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## City council approves proposed tax rate

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe City Council followed Monday's regular meeting with an early bird special as the council members gathered for a budget workshop Tuesday morning followed by approval of the city's proposed tax rate for FY

2008-09.

"It was a really tough budget this year," City Manager David Brunson said, also thanking the department heads for their work on the upcoming year's budget.

After questioning the city staff about various points in the proposed budget,

a proposed tax rate of \$0.6550 for maintenance and operations, and \$0.1023 for the city's debt service, a total of \$0.7573, was approved.

Among the items that drew the stiffest scrutiny from a council member was the \$14,443 budgeted under "other services" for the golf

course.

"I just want to see where this is justified," Mayor Pro Tem Irene Mason said.

The city manager's response was that while the country club — which leases the land on which the golf course is located from the city — needs the financial boost it receives

from the city's purchase of the memberships used by municipal employees the city receives an additional benefit.

Brunson explained that the disposal of "effluent" from the city's wastewater treatment plant was an important part of the treatment process, and if

the country club didn't allow for its disposal the city would have to pay for its disposal elsewhere.

Other municipal land that has been leased from the city is also used to dispose of effluent.

In other business

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Photograph by Stacy Conner

### Determination!

A member of the Mule's offensive line awaits the charge of the defense with an expression of extreme determination during Saturday's inter-squad scrimmage. An at-home scrimmage has been set for Aug. 16 against Bushland, while there will be an Aug. 21 scrimmage at Brownfield. The varsity season opener is set for Aug. 29, at Levelland, and the first home game will be on Sept. 5 against Portales.

### Commissioners court considers changes to EMS

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Ongoing problems with the administration of the Bailey County Emergency Services resulted in tense discussion during Monday's regular meeting of the county's commissioners court.

County Judge Sherri Harrison referred to several issues that had her concerned about the EMS administration, including the use of a county credit card to pay for failed EMT certification exams taken by former employees.

The judge also mentioned that Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver, who wasn't able to attend Monday's meeting, had offered his assistance in directly overseeing the EMS operation if necessary,

an idea the court said may yet take place if the ongoing problems continue.

However, the judge expressed the opinion that competent management and not "babysitting" was the best solution.

During the discussion of the budget for the county's upcoming fiscal year, Precinct 2 Commissioner C.E. Grant said the EMS budget was "killing us," and said the "checks and balances" that had been put in place regarding the EMS, its staffing and its financial condition weren't working.

Although the court discussed the option of the EMS doing its own billing again, a recommendation received from current EMS director Jackey Wayne Burris, Precinct 3 Commissioner Joey Kindler suggested that an auditor was needed who could give the court a better idea of where the break-down in efficiency was.

Judge Harrison also suggested that doing away with the director position might be the answer, a suggestion Burris didn't think would work.

"It's not a walk in the park," Burris said.

In other business Monday, the commissioners' court:

- Approved a proposal to increase the county's total tax revenue by 7.98 percent and set public

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### Vote by mail applications being accepted by county

Bailey County Clerk Paula Benton announced Tuesday that applications are currently being accepted

for ballots by mail in the Nov. 5 general election.

The last date to request a ballot by mail is Oct. 28, she said.

According to state law, the application must be received by Oct. 28, and not just postmarked with the date.

The first ballots by mail will be sent out on Sept. 20.

Benton also noted that Oct. 6 is the last day to register to vote in the

November election.

Early voting in person will be Oct. 20-31 at the Bailey County Courthouse.

"We are expecting a record turnout to vote, and urge everyone to vote as early as possible."

Another important date associated with this year's Nov. 4 election is Aug. 26, the final filing dates

for write-in candidates to declare their candidacy with Bailey County Judge Sherri Harrison for county-level

offices, and the Secretary of State for district and state level offices.

Among the elected offices, and candidates who are currently standing for those offices are:

- County Sheriff — Daniel Patterson (Dem.) and Richard Wills (Rep.) incumbent.

- Tax Assessor/Collector — Mariann Anzaldua (Dem.) and Melba Clark (Rep.)

- Precinct 3 Commissioner — Joey Kindler (Dem.)

incumbent and Richard Warren (Rep.).

- County Constable — Alfredo Anzaldua (Dem.) and Gerry Pierce (Rep.)

- Precinct 1 Commissioner — Nickey Merriott (Dem.) and Floyd "Butch" Vandiver (Rep.) incumbent.

- County Attorney — Jeanine Backus (Rep.)

- District Attorney — Kathryn Gurley (Rep.)

Additionally, there will be a county-wide liquor election on the ballot.

**Local Weather**

**Thursday**  
T-Strm..... 93/60

**Friday**  
Sc. T-Strm..... 84/57

**Saturday**  
Sc. T-Strm..... 80/55

**Sunday**  
I. T-Strm..... 82/56

**Monday**  
Pt. Cloudy..... 82/57

**Tuesday**  
Pt. Cloudy..... 85/57

**Wednesday**  
Mo. Sunny..... 87/59

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'Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness...'  
— Isaiah 5:20

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### Muleshoe edged out of top spot in sales tax allocation race

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Although Muleshoe took second place in the monthly race for the tax revenue dollar it was in percentage alone. Sudan took the top prize with a 32.15 percent jump, but also took in the least amount of sales tax revenue of the area communities studied.

Muleshoe's second place award was for its 20.54 percent increase compared to the same period in 2007, a significant jump of \$10,677.33.

Littlefield pulled in the most sales tax dollars for the area, but showed a smaller percentage of increase than the Bailey County seat.

The communities of Friona, Bovina and Earth respectively showed the smallest increases in this month's sales tax allocations, however, they still exceeded Sudan in actual amounts collected.

And while Littlefield has shown sales tax dollars for the current year at \$530,336.81 — compared to Muleshoe's year-to-date total of 367,881.71 — Littlefield's collections for the year have shown a 2.20 percent decrease. At the same time, Muleshoe has shown economic growth of 3.59 percent.

July state sales tax revenue and August allocations to local governments represent

Sales Tax Results			
City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$62,654.22	\$51,976.89	20.54%
Dimmitt	\$31,012.06	\$27,302.02	13.58%
Morton	\$10,767.77	\$ 9,247.20	16.44%
Littlefield	\$85,843.20	\$72,904.04	17.74%
Olton	\$14,159.49	\$12,811.19	10.52%
Sudan	\$ 4,196.59	\$ 3,175.47	32.15%
Farwell	\$ 8,824.02	\$ 8,360.12	5.54%
Bovina	\$ 8,357.89	\$ 8,438.74	-0.95%
Friona	\$32,612.75	\$32,541.94	0.21%
Earth	\$ 4,933.70	\$ 5,035.15	-2.01%

sales taxes collected in June by businesses that report sales taxes monthly, and sales taxes collected in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said recently that the state collected \$1.8 billion in sales tax revenue in July, up 10.4 percent compared to one year ago.

"Through July, fiscal 2008 state sales tax collections are up 6.5 percent," Combs said. "The Texas economy remains strong; however, we continue to monitor the slower growth seen nationally."

Combs sent \$583.4 million in August sales tax allocations to local governments, up 9.2 percent compared to August 2007.

So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are up 6.3 percent compared to this time last year.

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**Diabetes support group**

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 6:30 p.m., in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

This program is free of charge to anyone interested. For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, 272-4583.

**Alzheimers support group**

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting on Thursday, Aug. 14, at noon, at Park View Nursing Care Center.

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

For more information about the meeting, contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 806-272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, 806-272-4583.

