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Mules honored

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Part 1

A large crowd of Mule football fans turned out Thursday night, Feb. 12, for one last big Hoorah, as the UIL Texas State Championship medals and rings were presented to all involved in the Mules' 15-0 run.

The fans were treated to not only a great evening of celebration but also learned that coaches are human also. Tears of joy were shared by speakers and fans alike.

Muleshoe High School Principal Elizabeth Ward welcomed the all those attending called on Stacy Conner for the

invocation.

The National Anthem was provided by the Muleshoe High School Choir. The choir had led the fans attending the State Championship Game in Grand Prairie this past December.

Muleshoe ISD Superintendent Gene Sheets introduced the Mules' head coach and athletic director, David Wood. But before turning over the microphone to Coach Wood, Sheets reviewed some of the history of the Mules.

He spoke about how Wood had made a
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Muleshoe leads area communities in sales tax growth

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The City of Muleshoe topped the area in the recent sales tax allocations from Texas State Comptroller's office.

According to information received from the state comptroller's office, Muleshoe's recent sales tax allocation hit \$76,230.40, a 22.51 percent or \$14,007.31 increase from the same period in 2008.

Of the 10 area communities routinely

monitored by the Journal regarding sales tax allocations, the only community with an increase even remotely close to the Bailey County seat was Dimmitt with a 17.48 percentage of increase.

However, the actual dollars show Dimmitt's sales tax collections for the period in question were dramatically lower, \$44,688.79 to be specific.

And while the City of Littlefield pulled in the largest allocation, \$84,151.59, its percentage of increase compared to the

same period in 2008 was much lower, representing only \$1,199.56.

At the bottom of this period's sales allocation barrel was Sudan which showed a 4.34 percent decrease in its percentage of sales tax allocations.

The City of Muleshoe also took the prize in the percentage of increase in the year-to-date figures with an 18.96 percent increase when compared to the 2008 figures.

In 2009, Muleshoe has received allocations totaling \$113,876.11 compared to Littlefield's

\$136,184.23, an increase of 7.23 percent.

Although there are several communities showing low percentages of increase in their year-to-date totals, Sudan shows the only decrease, 1.88 percent.

According to Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, the state collected \$1.92 billion in sales tax revenue in January, up 3.9 percent compared to January 2008.

The comptroller's office sent \$665.5 million in local sales tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 3.9 percent compared to sales tax distributions to local governments in February 2008.

January state sales tax collections and

Sales Tax Results

City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$76,230.40	\$62,223.09	22.51%
Dimmitt	\$31,541.61	\$26,846.99	17.48%
Morton	\$12,616.76	\$12,339.00	2.25%
Littlefield	\$84,151.59	\$82,952.03	1.44%
Olton	\$12,732.66	\$12,928.99	-1.51%
Sudan	\$ 4,320.00	\$ 4,516.29	-4.34%
Earth	\$ 4,530.19	\$ 4,234.51	6.98%
Farwell	\$10,684.58	\$10,998.76	-2.85%
Bovina	\$ 9,132.14	\$ 9,097.66	.37%
Frona	\$35,371.63	\$32,609.90	8.46%

February's local sales tax allocations represent sales made in December, but also include earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the comptroller's office on a quarterly or annual basis.

The comptroller's

office sent \$445.2 million in sales tax to Texas cities, up 2.5 percent compared to February 2008 payments.

Texas counties received February sales tax payments of \$41.4 million, up 9.9 percent compared to last year.

Deer poaching under investigation

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

State and county law enforcement officers are investigating a poaching incident after the carcasses of four mule deer were found in a ditch on CR 1058 about east of CR 1731, in Bailey County.

According to Game Warden Lance May of Texas Parks & Wildlife, the deer were apparently shot at another location and moved to the location on CR 1058.

Residents in the area who discovered the carcasses on Tuesday morning, Feb. 10, couldn't recall hearing gunfire during the night. There were also indications that the animals — three gut shot and one shot in



Poached deer carcasses in the ditch southwest of Muleshoe are under investigation.

the head — had bled out prior to being dumped in the ditch.

The initial investigation indicated a small to medium calibre weapon was used to poach the deer. The deer were not field dressed.

According to May, the civil restitution for the offense would be approximately \$3,500, and there are a variety of statute violations — including the illegal

disposal of a game animal and hunting at night, ranging from misdemeanors to a felony with which the offender could be charged.

Individuals with information about the incident are urged to contact Warden May through the Bailey County Sheriff's Office at 272-4268, or contact Operation Game Thief at 1-800-792-4263.

City to sell forfeited property

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The City of Muleshoe has some property for sale, both of which were "gifts."

At the Muleshoe City Council's Feb. 9 regular meeting, the council authorized the city manager to advertise for bids on two pieces of property, one of which City Manager David Brunson explained was donated to the city.

However, it was the second gift... which took considerable more work to acquire, that appears to have the more interesting story behind it.

This second piece of property, located at 322 E. Fourth St., was acquired through the court system as the result of a drug investigation that netted Jose Luis Linares, Jr., on Aug. 24, 2007, along with 5.8 grams of crack cocaine, \$1,458 in cash, and a manufactured home.

According to Police Chief Brian Frieda the forfeiture proceedings involved in this particular case turned out to be more complicated than initially expected.

"It was the first time we had to deal with the forfeiture of real

property," he said during an interview Tuesday.

The property was forfeited to the city at the end of 2008.

He also spoke highly of the work his officers did on the case.

State and federal laws provide for the seizure and sale of property used in the manufacture and distribution of controlled substances, and property acquired by individuals during the period in which they are trafficking in drugs.

Along with the loss of his property, Linares received an eight-year sentence.



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Muleshoe chamber banquet

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is selling tickets for its annual banquet, set for Saturday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum. The tickets are \$35 per person, or \$250 for a table of eight, and are available from chamber board members or at the chamber office. Call 272-4258 for more information.

Marriage Bible study

Beginning Sunday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m., Richland Hills Baptist Church, 1631 W. Ave. D, Muleshoe, will be hosting a six-week Bible study, focusing on improving your marriage and based upon the movie "Fireproof®." The study is free and open to the public, but participants are encouraged to purchase the accompanying study guide at \$8.95 each. Limited scholarships are available. Call 946-6591 for additional information.

Wilcox benefit supper set

A benefit steak supper and dessert auction has been set for Saturday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum. Live entertainment will be provided. The tickets are \$50 per couple. For additional information call 946-7363 or 946-9129.

Baptist ensemble to perform

The Arlington Baptist Ensemble will be performing at Calvary Baptist Church of Muleshoe on March 1, 2009, at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. 2007 Muleshoe graduate James Coffman is a second-year member of the ensemble. The public is invited to attend the free concert.

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.

Championship T-shirts

Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club announces that the Championship shirt and cap orders are available for pickup at Muleshoe City Hall and Adrian Photography. Orders for each school campus have been distributed.

Energy assistance available

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program during 2009. Service delivery not only entails utility payments on behalf of the client, but also a system that addresses the underlying contributing causes of energy-induced hardship. For additional information concerning this program contact Janie Posadas at 804 W. American Blvd., or call 272-7537.

Alzheimers support group to meet

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will meet on Thursday, March 12, at noon, in Park View Nursing Care Center's conference room. Contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Joy Stancell at 272-7578 for additional information.

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Editorial

Peanut problems

Tempers have flared across the nation over the actions of the Peanut Corp. of America, and rightly so. After all, with the preliminary information that 630 incidents of salmonella poisoning, and as many as nine deaths, being attributed thus far to the corporation's disregard for the public's safety, there is ample reason for such anger.

On top of everything else, the information that corporate officials knew before shipping that at least a portion of their products were unfit for human consumption reaches a level of incredulity that surpasses even the antics of some of the banks and corporate recipients of federal bailout funds.

It is reprehensible for a member of the business community — such as the Peanut Corp. of America or its subsidiaries — to conduct itself in such a manner, and a sad state of affairs that will no doubt allow the corporation to hide from much of the financial responsibility for its actions through Chapter 7 bankruptcy proceedings.

But, here in Texas, the circumstances are a little different.

Yes, the Peanut Corp. of America and its subsidiary, Plainview Peanut Co., should be held accountable for their actions, but through all of the mess here in the Lone Star State, let us not forget that we have a state health department that failed both the people it is charged to protect and a business it is charged to regulate.

Yes, the PCA criminal investigation should

Academy to hold fund raiser

Life in Christ Academy, a mission of St. John Lutheran Church, will be hosting a fund raiser dinner on Sunday, Feb. 22, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Farwell Community Center.

Call 825-2410 for additional information

FUMC 'healing service' to be held Feb. 22

The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, 507 W. Second, will be holding a "healing service" on Sunday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

Call 272-5517 for additional information.

