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Pictured above, Sandy Vandivender of Five Area burns in Circle back's "O" brand during Friday's festivities at the Muleshoe Heritage Center. On the right, cowboy cook Tom Watson checks out the peach cobbler. Pictured below, participants and guests at the gathering line up to fill their plates.

Photographs by Larry Thornton



## There's hot... and there's hot

Members of the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation, and honored guests, gathered Friday, July 31, for a bit of the hot stuff.

After a chuck wagon feed prepared by

Tom Watson, those in attendance watched as the first of many brands were burned into the sides of a building on the center's property, commemorating the efforts of the area's ranching ancestors to build families and

communities in Western Texas.

According to Kenneth Henry, who ramrodded Friday's event, the foundation currently plans to hold about three of the "fund raising" branding parties.

## New behavioral unit may require fiscal year change

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors approved a contract to renovate part of its critical access rooms for a geriatric behavioral unit during a special meeting Friday, but is also faced with changing the district's fiscal year as part of the effort to put the unit into use.

At Friday's noon meeting, the board members approved a \$176,500 bid received from Lueras Construction, with an \$11,000 option for air conditioning duct work.

Only two bids were received on the project, the second being from Minnix Commercial of Lubbock at \$322,800 for the base bid and \$11,000 for the duct work.

However, the bidding company's proposed start and completion dates were also important in the hospital board's decision, as the work would have to be completed before the district's Oct. 1, 2009, fiscal year for the facility to receive Medicare dollars.

If the project wasn't open for business by Oct. 1, Jason Anglin, the MAHD chief executive officer, explained the hospital wouldn't be able to receive Medicare reimbursement for the unit's in-house patients until the following fiscal year.

The solution... request Medicare to allow the hospital district to change its fiscal year, possibly to the calendar year.

Lueras Construction

projected an Aug. 10 starting date, and an Oct. 16 completion date.

Minnix Commercial projected an Aug. 15 starting date, and a Nov. 25 completion date.

While changing the fiscal date, if allowed by Medicare officials, could allow for the opening of the behavioral clinic in 2009, it was pointed out the action would require a second cost report to be prepared by the hospital district's auditors, which was described as a

Noted that the district's effective tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year is .3884 cents per hundred dollars of valuation. The board members set the proposed tax rate at .40 cents, the district's existing rate cap, which will require the board to conduct two public hearings. The rollback rate would be over the district's .40 cent cap, Anglin noted.

The public hearings were set for Aug. 21, and as Aug. 27.

## MAHD board reaffirms its decision to move forward on clinic expansion

minimal fee compared to the potential revenue the unit could bring in to the district.

"We know, for sure, we can start next October," Anglin said in his recommendation to the board, referring to the fact that even if Medicare doesn't allow the district to change its fiscal year, the unit would still be able to serve on an "outpatient" basis until the following year.

According to Anglin, the district has received a letter concerning a \$280,000 Medicare adjustment, to be deposited in the district's bank account in the next few days, that can be used to pay for the renovation.

In other business, the MAHD board:

Tabled discussion of an operational review of Park View Nursing Care Center until the board's regular meeting.

Reaffirmed the hospital district board's earlier decision concerning the rural health clinic expansion without a reduction in size.

Board member Wayne Pierson pointed out that even if the district's auditors had reduced the amount it was thought could be recovered from Medicare through the expansion of the clinic, the auditor's figures of a \$75,000 projected revenue increase would still pay off MAHD's investment in the clinic expansion in less than seven years.

"There's a dozen things that we can consider

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## Muleshoe High School received black mark for Pep completion rate

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District has had a great year academically, but you wouldn't know it if you listen to the Texas Education Agency, which recently slapped an

"unacceptable" label on its campus at Pep.

Although the school district improved its Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) scores for the 2008-09 school year from 20 to 41 percent, — in every grade, subject and

sub-population — the district's "completion rate" at the Pep alternative campus for the 2007-08 school year has placed the district on dangerous ground.

