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Rabies notice issued for county

Texas state health officials have issued a rabies notice for Bailey County following positive results on the carcass of a skunk.

According to the rabies report, a county resident living west of Muleshoe discovered a dead skunk inside his fenced yard on May 16, and at the advice of his veterinarian bagged the carcass and submitted it for testing.

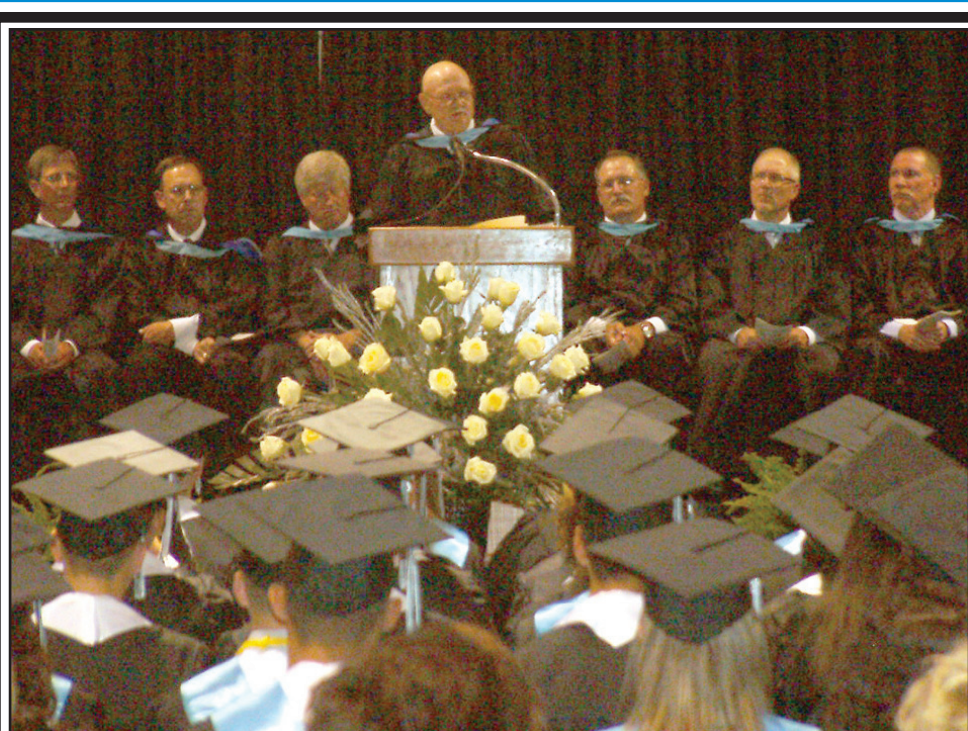
Three days later, on May 19, a positive test result was issued.

The recent positive test is the first such result in Bailey County since before 2008.

According to state statutes, all bites and scratches to people from animals capable of transmitting rabies must be reported to the local rabies control authority.

Animals observed acting in an unusual manner in Bailey County should be reported to the sheriff's office.

Animals acting strangely in Muleshoe should be reported to Animal Control Officer Crystal Casto.



Changing of the Guard

Muleshoe's Class of 2009 passed their baton of high school leadership during ceremonies at the Bailey County Coliseum. Pictured above instructor Jim Daniels addresses the graduates. On the right valedictorian Jane Pyle receives her diploma.



Photographs by Larry Thornton

Independence Day celebration includes some changes

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture have announced some changes in the annual Independence Day celebration, with a large amount of the activities taking place in the New City Park rather than on Main Street.

This year all vendors will be located at the New City Park. The vendor fee is \$30. No electricity is provided at the park, a chamber official pointed out, and a vendor who needs electricity will need to have a generator.

According to chamber officials, the currently scheduled events are as follows:

- Annual softball tournament, July 3-5, sponsored by the Muleshoe Softball Association. Roque Flores Softball Field, entry fee \$150, 14 player roster, 3-2 pitch. The tournament will be coed

and womens, with first, second and third places to be awarded. Contact Patty Banks at 272-5831 for more information.

- July 4th Parade, 10:00 am, Main Street. The parade entries must report to the Boy Scout Hut on South Main street at 9:30 am. Entry forms available from the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture.

• Barbeque lunch at the Oneita Wagon Senior Center, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The lunch will feature brisket and beans. Tickets for adults are \$5, and children under 10 are \$3. The center will be open for visiting and games

- The annual Muleshoe Pitching Tournament at 3 p.m., at the Mule Putt Miniature Golf Course.
- Fireworks display and entertainment at the New City Park beginning around 8 p.m.



Hospital district board takes action on financial issues

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's continuing financial concerns took up the majority of the hospital board's time in open session during Thursday's regular meeting.

In part, the degree to which the hospital district intends to pursue outstanding accounts was discussed, with the board members voting to move its collection efforts to an Amarillo law firm.

"How hard do you want to pursue accounts?" MAHD

Chief Executive Officer Jason Anglin asked at the beginning of the discussion.

"If you really want to pursue collections hard, and aren't adverse to suing, I'd recommend you use this firm," Anglin said in his recommendation that the district switch from Retail Merchants of Lubbock to Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott of Amarillo.

He explained that the law firm was better prepared to take the cases into civil court to recover monies owed,

also noting that he had prior experience with the law firm.

"If we're going to be a hospital district for long,

we're going to have to put some teeth in it. Anglin also recommended that the hospital board contract with its auditors — Parrish, Moody & Fikes of Waco — to complete a

"charge master review," to include a coding review and strategic pricing.

Although a couple of

other companies had expressed an interest in providing such services for the district, Anglin indicated there was an advantage to using the auditing firm because of its existing relationship

with the hospital insurance companies," board member Bob Donaldson said, while Anglin noted that the strategic pricing would be where the hospital's revenue would benefit most.

The process would make sure that the hospital's prices were comparable with other health institutes, and would cost about \$35,000. The last such review was held about three years ago.

Anglin said he intended to pay for the review from about \$300,000 in reimbursements the district expected to receive from Medicare.

"This will keep us up to the cutting edge with our pricing and the

"If we're going to be a hospital district for long we're going to have to put some teeth in it..."
— Bob Donaldson

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Mixed signals

It appeared to be a week of mixed weather signals recently in Muleshoe as wind, rain and ice battled sunshine, warm temperatures and flowers. Pictured on the right, Tuesday's heavy rain and hail turned Second Street into an icy river. On the right, just half a block further west and a couple of days later, cactus flowers decorate a residential yard.

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problem was a major problem. "We're not collecting what's being billed."

"Private pay is really, really slow," he said.

Apparently due in part to the hospital's financial condition, it was explained that First Bank had declined to extend the Park View Nursing Care Center's \$50,000 note that was due on July 13, but has agreed to add that amount to the \$50,000 note that has already been set up on a 36-month note with monthly payments.

Another bank note — for \$200,283 used in the purchase of houses and property needed for the district's proposed clinic expansion, is due June 13.