Vazquez account has been set up

An account to assist the family of the late Hugo Vasquez of Muleshoe has been established at Muleshoe State Bank.

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continue, but what about an investigation into the Texas Department of State Health Service's failure to protect and regulate?

Plainview Peanut Co. opened its doors in 2005, and reportedly didn't receive its first inspection until after the salmonella outbreak. That's about three years in which health department officials could have done their job... and didn't.

No doubt state officials will attempt to explain away their fault, listing everything from too few inspectors to budget shortfalls, but the citizens of Texas should be incensed at this apparent lack of concern with the public's health and welfare.

How many illnesses could have been prevented if the PCA plant at Plainview had been inspected?

How many deaths can be laid at the feet of both the PCA and state inspectors who failed in discharging their duties?

Why wasn't the health problems at Plainview caught in time to solve the problem and keep an area employer in operation?

What other businesses, or segments of the food-related industry, here in Texas have gone without inspection?

Yes, continue looking at PCA's culpability, but look as well into our state government's failure as well.

Producers may apply for crops not covered by crop insurance

The USDA reminds agricultural producers of the need for insurance coverage for crops in order to be eligible for the agency's Disaster Assistance Programs.

Application closing date for coverage in Bailey County is March 16 for spring seeded crops, vegetables, haygrazer, etc.

Producers must purchase at least catastrophic level of insurance for all insurable crops and FSA's Noninsured Crop Assistance Program coverage for non-insurable crops to be eligible for the USDA Farm Service Agency Disaster Assistance Programs.

"Crop insurance is an important risk management tool for farmers, but it's not available for all crops. That's why NAP is so important," said Hanlin

Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not available, including but not limited to fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, pecans, turf grass and forage crops. However, crops that FCIC deems as ineligible due to practice or yield are not covered by NAP.

Producers must apply for coverage before a disaster strikes. Like regular crop insurance, once an application period closes, the opportunity to obtain coverage is gone. For county and crop-specific information, please contact the Bailey County FSA office at (806)272-4538.

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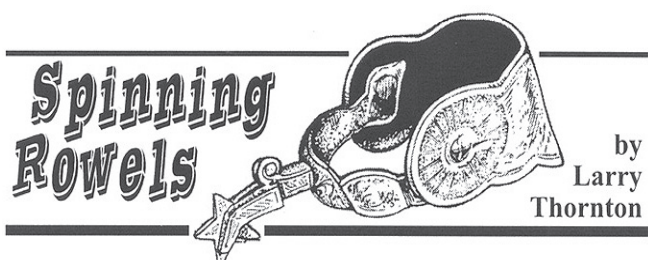
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'Yellow rose' isn't only thing West Texas has to sing about

I thought I'd heard it all. In fact, a lot of what I'd heard about, I've written about. From haggis to prairie dog recipes, this past year I've talked about some of the more interesting if not palatable dishes that come to mind, but the recent news out of India, about a group that plans to bottle cow urine for human consumption is more than I can stomach, so to speak...

However, pardon my insensitivity, but this is just too good of a topic to pass up. After all, Bailey County doesn't have any "black gold," that stuff sometimes referred to as "Texas tea" in just about every other county in the Lone Star State, but we've got more than enough of the "liquid yellow gold," the "Texas... other stuff" that seems to make this group across the ocean jump for joy.

Granted, our local cattle may not have the social status of the "holy cows" from which the bottled beverages are to be prepared, but at least they deserve a thumbs up for providing us with a good cut of meat.



Any farmer out there can tell you that cattle's "end product" is a valuable asset for next years crops, and Muleshoe folks have joked about the "smell of money" for years, but these plans to market cow urine as a "health" beverage hopefully have the FDA arming its agents and sending them out to protect our borders.

Of late, problems with rodents and birds in food preparation plants has received a lot of attention. A Plainview peanut plant was finally shut down by the state health department because of the possibility that critter contaminants were present in the food.

The idea of those same contaminants, albeit from a much larger animal, being the actual food product is... well, mind boggling.

For most of my life I've had an aversion to

drinking Dr. Pepper™. I'm obviously "not a pepper." But given the choice between what's been referred to as "carbonated prune juice," and this other stuff, I think I could choke the soft drink down. ...On second thought, I think I'd rather be thirsty.

On top of everything else, how would you order it in a restaurant?

Being west of the Mississippi, we have a few dining delicacies that have been renamed for those of a sensitive nature — calf fries or mountain oysters are an example, but the possible euphemisms for this concoction border on the bizarre and hint at the old warning about eating yellow snow.

Letter to the Editor

Response made to earlier letter

To the Editor:

I just want to share what I think about Mr. Walker's opinion and request for liquor sales in Muleshoe. After reading his words my response to this is one of amazement, second, frustration.

How can someone say, "I believe you can be a Christian and consume alcoholic beverages?" or "alcohol doesn't cause accidents and crime, people do!"

Yes! People who have been drinking do, is my response.

The fact that he would make such a comment, not mentioning the rest of what he wrote, tells me he really don't care much for our kids, young adults and families in this town of Muleshoe.

I want him and others to know that there is a lot of people around Muleshoe who really care for our families and our town.

I know myself the effects of what alcohol

can do to a family and a home. I grew up with a very aggressive and abusive parent who still to this day drinks. I am not proud of this, but it is the truth. I believe that alcohol is a tool of the devil, to steal, kill and destroy one self and those around one, who love you.

I have not yet heard of alcohol doing good to families or communities.

Our children and young adults don't need stores full of alcohol. Let's really think about this.

If you drink and don't want to drive to another town to buy your liquor "quit drinking" it will be the best of you and those around you.

Oneida Lopez,
Muleshoe

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Writer says we should thank God for the moments of our lives

Did you see the guy making the rounds on the morning TV shows recently who could remember what happened on almost any given date?

Toss out a month, day, and year, and he'd fire back with uncanny accuracy a list of the

major events and news headlines for that particular date.

I don't need to tell you that most folks can't do that. I think I'm worse at it than most.

A pastor, I'll never rag on folks for forgetting sermons because Sundays roll around so often I



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

can barely remember myself what I preached on a week ago, much less

what my sermon was about on, say, March 7, 1994.

(Was that even a Sunday? The guy I mentioned above would know for sure, but I don't care enough to look it up.)

Someone once told writer Philip Gulley that

"we don't remember days, we remember moments." I seem to have trouble remembering anything, but I think he's right. The moment-thing seems to jive with my own experience.

I couldn't tell you the date when, as pre-teens with inquiring minds,

my younger brother and I almost burned down the garage experimenting with minor home-mixed explosives. But I remember it pretty vividly.

Somewhere I've got the date written down — it's an important one —

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Linda Bomer from the Extension Office gave a very good program on Chocolate last Wednesday. If you were not here you missed out on winning the good chocolate candy and strawberries she gave away.

Tuesday, Feb. 24, will be senior dance night at the center. We had 53 happy, energetic, and friendly senior citizens at the last dance.

If you would like to spend a good night out in Muleshoe, come to the senior center. You will meet new friends, get good exercise, and enjoy the eats from the pot luck supper. The dance begins at 7 p.m. with a break at 8:30 p.m. for supper break, and ends at 10 p.m. We have several friends from out in the area come in for just the exercise. If you enjoy good country and western music come to

the center.

Remember any day is a good day to come to the center. We are always open by 8 a.m. for the early walkers to come in. By 8:30-9 a.m., the domino, eighty players and coffee drinkers have come in. So make plans to come join in the fellowship.

Thursday, Feb. 26, is the February birthday party. You should receive a telephone call inviting you to the lunch on that

day if you are on our records with a birthday in February. Hope to see you here.

Menu for Feb. 23 - 27: Monday, Feb. 23 — King Ranch chicken, pinto beans, rice, salad, chips, salsa and brownies.

Tuesday, Feb. 24 — Hamburgers, oven fries, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onions, pickles, fruit and cookies.

Wednesday, Feb. 25 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green

beans, salad, wheat rolls and peach cobbler.

Thursday, Feb. 26 — Meatloaf, black eye peas, salad, cornbread and

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BUT JONAH WAS ANGRY THAT NINEVEH WASN'T DESTROYED AS HE HAD PROPHESED AND HE URGED GOD TO GARRY OUT HIS WORD, CAMPING OUTSIDE THE CITY TO SEE IF GOD WOULD DESTROY IT!

ONLY AFTER GOD DESTROYED A VINE, THAT SHADDED JONAH FROM THE SUN, DID THE PROPHET COME TO REALIZE THAT GOD WAS TRYING TO SHOW HIM THAT MERCY WAS FAR GREATER THAN SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS!

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Obituaries

Shirley June Stevens

Graveside services for Shirley June Stevens were held on Thursday, Feb. 12, at Lone Elm Cemetery in Claremore.

Stevens died on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009, at the Edmond Health Care Center at the age of 69.

