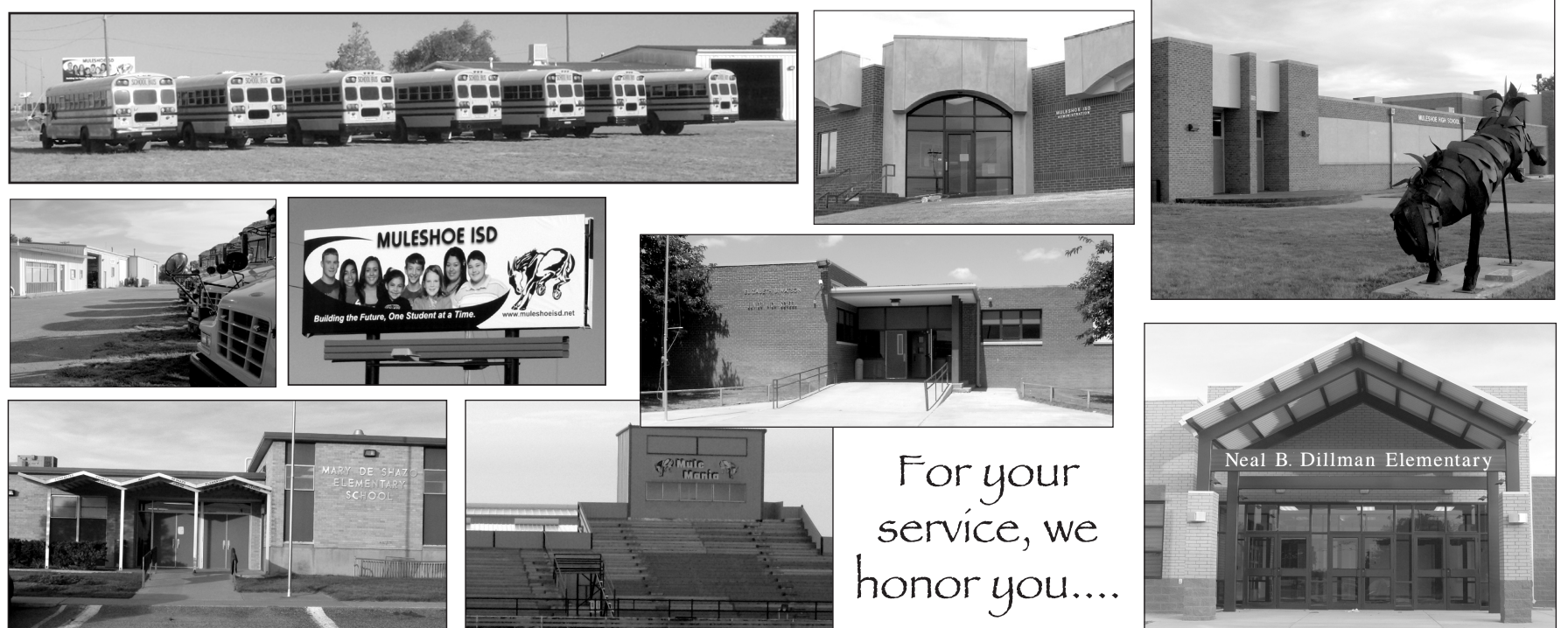
To successfully complete this program, Navy enlisted members must not only be assigned to a Marine Corps unit for at least one year, but sailors must also pass a Marine Corps physical fitness test, complete a written test, demonstrate the ability to conduct various skills as prescribed by his job with the Marine unit, and finally pass an oral examination conducted by senior enlisted sailors who are FMF qualified.

Simpson is a 2003 graduate of Muleshoe High School. He joined the Navy in November 2003.

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Goals And Projects: The major project we are working on at Muleshoe ISD is a major construction project. This summer, we will complete construction on the first phase of the \$25 million Bond Program passed in 2006. We have added 17 new classrooms, kitchen, cafeteria, restrooms, offices, and new playground equipment at Dillman Elementary. We will also complete the addition at Watson Jr. high this summer, where we added a new entrance and parking on the north side of the building, as well as three classrooms, restrooms and offices.

The old bus barn at the High School has been torn down, and our Transportation Department moved all of our buses and vehicles to our new Transportation Facility on Highway 84. It is the 12,450 square foot building next to the Bailey County Coliseum. This spring, we installed a new billboard in front of the new Transportation Facility.