In other business, the hospital board:

- Elected Bill Liles as

its president, replacing Wayne Pierson. Bob Donaldson was reelected as vice president and Zona Gatewood was reelected as the board's secretary.

- Declared the former Decorator's Floral building as salvage, with the exception of its carport.

Although not listed as an agenda item, the board expressed a consensus that the district's administration needed to fence off the property purchased for the expansion of the medical clinic.

- Approved the purchase of bed linen for the hospital with the intent of contracting for laundry services with the nursing home.

According to Anglin, the hospital's current laundry service cost the

district about \$77,000 per year, while nursing home administrator Chris Cotton estimates the service for \$41,000.

Previously, the district's auditors warned that the hospital shouldn't contract for services with the nursing home. However, this advice has apparently

changed in the last couple of months.

- Held a two-hour executive session for discussion regarding real estate and personnel items, including the sponsoring of work visas for laboratory employees.

- Voted to send accounts totaling \$12,065 to collections.

Bailey County Relay for Life

The Bailey County Relay for Life has been scheduled for Friday, June 12, from 7 p.m. until 2 a.m., at the Muleshoe High School Benny Douglas Stadium. Last year, the Bailey County Relay raised \$32,000, a higher goal has been set for this year, according to county chairperson Jill Morris.

Lariat church to hold VBS

The Lariat Church of Christ will be holding a Vacation Bible School for all children ages 4 yrs. through high school on Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served along with snacks.

There will be fun group games, crafts and activities as well as Bible lessons for all who attend.

For additional information contact Lynn Cain at 272-6794.

AA meeting set

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. Second. Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.

Register for 2009 Tour

Register by June 13, for the 15th annual Muleshoe Heritage Tour de Muleshoe Bike Ride and be eligible to win \$500 cash. You do not have to ride to win, just register and pay the \$20 entry fee.

Pre-register by mailing forms to Muleshoe Heritage Foundation, Box 201, Muleshoe, or pick up or drop off forms at Adrian Photography, 218 W. 2nd Street, or weekdays from 1 – 5 p.m., at the Muleshoe Heritage Depot, 2104 W. American Boulevard. Visit the web site at www.tourdemuleshoe.com for more information and pictures of past rides.

Extra meal tickets may be purchased at the site or with pre-registration. Meal tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Late registration will be accepted the same day of the ride between 7– 9 a.m. at the coliseum.

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Time for hotel hamburgers

It's that time again for another hamburger lunch for the Sudan Hotel.

The last time over \$1,500 was raised.

The lunch will be Sunday June 7, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sudan Cafeteria.



FFA donations presented

Muleshoe FFA and Lazbuddie FFA received donations from Pfizer Animal Health and Muleshoe Vet Supply recently. Pfizer Animal Health offered a program last fall where FFA programs could receive contributions based on sales of selected Pfizer animal health products. Scott Kline, manager of Muleshoe Vet Supply made the presentation of the checks to Brandon Thomason, Muleshoe FFA, pictured above, and Sid Morris, Lazbuddie FFA, pictured below.



MHS music program scores

Muleshoe High School continues to have successes most recently with its music program.

At the State Solo and Ensemble competition choir students received the following awards:

- Four gold medalists with solos
- Four silver medalists

- with solos
- Two bronze medalists with solos
- Two silver medalists with madrigals (14 kids)
- A silver medalist with treble ensemble (4 kids)
- A gold medalist with madrigals (6 kids)

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.

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Watson students honored

Students of the Week for April and May at Watson Junior High included Shawn Atwood, Dannya Avila, Navit Esparza, Stephanie Infante, Zachary Mumua, Ryan Johnson, Adrianna Guerra, Diana Salcido, Eli Leal, Keelee Whitaker, Jesus Torres and Gilbert Gomez.

BCEC announces scholarship winners

The board of directors of the Bailey County Electric Cooperative recently announced the winners of 16 scholarships through the cooperative and Muleshoe State Bank. The recipients of these \$1,000 scholarships are:

- Jacob Schacher, the son of Daniel and Mary Jo Schacher of Muleshoe. Jacob plans to attend WTA&M.

- Chase Timms, the son of Chris and Jill Timms of Lazbuddie. Chase plans to attend WTA&M, pursuing a pre-veterinarian degree.
- Hunter Jones, the son of Bob and Kelly Jones of Springlake. Hunter plans to attend Texas Tech and earn a degree in business marketing and then continue on to law school.

- Amy Fennell, the daughter of Lexie and Kelley Fennell of Springlake. Amy plans to attend Texas Tech and major in management information systems.

- Blake Fennell the son of Lexie and Kelley Fennell of Springlake. He plans to attend Texas Tech and major in environmental crop and soil sciences.

- Heath Fennell, the son of Lexie and Kelley Fennell of Springlake. He plans to attend WTA&M and major in finance and general business.

- Skylar Sowder, the daughter of Jerry and Cheryl Sowder of Sudan. She plans to attend Texas Tech and major in agricultural and applied economics.

- Brock Steinbock, the son of Charleson and Belinda Steinbock of Sudan. Brock plans to attend WTA&M and enter pre-engineering to study and research wind energy.

- Gunner Kerby, the son of Leslie and Susan Kerby of Muleshoe. Gunner plans to attend South Plains College, plans to become a mechanical engineer.

- Marshall Head, the son of David and Belinda Head of Muleshoe. He plans to attend McMurry University and study to become a game warden.

- Clara McBane, the daughter of Everett and Suzie McBane of Muleshoe. She plans to attend South Plains College and work toward a degree in radiologic technology.

- April Gardea, the daughter of Adriana Apodaca of Muleshoe. She plans to attend WTA&M and study to become an athletic trainer.

- Jackson Myers, the son of Thurman and Rhonda Myers of Muleshoe. Jackson plans to attend Tarleton State University

to receive a degree in agricultural services and development with the intent of receiving a teaching certificate.

- Amy Tiller, the daughter of Billy and Christal Tiller of Sudan. She plans to attend Wayland Baptist University and major in education and minor in photography.

- Shaun Barker, the son of John and Jamie Barker of Morton. Shaun plans to attend South Plains College and study law enforcement.

- Keshia Smith, the daughter of Dwayne and Shelly Smith of Dimmitt. Keshia plans to attend the University of Texas and pursue a degree in business.

Ex-student scholarships awarded

Two scholarships of \$750 were recently presented to local students by the Muleshoe Ex-Students Association.

The recipients were:

- Gabby Agundis, the daughter of Nina and Jesus Agundus. She plans to study communication disorders and audiology.

- Gunner Shane Kirby, the son of Leslie and Susan Kirby. He plans to study mechanical engineering.

MISD's best

The Muleshoe Independent School District honored its teachers and staff Friday, May 29, with the top awards going to Flora Orozco, Staff Member of the Year; Linda Erdmann, Teacher of the Year (high school); and Tonda Wood, Teacher of the Year (elementary).