She was born on Aug. 28, 1939, to Eddie and Grace Holt Lane in Muleshoe, where she graduated from high school in January 1956.

Stevens married and had two sons and a daughter while living in the Texas panhandle, and served president of the PTA in the Amarillo School District. She was of the Baptist faith.

In 1998, Stevens moved to Claremore to live with her daughter.

Stevens is preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

Survivors include



Shirley June Stevens

a daughter and her husband - Belinda and Keith of Jones, Okla.; two sons and their wives - Tim and Cody Eades of Mustang, Okla., and Alan Eades of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two brothers - Lemond Lane of Lubbock and Buddy Lane of Albuquerque, N.M.; a sister - Pat King of Canyon; and six grandchildren.

Charles Rogers Sr.

Funeral services for Charles Wesley Rogers Sr., 73, of Littlefield were held on Monday, Feb. 16, at Hammons Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Reydon Stanford of the Trinity Christian Center Church of Muleshoe officiating. Burial followed in Littlefield Memorial Park.

Rogers died on Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, at Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield. He was born on Aug. 24, 1935, in Muldrow, Okla., to Elmer and Edna Rogers, and married Elwanda Harris on June 11, 1955, in Salinas, Calif.

Rogers worked as a cabinet maker and carpenter in Salinas, Calif., and Phoenix, Ariz., before moving to Littlefield in 1998. The last 10 years he did hydro jetting for local dairies.

He was a member of the Littlefield Golf Club, and attended Trinity Fellowship Church in



Charles Wesley Rogers

Muleshoe. Survivors include his wife — Elwanda Rogers of Littlefield; a son — Charles Rogers Jr. of Muleshoe; two daughters — Rhonda Corbett and Carri Warsing, both of Littlefield; three brothers — John Rogers of Sayre, Okla., Darrell Rogers of Littlefield and Ronald Rogers of Tracy, Calif.; two sisters — Carolyn Sue Ornburn of Calgary, Ontario, Canada, and Brenda Kay Billeci of Wasilla, Alaska; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Arturo Murillo Sr.

Funeral services for Arturo Murillo Sr., 70, of Muleshoe, were held on Monday, Feb. 16, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe with the Rev. Guadalupe Moreno Sr. of Plainview officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Murillo died on Friday, Feb. 13, in Muleshoe. He was born on June 24, 1938, to Juan and Ramona Murillo in Robstown, and married Marianna Sanchez in Lubbock on July 16, 1967.

Murillo was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter Ramona Busler in 1996.

Murillo had lived in Muleshoe since moving from Plainview in 1967. He was a mechanic for Case IH.

Survivors include his wife — Marianna; three sons — Ralph and Daniel Sanchez of Muleshoe, and Arturo Murillo Jr. of Round Rock; four sisters — Catalina Murillo of Dimmitt, Rachel Murillo of Thornton, Co., and Juanita Murino and Clara Murillo, both of Lafayette Co.; three brothers — Moses Murillo of Lubbock, David Murillo of Ontario, Calif., Daniel Murillo of Houston; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Focus on faith...

Continued from page 5 but I'd have to look it up: the date when my father baptized me at our home church in Amarillo. I remember going out to Bob Dowell's Restaurant for burgers afterward.

I don't remember the date when I first kissed the gal who would become my wife. But I remember we were in front of Tim and Mary Lou Forrest's house in Amarillo, and, unusually spiritually-minded, we had been to a church youth event. (I don't seem to remember the theme.)

I do remember it was a good kiss, one I thought worth repeating.

I don't remember the dates when on more than a few summer occasions our family journeyed down to Camp Wood to stay at the Roaring Springs Ranch where Ivan and Lenga Woodard lived.

And I do indeed remember the moments

chasing crawdads under water and snorkeling and diving at the best swimming hole in the world.

I remember the sun on my back and the smiles on the faces of my sons.

I don't remember the dates, but I remember the fishing rock and the bobbers going under and the perch we pulled out.

I don't remember the date, but I remember chasing the furry critter out of the loft in the cabin one afternoon since my wife seemed unwilling to let him spend the night.

I remember the births of my sons, and I remember the dates because I've worked at it. But most vividly I remember the moments they took their first breaths and all of our lives changed forever.

Some dates are worth remembering. But probably more important is just living life each day thanking God for the moments.

Training for nursing home volunteers begins soon

South Plains Association of Governments' Area Agency on Aging will hold an orientation on Saturday, Feb. 28, for nursing home volunteer advocates.

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

Extensive training will be offered in Lubbock, and upon request, some trainings can be scheduled in area communities.

Training emphasis is on defending nursing facility residents' rights; advocates will learn the importance for quality of care and life

through a program called the Ombudsman.

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

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Sports

Mule varsity falls to Chieftains, Bobcats in tough week



Mule Dillon Gallman takes a shot during the recent game against Friona.
 Photograph by Stacy Conner

By Delton Wilhite
 Sportswriter

The Mules lost both games this past week.

They went on the road to Friona and at times appeared to be playing against more than the Chieftains.

The Mules went to the charity line 10 times for 19 attempts while Friona was awarded the free throw line 14 times for 26 shots.

One Friona player went to the line eight times for 15 tries in the final quarter alone. He made 12 of his 15 shots in the final eight minutes after having only scored three points in the first 24 minutes of the game. Friona took the game 59-43.

Friona out paced the Mules 15-11 in the first quarter. Cooper Washington made one of two from the free throw line to break the scoring ice 20 seconds into the game. He added two more charity tosses later in the quarter.

Dillon Gallman made back-to-back 3-pointers 44 seconds apart mid way through the opening quarter. Nathaniel Chavez cleaned up the

back side by gathering in an offensive rebound and sticking it back on the glass and through the hoop.

The Mules heated up in the second quarter to take a 28-27 lead at the intermission. Chavez demonstrated he had range by draining a 3-pointer after dropping in a short jumper for five points in the second quarter.

Wes Wood scored his first two baskets of the game and Nick Hurtado drained a 3-pointer. Gallman sank three of four free throws and Washington battled through a double team for his first two-point basket. The Mules scored 17 in the second quarter while holding Friona to 12 points.

The Mules did not score during the first two minutes of the third quarter. Lane Wood finally got the Mules started with two from the charity line. Washington made two free throws and basket and W. Wood added a basket. Friona caught and passed the Mules in the third period by scoring 13.

During the final eight

minutes one Friona player appeared to be totally out of control and was awarded the free throw line any time he could make contact with a Mule.

Gallman made his third 3-pointer of the game. Chavez added a basket and Washington dropped in a pair of free throws before fouling out.

Gallman led the Mules in scoring with three 3-pointers for 12 points. Washington dropped in seven-of-10 free throws and two baskets for 11 points. Chavez added nine points and W. Wood made six. Hurtado had a single 3-pointer for three points and L. Wood chipped in two.

The Mules returned home Friday night and fell to the Childress Bobcats 62-58. The Mules jumped out to an early lead with 13 points while Childress only made nine. Gallman had the hot hand with a pair of baskets and a 3-pointer for seven of the Mules' 13 points. Hurtado scored first with a short jumper and added a second before the period ended.

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Lady Mules play 'most important game of year'

By Delton Wilhite
 Sportswriter

The Lady Mules played only one game this past week but it could be classified as the most important game of the season. Hanging in the balance was the question of whether the Lady Mules would make the playoffs.

Thirty-two minutes of basketball separated the Lady Mules and Friona Squaws from the third place slot in District 2-2A. The winner would face the Spearman Lynxettes in the bi-district title game.

The Squaws slowed the pace all night with a sagging defense that prevented the quick Lady Mule guards from driving for lay ups. The Lady Mule defense proved to be the more stingy of the two teams and the Lady Mules escaped Friona with a 34-31 victory.

"This was the second

season that we had to come to Friona and win to have a shot at the playoffs," said Lady Mule coach Val Acree. "I am very proud of the girls. We came to Friona and had to win to give ourselves a chance to advance."

"Last season we won here but lost the playoff with Friona in Nazareth. Tonight we had to win to tie Friona for the third spot. This year we had the tie breaker because we had defeated them twice during the season."

"Basketball is all about match ups and we just match up with some teams better than we do others. Friona and Floydada are teams we defeated twice during the regular season. Floydada won their first District Championship since 1966 and Tulia defeated Childress for second place."

"We are excited and happy about being in the

playoffs after having just missed an opportunity last season," concluded Coach Acree.

Friona broke the scoring ice with a basket at the five minute mark of the first period. The Lady Mules answered with a baseline jumper by Morgan Smith from 10 feet out. Yvonne Gardea finished a fast break to put the Lady Mules on top to stay. Smith made her second bucket of the period to give the Lady Mules a 6-2 lead after one quarter.