We are also beginning the second phase of the 2006 Bond Program this summer with site utility work for the new High School addition. Actual construction on the High School and DeShazo Elementary additions will begin this fall. The High School will have new classrooms, principal offices, library, and a new gym with three gym floors in it. At DeShazo Elementary, we will add five new classrooms, as well as a set of restrooms to the west side of DeShazo.

This is an exciting time in the history of Muleshoe ISD! The High School and DeShazo additions will take a little over two years to complete.

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Heritage Board Report

By Ann McElroy

We admit it. Sometimes we get so excited about what's happening at the Muleshoe Heritage Center that we boast about how fast things are moving. This time, though, it's really true. Things are literally moving!

The Muleshoe Heritage Board met at the Santa Fe Depot on Monday evening, July 21, to discuss many of the current moves.

The wood frame building (formerly the office of Sain Irrigation) has been moved to an existing foundation on Ash Avenue. The building will be used to display vintage dental equipment used by long-time Muleshoe dentists Dr. A.Z. Beatty and Drs. A.E. and Charles Lewis.

There's also space in the building for the Muleshoe Post Office furnishings currently located in the difficult-to-reach basement of the Janes House.

Next, the "Largest Muleshoe in the World" is



on the way to its new home at the front of the Heritage Center, facing Hwy. 84. This muleshoe, designed and built by Eagle Scout Kermit Price, stands 27 feet at its widest and tapers to 11 feet at the base.

The unique structure was erected in 1994 and, at its new highly visible location, will beckon tourists to stop and stay awhile in our historic town.

The Stegall School and the half-dugout will soon be moved to the Heritage Center. Kenneth Henry,

project director for developing the West Addition, has been working with Paul Rosas of C&P Movers and More to coordinate these relocations.

As reported earlier, Henry is chairing the committee tasked with providing input to the board about how the West Addition will be developed.

The members of the committee are Sammie Simpson, Maureen Hooten, David Brunson, Jean Allison, Kay Mardis and Tom Watson.

The committee's next major task is to finalize a site plan for the project. Henry's committee will build on the work done by Dr. Ben Shacklette and the Texas Tech School of Architecture which worked with the Heritage Foundation Board in 2006.

The foundation hopes to create a visual display of

the site plan and invite the entire community to see the plans for this exciting new addition.

Restoration manager Sammie Simpson reported that work has begun renovating the dentist office and post office.

She has been working with volunteer Eileen Martha to remove unneeded materials from the building but Simpson needs more help. If you're interested in this project, please call Sammie Simpson at 927-5191.

In other business, the board heard a report from Center Hostess Delores Harvey about the group of sixth, seventh and eighth grade students representing the "Reach Out To Christ" ministry.

This group of students and their advisors recently spent an afternoon at the center helping with tree trimming.

Board president Joe Bob Stevenson reported that the Janes Carriage House will soon be prepared to make room for the authentic chuck wagon being restored by Robert Watkins of Levelland.

The board also received the treasurer's report and again expressed its gratitude to the ladies who operate the Thrift Shop for their tireless and valuable

work. In addition, the Board expressed its appreciation to C.E. Grant, Bailey County Precinct 2 commissioner, and Butch Vandiver, Bailey County Precinct 1 commissioner, for their help and support of the heritage center.

This year will mark the 25th Anniversary of the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation and the board members are planning to celebrate this milestone in a very special way. Watch for details!

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One Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education unit will be offered in the integrated pest management category.

Conference topics will include wheat variety selection, fertility, weed control, seed treatment options and wheat diseases.

Counties conducting the Muleshoe resident named to LCU dean's list

Trevor Turnbow of Muleshoe was named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the spring 2008 semester.

The dean's list requires a student to be taking a minimum of 12 hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the semester.

Turnbow is a junior business administration major and the son of James and Shelly Turnbow of Muleshoe.

Lubbock Christian University is a private four-year school with an enrollment of 2,000 students that offers programs for 35 bachelor's degrees and 12 master's degrees.

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When Can We Really Accept God's Grace?

I keep wondering: What does it take for human beings to truly know God's grace as something much more than theoretical?

I know. Most Christians talk a lot about God's grace. We dissect it in Bible studies. We say we believe in it. We claim to know it as our only hope. We may even admit intellectually that we need it just as

What does it take for us to really put our weight down on God's grace? I really wonder.

It's one thing to talk about grace in theory. But I suspect that grace remains largely theoretical until . . .

Until we've been almost crushed by pain or tragedy.

Until we've failed at a marriage or a business.