According to the Texas Education Agency, Dillman and DeShazo

Elementary received "recognized" ratings, while Watson Junior High and Muleshoe High School received "acceptable" ratings. However, the ratings at the PEP campus directly affects the main high school campus also.

Dr. Gene Sheets, the MISD superintendent, explained Tuesday that while the state looks at the most recent year in determining its accountability rate, the numbers determining the completion rate are from the previous school

year. That means a school district's accountability rate for next year can actually be affected by the decision of a few students two years ago.

"They try to be fair, in case the student who dropped out returns,"

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## Muleshoe area princess receives her castle

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Every little girl deserves to be a princess. However, for some little girls, the dream is delayed somewhat.

Such was the case for Jayci Nickels — the daughter of Guy and Kimberly Nickels — who at the tender age of 14 months was diagnosed with a life-threatening form of cancer called Neuroblastoma.

In her description of

her daughter's illness, Kimberly said the mass growing behind Jayci's right lung was so large it kept the lung from inflating, and was pushing her heart, esophagus and trachea to the side. The operation of Jayci's left lung was also diminished.

Kimberly talked about how her daughter went into cardiac arrest at one point during her hospital stay, and told of the time her physician walked

into the hospital room and said, "The time for medicine is over... now is the time for miracles."

The family began to pray, joined in by friends, and area communities. Kimberly recalled especially how the people of Muleshoe gave during a benefit held for Jayci, and how touched they were by the community effort.

...And Jayci got better. Her chemotherapy was shrinking the tumor,

and the cardiac arrest Jayci experienced when she was accidentally deintubated had apparently left no brain damage in its wake.

"We knew her only hope was prayer," Kimberly wrote following the terrible ordeal. "We called on our family, friends and even strangers to serve as prayer warriors to help our baby girl win this battle."

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**MHS class of '96**

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Anyone with any information regarding former students from that class are asked to contact one of the following people: Sharon (Johnson) Villa at (806)315-0366, Summer (Gibbins) McCowen at (361)523-9728, Sarah (Villareal) Santos at (806)946-9210 or Johnny Rodriquez at (210)829-8795.

**Alzheimer's Support Group**

The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the second Thursday of each month in the Park View Nursing Care Center's conference room at 12 noon. Lunch is provided. For more information, call Debbie Floyd, at the Bailey County Office of Aging, 272-3647, or Joy Stancell at Park View, 272-7578.

**Softball tourney**

The Muleshoe Softball League will be hosting a tournament during Mule Days, Aug. 15. This tournament will be co-ed, with the possibility of a separate men's and women's tournament. The entry fee is \$175 per team. Contact Patty Banks at 272-5831 Eufemia Torres at (806)729-8790 or Carl Patterson at 946-8854 for additional information.

**Athletic boosters to meet**

The Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club will be meeting on Thursday Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. Due to construction at Muleshoe High School, the organization will meet in the First Baptist Church fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

**MISD registration announced**

Registration and schedule pick up for Muleshoe ISD students have been announced.

For Muleshoe High School, the dates, times and grades are:

Tuesday, Aug. 11 — Seniors from 9-11 a.m.; Juniors from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12 — Sophomores from 9-11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 13 — Freshman from 9-11 a.m.; make-up time for any student is from 6-7:30 p.m.

At Watson Junior High the dates and times for all grades are:

Monday, Aug. 10 — 9 a.m. until noon, and 2-4 p.m.; and Tuesday, Aug. 11 — 9 a.m. until noon, and from 2-7 p.m.

At DeShazo Elementary School the dates and times for all grades are:

Monday, Aug. 10 — Noon until 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 11 — 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.; and Wednesday, Aug. 12 — 7 a.m. until noon.

At Dillman Elementary School registration for new students only is Wednesday, Aug.12, from 1-7 p.m.

**'Meet the Teacher'**

"Meet the Teacher" will be held on Thursday, Aug. 20, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Dillman Elementary, and from 6-7 p.m. at DeShazo Elementary.

**Lazbuddie school registration**

The Lazbuddie Independent School District will be holding registration Thursday and Friday, Aug. 20-21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Fine Arts Booster**

Muleshoe Fine Arts Booster meeting will be held Aug. 10, at 5 p.m. in the Muleshoe High School Choir Room. Homeade ice cream will be served.