Both teams heated up in the second period with Sarah Johnson draining a 3-pointer from the right wing to end the quarter. Gizell Vasquez converted a free throw for an old-fashion three-point play. She was fouled dropping in a short jumper on a put back.

Gabby Agundis scored in the paint over much taller defenders and Gardea raced down the

floor on a fast break for an easy two. The Lady Mules led 16-11 at the half.

Smith scored first for the Lady Mules in the second half as Johnson dropped a perfect half-court pass to her in stride in a pack of defenders. Janae Pyle stuck back an offensive rebound for two points.

Johnson sank her second 3-pointer of the game and added a short jumper in the paint during the quarter. When the third period ended both teams had scored nine points each. The Lady Mules were clinging to a 25-20 lead entering the final eight minutes of the game.

The Squaws clamped on a tight full court press that caused the Lady Mules to turn over the ball in the final quarter. Coach Acree called a time out to settle the Lady Mules down and

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Lady Mule Janae Pyle fights for the ball.
 Photograph by Stacy Conner

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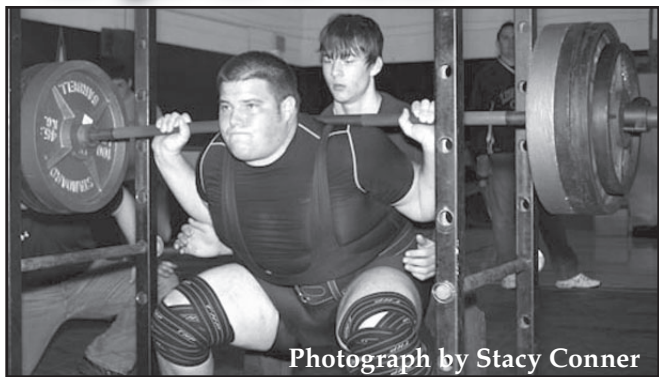
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Sports



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Clay Pena competed at Vega meet.

Mules compete at Vega

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Three Mule power lifters placed in the Vega Powerlifting Meet Saturday afternoon. The Mules are vying for an opportunity to attend the Regional Meet to be held in Levelland on March 14.

“All the lifters improved their total weights in this meet and had a great time lifting in Vega,” said Mule powerlifting coach Kirk Byrd. “This will be or last regular season meet for the Mules Powerlifting Team.”

“Those qualifying for the Regional Meet will be determined in the coming weeks. The lifters must be in the top 15 lifters in their weight class to qualify for the Region I. I want to congratulate these young men for their hard work and performance in our final meet in Vega,”

concluded Coach Byrd. Weston Griswald earned the silver medal in the 114 pound class with a total of 555 pounds. The reason Griswald competes in the 114 pound class is because there are no lighter divisions.

Caleb Conner improved his total with a silver medal performance in the 165 pound class. He lifted a total of 1200 pounds. Conner may have the best opportunity to advance of all the Mule lifters.

Clay Pena competed in the Super Heavy Weight class and earned the silver medal in his class. He hoisted 1075 pounds in the three different styles of lifting.

The Mules will now have to wait until the qualification period ends before they will know if they have qualified to advance to the Region I Meet in Levelland.

Varsity Mules' tough week...

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Washington scored in the paint.

The Bobcats fought back in the second quarter with a pair of 3-pointers for 12 points. The Mules' production dropped and they only made eight points. The game was tied at 21-21 at the half.

Gallman made a pair of free throws and bucket for 11 points in the first half. Hurtado and W. Wood added a basket each in the quarter.

The Mules came out hot in the third quarter with Hurtado completing an old-fashion three-point play as well as a 3-pointer and three charity toss after being fouled shooting a 3-pointer for nine points in the quarter.

Washington sandwiched a free throw between a pair of baskets and Gallman knocked his second 3-pointer of the game. Chavez put back an offensive rebound and W. Wood added a pair from the charity stripe.

Childress was almost as hot as the Mules as they made 19 to trail 42-40 going into the final quarter.

Gallman did most of the damage for the Mules in the final quarter with three 3-pointers. Washington added a pair of baskets and a free throw for five points and W. Wood chipped in two.

The Mules' 17 points in the final quarter was not enough as Kregg Wood burned up the net with four treys in the final eight minutes. He made six 3-pointers in the game. His 3-pointers powered the Bobcats to a 22-point quarter so they could take the win back to Childress.

Gallman scored his number in the game to lead the Mules. He made five 3-pointers for 23 points. Washington dropped in 14 points and Hurtado added 13 for the Mules. W. Wood added six points and Chavez chipped in two points.

The Mules played their final game of the season when the district leading Floydada Whirlwinds visited the Muleshoe Athletic and Convocation Center. The Mules must win to have a chance at a playoff spot.



Lazbuddie weightlifters

The weight lifters at Lazbuddie ISD include, from left to right: Back row — Amy Howard, Delvin Thompson, Tanner Beasley, Colton Weaver and Richie Agular; front row standing — Angle Samarron, Charles Baca, Matthew Samarron, Trevor Coker, Arthur Gomez, Jordon Hernandez and Natasha Barnes; sitting in front — Paola Estrada, Carrie Beth Gilly and Desirea Hargrove.

Angel and Matthew Samarron won first in their class during a recent meet. Charles Baca placed fifth and Colton Weaver placed 12th. Jordon Hernandez won first in her class.

Vazquez account has been set up

An account to assist the family of the late Hugo Vasquez of Muleshoe has been established at Muleshoe State Bank.



Lady Mule Sarah Johnson shoots during the game against Spearman.

Lady Mules' important game...

Continued from page 6 reminded them to pass the ball against the press rather than attempting to drive between the double teams.

The Lady Mules came out of the time out and in bound the ball to Johnson.

She relayed the ball to Smith near mid-court and Smith relayed the ball to Agundis, running free, five feet from the hoop.

Agundis made a text book lay up to fire up the Lady Mules.

Vasquez made both of her free throws after being fouled shooting. Johnson sank two charity tosses to halt the Squaws final charge.

Friona did out score the Lady Mules 11-9 in the final frame. It was too little to late to over take the Lady Mules.

Johnson led the Lady Mules in the low scoring game with three 3-pointers for 13 points.

Smith dropped in six points and Vasquez added five. Gardea and Agundis had four points

each and Pyle chipped in two.

Val Olivas, BreAnn Baca, Gabby Perez and Melissa Mendoza gave the Lady Mules some good minutes in the defensive battle for the playoffs.

The Lady Mules (5-5, 19-12) traveled to Canyon High School to face the Spearman Lynxettes (8-2, 23-5).

The Lynxettes finished in the second spot in District 1-2AA behind the Panhandle Pantherettes and ahead of the Bushland Lady Falcons.

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Do you know a lot about dental health or how to take good care of your teeth? Regular visits to your dentist and daily care will help your teeth last a lifetime! Sometimes you might tire of brushing or just want to "take a vacation" from flossing. But keeping your teeth clean, healthy and shining brightly is an everyday responsibility. Keep it up!

Remember to:

- brush after meals
- floss daily
- go to your dentist for regular cleanings and checkups
- try not to buy or eat too many sweet or sticky foods

Fill in the crossword to find out what you know about dental health and how to care for your teeth:

1. take pictures of the inside of your teeth to see if they are healthy
2. material dentist uses to replace decayed part of tooth
3. dentist with special training to straighten crooked teeth
4. when a tooth is eaten away by chemical action
5. thin thread used daily for cleaning between your teeth
6. person trained to clean teeth is a dental _____
7. four top and bottom front teeth used for biting
8. number of first or "baby" teeth
9. thin, sticky layer of bacteria that forms on teeth
10. chemical in teeth and bones
11. hole in tooth from decay
12. hard substance left on teeth if plaque is not removed

What Is This?

You use this product when you brush your teeth. It usually has fluoride in it. Fluoride strengthens tooth enamel. It helps stop bacteria in plaque from causing cavities.

To answer the What Is This? and Words of Wisdom puzzles, look at each letter given, then write the letter that comes before it in the alphabet.

U P P U I Q B T U F

Words of Wisdom!

A balanced diet will help you to keep smiling. Remember that foods from the dairy group give you calcium to strengthen your teeth and bones. Try not to eat snacks and foods that are too sticky or that have "hidden" sugars in them.

Shop for: fresh fruit, veggies, rice cakes, soup, cheese cubes and so on.

Do you believe in this little being? (To see who this is, follow the directions above.)

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Cut Your Teeth on These Sayings!

Everyone has a set of teeth! Here are some sayings that people use every day. Can you match each one to its meaning?

1. by the skin of your teeth
2. long in the tooth
3. tooth and nail
4. sweet tooth
5. armed to the teeth

- A. have a weakness for candy and other sweets
- B. have many weapons
- C. just barely get by
- D. fight violently
- E. be very old

1. sink your teeth into
2. lie through your teeth
3. like pulling teeth
4. set your teeth on edge
5. as scarce as hen's teeth

- A. very difficult
- B. be annoyed or to feel uncomfortable about something
- C. very hard to find
- D. start doing something with a lot of enthusiasm
- E. say something is true when you know it's false

Teeth? What teeth? We don't have any teeth.