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Late registration is accepted the day of the race from 7-9 AM at the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 W. American Blvd.
Ride packets should be picked up at the Coliseum on June 14. Packets include: water bottle, ride number, route map, collector t-shirt and meal ticket good for the Spaghetti Meal (served 11:30 AM to 2 PM).

Kids' Bicycle Rodeo - FREE

Registration begins at 9 AM; events start at 10 PM (Helmets are mandatory)

Ages: Kindergarten thru 5th grade next year
Ribbons awarded for first thru sixth place in several events. All participants will receive a Tour de Muleshoe water bottle.

Spaghetti Meal

Free to all riders. Extra tickets may be purchased at the site or ordered with pre-registration. \$4 for adults; \$2 under 12 years

Drawings

Drawings for door prizes will be held after all riders are in. Drawing for the \$500 Cold Hard Cash for pre-registrants only will also be held at this time.

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Hey, all of you lucky people, you only have 32 days left to get your lucky ticket for the \$10,000 drawing on July 4.

You could be the receiver of \$5,000, \$3,000 or \$2,000. Perhaps you do not have the \$100 donation, get some friends together, and divide the donation.

This is a great way to support the senior center. So call or come by, we need your support.

Saturday, June 6, we will be serving a pancake breakfast at the center.

The serving time will be from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m.

The menu will be pancakes, sausage, bacon, coffee, orange juice, milk, and an assorted flavors of syrup. Treat your family to a good outing.

Donations of \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 10 and under, are required.

All of you domino, Bunco, and Eighty players make plans to come in, have breakfast, play and enjoy a good time.

Tuesday, June 9, the South Plains Senior Companion group will be meeting at the center during the lunch hour. We are glad to have the group visit us and enjoy their meeting.

Tuesday night, June 9, is the senior dance night. Perhaps you have a senior citizen that would like to get out on a Tuesday night in Muleshoe, this would be a great time to come and bring them to enjoy the fun and fellowship.

The dance begins at 7 p.m. with a break for pot luck supper at 8:30 p.m., and ends at 10 p.m.

We have several friends from the surrounding area that come and enjoy. Even if you do not dance for the exercise, the music

and fellowship is very enjoyable.

Wednesday, June 10, the regular board meeting will be held at the center beginning at 1 p.m. The meetings are open to the public and we invite anyone with ideas for the benefit of the center to come.

Remember our Bingo on Thursday afternoon. We ask that you bring a can of food for the food bank. Be sure the cans are not dented, nor outdated.

We are having a great time on Thursday afternoon. Come and join in the fun. Prizes and refreshments are provided.

Menu for June 8-12:
Monday, June 8 — Chicken spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and brownie.

Tuesday, June 9 — Meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, greens, salad,

wheat roll and cake.

Wednesday, June 10 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and apple cobbler.

Thursday, June 11 — Hamburgers, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, pork and beans, Jello and fruit.

Friday, June 12 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

Don't forget your photographs
Photographs that have been submitted for publication in the Muleshoe Journal may be picked up during regular business hours.

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

LISD honor rolls released

Lazbuddie ISD's sixth six-week honor rolls have been released. Among the students honored were:

Elementary "A"
Joshua Cox, Adrian Fernandez, Coby Glover, Miranda Salazar, Preston Stewart, Avery Hicks, Sidney Urbantke, Devon Pacheco, Andres Solano, Bernardo Lopez, Gentry Hicks, Ashley Scott and Micah Vera.

Elementary "AB"
Tyler Haseloff, Marrena Hunn, Gunner Russell, Kaleigh Russell, Avery Timms, Marisol Gomez, Ashlyn Timms, TJ Ballard, Triston Bomer, Julie Chavez, Triston Gonzalez, Ginsyn McGehee, Melinna Covarrubias, Cambree Glover, Karsyn Youngblood, Lindsey Burris, Iridian Fernandez, Juan Samarron and Alonzo Soto.

Junior High "A"
Lacey Jesko, Haley

Beasley, Katlyn Hickss, Ashton Mason, Shyann Rainey and Karina Galaviz.

Junior High "AB"
Haldon Ivy, Keena Diaz, Cutter Glover, Allison Weaver, Jessica Estrada, Denise Sanchez, Shea Scott and Ian Thompson.

High School "A"
Jarrod Jesko, Jordan Hernandez, Cassidy Lowe, Darin Ivy, Kayle Jesko, Kinzi Schacher and Jacob Schacher.

High School "AB"
Charles Baca, Paola Estrada, Kylie McGehee, Todd Nichols, Justin Schacher, Tanner Beasley, Carrie Beth Gilly, Amy Howard, Elias Ramos, Colton Weaver, Katie Chavez, Logan Mason, Riley Smith, Kyler Steinbock, Richie Aguilar, Trevor Coker, Bart Guillen, Ryan Mason, Devlin Thompson, Rajon Thorn and Chase Timms.

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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI
700 LEFTIES!
ALTHOUGH MODERN BASEBALL HAS PRODUCED SOME AMAZING LEFT HANDED PITCHERS WHO THROW WITH EXTREME ACCURACY, SUCH AS LEFTY GROVE, WHITEY FORD, CARL HUBBEL, JOHNNY VANDER MEER, SANDY KOUFAX, IT CAN'T MATCH THE BIBLE'S SEVEN HUNDRED "LEFTY" SLING SHOOTERS!

THE SLING SHOOTER WAS THE COUNTERPART OF A MODERN ARMY'S RIFLE MAN AND THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN HAD SEVEN HUNDRED CHOSEN MEN LEFT HANDED (JUDGES 20:16) ALL OF THEM COULD SLING STONES AT A HAIR'S BREADTH AND NOT MISS. ALL THE SHEPHERD BOYS USED SLINGS TO PROTECT THEIR HERDS FROM BEASTS OF PREY AND THIS CONSTANT PRACTICE AS THE YOUTHS GREW UP TO MANHOOD ASSURED ISRAEL OF A CONSTANT SUPPLY OF SHARP SHOOTERS IN TIME OF WAR.

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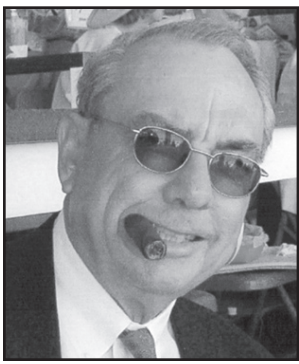
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BAILEY COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

Obituaries

Charles Flowers

Memorial services for Charles Edward Flowers, 72, of Muleshoe were held on Saturday, May 31, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Monty Leavell officiating. Cremation was under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.



Charles Flowers and served on various committees.

After a very fun and well lived life, Charles Edward Flowers passed away on May 28, 2009, at Covenant Lakeside Hospital, with his "Dumplin'" by his side.

Charles was born to the late Collier and Vera (Underwood) Flowers in Lubbock on June 21, 1936. He married Jerie Wagnon on July 7, 1988.

He was preceded in death by a son — Eddie, in 1984.