Anyone with children in band, choir, art, theatre, speech or debate is encouraged to attend.

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**Letter to the Editor**

**The shunning of Israel...**

To the Editor,  
 I read this report in the *Avalanche Journal*, published July 25 on page 10A.

In total it reads, "The United States has transferred 200 million dollars to the Palestinian government to ease their growing deficit," the US Secretary of State said Friday."

There was no mention of the State Department's financial aid to Israel.

There was no mention of the Department of State offering compensation to Israel for the Palestine rocketry killing of children, civilians and destroying their houses and apartments.

There was no compensation to Israel for giving the Gaza Strip

to the Hamas terrorists. God's Covenant to Israel — Genesis 12: 1-3; Deuteronomy 14:2; Genesis 15:18 — the boundary of the prophesied Israel is from the river (Nile) east of Egypt to the great river Euphrates of Iraq; north by Iran and the Mediterranean.

My personal opinion (This is America, have your own conceptions) In my opinion, Obama and the US State Department needs to stay out of Israel's affairs.

Quit pressuring Israel to give up more land to the Palestinians.

Quit insisting that Israel stop building on the West Bank, quit messing with Israel.

**Kenneth Precure, Muleshoe**

**Mule football reserved seating tickets are available**

Reserved seat tickets for the 2009 Muleshoe Mules football season are now on sale. The tickets are \$25 for the four home games.

Persons who held reserved seat tickets for the 2008 football season may purchase their seating options at the MISD Administration office, at 514 W. Ave. G, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours.

Beginning Monday, Aug. 24, all remaining tickets will go on sale on a first come, first serve basis.

Any reserved seats

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

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

**MAHD board takes action...**

Continued from page 1 when we have that facility," Pierson said, noting that many of the financial benefits from the expansion of services by the district can't be projected by the auditors.

"If you can take any long term investment, and pay it off in 10 years, you've done something," Pierson said.

"And if we're looking at something we can get 20-30 years of life out of, and we can pay it off in seven years, then... let's get after it," he added.

**Student immunization clinic set**

There will be a student immunization clinic on Friday, Aug. 14, from 9 -11 a.m., in the Watson Junior High nurses office.

New Texas law requires all seventh grade students to have the Tdap booster, Meningitis, and a Vericella (chicken pox) booster.

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# High school rating affected by PEP numbers... Continued from page 1

Sheets said. If too many students start their freshman year, but fail to complete their four years of high school, their decision to drop out can seriously impact the school district, Sheets said.

Apparently, after three years of unacceptable ratings, the state can take direct control of the district, and with a fourth unacceptable rating the state can close down the school district,

Sheets said. "This can get serious in a hurry," he said. In the case of the MISD Pep campus, it is thought the decision of two students to drop out is what resulted in the academically unacceptable rating. That's two too many. In all, the district reported 10 dropouts, according to TEA records, a figure the superintendent says may be incorrect. The district plans

to appeal the recently released rating, and is currently attempting to verify the numbers. "We think we have a very good case," Sheets said. If a student left the district and moved to another school district without informing MISD officials, it is possible for the numbers to become skewed, Sheets explained.

Still, the superintendent admits the district has "too low

of a completion rate." "We're trying to do something about it," he said.

In response to the recent rating, the school district will have to prepare a written plan to address the problem for state approval. It means school district officials and faculty will have to work harder, but even that doesn't necessarily mean the problem will be resolved.

At least a portion

of the problem can be attributed to a conflict in state law and education regulations. While state law says a student may legally decide not to attend school after reaching the age of 17, the state's education regulations require completion of high school.

In other words, Muleshoe's school district is being penalized for the actions of students who legally aren't required to attend school... a hard pill for any school district to swallow.

In many instances, the student may decide to quit due to pregnancy or the birth of a child, or the need to help support

their family during tough economic times, Sheets said, or maybe the student gets so far behind in his or her course work that the student reaches a decision not to continue.