Is that because we don't brush and floss?

A Tooth Tale Cut out the panels below. Study each one. Next, put them in the correct order to tell a tale about a boy's first set of teeth.

He lost a that had been loose.

In the he woke up excited.

Once upon a time a little boy bit into an

His brothers and sisters told him to put it under his when he slept that night.

He looked under his pillow to find Near his pillow was a new toothbrush. Do you know what kind of fairy in our story traded a surprise for a lost "baby" tooth?

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The Sudan Buzz

Harrison to be inducted into Wayland hall of honor

Glyna Masten was a '60 guard from the small town of Sudan when she arrived at Wayland Baptist in September 1959.

During her four years at Wayland, Masten was an integral part of a group of Flying Queens which accumulated an overall record of 90-12, won one AAU Championship, and finished as the runner-up three years.

One of only two freshmen to see extensive playing time with the Flying Queens during the 1959-60 season, Masten turned out to be

"one of the finest guards at the tournament this year..."

Masten earned AAU All-American honors her sophomore season as she helped lead the Queens to a 24-2 record, an AAU Championship, and a National Girl's Basketball League Championship.

"Possibly the best guard in AAU basketball this past year," is how the 1961 Traveler described Masten.

It went on to say, "A big basketball player who moves quickly, she rarely makes a repeated mistake."

An added highlight to an already eventful year occurred in the spring of 1961 when seven members of the Queens, including Masten, were selected to play on a United States All-Star team that traveled to the Soviet Union to play eight games against Russian teams and one against a Swedish team.

Among those games was one memorable one when the Americans played the Russians on an outdoor court in the rain.

The 1961-62 Flying Queens won the NGBL

championship, but fell just short of their second straight AAU title with a loss to Nashville Business College in the finals.

Masten, the "outstanding guard in women's AAU basketball," won her second AAU All-American honor.

Chosen as a co-captain in her final year at Wayland, Masten helped lead the Flying Queens to a 21-4 record.

She earned AAU All-American honors for the third straight year and was selected to be a member of the U.S.A.

women's team that went on to win the gold medal in the 1963 Pan American games in Sao Paolo, Brazil.

Masten, who was voted Senior Class Favorite, graduated from WBC in May 1963 with a bachelor of arts degree in physical education and English.

Married to Al Harrison, she taught for more than 35 years in the Texas public school system, retiring in 2000.

The couple has two children, Jay Harrison and Sharla Rich (the all-time leading scorer in Flying Queen

history), both graduates of Wayland, and one grandchild, Emma Rich. They reside in Sudan.

Glyna Masten Harrison is among nine people that make up the Wayland Baptist University Athletic Hall of Honor Class of 2009.

Induction ceremonies will be held during the 16th annual Athletic Recognition & Awards Dinner on Saturday evening, Feb. 21, at the Pete and Nelda Laney Student Activities Center.

The event is open to the public.

Sudan police officers returns from Washington, D.C.

By Norma Burnett
Sudan correspondent

Police Chief Robert E. Walters returned from Washington, D.C., on Thursday, Feb. 12, from training on the use of thermal imaging.

Sudan's police department was awarded a grant from Commercial Equipment Direct

Assistance Program (CEDAP).

The awarded equipment—a handheld thermal imaging camera that reads heat signatures then images the reading into an interpretable picture—will assist in investigations, tracking fugitives, fires to assist the Sudan and area fire

departments, and assist other law enforcement agencies in the area.

The equipment has the ability of recording in video format that is able to be transferred to DVD disk for evidence. This equipment can also take still photos to be used as evidence.

The device and

accessories are worth approximately \$28,000.

Chief Walters returned with a certificate as a basic thermographer.

Chief Walters also spoke with Cong. Randy Neugebauer about the grant programs and the way that major grants are distributed through out the state and nation at a

disadvantage to small agencies such as what is in the Sudan area.

Chief Walters said that the meeting went well and was accepted by the congressman and his staff.

Walters also said the piece of equipment is available and will be brought to assist any

agency in our area that calls and asks for assistance including Bailey County law enforcement agencies and fire departments, along with Lamb County law enforcement agencies and fire departments and surrounding counties.

Sudan city council orders May 9 election

By Norma Burnett
Sudan correspondent

Sudan City Council met Thursday Feb. 12 in the council chambers.

Mayor Bob Sisson called the meeting to order with the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved. Departmental reports were given by each department head.

The annual audit report and review was given by Randell L. Field, CPA.

The audit was approved as given by Field. Field will again handle the audit for the city for the following year.

Mike Hill, Sudan's fire chief, presented a proposal from the fire department to apply for a grant through the Forest

Service.

New ordinances on weeds, trash, rubbish and junk were discussed.

Bids to purchase the new pick-up for the water and sewer department were looked at and discussed and it was voted on and approved to purchase the pick-up from HGAC Coop. for cities.

The election for May 9, was ordered with three aldermen being up for election. The final filing date for the election is March 9.

Packets may be picked up at city hall.

A resolution was considered to have a joint election with city

and Sudan ISD. It was voted on and approved.

Bobby Phillips was appointed as the emergency management coordinator.

The council considered initiation of requests for proposals (RFP) process to hire a grant administrator and project engineer for the pending 2008 TX CDBG STEP fund water system improvements project.

A motion was made and action was approved.

Accounts payable and purchase requests were approved and accepted by the council.

The meeting adjourned with a benediction.

Call 227-2024 or e-mail charlesb@fivearea.com. If you have any school news, or any news happening in Sudan that you would like to have printed in the Buzz.

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Buzz-A-Licious" Recipes

The recipe this week comes from Frances Gardner.

- Buttermilk Salad
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 mashed bananas
- 1 carton whipped topping
- Add...
- 1 carton frozen strawberries
- 1 small can crushed

- pineapple
- Pecans (optional)
- Mix all ingredients together and freeze. Stir after 20 or 30 minutes to suspend the salad mixture.

(If you don't do this the fruit will settle to the bottom). Freeze completely and keep frozen until ready to serve.

Sudan Happenings...

- Feb. 18 — Church of Christ Ladies Bible Study, 10 a.m., Sudan Church of Christ
- Feb. 18 — KFC, 4 p.m., First United Methodist Church
- Feb. 21 — Church of Christ Men, 6:30 a.m.
- Feb. 23 — Senior citizens meeting, 6 p.m.

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Engagement



April Morgan and David O'Brien

Morgan, O'Brien engaged

Ron and Janet Morgan of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their daughter, April Morgan of Plainview, to David O'Brien, also of Plainview.

The prospective bride is a 2005 graduate of Muleshoe High School and plans to graduate from Wayland Baptist University with a degree in math education in May.

The prospective groom is the son of Terrell and Vickie O'Brien of La Vernia.

He is a 2004 graduate of Lander Valley High School, Lander, Wyoming, and is currently attending Wayland Baptist University seeking a degree in art and business.

The wedding has been set for May 15, 2009, at the First Baptist Church pavilion in Plainview.



Students of the Week honored

The students pictured above were recently honored as Students of the Week at Watson Junior High. They are, from left to right: Back row — Caleb Wood, Morgan Burris and Miranda DeBruin; front row — Cesar Magallanes, Marion Gutierrez and Braden Bessire.

Education

A note from the superintendent...

Parent Conference Day at Muleshoe

By Gene Sheets, Superintendent

This Thursday, Muleshoe ISD will dismiss school early. We will let out school at 12 Noon.

Several people have asked the question about why we are doing that in the middle of the week. I know it causes a hardship on some families because of trying to find day care for an afternoon like that. But I want to explain the reason for this early dismissal.

For a couple of years now, all four campuses in Muleshoe have dismissed school twice a year for the sole purpose of scheduling parent conferences. This is a great opportunity for parents to schedule a time to sit down with their teachers and ask questions or discuss any issues they have about their child's education.

We used to think we accomplished this on back-to-school night or open house. But these times, although also valuable, never really afforded parents the private time to discuss important matters with their child's teachers.

With this new program, our teachers schedule parent conferences right after noon until 5 p.m. or 6 p.m. I have seen teachers at school until 6 p.m. and even later to provide an opportunity for parents to meet with them.

Sometimes, the day we schedule for this is not convenient for the parents. So many teachers will schedule a time later in the evening or later in the week to try to have a Parent Conference. Our goal is to meet with 100 percent of the parents during this time.

This is quite difficult, considering the number of parents we have for each teacher. But our teachers are committed to trying to have good communication with parents to try to do everything we can to help every child succeed.