Charles stationed in Germany while he was serving in the US Army. He was a Texas Tech graduate, served on the board of directors of the Salvation Army, was a member of the Muleshoe Rotary Club, the Friday Morning Breakfast Club and the Muleshoe Country Club.

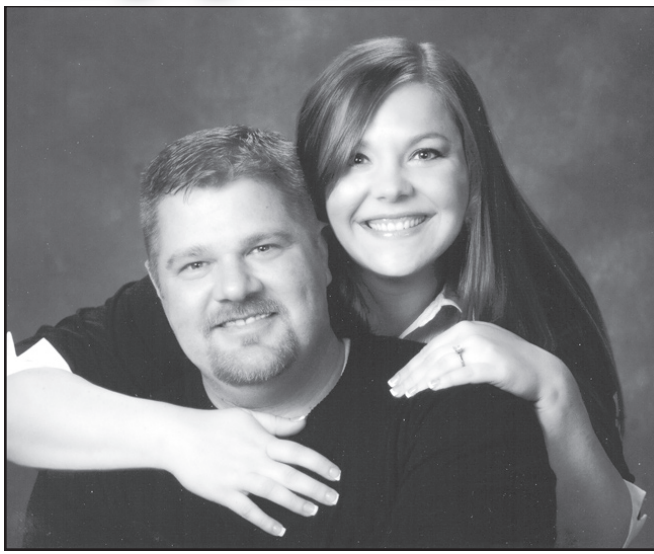
He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, where he was a former Sunday school teacher

Charles was a farmer and was involved in the pay phone industries.

Survivors include his wife — Jerie of Muleshoe; three daughters and their husbands — Mary Katherine and Jack Ellis of Rockwall, Deborah and Johnny St. Clair of Waco, and Tyree Bobby Green of Roundrock; several grandchildren — Fletcher and Campbell Renner, Damon St. Clair, Amanda Adams and her husband Scott, Cade Stevens, and Mica Stevens and his wife Erin; and three great-grandchildren — Bailey, Ethan and Jeremiah Adams.

Memorials may be sent to Eddie Flowers Memorial Fund, Texas Tech Foundation, P.O. Box 45025, Lubbock, Texas 79409-5025, or Meals on Wheels, 300S. First, Ste. 119, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Engagement



Steven Keith Noble and Melynn Rae Pikulski

Pikulski, Noble to wed

Steven Keith Noble and Melynn Rae Pikulski, both of Addison, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. The couple will wed on Saturday, June 27, 2009, at 7 p.m., at The House Plantation in Hockley.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Ray and Deborah Pikulski of Cypress and Lynne and Reid Hansen of Weatherford.

She is a graduate of Cy-Fair High School and Texas A&M University, and is a teacher with the Plano Independent

School District. The prospective groom is the son of Brian and Iva Noble of Muleshoe.

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There will be fun group games, crafts and activities as well as Bible lessons for all who attend.

For additional information contact Lynn Cain at 272-6794.

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Weddings



Mrs. David O'Brien

Morgan, O'Brien wed

April Morgan and David O'Brien, both of Plainview, were united in matrimony on May 15, during ceremonies at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Plainview.

The Rev. Dr. Claude Lusk officiated in the ceremonies.

The bride is the daughter of Ron and Janet Morgan of Muleshoe. The groom is the son of Terrell and Vickie O'Brien of La Vernia.

Christy Morgan served as Maid of Honor, with Jodi Patterson and Lisa Hamilton serving as bridesmaids.

The bride wore a chiffon gown featuring an empire bodice and hand-beaded waistband. She also wore a veil (something old) that belonged to her mother, a pearl necklace borrowed from her mother, and a blue garter.

Michael O'Brien served as Best Man,

while Trae Sweatt and Luke Loetscher served as groomsmen. The groom and his assistance were attired in black tuxedos.

Trea Sweatt also provided music for the event. Jean Petty, Karen Hutson and Kelsey Beggs served at the reception that followed the wedding ceremonies, held in the lower auditorium of the First Baptist Church.

The couple honeymooned in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of Muleshoe High School, and a 2009 graduate of Wayland Baptist University. She will teach mathematics in the fall.

The groom is a 2004 graduate of Lander Valley High School, Wyoming, and a 2009 WBU graduate. He is employed as a framer at King's Keepsakes.

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Sports

How to Win a State Championship

From the Stands

By Delton Wilhite

I have to still believe in Santa Claus or how else would I be able to explain my receiving the following email. It was written by Muleshoe ISD's Special Education Director, Brian Arnold.

I read the email and then opened the attachment and found the message that he had written to the staff of Muleshoe ISD on the eve of school dismissing for the summer. A tear comes to my eye each time I read Mr. Arnold's message.

I knew immediately I wanted to share this with you but that permission had to be granted. I requested and received not only permission to include the article but also the blessing of the girl's parents, Mr. Arnold and of MISD superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets.

I believe that Mr. Arnold has hit on points that if each of us included in our lives will make Muleshoe ISD, the community of Muleshoe, Texas and even the USA a 'State Championship' place to live.

Mr. Arnold, thank you for allowing us to read your message and for challenging us to include your thoughts in our lives. And now Mr. Arnold's email and message to the MISD staff.

Good morning, Some time ago, on one of my rather sleepless nights I got to thinking about our school district. During my 15 year stay here I have had several opportunities to move but I choose to stay. This is the district I want to work for and with.

I believe in this place and I believe we have the "makings" of a great, even championship quality school district. So during my sleeplessness I constructed the attachment. Indulge me if you would, by taking a few minutes to read

through it. May God grant you a restful, relaxing summer break! I already look forward to what we can accomplish together in 2009-10 school year!!

Brian Arnold, Special Education Director, Muleshoe ISD

How to Win a State Championship...

I couldn't help but notice that not one of our football players received a division 1 scholarship. During the season I couldn't help but notice that we were a little small in places and perhaps just a little slow in others. To get to 15-0 season record is nearly impossible even if things go pretty well.

Somewhere, someone is going to bring better athletes. They will be division 1 caliber... they will be bigger and they will be faster. So how do you win if you don't actually have the best talent? Perhaps it is summed up in one word "character."

Sometimes you have a team whose personal characteristics are so strong, so true that they carry the team in the face of the impossible. They are the characteristics of determination, of trustworthiness, of honesty, of selflessness and hard work.

The determination to say I may not be perfect but I will give perfect effort on every play. I may not be the fastest but you can trust me, I'll be where I'm suppose to be doing my job to the best of my ability... you can trust me. You will know by my actions that when I say I'll do it, I will.

I will always be honest with my teammates. And I promise to be selfless. If you need me to be a

guard then I'll be the best guard I can be. If you want me to play defense then I'll never question, not for a minute, I'll play defense.

If others score I will celebrate, if others make the game winning play I will congratulate and if I am never noticed I will be totally satisfied that I played the game. And I may not be the best athlete but I will outwork the best athlete. I will make him wish he had run one more time, done a few more reps and I will make him wish he had never met me.