It's a serious problem, the superintendent said, and it's a decision the entire school district is going to have to work on.

Still, even with the recent news, Sheets wants to remind the students, faculty and parents of MISD that last school year was full of academic success.

"I'm proud of what our teachers and students did last year," the superintendent said.

## 'Multi-tasking' can be a serious challenge

Like most men, I find "multi-tasking" challenging, and I am not very proficient at it. Come to think of it, I may not be all that good at "uni-tasking" either.



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

So I was a bit surprised when this evening I found myself watching clips from Pres. Obama's news conference on health care reform, reading a magazine article, and writing a preface for an issue of the devotional magazine I edit, all at more or less the same time.

And I still managed to learn some interesting things, I think. (Remember, I'm not good at multi-tasking.)

No surprise, I learned that about the only thing I understand about the administration's "health care reform" proposals is that they will be expensive for small business and one more way the government

helps keep small business small.

I don't doubt that serious reform is needed. I have the deepest sympathy for the self-employed forced to pay unimaginably high premiums that just keep going up.

And the number of people in our country driven to medical bankruptcies is a national disgrace.

I don't know what to do about it. But the news conference didn't give me any confidence that the government knows what to do about it either.

Turning to a George Will article in *Newsweek* (his articles are the main reason I subscribe), I

chuckled sadly as he observed that if a typical liberal (he mentioned a party, but I don't want to be partisan here) is hit on the knee with a rubber hammer or is napping in a lawn chair and startled by a cymbal crash, "he or she will leap up exclaiming, "Tax the rich!"

He continued, "Forgive such people; they cannot help themselves. It is a reflex."

He went on to make a strong case (complete with eye-opening stats) that taxing away affluence is a great way to decrease society's wealth and further weaken the economy which hurts us all, rich and poor alike.

Then I shifted back to the TV news in time to see a "ribbon" at the bottom of the screen reporting that one of Osama bin Laden's sons was killed in Pakistan by a US "Predator" drone

strike.

That caught my attention, not only because it was a good shot at a major "chip off the old block" terrorist but because I'd recently learned that the Predator drones, apart from their takeoffs and landings in Iraq and Afghanistan, are flown by pilots watching screens in control rooms at Cannon Air Force Base, 30 miles from where I live. I assume this one was, too.

I'm still working on that preface but stopped to write this column. Which means that in addition to digesting my dinner and breathing, I've done maybe three things almost at once. Must be a personal best.

I'm glad God has no trouble at all juggling galaxies and sparrows and taking care of his people all at the very same time.

## Mules Days events listed

Mule Days 2009 is slightly more than a week away, but their is still time to make your plans for the day.

This year's celebration, set for Saturday, Aug. 15, has a number of events awaiting participants and spectators

Among the events are:

- Pancake breakfast, 7-11 a.m., Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizen Center, 319 S. Main

- Parade, 10 a.m., Main Street then back up First Street. The theme for this year's parade is "Mules Makin' History." All types of entries are welcome. Entry forms are available at the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Office. The entry deadline is Aug. 12.

As usual, the parade will line up at 9:30 a.m., at the south end of Main, at the Old Boy Scout Grounds.

Prizes to be awarded for the parade include:

- Best Themed Float — prize is \$100 Mule Bucks
- Other prizes will be awarded for the

following: Best Tractor, Best Antique Vehicle, Best Childs Entry, Best pair of Mules, Most Stubborn Mule, Prettiest Mule, Best Team of Mules, Longest Ears Mule, Best Costume Mule, and Shortest Mule.

There will also be a tractor show after the parade at the Bailey County Courthouse. All entries in the show are welcome. Bring your tractor to the parade and tractor show!

This year's celebration will also feature a Mule Rodeo, at 11:30 a.m., at the Dusty Rhodes Arena, east of Muleshoe on Hwy. 84.

Lunch available at the arena.

Rodeo participants need to register by Aug. 1. Forms are available at several businesses in surrounding towns and at the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce Office

Buckles with a \$250 retail value will be awarded for first place in each event.