Until our tears have watered in the soil of a grave where we have buried our own hearts along with one dearer than life.

Until we've lived through the death of a dream we loved almost as dearly as a child.

Until we've wept bitterly at the self-inflicted ruin we see rampaging through the life of a son or daughter.

Until we're dazed by the depth of our own depravity and weakness and been deeply ashamed and out of excuses.

Until the grace of God has been our only hope and we have had more than a few moments when we wondered if even God's grace is strong enough to pull us out of the pit—and his love deep enough for him to want to.

Until we've been so crushed that we quit reaching down for our own bootstraps and instead in tears reach up to our Father.

Until then, grace—the grace of God we receive and the grace we extend to others—is largely a theoretical concept.

I wonder if it can be any other way? I wonder if it is even possible for people who haven't yet been broken to truly trust in God's grace?

Oysters can't produce pearls until they deal with the pain of grains of sand intruding into their shells. And people? Is it possible for us to truly accept God's grace and pass it on until we've been broken and cried out in pain? I wonder.



Focus On Faith
 Curtis Shelburne

badly as anyone else.

I wonder if we really believe that? What has to occur before we really do? Or really can?

What does it take for us to quit talking as if our problem was only with sins and not with Sin? If sins are my biggest problem, then I can catalog them, come up with an improvement plan, and get to work—at least until I realize how large is their number and how strong is their grip.

But, alas, my problem is not "sins" as much as it is Sin, not the symptoms but the taproot. My problem is the sinful nature that is mankind's curse and which no one, apart from the blood of Christ, can ever defeat, no matter how strict his resolve, how seriously devoted he is to law (even God's), how much penance she undertakes.

What has to happen before we realize that the most "respectable" of us has in attitude if not action transgressed in ways that twist our souls every bit as badly as any overt crime committed by any criminal ever locked away in any prison?

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

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Jennyslipper News

By Nelda Merriott

The Jennyslippers are looking forward with excitement to Mule Days and joining with the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture in providing an enjoyable environment for this event.

The theme for the parade, "Kickin' it Up" has evoked some fun ideas for a float. There will be many entries of all kinds in the parade, including mules. We always have a huge crowd for the parade and all of Muleshoes' activities.

There's great expectation for the mules Play Day at the Good Times Arena and the fun and games planned there.

The Jennyslippers will be hosting their first annual "Mule Days: Arts and Craft Bazaar" on Sept. 13 at the Bailey County Coliseum, and booth reservations are already coming in, so get your crafts ready.

Reservations can be made by calling Jennyslipper president, Elaine Parker at

806-272-3408 evenings or at 806-272-3165 days.

The Jennyslipper Mule-putt Golf Course will be open to the public on Sept. 13 and a Mule Days Mule Shoe Pitching Tournament will be held with beautiful mule trophies awarded the winners, plus a Mule Putt Golf Contest, also with special Mule Day trophies. So come on out and practice pitching mule shoes or brush up on your golf game.

The 18-hole Jennyslipper Mule-putt Golf Course has

seen quite a bit of activity this summer. Birthday parties have been celebrated there as well as family reunions and company parties.

Many have used the grills which are available for cook-outs. The golf course is available to the public every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening from 7-11 p.m. at a cost of \$1.75 per game.

To book a party or for more information call 272-4071, 272-5237 or 272-3408 or 272-3165.

Grandparents have also brought the grandchildren to play while they sit on the patio and enjoy cold drinks and visiting. So y'all come on out and enjoy the evening, the well-kept grounds, visiting and perhaps a challenging game of putt-golf.

The support of the community is sincerely appreciated.

Skyrocketing fuel prices mean turbulence

The average Texas family now spends around \$100 to fill up its truck or SUV, so imagine the financial burden confronting our nation's air carriers, as they struggle to fuel their fleets amid soaring energy costs – a 737 aircraft burns more than 885 gallons of jet fuel per hour at cruising altitude. If fuel costs continue to climb – and without enactment of a balanced energy policy that includes domestic production, they will – the capacity usage of our domestic air carriers will diminish further, and affordable air travel will become a luxury of the past.

Our nation's major airlines report that fuel now accounts for a whopping 40 percent of their operating costs. Houston-based Continental Airlines was spending \$84.99 per second on fuel in February 2007. Now, their fuel costs have skyrocketed to \$168.76 per second. As energy prices hover around \$130 a barrel, our nation's airlines are forecast to collectively spend \$61.2 billion on jet fuel this year – \$20 billion more than in 2007 – causing carriers to incur \$10 billion in losses.