Many teams have these characteristics and they go far because of them... but they don't win championships. However, sometimes these characteristics are so strong and so true that they are seen not just on the football field but in the everyday lives of the players. It is then that you realize that these character traits must go deeper... they must dictate life and when they do you see the heart of a champion... which brings me to Prom 2009.

In our high school we have a senior girl. She is mentally retarded. She can read some words. She gets "mad crushes" on the boys and must be taught how to appropriately respond. She is a wonderful girl and she so wanted to go to the Prom. And so some very caring MISD staff members made sure she had a dress.

They took a school car and with the permission of her parents, took her to the prom and chaperoned her through the night. And that in itself would have been enough. But her dreams were fulfilled

ourselves, we must be truthful and honest when dealing with our students, colleagues and parents.

We must be selfless as we give our all to the profession for which we have been called and quite frankly, we may have to outwork some people so that our district can win.

I believe that until we embrace these life changing characteristics we may continue to compete and perhaps we will even have some winning seasons.

But we will never win a championship until we are willing to dance with the less fortunate, embrace the average, celebrate the capable and blast our best into their tomorrow.

My prayer for our district in 2009-10 is to concentrate not on academic excellence per se, but on the personal characteristics that produce the impossible for the students we strive to reach.

Thank for reading and for all you do for our kids.

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Out!

Mule Victor Vasquez tags an opposing player at home during one of the final games of the 2009 MHS baseball season.

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- 7:00 PM - Opening Ceremonies
- 7:15 PM - Survivor/Caregiver Lap
- Survivor Reception
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- 7:30 PM - Opening Lap - all teams walk begins
- 8:00 PM - Messages to Heaven Balloon Release
- 8:30 PM - Lip Sync Contest
- 9:00 pm - Miss Relay Contest Begins Mr. Becomes Miss (the best dressed up male)
- 9:30 pm - Three-Legged Race
- 10:00 PM - Luminaria Ceremony
- 11:00 pm - Fight Back Ceremony
- 12:00 AM - Dance Contest
- 1:00 am - Poker Lap
- 1:30 AM - Best Hair
- 2:00 AM - Closing Ceremonies

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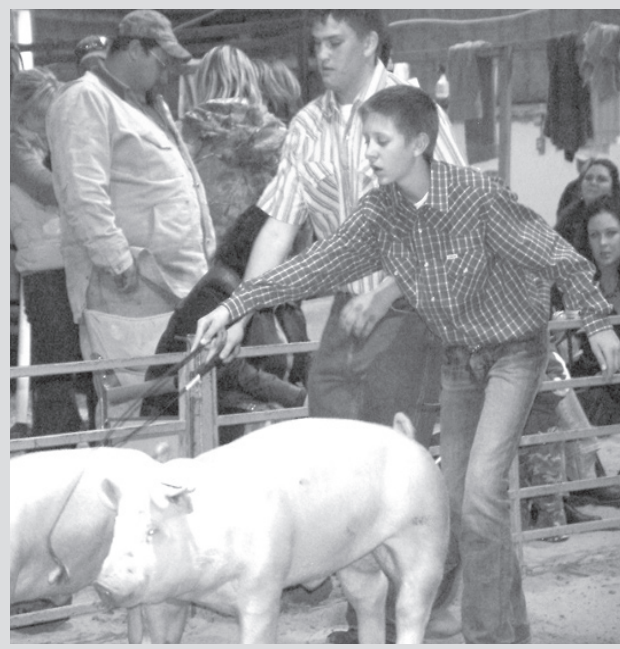
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We love to have plants around us all year long! We can build structures like hothouses that let us garden even in cold, snowy weather. Many cities, towns and businesses have special gardens. **Can you match these to their definitions?**

1. garden
2. greenhouse
3. orchard
4. terrarium

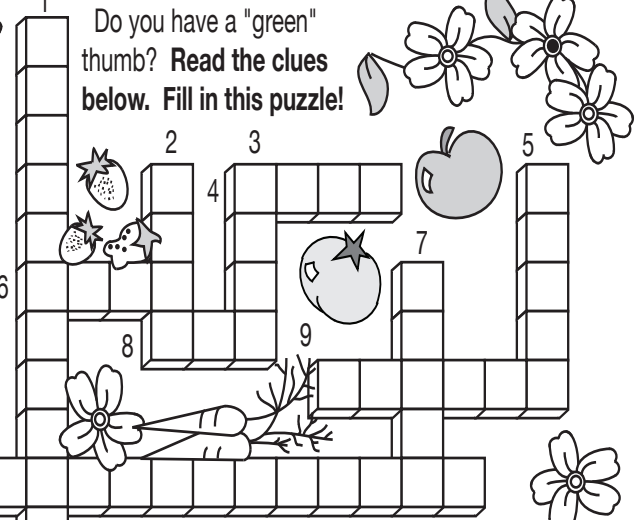
A. enclosed glass or plastic shelter for growing plants
B. land where fruit trees are grown
C. land where vegetables, fruits, flowers are grown
D. transparent box used for growing plants

1. flower bed
2. arboretum
3. hothouse
4. rock garden

A. stones mixed with plants in this space can look very attractive
B. heated shelter for plants
C. an area with different kinds of flowers planted together
D. place where plants and trees are grown, studied, displayed; they may be rare or unusual species

Can you find and circle 10 words that have 4 or more syllables?
bud flower roots
bulb water seed
stem phototropism
soil photosynthesis

Do you have a "green" thumb? Read the clues below. Fill in this puzzle!

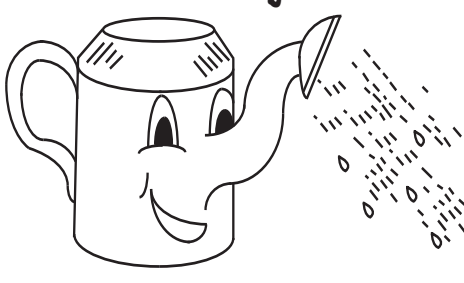


1. process by which plants change sunlight into energy and food
2. tulips and onions grow from this round, food-filled part, which is buried under the ground
3. can be very tiny, but has the information and food to start a new plant
4. supporting part of plant; stalk
5. H₂O; to sprinkle on or wet plants
6. loam, top of earth, dirt
7. grow down into ground and hold plant in place; "drink" water from soil; store food for plant
8. small part of a plant that will develop into a leaf, flower or stem
9. part of a plant that produces pollen, seeds
10. growth or movement of a plant in response to sunlight

Wow! Look at these hard words. If you get stuck, ask Mom or Dad!