Rosette ribbons go to second and third place winners. And, a saddle with retail value of \$1,020

will go to High Point Overall Winner.

Events for Mule Rodeo include: Team Roping, Calf Roping, Steer Daubing, Pole Bending, Barrel Race, Sled Pull, Pick Up Race, Flag Race, Hide Race and Coon Mule Jumping.

The entry fee for each non-stock events is \$10, and \$15 for each stock event.

There will be Muleshoe pitching and Mule Putt Golf at the Mule Putt Golf Course next to the Bailey County Coliseum.

Local businesses have also been encouraged to enter the chamber's Mule Theme Decorating Contest.

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## Obituaries

### Clyde Flowers

Funeral services for Clyde Flowers, 76, of Sudan, are scheduled for 10 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 6, at the Sudan Church of Christ with Terry Wilson and Curtis Shelburne officiating. Burial will follow in Sudan Cemetery.

Flowers died on Monday, Aug. 3, in Lubbock. He was born on Sept. 11, 1932, to Burt and Faye Flowers in Cone; and married Barbara Bishop in Clovis, N.M., on March 12, 1958.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four sisters—Dot, Abbie Jo, Helen and Linda.

Flowers was a member of the Sudan Church of Christ. He was a graduate of Lorenzo High School, and attended Draughn's Business College.

He served as general



Clyde Flowers

manager of the Farmers Co-Op Gin Association from 1972 until 2003, served on the board of Farmers Co-Op Compress and Plains Co-Op Oil.

Survivors include his wife — Barbara Flowers of Sudan; a son and daughter-in-law — Dennis and Kelli Flowers of Sudan; a daughter and son-in-law — Deanna and Terry Swart of Sudan; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Bridal Shower



Kristal Blake Hailey

### Hailey honored with shower

Kristal Blake Hailey, the prospective bride of Seth William Walker was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, July 25, in the Hubert H. Kidd Community Room at Five Area Telephone.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Jim and Colleen Hailey of Clovis, N.M.

The prospective groom is the son of Bill and Gayle Walker of Arch, N.M.

Hostesses for the event included Danna Perez, Brenda Clark, Sharla Saylor, Margie Silguero, Jacque Boutell, Melinda Locke, Paulette Foster, Patti Kent, Cleta Robertson, Cindy McAlpine, Amy Melendez, Margaret Quintana, Karissa Parker and Jimmie Kay Moore.

The hostess gift presented at the shower was a Kitchen Aid™ mixer.

Special guests included Colleen Hailey of Clovis, N.M.; Carol Kay Hailey, of Clovis, N.M.; Marian Wilson and Maurice Royal, both of Muleshoe; Gayle Walker of Arch, N.M.; Nelda Wallace, of Portales, N.M.; and Sara Hanoch of Plainview.

### AgriLife Extension to conduct alfalfa workshop in Lubbock

Alfalfa producers can update their production expertise at an upcoming Texas AgriLife Extension Service workshop and field tour scheduled from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 14 near Lubbock.

The workshop will begin at Texas Boys Ranch northeast of Lubbock and later move to Idalou for the field tour.

To find the Texas Boys Ranch from U.S. Highway 62/82, go 1.5 miles northeast of Loop 289, turn north and go two miles on County Road 2800. Or from Interstate 27, exit on to Farm-to-Market Road 1294 (Exit 11), go five miles east to Liberty Gin, then go south 3.5 miles on County Road 2800.

Workshop topics will include fall planting, irrigation requirements, variety selection and insect and weed control.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered.

The program will conclude with the a visit to a drip irrigation alfalfa field north of Idalou.

Individual registration is \$20 at the door. The fee includes an alfalfa production book.

For more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Lubbock at 806-775-1680 or Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist at Lubbock, 806-746-6101 or ctrostle@ag.tamu.edu.

## Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Inc.

is holding an

### Annual Board Meeting

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### Sherri Johnson

Funeral services for Sherri Kendall Johnson, 60, of Muleshoe, formerly of Houston, were held on Monday, Aug. 3, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating.