Scheduling parent conferences is especially difficult for junior high and high school teachers. Junior high and high school teachers may have as many as 150 parents to try to see that afternoon.

It is not always possible to every teacher to have a conference with every parent. But we try to make sure that at least one of the child's teachers is available to visit with his or her parent. Often, we can schedule several teachers of a particular student to be available to visit with parents.

I am grateful that we have faculty and staff who love children and want to do everything they can to partner with parents to provide the best education possible for children in Muleshoe.

We invite every parent to take advantage of this opportunity to visit with your children's teachers this Thursday afternoon.

Publication of Obituaries

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information:

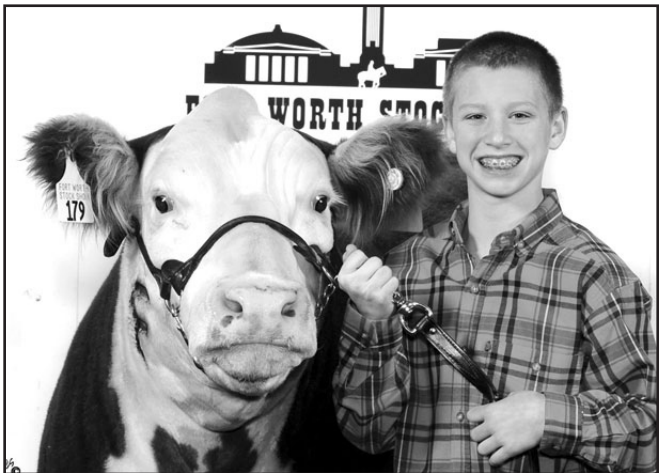
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We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid.

Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home.



Local student wins at Fort Worth

Braden Bessire, a 4-H member from Muleshoe, exhibited a First Place Light Weight Hereford Steer in the Junior Steer Show at the 2009 legendary Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo on Feb. 5.

2009 Junior show entries totaled 9,698 at this year's show which ended on Feb. 8.

"The junior livestock show program provides

youth with valuable lessons in life and business and builds a foundation that serves them long after their show years have passed," said W.R. Watt, Jr., president and manager of the show.

Winning exhibitors are awarded cash "premiums" — this year to exceed \$92,005 — in addition to monies generated from the sale of animals in the show's sale.

Lazbuddie honor rolls released

Lazbuddie ISD's honor roll's have been released. Among the students honored are:

Elementary "A"

Coby Glover, Preston Stewart, Avery Hicks, Devon Pacheco, Andres Solano, Sidney Urbantke, Bernardo Lopez, Ashley Scott, Juan Samarron and Micah Vera.

Elementary "AB"

Joshua Cox, Manuel Fernandez, Tyler Haseloff, Marrena Hunn, Gunner Russell, Kayleigh Russell, Miranda Salazar, Avery Timms, Jesus Arreola, Marisol Gomez, Thomas Radford, Ashlyn Timms, Thomas Ballard, Triston Gonzalez, Katharina Harder, Ginsyn McGehee, Melinna Covarrubias, Cambree Glover, Gentry Hicks, Karsyn Youngblood and Iridian Fernandez.

Junior High "A"

Lacey Jesko, Haley Beasley, Ashton Mason, Shyann Rainey, Jessica Estrada, Anna Harder and Shea Scott.

Junior High "AB"

Haldon Ivy, Ryley Burris, Katlyn Hicks, Karina Galaviz, Alex Lopez and Ian Thompson.

High School "A"

Jarrold Jesko, Jordan

Hernandez, Cassidy Lowe and Kinzi Schacher.

High School "AB"

Charles Baca, Paola Estrada, Kylie McGehee, Todd Nichols, Justin Schacher, Joseline Garcia, Carrie Gilly, Colton Weaver, Darin Ivy, Kayle Jesko, Logan Mason, Riley Smith, Ryan Mason, Devlin Thompson, Rajon Thorn and Chase Timms.



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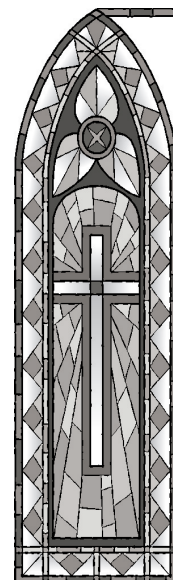
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USDA extends comment period for regulation on limitations, eligibility

Kim Hanlin, executive director for the USDA's Farm Service Agency in Bailey County, announced on Feb. 6 that the comment period for the regulation defining actively engaged participation in a farming operation has been extended for an additional 60 days.

FSA is seeking a diverse range of comments from different areas of the United States and farming communities.

With this extension, the public may continue to submit comments until April 6. The extension document is available at <<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/federalNotices?are=home&subject=lar&topic=frd-ii>>.

The regulation, published Dec. 29, 2008, invited comments on the interim rule for implementation of key eligibility requirements for many FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs.

The regulations were revised as mandated by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) to make changes in payment eligibility, payment attribution, maximum income limits and maximum dollar benefit amounts for participants in CCC-funded programs.

In addition, certain provisions were incorporated that are discretionary.

The actively engaged provision requires that individuals and entities must be "actively engaged in farming" with respect to a farming operation in order to be eligible for specified payments and benefits.

To be "actively engaged in farming," the individual or entity

must make significant contributions to the farming operation of (1) capital, equipment, land, or a combination; and (2) personal labor or active personal management, or a combination.

Under rules in effect since 1988, not every member of an entity is required to contribute active personal labor or management.

The interim rule requires each partner, stockholder, or member with an ownership interest to make a contribution of active personal labor or active personal management.

The contribution must be regular and substantial, and documented as well as separate and distinct from any other member's contribution.

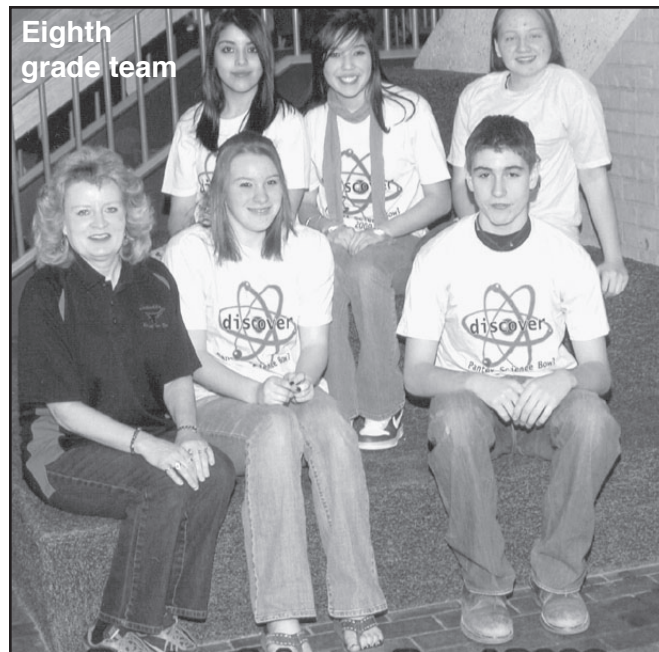
The rule limits the ability of passive stockholders to continue to realize benefits from the entity.

The substantive rule changes make the requirement for adding new persons to a farming operation more restrictive.

The addition of a person to an existing farming operation can be met through an increase of 20 percent of base acres to the operation; previously the requirement was an increase of 20 percent in cropland.



Seventh grade team



Eighth grade team

Lazbuddie science teams compete in Pantex Science Bowl

Lazbuddie Independent School District's teams seventh-grade and eighth-grade science bowl teams made it to the double elimination round in competition at the Pantex Science Bowl and won the Sportsmanship award, worth \$250.

Seventh grade team, pictured above on the left, left to right — Debbie Weir, Shyann Rainey, Haley Beasley, Ashton Mason, Katlyn Hicks, Alex Lopez.

Eighth grade team pictured directly above, left to right — Debbie Weir, Jessica Estrada, Shay Scott, Karina Galaviz, Ian Thompson and Ana Harder.

SPC energy assistance is available

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program during 2009.

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For additional information concerning this program contact Janie Posadas at 804 W. American Blvd., or call 272-7537.