Good Gardening

What in the world is that?
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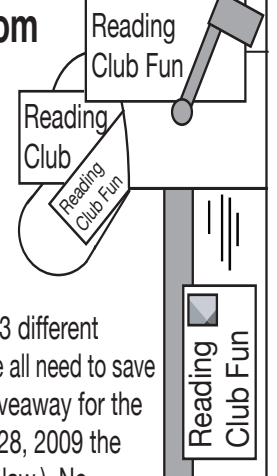
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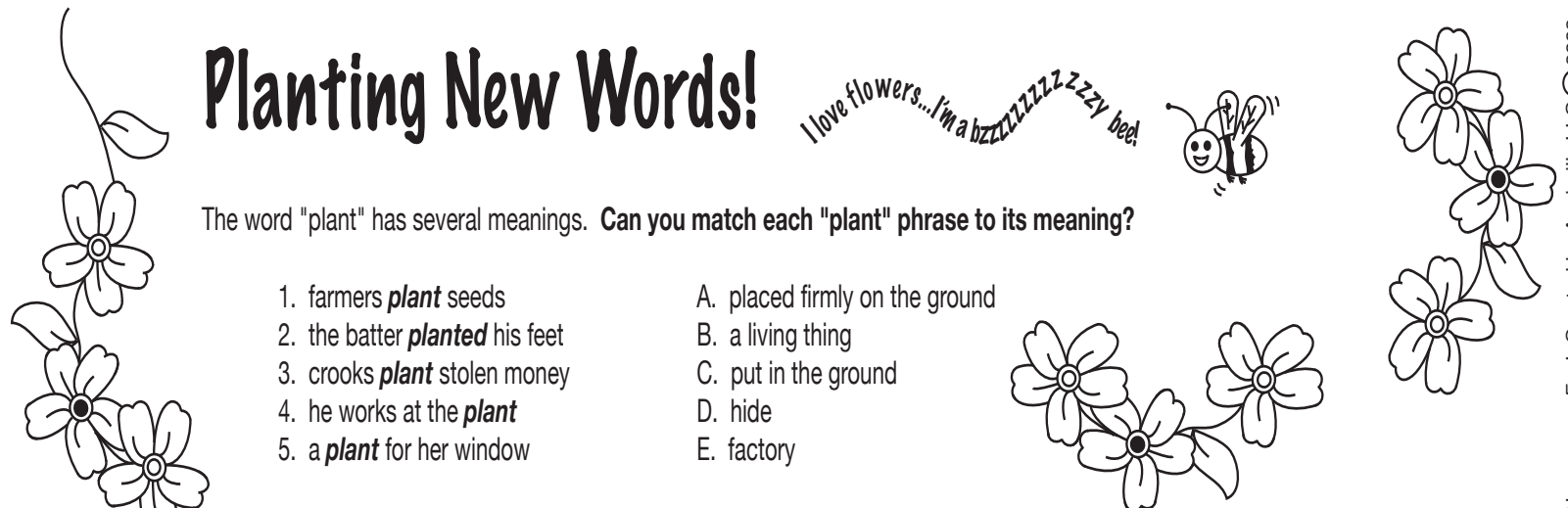
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Planting New Words!
I love flowers... I'm a bzzzzzzzzzzz bee!

The word "plant" has several meanings. **Can you match each "plant" phrase to its meaning?**

- farmers **plant** seeds
- the batter **planted** his feet
- crooks **plant** stolen money
- he works at the **plant**
- a **plant** for her window

A. placed firmly on the ground
B. a living thing
C. put in the ground
D. hide
E. factory



After the diploma... when hard times begin

As we pursue thoughts relative to the four components of life we have to recognize the fact that they are blended. More particularly, I would say, are the physical and financial. But that doesn't in any way diminish the importance of the intellectual or spiritual, for they are essential in developing the others.

In this time of graduation when the students will soon be going away from home they will, in my judgment, find the next few years the hardest of their lives. I have no reference to physical or mental abuse or problems. But it will be, as it must be, a time of making decisions that will to a great extent determine what their life will be.

They will ask themselves, again and again, "what do I want to do, or what do I want to be? What are my talents?"

Something worth saying...

By Glen Williams

What can I do?"

This may sound a little off key now, but it will show itself pretty soon. For before one might know it. Home building will arise and will be the foundation upon which these other things will rest. In that connection I will present an example or two. I'm not speaking of something I made up. But they are true in every respect.

This young fellow grew up in an area where his parents went to church. Consequently we had a splendid opportunity to teach him, along with the other young folks. He played golf, and was near the best. And I speak of State Championship. But when he graduated from high school and went to

college there soon came a time of decision: "Do I make golf my career, or do I choose something with a more productive future?"

Fortunately he chose the latter, and devoted his study to it. But there soon came a time that called for a decision of greater importance: "What kind of person should I be?"

He remembered his teaching: "Be honest, be courteous and friendly, dress neatly and live a clean moral life."

I'm sure that might be hard to do on the college campuses, for on them most of the students live faster and more active lives than he wanted; that is, he didn't want to partake of alcohol, or visit places of ill repute.

In short he didn't mix well with the other students.

So he, no doubt, was lonesome at times and wondered about the future. But we gave him our support. "Just stay in there and be the person you want to be, and some time and in some way," we told him, "life will pay you for it. Some where there are girls, and other boys, who feel as you do."

I believed then, and I believe now, that in the final analysis, every man wants a virtuous woman, and every woman wants a strong and clean man, and on both counts they are available. Furthermore, so I think, character, faith and commitment will find them.

Sometime later, my wife and I went back there for church services, and we went into a steak house for lunch. And in there that young man sat, and in the booth with

him sat a pretty little lady. We didn't need any "explanin'" to know what was happening. And "sure nuff" it wasn't long after that I received a phone call: "Could you come and assist in our wedding?" "Of course I can" was my reply.

I was amazed to learn recently of the advancement that young man has made during recent years. Among other things they include the chairmanship or president organization in one of the large universities in the east, assignment to a six months mission of service in Washington, D.C. and, so I understand, he is now a medical doctor.

He and his wife now have two or three children, and two pairs of happy grandparents.

But the other brother didn't do that well. He didn't want to go to school, so he quit and

went to work at whatever jobs he could find. And he had "too much fun" with a little drinking and playing around, which led to an unhappy marriage, a constant fuss over their two children, and finally a divorce. He would tell you that his life, to that point, was literally like hell.

But he has married again, and things seem to be much better for them. They attend church services for which we are all thankful. And our prayers are ever with them, as they are with all of our young friends.

Now, may I say? "The men I have seen succeed best in life have always been cheerful and hopeful men, who went about their business with a smile on their faces, and took the changes and chances of this mortal life, facing rough and smooth alike as it came." — Charles Kingsley



The Sudan Buzz

Sudan Class of 2009 begins writing a new chapter

Twenty-six students at Sudan High School began writing the next page of their lives with graduation from Sudan High School on Friday, May 30.