**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.

**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' first annual Mules Day Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Applications for booth space are being accepted until Sept. 5. To request an application contact June Green, 946-8182, or Elaine Parker at 272-3165 or 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.

Artifacts and other exhibitions are also on site. Free, guided tours are available Monday - Friday, from 1-5 pm.

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.

**Reserved football seating**

Reserved seat tickets for the 2008 Muleshoe Mules football season are now on sale. The tickets are \$25 for five home games. Persons who held reserved seat tickets for the 2007 football season may purchase their seating options at the School Administration office, located at 514 W. Ave. G, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours.

Beginning Monday, Aug. 25, all remaining tickets will go on sale on a first come, first serve basis.

Any reserved seats remaining after the season starts will be available at a cost of \$6 per game and may be purchased at the Administration office on game day.

If you have questions concerning the ticket sales, contact Dana Rasco at 272-7400.

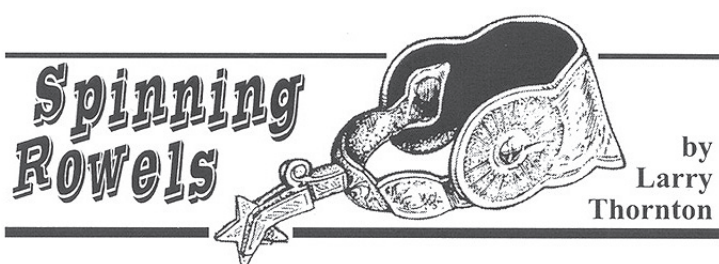
**Mule Mania**

The 2008-09 Mule Mania t-shirts are available from the Muleshoe Athletics Booster Club at the Muleshoe High School office for \$10 each.

**Drivers license office closed**

The Texas Department of Public Safety Drivers License office in Muleshoe will be closed Aug. 18-19, and will reopen on Aug. 20, at 8:30 a.m.

**Thanks for reading! Comments? Call 272-4536**



**What you see... isn't necessarily what you get**

The news that scientists at the University of California, Berkley, are getting closer to developing materials that would render people and objects invisible no doubt has many in American society sitting on the edge of their chairs... and not just within the scientific community.

While some might suggest — considering the source of this latest bit of news — that the chemistry leading up to this announcement might have been more of the internal rather than external variety, the truth is that a wide range of possibilities other than military and espionage are called to mind.

Imagine some members of the national political process are already harboring thoughts of "too little, too late," as they contemplate how their chances at filling the presidency with their favorite candidate would have improved if a suit of this new material had been available a bit earlier in their respective campaigns.

And while their spin doctors would have earned their money denying the fact, there is little doubt in my mind that the Obama crew would have joyfully gift-wrapped an outfit of the new material a couple of months ago, and hand delivered it to Hillary Clinton.

As for the other side of the political fence, McCain's crew is probably already thinking of what Paris Hilton would look like — or should that be "wouldn't look like?" considering the topic — if she were attired in the new material during her recent televised response to McCain and company.

I'd suggest that this is one of those instances in which the garment was needed a couple of years ago, but won't out of fear that her next commercial would target something closer to home.

Over the centuries, the idea of invisibility has drawn a large amount of attention. As far back as Plato's The Republic, the idea of

invisibility has appeared in literature, and mythology carries the idea even farther back.

My biggest fear is that when this new material leaves the fashion runways the discount house spinoffs will be closer to the emperor's new clothes than Harry Potter's cloak of invisibility.

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## Muleshoe FSA office accepting emergency loan applications

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by the drought conditions that occurred on Oct. 1, 2007, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency office, at 111 E. Ave. D., Muleshoe, Farm Loan Manager Jim W. McCary said recently.

On July 30, the Secretary of Agriculture designated 31 New Mexico counties as primary natural disaster areas and sixteen Texas counties as contiguous.

Andrews, Bailey, Cochran,

## County court...

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hearings for Aug. 21, at 6 p.m., and Aug. 25, at 10 a.m., concerning the proposal.

Adoption of the proposed budget is set for the court's Sept. 8 meeting.

Discussed the budget for the county law enforcement center, noting that the decline in out-of-county prisoners had significantly impacted the center's operating budget for the current year, falling short by an estimated \$250,000.

Sheriff Richard Wills said the prisoner census was still down, but added that he had been in contact with an over-crowded New Mexico facility that intended to ship prisoners in the next few days.

"If we can fill up," Judge Harrison said, "I feel we can make up \$90,000 per month."

Approved the minutes from the July 14 regular session, and the July 30 special session, along with the county bills.

Culberson, Dallam, Deaf Smith, El Paso, Gaines, Hartley, Hudspeth, Loving, Oldham, Parmer, Reeves, Winkler and Yoakum Counties are eligible for loans to cover part of production losses caused by the Oct. 1, drought.

McCary said, "This designation makes family-sized farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from FSA. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available, repayment ability and other eligibility requirements".

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until March 30, 2009, for drought, farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly carry over into the new farming season", McCary said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporation or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Muleshoe is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Something worth saying...

By Glen Williams

## Reflecting the values of a hero

"A country's heroes are a reflection of its people's values." Thus wrote Linda Chavez in a recent editorial column.

With that thought as a background I plan to write a few articles about "life's values," or "our values of life," but I'm not as much interested in heroes as I am in our action's — on both an individual and collective basis.

The things we say and the things we do; these are a reflection of our values and these in turn reflect our thoughts, and, as we think so are we.

I know, this is a broad and unending subject, and it applies to every one of us. I know also that we sometimes fall short, or err in our efforts to serve, but it is the design of our government that we all be governed by the same laws, rules and principles of justice and mercy.

I'm not saying that we are to treat each other or everyone alike for we can't do that.

But within the scope of those laws, principles and rules of justice and mercy we have opportunities to

make of ourselves whatever we so desire. There's where the matter of values come in.

Now I don't want to sound "preachy" or important or anything of that nature, but let me ask, "of all the things you have or have access to, what one thing is the most important?"

"Smart men" tell us it is time — our time — 24 hours a day, every day. The same allocation to each of us. The next question is "what have we done with it?"

The next class relation is our family members and our friends. For without them our chances of making much progress will be very limited.

I have read that in some respects, a "friend" is the closest relation known to man. After all it was after he had carried out the painful instructions given him that Abraham was called "a friend of God."

As far as I know, God and Abraham never spoke to each other again, neither did Abraham and Isaac ever speak to each other after that.

Best wishes... and more next week.

"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

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# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Well believe it or not it is election time. There will be three positions on the board of directors to be filled. The nominating petitions will be available in the center on Aug. 15.

If you know of someone that is willing to serve and support the center, please ask them to agree to be on

the ballot for election. The nominating of candidates will end on Aug. 29.

The voting ballots will be available on Tuesday, Sept. 2, in the center. All ballots will be cast at the center. We encourage everyone to participate in the election on new members for the Board.

Monday, Aug. 18, Mandi

Seaton will be here to present her monthly program. Make plans to be here as she always has a very good program and is a delight to listen to.

Tuesday, Aug. 19, will be Bunco playing day. All you players call someone and come in at 10 a.m.

Prizes are given to the winners. So make plans to

be at the center.

Remember on Tuesday, Al Harrison with Calvert Home Health comes by the center to take blood pressures. If you should need this service to monitor your blood pressure, he can give you a card.

Thursday is our Bingo playing afternoon. The games begin at 1:30 p.m.

and end at 3 p.m. We want to thank each of you for the donations of prizes for Bingo. A special thank you to Judy Wilbanks and Western Drug and Something Special for the very nice gifts given for Bingo.