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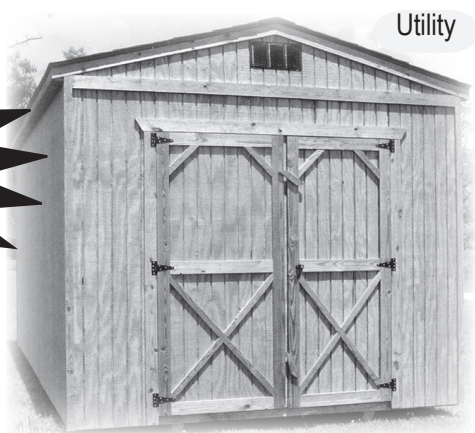
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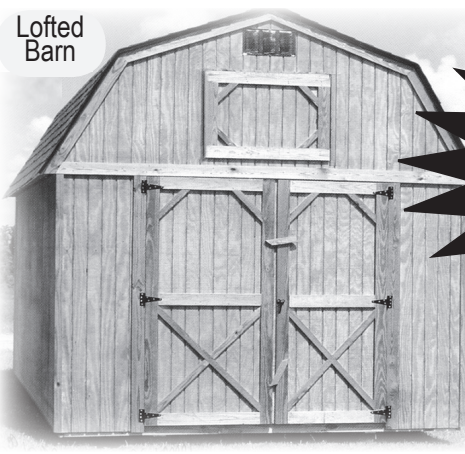
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Senator talks about honoring our nation's presidents

Throughout Texas this coming Monday, children will enjoy a day off from school. Although the federal government honors "Washington's Birthday" each year on the third Monday of February, Texas goes one step further by concurrently observing "Presidents' Day," a state holiday that celebrates all of our past presidents.

Our forty-four presidents have included men who have been a carpenter (James Garfield), a cloth maker (Millard Fillmore), a star athlete (Gerald Ford), a launderer (Herbert Hoover), a mail room clerk (Harry Truman), a shoeshine boy (Lyndon Johnson), an insurance salesman (Warren Harding), a toymaker (Calvin Coolidge), an actor (Ronald Reagan) and a school principal (Chester Arthur).

Ten presidents were farmers before reaching the White House; seven were diplomats; and twenty-six were lawyers.

Their diverse perspectives strengthened the quality of our nation's leadership and inspired foreign



Capitol Comment

By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

nations to embrace democracy.

In the nineteenth century, half a dozen presidents were born in log cabins, including one whose bicentennial we celebrate this week. Abraham Lincoln — the eloquent small town lawyer who helped set our nation on the path toward the "more perfect union" that our Founding Fathers envisioned — continues today. Former President George W. Bush chose to hang Lincoln's portrait in the Oval Office and drew inspiration from Lincoln's fortitude in perilous times.

President Barack Obama paid tribute to his home state predecessor by retracing Lincoln's path to the White House on a train ride from Philadelphia to Washington before his inauguration last

month.

The democracy and entrepreneurial spirit at the core of our American identity have propelled our nation from a relatively small federation with fewer than four million citizens to the world's economic and political superpower.

As Americans, we can take great pride in the many individual contributions of ordinary citizens, but it is also fitting that we pay tribute to those national leaders who courageously established our freedoms during the earliest years of our nation.

George Washington, the commander of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, was the first of twelve generals who went on to serve as president. After refusing a royal title, he became our country's only leader to be re-elected unanimously.

As our chief executive, he established customs regarding interaction with Cabinet members, the negotiation of treaties, and the use of the presidential veto on legislation from Congress. He appointed our first federal judges, helped implement the American currency and banking system, and chose the location of our nation's capital.

Our next two presidents, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, worked together to draft the Declaration of Independence. In the White House, President Adams used his considerable diplomatic skills to avert further strife with European powers. President Jefferson enlarged our nation through the Louisiana Purchase and encouraged Lewis and Clark's explorations of the West. Mr. Jefferson also was the first president not to powder his hair and to establish casual handshakes instead of deep bows as the preferred mode of greeting in the White House. Coincidentally, these two great men, lifelong friends and political rivals, passed away 500 miles apart on the very same day,

July 4th, 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

During later eras in American history, Texas contributed four outstanding presidents. General Dwight Eisenhower, who was born in Denison, ended the Korean War and built our current highway system. Lyndon Johnson, from Stonewall, championed civil rights legislation and education reform.

George H. W. Bush represented the seventh district of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives before entering the White House, where he led a successful effort to liberate Kuwait from the clutches of a tyrannical dictator. And George W. Bush brought his strong leadership from Texas' state capital to the White House, where he protected our country after the attacks by

terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001.

Today, as our military forces fight abroad in defense of our freedom, we more fully appreciate the heroism of several of the best of our wartime presidents.

I especially admire President Ronald Reagan for his steadfastness toward the end of the Cold War. His careful diplomacy with our country's allies, combined with his firm hand with Communist leaders, helped topple oppressive dictatorships throughout Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Today, many of these nations benefit from constitutions that were inspired by our own. Our Founding Fathers' vision continues to resonate and provide hope. Let us take this opportunity to honor our presidents for their fortitude in upholding our freedoms for over 200 years.

Publication of announcements in the Journal

The Muleshoe Journal invites your news of weddings, engagements, showers, anniversaries and births.

In order to be fair to everyone, we must limit the amount of space for certain events.

For weddings and quinceaneras 25 column inches, which includes a photo if desired, is the limit.

If the photo and announcement runs longer, we reserve the right to eliminate parts of the story or the person placing the article may indicate which portions may be left out. However, if a longer write-up is desired, it may be purchased in the form of an ad.

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Birth announcements with one-column photos are run free of charge with names of the immediate family,

including grandparents.

Please understand that the permission of both parents is required for a birth announcement to be published.

Small stories describing showers are run free of charge after the fact and may include the names of the principals, items served at the showers, a brief description of the decor and the names of special or out-of-town guests.

It is the responsibility of the party providing the information to provide all of the information. News releases in which names were left out by the party providing the information will not be re-published free of charge.

A deadline of four months after an event will be the rule for free publication. Information must be received by Monday noon. However, publication cannot be guaranteed in the week it is provided.

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Tuesday Feb. 24
 • 1 p.m., Dairy Reproduction Workshop
 • 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dairy Women's Social, sponsored by Dairy Max
Wednesday, Feb. 25
 • 9 p.m. - Dairy Management Workshop, Dr. Tom Fuhrmann, Dairy Works Management System
 • noon - DFA Dairyman's Lunch (Open to all dairyman)
 • 12:30 p.m. - Market Update, John Wilson DFA Corp VP of Marketing

Horsemanship and Stock Dog Training
Tuesday, Feb. 24
 • 10 a.m., Show Arena Enlightened Horsemanship, Michael Richardson, Hico, Tx.
Wednesday, Feb. 25
 • 9 a.m., Show Arena Working Dog Clinic (Event will run all day) - Will be hands on for owners and their dogs, Orin Barnes, Canyon, TX
 • 1 p.m. - will be continued from morning session

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Tractor Parade
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Antique Tractor Games
Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m.

Chuck Wagon Lunch
Tuesday, Feb. 24 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
J4 BBQ
Wednesday, Feb. 25
 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Future of Wind Energy in NM
Tuesday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m., Cacahuete Room
 Presented by Robert Lumpkin and Rory McMinn, Renewable Energy Consultant and Transmission Line Authority

Animal ID and Country of Origin Labeling
 and its effects on Ag Security
Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1 p.m., McAlister Room
 Presented by Dr. Ron Parker, NM Livestock Board

NM Animal Health and Ag Security
Tuesday, Feb. 24, 3 p.m., McAlister Room
 Presented by Dr. Dave Fly, NM Livestock Board Veterinarians

Weed Resistance Management
Wednesday, Feb. 25, 11 a.m.
 Cacahuete Room-Weed Resistance Management, Presented by Dr. Jamshid Ashigh, NMSU Extension Weed Specialist

Market Update
Wednesday, Feb. 25, 12:30 p.m.,
 Dairy Pavilion-Presented by John Wilson, DFA Corp, VP of Marketing

Beef Cow Health Management
Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2 p.m., McAlister Room-Presented by Dr. John Wenzel, NMSU Extension Veterinarian

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Varsity Mules honored... Continued from page 1

difference in the lives of the students and how much he cares about them. Wood took over the Mules following a 0-10 season and at least in line for the longest losing streak in Texas.

Wood's first season with the Mules finished 1-9 then they went 5-5 and the third season, 1998, under Coach Wood the Mules won their first district championship in many years. Under Wood the Mules have been in the playoffs 10 of his 13 seasons and have a record of 107-47. The previous 13 years the Mules were 35-93-2.

Wood has the ability to bring out the potential in young athletes as well as find coaches that also care about the students, are good teachers and examples, he said.

Coach Wood took the podium and thanked the fans for truly being the 12th man and having an

impact on the players. He also extended his appreciation to the cheerleaders and the Mighty M Band for their contributions to a successful season.

The Mules were not a state-ranked team, nor were they picked to win their district. On paper the Mules were smaller, slower and less experienced than the teams they faced. But the sports writers seemed to forget quicker and that one intangible that can not be measured, the size of the Mule's heart, the coach said.

"This is the most coachable group I have had the pleasure of being around," said Wood. "They believed in themselves, their coaches and each other. They became a brotherhood that turned a team into a family."

"The Mules brought their 'A Game' every

single day. Their hearts are the size of Texas," he added.