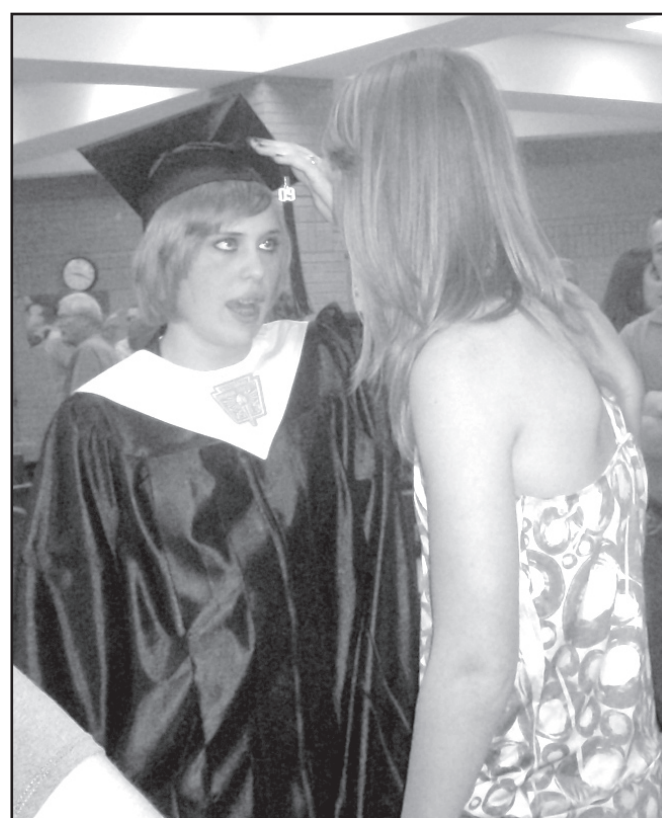
The invocation was lead by Terry Wilson, pastor of the Sudan Church of Christ. Brittany Williams, senior class president, welcomed everyone to the graduation ceremonies, and Larry Springer, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, addressed the graduates, explaining that they should feel lucky to be raised in Sudan.

He said Sudan is simliar to Mayberry, the wholesome little town from the show, Mayberry RFD. The rural community of Mayberry helped to build good moral values and ideas in it's citizens, much like Sudan.

He also shared the important characteristics that he felt makes an individual successful. The first quality that one must have to be successful is integrity. "You must also take responsibility for your actions."

"We are all given gifts," said Springer. "Discover those gifts."

He also encouraged the graduates to "dream large" and never, never, never, ever give up. He told them that no matter what they do, do it cheerfully. And for the parents, "Leave the porch light on." For the graduates, "Remember



Photographs by Terry Brewster

that the porch light is on."

Skylar Sowder, valedictorian, encouraged her fellow graduates to keep their wholesome and moral values. She recalled many of the memories that they shared at Sudan High School. Some were happy memories and some sad. She recalled the loss of Austin Barrett, Kari Jones and Deanna Richey, their sophmore year. Sowder said, "But we bounced back with even more love in our hearts."

Three seats with the class flower, a calla lily, were left vacant in memory of the lost classmates. She recalled the many of accomplishments of the class, in sports and academics.

Following the presentation of diplomas by Greg Lance, school board member, a slide

show was presented or the all in attendance. the presentation included pictures of the many years of accomplishments and fun times that this class enjoyed in this community where the porch light is always on.

Robert Reocker, pastor of the First Baptist Church, gave the benediction

and invited the parents, family and friends to stay to congratulate the Class of 2009.

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The parable of the king's bridge

Once upon a time in a land far, far away, a large and ornate bridge connected two bustling villages and spanned a mighty river. The bridge had stood for decades, having been built by a great king who had spared no expense in building it to last for many lifetimes.

It was a blessing to everyone in the region, and so the citizens did not mind submitting to the Ten Rules for Crossing that the king had inaugurated upon opening the bridge.

Among others of the rules, it was stipulated that each citizen crossing the bridge would pay a toll of half a shilling, and that each would pause before setting foot on the bridge, face east toward the king's palace, lift a hand in salute, and utter a prescribed phrase



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

of blessing upon the beneficent king.

Another of the rules stipulated that each villager crossing the bridge should wear a special hat or scarf signifying that they had paid the toll.

Other rules dealt with the number and type of carts allowed, and the quantity of livestock, etc. It was clear that the bridge was strong enough to easily accommodate more carts and livestock than the rules permitted, but the rules were rules, and not harsh, and the people agreed that the great king had every right to stipulate rules

for crossing the bridge he had wisely built and provided.

The people were surprised one day when a herald appeared near the bridge and announced for all to hear that the king was inaugurating a completely new order for the bridge based no longer on the old legal rules. The king loved his people and would continue to provide the bridge.

In fact, the bridge was to be renovated and beautified almost beyond belief, and everyone was free to cross. They would no longer be required to pay a toll, or wear the hats and scarves, or make the old salute, or say the old words.

It seemed that the king's son, the Prince himself, who also loved the people deeply, had paid all the tolls and

more from his own vast treasury.

In the past, the rules had been posted at each end of the bridge. Henceforth, a simple message was posted at each end beautifully declaring the king's love for his people, and that the tolls had been paid by the Prince, and that all were free to cross.

The only stipulation was no rule at all but these words: "Cross with joy. The price has been paid. Cross in love sharing the same generous good will toward each other that the king and his son have shared with you."

Most of the people responded with joy. As they set foot on the bridge, they freely blessed the king and his son with heartfelt praise rarely known under the old rule.

Ah, but a few villagers were disgruntled. Some still insisted on paying the toll and saying the once-prescribed words.

They insisted on wearing the old hats and scarves so everyone would see that they still paid their own toll. And the old toll-keepers were the unhappiest of all.

They loudly maintained that though the king's message of love was a New Rule, it was at heart just like the Old, and the Ten Rules had become One Hundred.

The old toll-keepers angered and saddened the king. But whenever any villager crossed his bridge with joy and gratitude, as most did, his own big heart filled with deepest joy.

Bridal Shower

Myers, Bamert bridal shower held

Madison Myers, the prospective bride of Brett Bamert, was honored with a bridal shower on May 31 in the home of Sherri Kennedy.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Thurman and Rhonda Myers of Muleshoe.

The prospective groom is the son of Nick and Rayniel Bamert, also of Muleshoe

Hostesses for the event included Sheryl Altman, Zonell Baker, Cindy Barrett, Brenda Black, Carren Black, Kay Lynn Brantley, Debbie Conner, JoEllen Cowart, Starla Ellis, Karen Harris, Hollye Hooten, Lavon Hunt, Connie James, Sherri Kennedy, Deborah Kettner, Brenda Lackey, Jan Lawrence, Kay



Madison Myers

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- 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' lvg. area, auto. splkr., add. lot w/ stor/workshop Bldg.!! \$173,000!!!
- 2 NICELY REMODELED DUPLEX UNITS & 1 NEW Duplex unit!! PRICED TO SELL!!!
- BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM BUILT 3-2-2 Brick Home, built-ins, FP, isolated master, safe room, patio, nicely landscaped, splkr. sys., fenced yard!!
- NICELY REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick, new Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 3125' lvg. area, splkr. sys., fenced yard, MORE!! REDUCED \$200K
- VERY NICE 3-2.5-2 Brick Home, Dual Fuel Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, basement, cent. vac. & humidifier systems, auto. splkr., workshop/storage, fenced yard, corner lot!! \$169,500!! Reduced to \$149,500.
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx 1920' lvg. area, cov. patio, fenced yard, auto splkr., & stor. bldg.!! \$139K!!!
- NICE 3-1 3/4-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, cov. patio, fenced yd., \$75,000!!!
- 3-2-2 Brick home on corner lot, approx. 2472' lvg. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, jacuzzi tub in master, loads of storage, fenced yd., auto Splkr!! \$140K!!!