Friday, Aug. 22, NursCare will be here taking blood pressures and heart rates. We appreciate LaShae

Mason and her helpers very much. NursCare will be giving our flu shot this year. The flu shots will be available here Oct. 22.

**Menu for Aug. 18-22:**  
Monday, Aug. 18 — Liver and onions, black eye peas, greens, cornbread and cookies.

Tuesday, Aug. 19 —  
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## His Wing Shelters You by Max Lucado

"He will shield you with his wings. He will shelter you with his feathers." (Psalm 91:4)

My college friends and I barely escaped a West Texas storm before it pummeled the park where we were spending a Saturday afternoon. As we were leaving, my buddy brought the car to a sudden stop and gestured to a tender sight on the ground. A mother bird sat exposed to the rain, her wing extended over her baby who had fallen out of the nest. The fierce storm prohibited her from returning to the tree, so she covered her child until the wind passed.

From how many winds is God protecting you? His wing, at this moment, shields you. A slanderous critic heading toward your desk is interrupted by a phone call. A burglar en route to your house has a flat tire. A drunk driver runs out of gas before your car passes his. God, your guardian, protects you from

"every trap" (Ps. 91:3);  
"the fatal plague" (Ps. 91:3);  
"the plague that stalks in darkness" (Ps. 91:6);  
"the terrors of the night...the dangers of the day" (Ps. 91:5).

One translation boldly promises: "Nothing bad will happen to you" (Ps. 91:10 NCV).  
"Then why does it?" someone erupts. "Explain my job transfer. Or the bum who called himself my dad. Or the death of our child." If God is our guardian, why do bad things happen to us?

Have they? Have bad things really happened to you? You and God may have different definitions for the word bad.

God views your life the way you view a movie after you've read the book. When something bad happens, you feel the air sucked out of the theater. Everyone else gasps at the crisis on the screen. Not you. Why? You've read the book. You know how the good guy gets out of the tight spot. God views your life with the same confidence. He's not only read your story...he wrote it. His perspective is different, and his purpose is clear.

God uses struggles to toughen our spiritual skin. Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way. (James 1:2-4)

Trust him. "But when I am afraid, I put my trust in you" (Ps. 56:3). Join with Isaiah, who resolved, "I will trust in him and not be afraid" (Isa. 12:2).

God is directing your steps and delighting in every detail of your life (Ps. 37:23-24). In fact, that's his car pulling over to the side of the road. That's God opening the door. And that's you climbing into the passenger seat.

There now, don't you feel safer knowing he is in control?  
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# Obituaries

## Zida Mae Black

Church services for Zida Mae Black, 96, of North Richland Hills, formerly of Muleshoe, were held on Friday, Aug. 8, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating.

Family visitation was held on Thursday, Aug. 7, at Ellis Funeral Home

Burial followed Friday's services in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Black died on Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008, in her residence. She was born on June 15, 1912, to George and Bessie Vivian Haines in Peacock, and married Claude Ray Black in Sayre, Okla., on Oct. 19, 1929. He preceded her in death on March 24, 1989.

Beside her parents she was preceded in death by a son — Delbert Black; two grandsons; a sister — Artie Kelly; and two brothers — Jim and George Haines.

Black moved to the Muleshoe area in 1933 from Wheeler. She recently



ZIDA MAE BLACK

moved to North Richland Hills from Muleshoe to be near her daughter.

Black was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe, the Senior Citizens, Joy Choir and the Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include a daughter — Fern Cagle of North Richland Hills; five grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren, two great-great-great-grandchildren; and a sister — Madge Lee Beauchamp of Sudan.

# Engagement



CINDY TRENT AND JOSHUA HALL

## Trent, Hall to wed on Aug. 16

Wells and Janet Hall of Muleshoe announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, Joshua Hall, to Cindy Trent of Church Hill, Tenn.

Both the prospective bride and the prospective groom are currently attending college at Southern Virginia University at Buena Vista, Va., where they plan to reside.

The wedding is set for Saturday, Aug. 16, in the Lubbock Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

A reception will be held in their honor at the LDS Church Building at 1930 S. Ave. G, Portales, N.M., from 6-8 p.m. that same day.

All friends and family who would like to attend are welcome.

## Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Inc.

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## Warning: Let the Clicker Beware!

“CNN Alert: My Custom Alerts.”

That's what the subject line of the e-mail said. I didn't remember subscribing to anything by that name. But who can you trust if not CNN? (Actually, my answer would be FOX News, but . . .)

Anyway, I clicked on the e-mail, was taken to a site that told me I needed to upgrade a “Flash” plug-in to read the

To make the long story a bit shorter, I'll just tell you that I did finally find on the Web a good bit of genuine information about this pernicious “malware” program, including a number of possible ways to exterminate it. (The term “malware” is a relatively new techie term that combines “software” with the Latin root meaning “bad,” as in “malicious,” “malignant,” etc. It is all of those things!

I chose an anti-malware program recommended by an expert sufficiently “geeky” that I felt he knew whereof he spoke. And, after running a scan that kept me up late into the night or early into the morning, I managed to find and, I hope, destroy, 63 pernicious files of various sorts. (Less than 3,130 but malfessant enough nonetheless. “Malfessant”: “engaging in misconduct or wrong-doing.”)

I think I'm on the road to a “cured” computer, though what I may still find in the next few days has me a tad concerned. I also wonder how many e-mails my computer sent out from my address but without my permission telling people that they have a “CNN Alert” of their very own, and all they have to do is click and read. Perhaps “caveat empitor” (“let the buyer beware”) needs to be updated: “Let the clicker beware!” Or something like that.

All of this makes me think. If we own computers, we surely need to be careful what we allow into our operating systems. But it's even more important what we allow into our lives. Greed and envy, anger, bitterness, covetousness and such, may not be labeled “mal-ware,” but they do indeed mess up lives.

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

## Local youth basketball meeting set

Muleshoe Youth Basketball will be meeting on Thursday, Aug. 21, at 8 p.m., at the Muleshoe Church of Christ, located on West American Blvd, to elect board members and representatives for both the boys and girls, grades third through sixth, basketball programs.

For more information, contact Tracie Leal at 272-5954 or 241-2763.

## Mule Mania shirts are here

The 2008-09 Mule Mania t-shirts are available from the Muleshoe Athletics Booster Club at the Muleshoe High School office for \$10 each.

## Drivers license office to close

The Texas Department of Public Safety Drivers License office in Muleshoe will be closed Aug. 18-19, and will reopen on Aug. 20, at 8:30 a.m.

## Senior Citizen News

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Meatloaf with sauce, northern white beans, salad, wheat roll and pudding.

Wednesday, Aug. 20 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and fruit cobbler.

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## Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne



## Texas poised to lead American nuclear renaissance

Soaring energy costs are taxing our economy and leaving us dangerously dependent on foreign energy sources.

The U.S. Department of Energy projects that our need for electricity will increase 25 percent by 2030.

While global demand increases, worldwide energy supply remains fairly stagnant, unnecessarily restrained by government regulations and prohibitions. In order to reduce the cost of fuel and power and ensure we can meet energy demands into the future, we must increase domestic supply and expand our portfolio of energy options.

Now is the time to make nuclear power a greater part of America's energy solution.

Nuclear power is a clean, efficient, domestic source of energy, but it is currently underutilized.

From 1950 through the 1970s, there was a surge in U.S. nuclear power, and over 100 reactors were commissioned in 31 states.

However, by the end of the 1970s, construction on nuclear reactors slowed. Federal research and development funding for nuclear technology declined as investors pursued sources of electricity with lower capital and development costs. America began to turn away from nuclear power.