Wood then introduced each member of his staff prior to presenting them their rings.

The Mules lost seven coaches to other teams this past season along with 21 seniors and had two players move away. The Mules had to come together with a lot of new players as well as seven new coaches.

"It normally takes a couple of years for a new coaching staff to come together," continued Wood. "But these guys jumped in head first and did not come up for air until Dec. 13."

Among the comments made about the coaching staff, team members and other honorees were:

Coach Wes Boatman coached the defensive ends. He was the veteran of the defensive staff and he handled the new

coach's questions about how the Mules do things. He revamped the off-season program last spring.

Coach Kirk Byrd coached inside linebackers and is the defensive coordinator. He had big shoes to fill but by the time the season had ended he had worn out the old ones and in need of a new pair. The Mule defense was known for taking away the oppositions strengths and forcing them into uncomfortable situations.

Coach Jason Cole coaches the offensive line. He finds ways for all of his players to contribute. He brought a fresh new family atmosphere to the Mule program.

Coach Lee Fletcher worked with the defensive tackles. He came to Muleshoe and had never coached football. But Coach Wood

believes that a good coach can coach anything and Coach Fletcher instills confidence and that is contagious with players.

Coach Benjie Jay is the receivers coach. He not only teaches football but also the game of life. He is a stickler for detail and that was evident in the Mule receivers.

Coach Jose Gonzales primary responsibility is in the junior high program but he helped make sure all the details of getting everything ready for a game. He has a wealth of experience matches the philosophy and expectations in junior high is the same as it is in high school.

Coach Matt Mason worked with the outside linebackers. He is not just a basketball coach and is a man of few words. But when he speaks others need to listen. He is perceptive and recognizes strengths

and weaknesses on the field. That is why he is in the press box on Friday night.

Coach Ralph Mason handles the quarterbacks and running backs and is the Mules offensive coordinator. He is the senior member of the Mule coaching staff and has been with Wood during his 13 years in Muleshoe. He takes the field with a plan that he has thought out very carefully.

Coach Lesley Stafford is in his first year as a coach and is the youngest member of the staff. Coach Wood reminds him often like he does his players after they score quickly, "It is not always going to be this easy!"

Coach Drew Thorn is the Mules jack of all trades but carries the title of secondary coach. He has a great work ethic and most days was the

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The City of Muleshoe is soliciting bids for the purchase of the following real property:

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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!** \$92,500

• NICE 4.8 acre homesites, close to town, neat restricted!! \$17,500!!

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first to arrive at practice and the last to leave.

Coach Josh Woolbright is the Mules athletic trainer. For the second year the Mules entered the last game of the year with the same number of kids that they started the season. The Mules had injuries but he worked hours rehabbing and treating the athletes so they could be ready for Friday.

After the coaches were presented their rings the student trainers were presented their UIL State Championship gold medallions by Coach Woolbright. Called to the stage were Daniela Aburto, Carlos Bustillo and Nicole Crandell. Joining them were Alyssa Martinez, Michael Martinez, Patrick Mendoza and Sean Thornton.

The Junior Varsity Mules were the next to the stage and Coach Wood had this to say, "They tested our varsity every day as they simulated our opponents. By the end of the year they were harder to beat than some of the teams we played."

Coach Jay and Coach Boatman coached the JV Mules and shared the presentation of Texas State Championship Medals to them. The JV Mules were Rico Alarcon, Chris Anguiano, Christian Casterena, Ryan DeLeon, Steven Durben, Gage Edwards, Jonathan Garcia, Cristian Godinez, Justin Griswald, Isaias Guerra, Eddie Herrera, Juan Orozco, Clay Pena, Joey Ramirez, Steven Richards, Larry Richardson, Dameon Snell, Royce Strader and Estaban Vidana.

The varsity Mules were then called to the stage in alphabetical order to receive their medals and rings from their position coach as Coach Wood called their name and had a personal statement about each.

A m o n g t h o s e teammates and comments were:

DJ Atwood was the first to the stage and was the utility player for the Mules. He played center, guard and tackle on the offensive line but he made his presence known on special teams.

Austin Bamert is the only junior voted as a team captain by his teammates. He played center, guard, tackle, linebacker, defensive end and three technique. But it was his character that made him valuable to the team.

Adrian Chacon is 5-5 and weighs 130 pounds in plays on the offensive line. He did not strike fear in the hearts of the opponents but always found a way to get his job done. That 5-5 130 is the size of his heart.

Nathaniel Chavez moved from offensive lineman to a receiver because that is where the Mules needed him to play. He filled that roll by making big plays all season and surpassed all expectations.

Stevie Cisneros weighs in at 128 but is a wild man on the kickoff team. He had more confidence than any player on the field and could be heard saying after the Mules scored, "We have 'em!"

Caleb Conner got better and better as the season rolled along. The coaches

always tell the players to "be ready when it is your turn". Caleb did that in the championship game. He took over at corner and slammed their Div. I running back, Broderick Jackson to the turf with a one-on-one open-field tackle.

Alex Godinez is a success story for the Mules. He was starting as an outside linebacker by the third game and the rest is history. However during two-a-days he felt as if he were just in the way and that the team would be better off if he quit. After a conversation with Coach Wood he decided to stick around and now has a state championship ring on his finger.

Juan Gonzales made play after play on defense and the coaches wondered how he could keep doing it. He played the season with a torn rotator cuff and had his left arm tied to his hip. Immediately after the season he had his injury repaired and Coach Wood said, "Can you imagine what he will be like next year with two good arms?"

Coach Wood referred to Cole Hawkins as, "The biggest, nicest teddy bear you would ever want to meet. That is unless it is on the football field." The 2009 season should bring continued improvement and Hawkins will be playing on Saturday in 2010.

Marshall Head was always the smallest player on the field since he started playing football. He never backed away from a challenge.

Look for Part 2 in next week's Muleshoe Journal



Wasteful spending dressed in "Stimulus" clothing

For months, Americans across the country have been grappling with the results of our nation's economic downturn: layoffs, foreclosures, salary cuts, and the tough family budgeting decisions that go hand in hand with a recession. While Texas has fared better than most states — largely due to our pro-business economic policies and the can-do spirit inherent to the Texas culture — we are not immune.

According to Texas Workforce Commission Chairman Tom Paulken, "Our state's economy has been fairly resilient during these months of economic uncertainty, but the national economic storm has reached Texas."

In January, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs predicted a loss of 111,000 Texas jobs and announced a 10.5 percent drop in tax revenue in this fiscal year. In North Texas, the jobless rate has climbed to 5.6 percent — a significant ascent from one year ago, when the rate was 4.1 percent. The jobless rate for the entire state recently hit six percent — nearly two percentage points higher than a year ago.

The housing crunch has taken its toll in Texas as well. In 2008, Texas was listed as one of the top ten states in foreclosure totals. Meritage, one of the nation's biggest homebuilders with more than 65 percent of its communities located in Texas, reported that its fourth-quarter orders

in Texas fell 61 percent. Experts claim that a decrease in prices in some of Texas' top industries like oil and natural gas is having a negative impact on the state's housing market.

In the U.S. Senate, I have been working with my colleagues to stop the recession in its tracks and turn the economic tide back in our favor. This has been no easy task. Unfortunately, while the new President has indicated his desire for bipartisanship, Democrat leaders in Congress have taken a different approach, attempting to jam an enormous spending bill totaling more than \$1 trillion down the taxpayers' throats.

Instead of producing a plan aimed at reviving the housing market, providing significant tax relief to hard-working Americans, and creating quality jobs for men and women looking for work — the Democrat plan instead reflects a political slush fund brimming with billion-dollar pet projects that will not have an immediate, tangible effect on our nation's economic health.

In Texas, we have embraced low taxes and pro-growth policies that support our small businesses and middle class families. The Democrats' plan would take billions in Texas taxpayer dollars and reward reckless states with pet projects dressed in 'stimulus' clothing.

Some of the more absurd examples include a request for \$600 million to build an "ethnic heritage trail" or a request for \$6 million to build three aquatic centers with water slides.

My Republican colleagues and I have sought to improve this inflated bill by offering low-tax, pro-growth amendments. I offered an amendment that would have lowered the 10 percent tax bracket to five percent, providing much needed relief to every taxpayer who pays income tax and files their taxes by April 15. Unfortunately, this was blocked by Senate Democrats.

Another important amendment would have provided much-needed relief to the struggling housing market by reducing mortgage rates for millions of homeowners. This amendment was also defeated.

Sadly, while the American people were counting on Congress to present a final economic rescue product that reflects bipartisanship and includes true tax relief and tangible economic growth measures, the Democrats' \$1.2 trillion "stimulus" package is no such product.

We need to work together to craft legislation that provides real relief for everyday Texans. If American families are having to tighten their belts and make tough financial decisions, the federal government should follow suit.



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