HIGH SCHOOL AREA

- NICE 2-1 1/2-1 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, basement, screened patio, fenced yard, approx. 1762' lvg. area!! REDUCED \$82,000 \$75,000!!!
- Nice 2-1 1/2-2 Home, Cent. Heat & Air, built-ins, lg. utility/work area, basement, workshop/ storage area, fenced yard, 1567' lvg. area!! \$69,500!!!
- Very Nice 3-2-2 Brick home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2336' lvg. area, auto. splkr, fenced yd. MORE!! \$125K!!!
- NICE 3-2-1 carport home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fans, approx. 2072' lvg. area, cov. patio, autot splkr, fenced yd., 14'x24' stor bldg!! \$99.5K
- 3-2-1 Brick home, total electric, Cent. A&H, (heat pump), built-ins, approx. 1318' lvg. area, fenced yd!! \$75K!!!

COUNTRY CLUB

- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yard, workshop/storage, 90' x 130' corner lot!! \$77,000!!!

RURAL

- EARTH- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fans, fenced yd., 16' x 20' workshop/storage!! \$74,500!!!
- 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 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, 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!!!
- NICE 3-1 1/2-1 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, hardwood & tile floors, astroutif in sunroom, fans, woodburning stove in sunroom, cellar, RV cover, 2 carports, 780' stock barn, corral, on 8 acres, fenced, 2161 Hwy. 70 East!! \$125,000!!!
- CLAY'S CORNER - VERY NICE 3-2 3/4-2 Home on 5 acres, approx. 2500' lvg. area, remodeled, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, whirlpool tub, fenced yard, 600' workshop/storage!! \$185K!!!

COMMERCIAL

- NICE commercial bldg. w/approx. 3300' plus 1040' upstairs, Cent. A&H, 2 restrooms, MORE!! \$39,500!!!
- NICE OFFICE/SHOP/WAREHOUSE on .7 acre on N. Hwy. 214, Cent. A&H, insulated shop & warehouse, has 1-3/4 bath & 1-1/2 bath!! MUCH MORE!! PRICED TO SELL!! \$85K!!!
- 1900' DIT. Bldg., 106' x 140' lot on Hwy. 70 and 84!! \$79.5K!!!
- ANA'S BEAUTY SHOP—Approx. 1120' bldg., with or without furniture & fixtures!! PRICE REDUCED!!!
- VERY NICE CHURCH BLDG. WITH PARSONAGE - Possible Owner Finance!! Price Reduced!!!
- GOOD INCOME PROPERTY-LONG TERM LEASE-Approx. 8,075' office bldg. w/ approx. 20,000' paved parking area!! PRICE REDUCED \$350K.
- 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheet iron bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!!!
- 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760' Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/paved area!! \$35K!!!
- FARMER'S RICHLAND AND HILLS TEXACO - 1414' w/ 1080' canopy + 16,530' asphalt paving!!
- Approx. 5350' retail/warehouse bldg., with chainlink fenced area, 10' roll up door & entry door, corner lot!! \$45K!!!
- Approx. 5840' warehouse bldg. on Hwy. 84, 12' roll up door & entry door!! 75' x 100' lot!! \$40K!!!



Employee of the Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Doug Tennell of Wes-Tex Cattle Feeders as the May Employee of the Month. Pictured above with Tennell are chamber representatives Sharla Johnson, Cory Collins, Mark Anthony, Dave McNeill and Kim Black.

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The website also provides a 2008 Benchmark Yield History, ACRE Revenue Yield Maps and ACRE Price Values. The calculator can be used for one year and repeated to project multiple year results. Additional ACRE background information includes fact sheets and descriptive charts to help explain this program's provisions and calculations.

Aug. 14 is the deadline

to elect and enroll in ACRE for the 2009 Crop Year. Note that once a producer elects to participate in ACRE, the farm is no longer eligible for the regular Direct and Counter-cyclical Program through the 2012 Crop Year, the last year covered by the 2008 Farm Bill.

Producers should carefully evaluate their participation in ACRE. Payments in ACRE are made only when both state

and farm-level triggers are met. By participating in ACRE, producers elect to forgo counter-cyclical payments, receive a 20-percent reduction in direct payments and a 30-percent reduction in loan rates.

For more information about options under ACRE and other new programs, contact the Bailey County FSA at 806 272 4538 to schedule an appointment.

FSA committee nominations to be sought

Kim Hanlin, executive director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Bailey County has announced farmer and rancher candidate nominations begin June 15 for local FSA county committees. The nomination period continues through Aug. 3. Elections take place this fall.

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate.

Producers may also

nominate themselves, and organizations representing minority and women may also nominate candidates. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and other valuable information about FSA county committee elections are available online at www.fsa.gov/fsa/webapp?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=cce.

Nomination forms for the 2009 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 3.

FSA county committee members make decisions

on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other important agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are more than 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. FSA will mail ballots to producers beginning Nov. 6. The voted ballots are due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 7.

For more information about County Committees please contact the Bailey County FSA at 806 272 4538.



Lazbuddie Junior High Longhorn Pride

Left to right; Katlyn Hicks, Keena Diaz, Ian Thompson, Shyann Rainey, Shay Scott, Haley Beasley, Josephine Samarron, Ashton Mason, Albert Moran, Jessica Estrada, Denise Sanchez, Victor Godinez, Alex Lopez, Lacey Jesko, and Allison Waver.

MAHD considers psychiatric unit

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors voted to pursue the idea of renovating a portion of the old nursing home to use as a 10-bed psychiatric unit during a special session on Tuesday, June 2.

The proposal — which was originally discussed with the board members during an executive session on May 28 — would target patients 65 years of age and older who need inpatient and outpatient mental health services as noted in a feasibility study prepared by Horizon Health Care of Dallas, MAHD chief Executive Officer Jason Anglin explained.

According to Anglin, a similar unit was established at Sayre Hospital, where he served

as administrator prior to his move to Muleshoe.

"The program has a lot of potential on the inpatient and out patient side," Anglin said.

During Tuesday's meeting, the board members also voted to contract with ACI Boland of St. Louis, Mo., to provide the architectural studies necessary for the board to decide whether to move forward with the project.

He added that the work would need to be completed by Oct. 1.

At Sayre, Anglin said the "minimal" renovation needed to put the unit in place cost \$95,000.

In other business, the hospital district's board voted to request an extension on its \$200,283 note with First Bank that was to come due on June 13.

Chief Financial Officer David Burke explained that the district would probably be asked to make monthly payments on the note, as it currently is on its \$100,000 note for Park View.

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