Meanwhile, other nations, like France, began to develop nuclear technology and made it a centerpiece of their energy portfolios.

Though the entire country of France is over 50,000 square miles smaller than Texas, it now has 59 of the world's 439 nuclear units. A whopping 80 percent of its power is nuclear-generated.

Japan – roughly half the size of France – has 55 nuclear power plants. Though the U.S. has 104 reactors, a new one has not been constructed since



## Capitol Comment

By U.S. Sen.  
Kay Bailey Hutchison

1977.

Nuclear production accounts for a mere 20 percent of the electricity we use.

Fortunately, America is on the verge of a nuclear renaissance – and Texas is poised to play a central role.

Our state is on track to build the nation's first nuclear reactors in 30 years with the expansion of the South Texas Project (STP) nuclear station in Bay City.

These new reactors will double the existing STP production levels, helping to ensure that Texas' increasing energy demands will be met. Additionally, construction and operation of the units will generate thousands of new jobs in Texas.

Passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 signaled a shift in this direction, with provisions to spur investment in nuclear power infrastructure. Many in Congress believe a goal of 45 new nuclear power plants in the U.S. by 2030 is reasonable.

Policymakers from both sides of the aisle, industry leaders, environmentalists, members of the business community, and the ranks of academia are increasingly rallying around nuclear energy as an important part of the solution.

The Nuclear Energy Institute reports that our nation's 104 nuclear plants operate 24/7 and produce power approximately 90 percent of the time.

This surpasses the output efficiency levels of all other power sources. Furthermore, nuclear power is low in cost compared to other fuel

sources that are used for electricity. In our present energy crunch, natural gas, which is sensitive to market fluctuations, is significantly more expensive than when it was considered a good substitute for nuclear power.

One uranium fuel pellet – smaller than a peanut – yields as much electricity as 17,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

Nuclear power has a proven safety record. U.S. reactors have collectively logged more than 3,000 reactor-years of operating experience, while quietly powering cities and towns across the nation.

The U.S. Navy has more than 5,500 reactor-years under its belt. Our fleet of over 80 nuclear-powered submarines and aircraft carriers has operated accident-free in international waters and has docked in ports across the world for more than 50 years.

It is also one of our cleanest forms of energy. Nuclear power, which emits little or no greenhouse gases, presents a reliable, environmentally-favorable alternative to other sources of fuel.

In July, I sent a letter to Energy Secretary Sam Bodman, urging the Energy Department to swiftly approve the application for Texas' two new reactors. There are presently 23 applications for construction on new U.S. nuclear power plants. Four of them, including the STP reactors, could be slated for Texas – more than any other state.

It is my hope that the approval and completion of the STP reactors will pave the way for nuclear power plant construction across our nation.

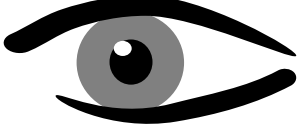
Nuclear power must play a significant role as America strides toward an energy-efficient and independent future.

**Remember!**  
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CE Grant	5	Mxd. bulls	481 lbs.	at \$106.00
FM Farms, Brownfield	2	Blk. bulls	285 lbs.	at \$134.00
FM Farms	2	Blk. str.	408 lbs.	at \$119.00
Olivera Aldape, Plainview	3	Mxd. str.	340 lbs.	at \$128.00
RFD Inc., Plains	8	Blk. str.	431 lbs.	at \$121.50
Walking J Farms, Muleshoe	3	Red bulls	499 lbs.	at \$106.00
Kenneth Blount, Seminole	7	Mxd. str.	628 lbs.	at \$109.25
JOB Farming Inc.	2	Mxd. hfrs	168 lbs.	at \$265.00
JOB Farming Inc.	8	Char. hfrs	205 lbs.	at \$295.00
JOB Farming Inc.	5	Char. hfrs	302 lbs.	at \$126.00
JOB Farming Inc.	9	Mxd. hfrs	392 lbs.	at \$117.00
JOB Farming Inc.	3	Mxd. hfrs	440 lbs.	at \$111.00
FM Farms	5	Blk. hfrs	433 lbs.	at \$112.00
MC McElroy, Brownfield	3	Mxd. hfrs	702 lbs.	at \$98.50
Jim Hall, Muleshoe	3	Blk. hfrs	750 lbs.	at \$97.00
Bill Myatt, Levelland	3	Mxd. hfrs	855 lbs.	at \$92.50
Dudley Offield, Littlefield	2	Char. cows P6		\$775.00
Eulalia Dealba, Hale Center	2	Hol. cows P8		\$1100.00
CE Grant		Char. cow	1165 lbs.	at \$66.00
CE Grant		Blk. cow	1070 lbs.	at \$64.75
CE Grant		Blk. bull	2600 lbs.	at \$75.00
GPC, Hereford		Red cow	1245 lbs.	at \$64.50
Walking J Farms		Red cow	1275 lbs.	at \$64.00
JOB Farming Inc.		Char. cow	1390 lbs.	at \$64.00
Six Mile Farms, Earth		BWF cow	1220 lbs.	at \$63.50
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Clay Grant, Muleshoe		RWF cow	1040 lbs.	at \$62.00
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Are you watching all the excitement surrounding the Summer Olympics, which are being held in Beijing, China? Can you imagine 15,000 athletes from over 200 countries, speaking just about every language you can think of? Wouldn't you like to walk around the Olympic Village where they live and see how they train and what they eat, and listen to them speak?

The athletes have been training for many years and are among the best in the world. They will compete in events in 28 different sports such as gymnastics, table tennis and Judo. The winners will walk away with beautiful Gold, Silver and Bronze medals that have jade on their backs.

**Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:**

- The first Olympic games were held in Olympia, \_\_\_\_\_.
- The first Olympic competition was a \_\_\_\_\_, which was run barefoot.
- Our modern winter or summer \_\_\_\_\_ are held every 2 years.
- Before the games start, runners carry the Olympic \_\_\_\_\_ from Olympia, Greece to the place where the Olympics will be held that year.
- This year, the host city of the summer games is \_\_\_\_\_, China.
- Nearly 15,000 \_\_\_\_\_ will go to China to compete.
- About six \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. athletes will attend the Olympic games.
- The athletes will live together in the Olympic \_\_\_\_\_ during the games.
- They will compete in 302 events in 28 different \_\_\_\_\_.
- People all over the \_\_\_\_\_ watch and cheer for the athletes.
- We hold our breath while we wait for the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The most watched sports are expected to be \_\_\_\_\_ and table tennis.
- The Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals in China all have \_\_\_\_\_ on their backs.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ person ever to win a Gold Medal was 13-year-old diver Marjorie Gestring.
- Look for the 2010 Winter Games to be held in Vancouver, \_\_\_\_\_!

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The youngest Gold Medal winner ever was 13-year-old Marjorie Gestring. She won it in a diving event.

Do you think skateboarding might be one of the Olympic sports someday?

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13 \_\_\_\_\_ world  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ torch  
15 \_\_\_\_\_ athletes  
5 \_\_\_\_\_ footrace  
12 \_\_\_\_\_ Greece  
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**The Olympic Symbols - A Pop Quiz!**

Do you know the three main symbols used for the Olympic Games? The Olympic Rings and the Olympic Torch are the first two and are very well known around the world. There also is a motto that is in Latin which means "faster-higher-stronger" and refers to the competing athletes. Read each statement about the symbols and circle "T" if it is true or "F" if it is false.