Since December 2007, eight airlines have gone out of business and two others filed for bankruptcy. It is very difficult for airlines to break even – let alone turn a profit – in this economic climate. The Air Transport Association reported that in the first quarter of 2008, average net loss reached a staggering \$10.89 per passenger. As a result, airlines have taken cost-saving measures, including limiting the number of flights on various routes and replacing large-capacity aircraft with smaller planes, thereby cutting the number of seats in order to conserve fuel. The decrease in supply of seats will drive up passenger airfare.

Smaller cities in Texas,

relying on regional jet service are being hit particularly hard. Because of the cost of jet fuel, the smaller aircraft, some carrying as few as 50 passengers, are not generating enough revenue to justify the flights. Wichita Falls, for example, is set to lose more than half its daily flights when American Eagle downsizes its schedule from seven flights a day to three. American Eagle has announced similar service reductions for Longview, Tyler, and Waco. Continental will cut service to Abilene, San Angelo, and Texarkana in October.

Airline experts report that, by fall, passengers will feel the capacity cuts in larger airports as well, with Bush International in Houston expected to lose almost 12 percent of its seats, and an 8 percent cut slated for Dallas-Fort Worth.

In addition to higher airfare, diminished capacity will result in sweeping job losses. On July 17, Continental reported it will eliminate 3,000 jobs in the fall, and American recently announced a 6,800 person reduction by November.

The airlines are taking additional steps to mitigate the effects of the fuel price crisis. They are swapping older aircraft with newer, more energy efficient models that burn less jet fuel. Airlines are also retrofitting existing aircraft to be more fuel efficient. To reduce fuel consumption in flight, airlines are removing heavy ovens

when they are not needed, and are turning to light-weight meal and beverage carts to help lighten planes.

The impending crisis in the airline industry is one more reason we need a balanced plan that will help bring down fuel prices by increasing domestic production. Congress must meet the airlines' fuel savings efforts with a forward-looking energy policy to address the underlying issue of demand for oil outpacing supply.

Congress should first reverse the outdated and punitive moratorium on off-shore drilling and open up the Outer Continental Shelf for exploration. The President recently lifted the executive ban, but Congress has yet to do so. Several recent national polls indicate that over 70 percent of Americans support increased domestic production.

Furthermore, we must bolster American oil production with clean renewable sources, including nuclear, solar, and wind power. Lastly, we must work to conserve the energy we do have, and encourage technology and innovation through tax incentives.

For each dollar increase of the price of a barrel of oil, every family with a motor vehicle is hit hard and each airlines' costs go up by approximately \$45 million. It is clear that Congress must come together and take action now. The consequences of inaction are sky high.



Capitol Comment
By U.S. Sen.
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MAHD board reports to the district

This is a "state of the union," in a manner of speaking, for the Muleshoe Area Hospital District (MAHD). Today I will speak about the district as a whole. Over the next two weeks we will also address issues and topics concerning Park View and Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

These articles are a means for us as a board to report to the citizens of the district. This is designed to

be informative and thought provoking. In return, we need feedback from you about your hospital and your nursing home.

The district has several exciting things in the works. The most exciting is the board we currently have. We are a united team whose goal it is to, as a board, serve the district to the best of our ability. Through examining our district's current issues and future needs, we have

made a strategic plan for the future.

First, a little background: the Muleshoe Area Hospital District is a taxing entity that operates two facilities: Muleshoe Area Medical Center and Park View Nursing Home.

It is a challenge to manage two facilities under one organization and one taxing base. Over the past year, under Ronnie Dent's leadership, we separated the two entities to make each easier to manage financially, at the suggestion of our auditors, Parrish, Moody and Fykes.

This has created more accountability within each facility and has allowed us to get a more accurate picture of each facility's financial standing and operational feasibility. In doing this, we broke down the tax base of .40 into three (3) categories: Debt Service (Park View Bond payments), Nursing Home Operating, and Hospital Operating.

This allowed us to take the debt rate off the top for the bonds and allocate the balance of the tax base to the operating of both facilities. This was accomplished through budgeting for each facility. With that said, it is then up to each administrator to function on their allocated operating tax base.

Over the next two weeks I will touch on our strategic plan for the hospital and the nursing home. We hope you find the articles informative.

**Wayne Pierson,
Bill Lies, Scott Brown,
Zona Gatewood,
Bob Donaldson**

MAHD restructuring...