Cremation was under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Johnson died on Friday, July 31, in her home in Muleshoe. She was born on Sept. 24, 1948, to Doyle and Alma Estelle Turner in Lubbock, and married Carleton Johnson in Muleshoe in June 1997.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother — Doyce Turner.

Johnson had been a resident of Muleshoe

since 2001.

She was employed as an office manager in the medical and legal field.

Survivors include her husband — Carleton Johnson of Muleshoe; a son — Michael Kendall of Houston; a daughter — Michelle Bickle of Houston; two sisters — Rita Hawkins of Muleshoe and Joyce Bucks of Saugas, Calif.; two brothers — Royce Turner of Muleshoe and Alan Turner of Kingsville; and a grandson.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, Texas 79423 or Vista Care of Lubbock, PO Box 16800, Lubbock, Texas 79490.

## Addresses for charitable giving suggested

- Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Center, P.O. Box 201, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, (806) 272-4429 or 5873.
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- Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, P.O. Box 292, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Hope Chest, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Muleshoe Hospital Auxiliary, c/o Muleshoe Area Medical Center.
- Bailey County Food Pantry, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Meals on Wheels, 300 1st St., Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Lazbuddie EMS and Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 125, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.
- Park View Nursing Home, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- New Mexico Children's Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411.
- Olton Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1055, Olton, TX 79064.
- Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Inc., 104 E. Ave. C, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-5727.
- Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 62, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
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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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## MULESHOE CATTLE MARKET

The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on U.S. 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday, beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle following at approximately noon.