**The 5 Olympic Rings:**

- stand for the five major areas of the world (Americas, Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania). T F
- are colored red, blue, green, yellow and black - chosen so that each nation has at least six of its colors in the rings. T F
- are linked on a flag of white to show harmony in the world. T F

**The Olympic Torch:**

- design is chosen each year. T F
- if it is sunny, is lit by the sun using a special mirror. T F
- is carried from Athens, Greece (the first site of the games) to the city where the games are being held. T F
- was carried over Mt. Everest for the first time this year. T F

**Greetings From China**

Do you know what an Olympic mascot is? It is an animal or human figure that stands for the cultural heritage of the host country. The first official mascot was a dachshund at the Munich games in 1972. In 1980, Misha, the Russian bear cub was a popular mascot. China has designed a set of five mascots for the Games in Beijing. They are cartoon characters called "Fuwa." They are childlike and also have characteristics of some of China's favorite animals: the Panda, the Fish, the Swallow, the Tibetan Antelope and the Olympic Flame too!

The names of the mascots are Beibei, Jingjing, Huanhuan, Yingying and Nini. When their names are put together they say a greeting:

**Beijing huanying ni!**

Use this alphabet key to see the greeting the mascots are sending to the world!

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
O	P	Q	R	S	T	
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# Extension center offers food safety suggestions for outdoor activities

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

"Engage in regular physical activity..." this is one of the key recommendations from the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Having an active lifestyle can mean outings as a family for hiking, camping, and other recreational activities which often involve food.

During these hot summer temperatures we experience on the South Plains, we need to be sure and handle food safely.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that there are 76 million cases of foodborne illness resulting in 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,000 deaths each year says Amanda Scott, expanded nutrition program specialist, Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Common symptoms of foodborne illness include diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, fever, and abdominal cramps.

The first step to food safety for outdoor activities is to plan ahead. Take some time to decide what you are

## Health

going to eat and how you are going to cook it.

These steps can help you determine what types of equipment you will need:

- You should also consider what you will have access to during your stay outdoors adds Scott. Will you have water that is safe for drinking? Can you build a fire, use a grill, or use some type of portable stove to prepare foods?

- Depending on your planned activities and access to equipment, you might consider packing foods that do not require refrigeration such as peanut butter, crackers, juice boxes, canned meats, dried noodles and soups, beef jerky, dried fruits, nuts, or other dehydrated foods.

However, if do plan to take along perishable foods, follow these suggestions to keep foods safe:

- Place perishable foods in a cooler with plenty of ice.

You may even consider placing a refrigerator thermometer in a plastic bag in the cooler. Make sure the cooler temperature remains at 40 degrees or less.

- Try packing meat and poultry while it is still frozen to maintain the temperature. Also, full coolers will stay colder longer than one than is partially full.

- When packing raw meats, keep these items separate from other ready to eat foods such as fruits and vegetables in the cooler.

- Consider taking along two coolers — one for perishable foods which should only be opened when foods need to be prepared and another for drinks which will be opened more frequently.

In hot summer weather, it's also important to remember that foods should not sit out for long periods of time. Generally speaking, you should discard any food left out more than two hours. However, if temperatures

are greater than 90 degrees, food should not sit out any longer than one hour.

Finally, the most important food safety tip for outdoor fun is to wash your hands. "Handwashing is crucial to the prevention of foodborne illness," said Scott.

"It's best to wash your hands with warm, soapy water for 20 seconds. If running water is not available, use a disposable towelette to wipe hands clean," he said.

"You may also consider a hand sanitizing solution which can reduce germs but will not eliminate any dirt or grime present," he added.

For more information about food safety, contact Mandi Seaton, county extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, or visit the following link: United States Department of Agriculture - Food Safety and Inspection Service [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact\\_Sheets/Food\\_Safety\\_While\\_Hiking\\_Camping\\_&\\_Boating/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Food_Safety_While_Hiking_Camping_&_Boating/index.asp).

## Who are they?



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.

The photographs above, and a large number of other photographs, have accumulated at the news office. Please reclaim these pieces of family history.

## Publication of Obituaries

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information: date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren) will be included; and where memorials may be directed. We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid. Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home.



# The Sudan Buzz

## Contestants still sought for Sept. 6 SISD competitions

### Talent Show Entry Form

Category of Talent (circle one): Individual or Group

Name(s) of contestant(s):

Performance title:

Description of your performance:

Note: If music is part of your performance please submit the song title and a CD of your selection by Sept. 1.

All performances must be approved by the Celebration Committee and suitable for all ages.

Mail to: Susan Baker, P.O. Box 433, Sudan, TX 79371

Call: 227-2448 or 227-2431, ext. 210.  
or Email: [susanbaker@sudanisd.net](mailto:susanbaker@sudanisd.net)

The public is invited to help honor Sudan school's contributions to the community's lifestyles by celebrating 90 years of excellence in education on Sept. 6 at the Sudan Independent School District complex, Main Street and Hwy. 303.

There will be games for all ages, a parade, entertainment throughout the day, guest speakers, talents shows, dance, and good eats.

"We've even planned the evening meal for you!" The Sudan Volunteer Fire

Department will begin serving dinner at 5 p.m.

Talent shows competitions start at 3 p.m. with a \$300 grand prize, and two \$50 second place awards: one for an individual and one for a group performance. Finals for the competition will exhibit at 6 p.m.

Entry fee for an individual performance is only \$10 and only \$25 for a group. Just cut out the entry form on this page, fill in the blanks, and send it in, drop it off at the Sudan City Hall, or email it to [susanbaker@sudanisd.net](mailto:susanbaker@sudanisd.net).

The deadline for entry forms and fees is Aug. 29.

For more information on the talent show contact Susan Baker at 227-2448 or 227-2431, ext. 210.

There will also be a 3-on-3 basketball competition, beginning at noon with a \$15 per-team fee and a \$200 winners' purse.

For those who enjoy

horseshoes, showdowns begin at noon with an entry of \$15 for a team. Winners go home \$200 richer.

For more information on basketball competition, contact Lisa Logan at 729-2641 or Bob Sisson, 638-5344.

For more on the horseshoe pitching, contact Greg Lance at 227-2514.

Email your Sudan news to Leslie Powers at: [lspowers@yahoo.com](mailto:lspowers@yahoo.com)  
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# Muleshoe ISD student dress code changes are announced

The Muleshoe Independent School District, as required by law, has developed a student code of conduct, as well as a dress code, that prohibits certain behaviors and establishes standards of acceptable behavior — both on and off campus — and consequences for violation of the standards.

To achieve the best possible learning environment for all students, the student code of conduct and other campus rules of behavior will apply on or off school grounds, in conjunction with school-sponsored activities.

The district prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.

The district prohibits pictures, emblems, or writing of clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, "gang-related" or obscene. Also, clothing that advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcohol beverages, drugs, or any other prohibited substance.

If it is determined that a student's grooming violates the dress code, the student shall be provided an article of clothing that meets the dress code for the remainder of the school day. Students will not be allowed to miss class to go change clothing. Appropriate discipline procedures shall be followed in all cases.

Principals and district personnel in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in those

activities. Students who violate those standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

Principals, assistant principals or their designees shall have the latitude to make decisions or judgment calls on dress and grooming practices. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

- Strapless tops, see-through clothing, tops that do not cover the midriff and back at all times, tops with spaghetti straps, halter-tops, or low necklines are not permissible.
- Shorts, skirts and slits in shorts and skirts must

be mid-thigh or longer in length. Shirt length must not fall below the finger tips when the arms are down along the side of the body.

• Clothing that is defaced shall be determined inappropriate. For examples: Holes (of any size, anywhere), markings, ripped, etc.

• Caps, hats, scarves, bandanas, or sunglasses may not be worn inside the building unless permission is granted by the principal on special designated dress-up days.