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said a decision had to be made about the financial package. "We've plowed this ground twice. We either need to make a motion or let it alone," he said prior to making the motion to accept the package.

Other actions taken by the hospital district board included:

- Awarding Andrus Brothers Roofing of Amarillo the bid to replace the nursing home's hail-damaged roof at a price of \$109,935.

Numerous roofing companies had submitted bids on the project, but Wes Holcomb of Andrus Brothers was the only representative to appear at the meeting and address the board.

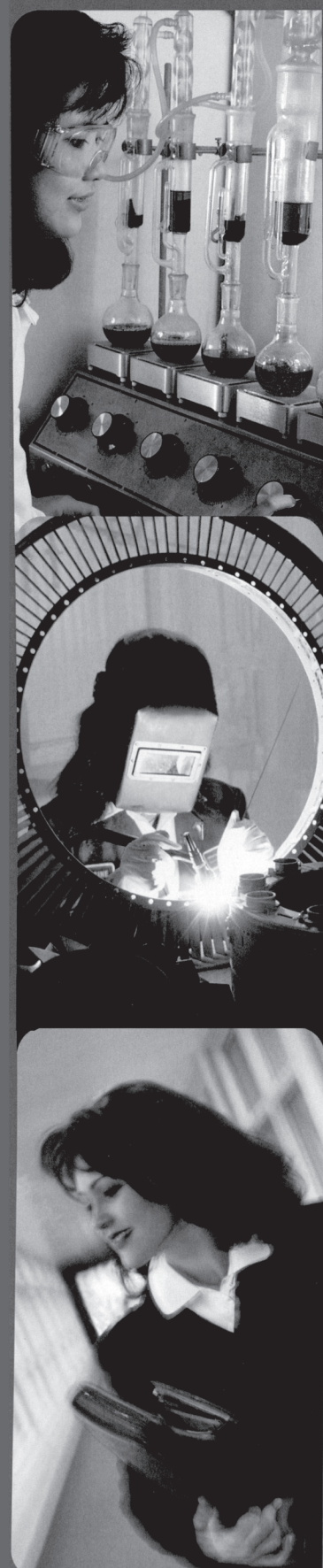
However, after the board's action, it was pointed out that a possible problem existed in that the hospital district had not advertised for bids on the project as is required by state law.

- Tabling discussion and action concerning Upper Payment Limits until Jim Wurts, who handles the indigent benefit program for Covenant and its associated hospitals, would be able to attend.

- Ratified a motion made by board president Wayne Pierson during the district's June 19 meeting concerning a decision to move forward with plans to look at financing for the clinic expansion. Although Mason pointed out that part of the reason for the ratification was that Pierson, who participated in the meeting by teleconference, as president shouldn't have made the motion, there were also problems that arose with his participation by telephone.

Under the Texas' 2008 Open Meeting Act, the Pierson was prohibited from participating in the board meeting via telephone, and since he couldn't participate he also would be prohibited from making a motion by telephone.

- Returned from an executive session with nursing home administrator candidate Jo Blackwell of Bovina. After board member Zona Gatewood's motion to hire Blackwell was approved, Pierson announced that Blackwell had already accepted the position.



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Are you a **smart, motivated woman** open to a career in a field you may not have considered? Think about the energy business. The production of electricity calls for a diverse workforce with a range of skills and experience, and the pay and benefits are very competitive. You are invited to learn more about the energy business at the:

**Women's Issues Link Workshop
(A Special Career Seminar for Women)**

Tolk Station
970 CR 65
Earth, TX
Friday, August 8
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Lunch provided

You'll get a first-hand look at a power plant and meet women "in power" from a range of jobs within the company. You will also be able to talk with a Human Resources consultant about testing opportunities that let you further explore your interest in and aptitude for a career with Xcel Energy.

Xcel Energy is a leading combination electric and natural gas utility in the United States, operating in eight Western and Midwestern states. We provide energy-related products and services to five million customers.

This workshop will focus on entry level positions at the power plant, such as **electrician, maintenance and control room apprentices.**

This event is sponsored by the **Women's Issues Link**, whose goal is to develop ideas for recruiting, developing, promoting and retaining women in the Energy Supply business unit of Xcel Energy.

Seating will be limited so please RSVP by August 1. Contact Sheryl Welch at 806-257-7080 to register. If you receive a voice mail please leave your name and phone number. You may also contact Sheryl by emailing her at sheryl.l.welch@xcelenergy.com.

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