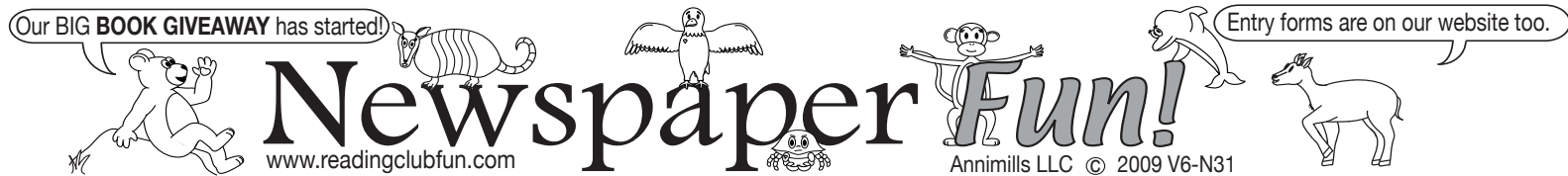
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FM FARMS, BROWNFIELD	3	RWF STRS	457	\$113.00
OLIVERA ALDAPE, PLAINVIEW		RWF STR	490	\$106.00
PAULA NIX, SPRINGLAKE	9	Blk HFRS	178	\$300.00PH
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TAYLOR GRAY, PLAINS	2	Blk HFRS	245	\$310.00PH
J.C. PEARSON, MULESHOE		RED HFR	325	\$96.00
EDGAR LARREA, DENVER CITY	3	Blk HFRS	390	\$103.00
SNOW L/C, LEVELLAND	2	CHAR		\$910.00
A&G RANCH, PLAINS	4	Blk		\$860.00
AARON KIZER, TAHOKA		CHAR COW	P6	\$700.00
FM FARMS, BROWNFIELD	3	Blk COWS	P7	\$730.00
FM FARMS, BROWNFIELD		Blk COW	P6	\$620.00
TIM WIEBE, SEMINOLE		RED COW	1335	\$52.00
TIM WIEBE, SEMINOLE		RWF COW	1745	\$50.25
JINKS MEYERS, MULESHOE	2	Blk COWS	1303	\$50.00
HIP O CATTLE, MULESHOE	3	Blk COWS	1042	\$48.00
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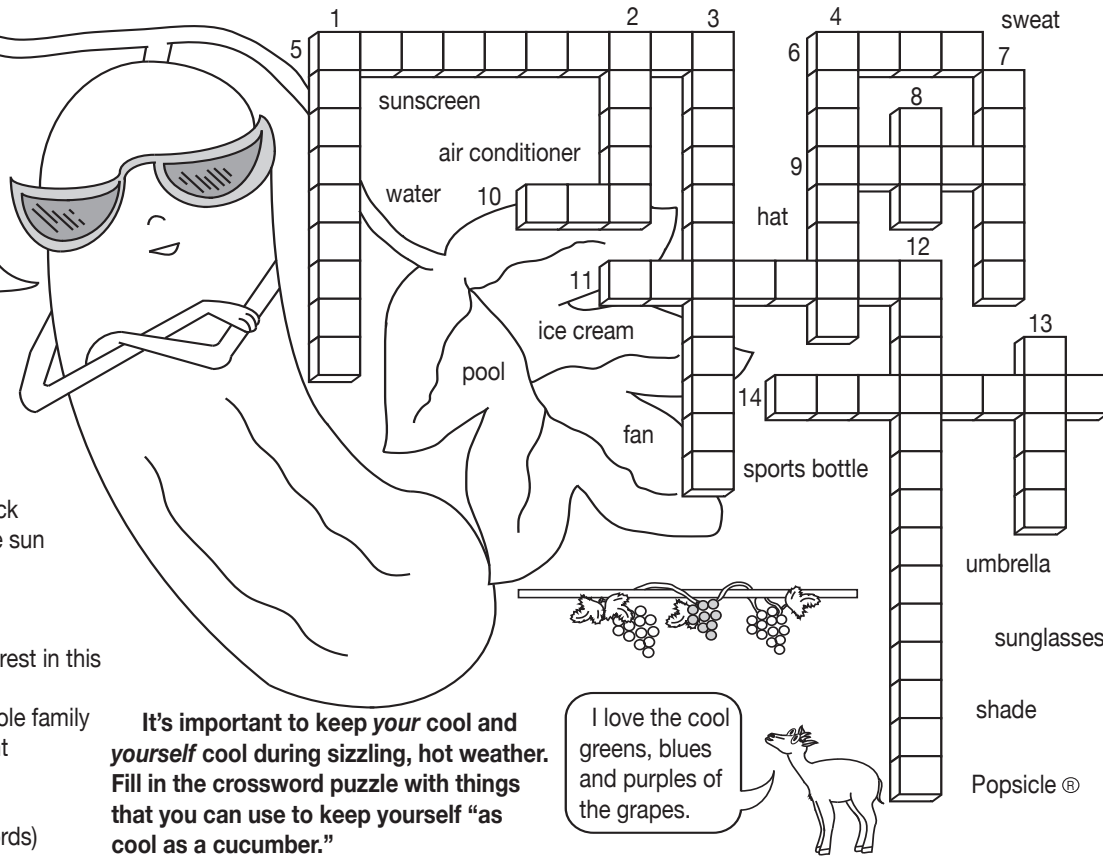


## Keeping Cooooooool!

Summer is here and that means plenty of sunshine and heat! It has been hot and we all want to be cool. We want to look cool, do cool things and keep cool while doing them.

Have you heard the expression "as cool as a cucumber?" I'm soooo cool that I get to be the guest host on the page this week while all the regular animals are chillin' out on vacation. Now that's cool!

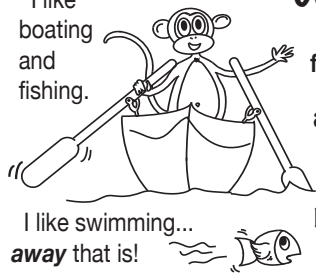
- use it to protect your skin from burning
- your body gives off drops of this to balance its temperature
- holds liquid for biking and hiking (2 words)
- brand name for flavored frozen water on a stick
- protect your eyes from the harmful rays of the sun
- swim or float in this to keep cool
- a gentle wind
- moves air around
- when the rays of the sun are blocked we can rest in this
- cover for the head
- large one for the beach can protect your whole family
- machine controlling temperature and amount of water in the air (2 words)
- H<sub>2</sub>O
- sweet dessert, frozen cream and eggs (2 words)



It's important to keep your cool and yourself cool during sizzling, hot weather. Fill in the crossword puzzle with things that you can use to keep yourself "as cool as a cucumber."