• Sleeveless tops with large armholes must have a t-shirt worn underneath.

• Clothing that exhibits lewd, offensive, vulgar, violent, "gang-related" or obscene pictures or writing may not be worn.

• Clothing that is baggy and does not fit properly

may not be worn, pants must fit at the waist and worn at the waist.

• Shoes with built-in rollers or wheels are not permitted.

• Oversized belts may not be worn.

• Chains may not be worn around the waist or hang from pockets or belt loops.

• Hair must be cut above the collar (boys), out of the eyes, neat, clean and combed.

• Hair that is considered unacceptable, distracting, disruptive, or a health-safety hazard is not allowed. Examples include hair color not in natural hair tones, pony or pig tails for boys, lines in the hair, mohawks, designs, and styles that are considered "gang-related."

• Girls may wear earrings only in the ear. Eyebrow rings, nose rings, gauges or spacers, body piercing, etc. are not allowed for girls.

• Boys may not wear earrings or studs, gauges

or spacers at any time.

• Eyebrows may not be notched.

• Undergarments may not be visible at any time.

• All tattoos must be covered at all times (even during extracurricular events).

• Facial hair, such as mustaches that are neatly trimmed and groomed, are acceptable. Goatees, beards and excessive sideburns are not acceptable and students will be asked to shave or trim them in an acceptable manner.

Students will not be allowed to leave school to take care of this grooming since they knew beforehand that it was unacceptable. Safety razors and shaving cream will be provided at school.

At a designated time in the day, a dress code check will be performed and all teachers will check for dress code violations with students in their class.

## MISD notes changes in school meal policy, prices

The Muleshoe Independent School District has adopted a new policy going into effect for the 2008-09 school year.

Charges for meals, includes breakfast and lunch will be limited to \$16. Once a student reaches this limit, a cheese sandwich and milk will be provided for

this student at the cost of 60 cents until the student's charges have been paid. Letters will be sent home every two weeks indicating if the student has charges that need to be cleared up.

In junior high and high school, students will not be allowed to charge for food in the snack or a' la carte' lines

at any time.

Students with outstanding charges at the end of the school year will not be given their final report card until all charges have been paid.

If the charges are still not cleared up before the start of the next year, students will not be able to enroll

for the new year until such charges have been paid.

Due to food, minimum wages and gasoline and diesel cost increases, the school district has increased the meal prices as follows:

• Breakfast — 60 cents for pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade, an increase of 10 cents.

• Lunch — \$1.45 for pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade, an increase of 25 cents.

• Lunch — \$1.65 for sixth grade through 12th grade, an increase of 25 cents.

Some a la cart' prices will be increased as well.

## Public meeting set to discuss transportation services

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, in the Lubbock District Conference Room, located at 135 Slaton Road in Lubbock, Texas, to solicit public comments about transportation services provided to elderly and disabled patrons in the

Lubbock District's 17-county area.

The goal of the annual Section 5310 Elderly and Persons with Disabilities meeting is to discuss the development of cost effective services to improve the quality of transportation and serve the transit needs of elderly and disabled individuals in

the Lubbock District.

Persons with disabilities planning on attending the public meeting who require auxiliary aids or services should contact Lynn O. Castle, TxDOT transportation planning specialist, at (806)748-4480, at

least two days prior to the meeting.

**Happy 1st Birthday Chloe Skye Carrion!**

*Such a big girl already! We miss you so much. Your big smile is so comforting. May God continue to protect you and guide your little steps.*

*Hugs and kisses, Grandma Elida and Papa BJ Yigo, Guam*



## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The COUNTY OF BAILEY will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.982262 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 21, 2008 at 6:00 PM at Bailey County Courthouse, Commissioners Court Room, 300 S. First Street, Muleshoe, TX .

The second public hearing will be held on August 25, 2008 at 10:00 AM at Bailey County Courthouse, Commissioners Court Room, 300 S. First Street, Muleshoe, TX.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

- FOR: Judge Harrison, Commissioner Grant, Commissioner Kindle, Commissioner Chavez
- AGAINST:
- PRESENT and not voting:
- ABSENT: Commissioner Vandiver

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in COUNTY OF BAILEY last year was \$40,000. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.683300 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$273.32.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in COUNTY OF BAILEY this year is \$49,723. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.676500 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$336.38.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.730500 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$363.23.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

### Special Provisions if Applicable

**Criminal Justice Mandate** (use for counties, if applicable):  
The Bailey County Auditor certifies that Bailey County has spent \$0 in the previous 12 months beginning 07/01/2007, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Bailey County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

**Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures** (use if applicable):  
The COUNTY OF BAILEY spent \$3,946 from 07/01/2006 to 06/30/2007 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$1,822.

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## Engagements



JONATHAN CRAIG BRADLEY AND ANGELA GENEVA BELL

### Bell, Bradley engagement announced

Troy Bell of Houston and Sandra Webb of Tulsa, Okla., announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Angela Geneva Bell, to Jonathan Craig Bradley.

The prospective groom is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Barry Bradley of Orange, formerly of Muleshoe.

The couple plan to be married at Tarp Chapel and Gardens in Broken Arrow, Okla., on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008, at 6 p.m., with the Rev. Barry Bradley officiating.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Catoosa High School, in Catoosa, Okla.,

and Rogers State University, in Claremore, Okla. She is currently employed as a pipeline supply purchasing agent for Kinder-Morgan Energy Company, in Houston.

The prospective groom is a graduate of West Orange-Stark High School and a graduate of Texas A&M University. He is currently employed as a commercial construction site supervisor with Spaw-Glass Inc. in Houston.

Following a wedding trip to Jackson Hole, Wyo., the couple will reside in Houston.

## Bridal Shower

### Rucker, Skaggs shower held

Jamie Rucker, the prospective bride of Gary Skaggs, was honored at a bridal shower on Aug. 3, at the home of Alice Liles of Muleshoe.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Marie Rucker and Russell and Liz Rucker.

The prospective groom is the son of Gary and Lanelle Skaggs of Muleshoe.

Hostesses for the event included Donna Redwine, Cindy Purdy, Shelly Turnbow, Sandy Nash, Alice Liles, Erma Leal, Brenda Lackey, Diana Harrison, Ruth Hall, Donna Green, Gayla Gear, Margaret Copley, Beckye Conklin, Sandi Chitwood, Linda Flores, Janis Morrison, Tracy Been



JAMIE RUCKER

and Hellen Adrian.

The hostess gift was a set of Calphalon knives and money.

Special guests included Marie Rucker, Liz Rucker, Lanelle Skaggs, Jean Skaggs, Jane Miller and Susan Bigham.

### Simpson deployed with Marines

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Louis D. Simpson, the son of Tim M. Bradley of Muleshoe, is currently deployed with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 (MWSS-172), Marine Wing Support Group 17, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan.

MWSS-172, which joined forces with 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) in Al Asad, Iraq, is the first wing support squadron from III Marine Expeditionary Force to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

All previous MWSS's deployed from aircraft wings based in the United States.

The Marines of MWSS-172 will perform aviation ground support aboard Al Asad Air Base and throughout the Anbar province and modify existing helicopter-landing zones (HLZ) while constructing new ones.

Using heavy equipment, the Marines level the area and compact the soil, then lay down a coat of soil-stabilizing substance to prevent excessive sand clouds.

The process will enhance the pilots' visibility, allowing them to land aircraft safely.

Additionally, MWSS-172 and Alpha Company, 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (CEB) teamed up with the Engineer Company, 7th Iraqi Infantry Division, to construct a new headquarters site from

which Iraqi Army soldiers can conduct operations.

For more than two years, 3rd Battalion, 10th Brigade, 7th Iraqi Infantry Division, has occupied the school in the town of Bagdadi while maintaining security in the local area.

The 3rd CEB fortified the new site, placing barriers, guard houses and concertina wire while MWSS-172 and the Iraqi Army engineers erected prefabricated buildings.

The school is scheduled to be de-militarized before the start of the next school term, allowing students to return and reducing overcrowding in the neighboring schools.

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

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CODY TURNER AND TWILA KEELING

### Keeling, Turner to exchange vows

Dalton and Sheila Keeling announce the engagement of their daughter, Twila Keeling, of Bloomfield, N.M., to Cody Turner of Muleshoe.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Bloomfield High School and attended

Eastern New Mexico University, and is employed as an office assistant for Farmers Market Family Stores.

The prospective groom is the son of Keith and Linda Turner. He is a graduate of Shallowater High School and Clovis Community College, and is a manager at United Supermarkets of Muleshoe.

new headquarters site from

### Bradshaw, Brown attend beauty product conference

Dianne Brown and Janice Bradshaw, both of Muleshoe, joined more than 35,000 Mary Kay® Independent business owners from throughout the United States and around the world at the company's annual seminar held in Dallas July 17-Aug. 2.

Brown began her Mary Kay® business in 2002, and is currently an independent beauty consultant and future director.

Bradshaw began her business in 2006 and is currently an independent beauty consultant and team leader. At the seminar, she was recognized as ranking 14th out of all the beauty consultants in the Sapphire Division for the Queen's Court for personal sales.

## Who are they?



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**City council... Continued from page 1**

Monday, the city council:

- Noted that the public hearings on the FY2008-09 budget are set for Aug. 21 and Aug. 28, at 5:30 p.m.
- Approved the minutes from the July 14 meeting.
- Approved a \$1,930.26 receipt reimbursement to the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation for advertising expenses rising from this year's Tour de Muleshoe, at the recommendation of the city staff.

Prior to the motion to approve the reimbursement, Mason, who chaired the meeting in the absence of

the mayor, noted that two other organizations were listed in the agenda as requesting reimbursements from the city's hotel-motel tax fund, and asked about the total funds currently available.

Both the Muleshoe Rotary Club and the Muleshoe Jennyslippers were listed on the agenda requesting reimbursements up to \$2,000 and \$283.58 respectively.

According to city officials, these two amounts, along with the amount requested by the heritage foundation

would exceed the available funds by about \$30.

However, City Manager David Brunson pointed out that the Rotary Club and Jennyslippers' requests were for events that had yet to occur, and that the actual reimbursement wouldn't be made until after receipts were presented following the event, probably in October when the new fiscal budget was in place.

All three actions were approved by the council.

- Took no action concerning the single bid for the construction of a

new sewer line and lift station for the west edge of Muleshoe.

The city manager suggested that the council extend the bid deadline to allow additional bids to be received.

- Approved an ordinance at the recommendation of the city staff concerning an agreement with Atmos Energy that will replace the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program, which Brunson said "expanded the meaning of infrastructure."

The city manager explained that the original

GRIP program allowed Atmos Energy to charge several things — such as the cost of sending company representatives and their spouses to the NBA Finals, back to its

customers, without the say of the cities.

"It improves a program that was not very good," Brunson said.

"This is a good thing," Mason said.

**Upland cotton production down 41 percent**

The 2008 Texas Upland cotton crop is expected to total 5.2 million bales, 37 percent less than in 2007, and 10 percent less than 2006.

Yield is expected to average 734 pounds per acre, compared with 843

pounds last year. Acreage expected for harvest is estimated at 3.4 million acres, down 28 percent from 2007.

Corn production is forecast at 283.5 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year, and 62 percent more than in 2006.

Based on Aug. 1 conditions, statewide yield is expected to average 126 bushels per acre, 22

bushels less than in 2007. Acres to be harvested for grain, at 2.3 million, are up 13 percent from last year.

Sorghum production is forecast at 117 million bushels, 28 percent less than last year.

Acres to be harvested are estimated at 2.3 million acres, down eight percent from last year. Yield, at 52 bushels per acre, is down 14 bushels from last year.

**For your information...**

If your college student is graduating or has made the Dean's or President's List, in order for that information to appear in the Muleshoe Journal, we must receive notice from the respective educational institution. Your son or daughter must sign a release so the information can be sent to us. Have them visit their bursar's office to sign a form indicating they wish to share their good news! Once permission to share information has been granted, the college or university should send the info via email to: editor@fivearea.com.

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**Time:**  
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*Published in the Muleshoe Journal August 14 and 21, 2008.*

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of CLIFTON WAYNE TUNNELL, Deceased, were issued on August 11, 2008, in Docket No. 2474, pending in the County Court of Bailey County, Texas, To Karen L. Tunnell. The residence of the Administrator is in Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas, and the post office address of her agent in Texas is: c/o Ken Rolston, 1445 North Loop West, Suite 100, Houston, Texas 77008-1654

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this 12th day of August, 2008  
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• CUSTOM BUILT (2004)- 3-2-2 Brick home, Cent. A&H, Built ins, FP, approx 1932' lv. area, fenced yd. auto spktr., 720' workshop/storage w/ 1 1/2 bath!! MUCH MORE!! \$225!!  
• VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, corner lot, built-ins, Cent. A&H, approx. 1973' lv. area, guest cottage/eff. aptmnt. workshop!!!! PRICE REDUCED!! \$119,500!!  
• VERY NICE 4-4-2 Brick Home on corner lot, approx. 3500' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, auto. spktr., large finished basement!! MUCH MORE!! \$265K!!  
• NICE 3-2-4 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP w/insert, water softener, auto.spktr, fenced yd., corner lot, Lots of storage!! \$119K!! (approx. 2004' lv. area)  
• VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, wood laminate & tile approx. 1818' lv. area, cov. patio, 15' x 30' pool, large storage/wkshp, fenced yd.!! PRICE REDUCED \$139K!!  
• NICE 2-1-3 carport Home, carpet, tile, fans, fenced yd., storage bldg. MORE!! \$45K!!  
• NICELY REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick Home, corner lot, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2159' lv. area, auto. spktr., add. lot w/stor/workshop Bldg.!! \$173,000!!  
• 2 NICELY REMODELED DUPLEX UNITS & 1 NEW Duplex unit!! PRICED TO SELL!!  
• NEW 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, alarm sys., spktr. sys., fenced yd., numerous other amenities. 140K!!  
• BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM BUILT 3-2-2 Brick Home, built-ins, FP, isolated master, safe rm., patio, nicely landscaped, spktr. sys., fenced yd.!!  
• NICELY REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick, new Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 3125' lv. area, spktr. sys., fenced yd., MORE!!  
• VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fireplace, utility, new paint, carpet, tile, atrium doors, blinds, 7 fans, cov. patio, stor. bldg., fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$130,000!!  
• VERY NICE 3-2-5-2 Brick Home, Dual Fuel Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, basement, cent. vac. & humidifier systems, auto. spktr., workshop/storage, fenced yd., corner lot!! \$169,500!!  
• VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx 1920' lv. area, cov. patio, fenced yd., auto spktr., & stor. bldg.!! \$139K!!  
• NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. Geothermal heat pump, built-ins, 2 FP, sunroom, hot tub, approx 2448' lv area, screened porch, cellar, auto spktr., stor. bldgs, \$149K!!

**HIGH SCHOOL AREA**  
• VERY NICE 2-1-1 Home, Cent. A&H, microwave, disposal, 4 cl. fans, carpet, laminate, tile, fenced yd. MORE!! \$45,500!!

**COMMERCIAL**  
• NICE OFFICE/SHOP/WAREHOUSE on .7 acre on N. Hwy. 214, Cent. A&H, insulated shop & warehouse, has 1-3/4 bath & 1-1/2

**RURAL**  
• APPROX. 80 ACRE TRACT ON FM 3125!! PRICED TO SELL!!  
• VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, corner lot, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, cov. patio, fenced yd., auto. spktr., workshop, 2 stor. bldgs!! \$135,000!!  
• VERY NICE 4-3 doublewide (2006) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., 25' x 40' Metal Bldg. septic system, domestic well, on pavement close to town!! \$152K!!  
• NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, 2163' lv. area, 191' bsmt., pool, wksp/storage, roping arena, horse barn on 5.99 ac. MORE!! \$120K!!  
• PROGRESS AREA - 4-3 1/2-2 Home on Hwy. 84 on 10 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, basement, approx. 3,000' lv. area, 720' metal gar/wkshp.!! \$249,500.00!!  
• 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760 Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/paved area!! \$49.5K!!  
• FORMER RICHLAND HILLS TEXACO - 1414' Bldg. + 1080' canopy + 16,530' asphalt paving!!

**IN CONTRACT**  
• EARTH - VERY NICE 3-2-2 Home on 1.158 acres on Hwy. 70, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, island cockpit, gameroom, approx. 3206' lv. area, pergola, nicely landscaped, stor. bldg., pecan trees!! MORE!! \$129,900!!  
• VERY NICE 3-2 doublewide (1998) on 14.68 acres on Hwy. 84, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 40' x 80' Metal bldg. (insulated) w/ 1/4 bath, office, MUCH MORE!! \$148,900!!  
• Nice 3-2 Home at edge of town on .8 acre tract, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, efficiency apt. or guest cottage, horse barn & corral!! PRICE REDUCED!! \$99,900!!  
• NICE 4.8 acre homesites, close to town, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!  
• NICE 3-2-5 carport Home on 2 acres, Cent. heat, Cent. evap. air, built-ins, fireplace, fans, utility, cellar, large shop, stor. bldg., MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$109,500!!  
• CLAYS CORNER — VERY NICE 3-2-75-2 HOME on 5 acre tract, Cent. A&H (Elec. Heat Pump), built-ins, FP, 1100 sq. ft. new in 2005 plus additional updating w/carpet, tile, paint, fenced yd., cov. patio, 600' workshop/storage Bldg.!! Numerous other amenities!! \$189,500!!  
• 3-2 BRICK HOME on 7 acres, W. Hwy. 84, built-ins, office, geothermal heat pump, whirlpool tub, basement, paved circle drive & conc. parking!! MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$125K!!



## MAHD board report continues

Over the past two weeks, we have discussed the Muleshoe Area Hospital District and the Muleshoe Area Medical Center (hospital).

This week we will address the nursing home. We want to thank the community for your continued support through memorials and donations to the van and bus fund.

Through recent donations and memorials, along with some unexpected funds, we were excited to be able to pay off the van and the bus. Thank you again! There is currently a memorial fund set up for the expansion of the dining hall for those interested in continuing this type of support.

There are several things that have and will continue to have a positive impact on Park View Nursing Care Center.

The most important is the very strong staff that has continued to increase quality patient care.

The second is the addition of the dialysis center that will be opening in the coming weeks. We will be the very first nursing home in the

state with in-house dialysis. This is exciting!

Not only is this a much needed service to the community, but also can help increase the number of residents over the coming weeks.

This brings us to our two greatest challenges: resident numbers and retaining an effective administrator. We will discuss the latter first.

At the hospital, due to our relationship with Covenant Health Systems, if we find ourselves without an administrator, Covenant has the ability to help us rapidly fill the position.

At Park View, we do not have the luxury of being affiliated with a large entity that can provide and help retain quality administrators.

Retaining an administrator for any amount of time has been very challenging in the past. We feel strongly that we have resolved this issue by the recent hiring of Mrs. Jo Blackwell.

Mrs. Blackwell not only has a tremendous amount of experience in providing long-term care, but she is local.

We feel she was a tremendous catch and are already pleased with some of the small changes occurring.

One that is very interesting is the adult day care she recently implemented. This is a great service to the community and should help our numbers over time.

The second challenge and the most threatening to Park View is the number of residents.

Under current debt service and tax proceeds, Park View's break-even is 62 residents. We are currently at 53. Easy math says we are currently losing money, and at these levels that loss is approximately \$25-35,000 per month.

It is imperative that we at least reach a break-even for the sustainability of Park View through more residents.

There are several other options that are less palatable. One is raising taxes. Another is the hospital district getting out of the nursing home business through sale or closure.

Now, we want this understood, these are

not things we are actively pursuing. Both the dialysis center and the new administrator should have very positive impacts on Park View.

But, with all that said, we felt it necessary to have a series of steps in place in the event the numbers do not happen.

We, the Board, determined after great study and consideration that if, by Jan. 1, 2009, we are not at a break-even resident number, we will in April ask the public for a tax increase.

This allows you, the public, to choose to keep Park View when the resident numbers do not support it.

If an increase in taxes passes, great, we as a hospital district will continue to provide long term care in Muleshoe.

If numbers remain low and the tax increase fails, then we will look at the other more drastic options. The best scenario is for Park View to get to that magic mid-60s number.

We also need to allow some time to see how effective Mrs. Blackwell and

the dialysis center can be when it comes to increasing our numbers.

Community support is key. That is why we are informing you so you can make an educated decision about what you want for your nursing home.

We have great challenges ahead but with prayer and your involvement, we can

continue to provide Bailey County with quality long term care.

Please remember what was said in the first two articles. We need your input and support.

Thank you,  
**Wayne Pierson,  
Bob Donaldson, Zona Gatewood, Bill Liles and Scott Brown**

## Texas wheat production down 25 percent from last year

The 2008 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 105 million bushels, down 25 percent from last year but up 213 percent from 2006.

This estimate is the same as the July forecast.

According to an Aug. 1 survey conducted by the Texas Field Office, statewide yield is expected to average 30 bushels per acre, down seven bushels from the

record yield last year and unchanged from the July forecast.

Harvested acreage, at 3.5 million acres, is down eight percent from 2007.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 40.2 million bushels, down 51 percent from last year.

Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is forecast at 25.6 million bushels,

down 13 percent from last year. Production on the Blacklands is estimated at 19.9 million bushels, up 78 percent from last year.

Production on the Edwards Plateau is forecast at 3.6 million bushels, up one percent from the 2007 crop.

United States winter wheat production for 2008 is forecast at 1.87 billion bushels, up one percent

from last month and 24 percent above 2007.

Yield is expected to average 46.6 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last month and up 4.4 bushels from last year.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 40.3 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 12 percent from last year.

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## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The CITY OF MULESHOE will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 16.292998 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 21, 2008 at 5:30 PM at Muleshoe City Hall, 215 South First Street, Muleshoe, TX

The second public hearing will be held on August 28, 2008 at 5:30 PM at Muleshoe City Hall, 215 South First Street, Muleshoe, TX.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

- FOR: Mayor Black, Council Members Orozco, Mason, McElroy and Parker
- AGAINST:
- PRESENT and not voting:
- ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in CITY OF MULESHOE last year was \$40,000. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.655000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$262.00.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in CITY OF MULESHOE this year is \$48,698. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.651200 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$317,12.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.757300 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$368.79.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.



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