I love the cool greens, blues and purples of the grapes.

I like boating and fishing.

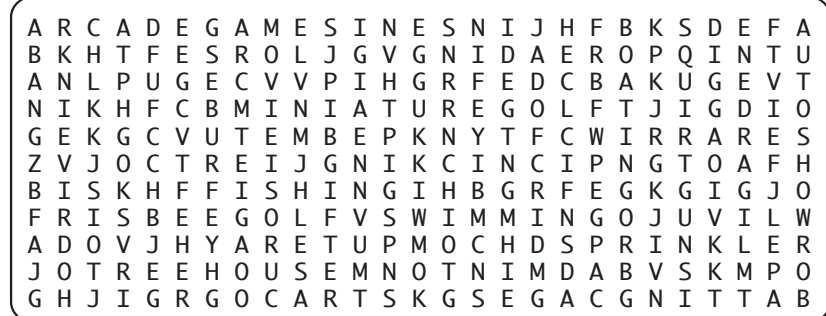


I like swimming... away that is!

### "Cool" Things to Do, Use or See!

Find and circle these twenty things that are a lot of fun to do, use or see during periods of hot weather:

- arcade games
- reading
- boating
- drive-in
- swimming
- soccer
- garden
- tree house
- picnicking
- squirt guns
- computer
- miniature golf
- auto show
- movie
- frisbee golf
- fishing
- batting cages
- sprinkler
- badminton
- go-carts



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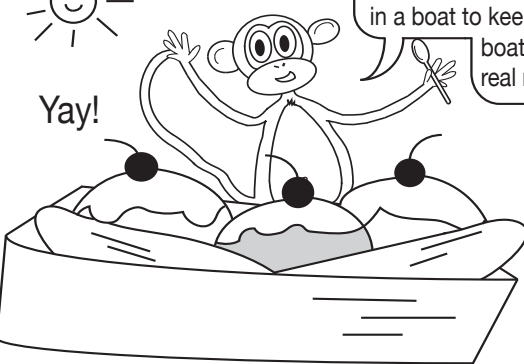
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To be eligible, all entries must be postmarked by Aug. 20, 2009.



More details at readingclubfun.com  
 (no stickers will be sent to children under 5 years old)



There's nothing like a banana split in a boat to keep cool. I mean in a boat-shaped dish, not a real rowboat!

## Keeping Cooooooool!

Find nine words that rhyme with "cool" and circle them:

- park
- lake
- seesaw
- fool
- vacation
- bicyele
- picnic
- zoo
- lemonade
- stool
- tool
- rule
- hike
- school
- play
- race
- drool
- picnic
- fort
- baseball
- swings
- spool
- pool
- mule

This is somehow making me feel a bit less crabby!



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# The Sudan Buzz

## Sudan graduate takes part in Mavericks' vs. New Orleans event

Jeannia (Nix) Dykman, 1985 graduate of Sudan High School and a member of the 1983 Class A state champion basketball team, was recently asked to "shoot

baskets" for a monetary reward during the third-quarter commercial break during the April 10, 2009, Mavericks vs. New Orleans NBA game.

During the 2008-2009

Mavericks' basketball season, typically a male was chosen to shoot during these commercial breaks. Before the April 10 game, however, someone suggested asking a female to participate. Dykman, who had played basketball for SMU, and her husband Greg, a trainer for the Dallas ISD, had worked as coaches for the Mavericks' basketball camps for several years under the direction of Jim Guy.

When the need for a female arose, Guy suggested that he had just the person in mind. Dykman was given

the challenge of making two shots from four spots on the court.

She successfully completed the first shot, a lay-up, and received \$250.

Next came the free throw, and she was again successful on the first try for a reward of \$500.

The NBA three-pointer ended up being a little more difficult. Dykman missed on the first attempt, but on the second try, she nailed it for \$1,000.

Although she missed both half-court shots, which would have earned her an additional \$1,500, she was thankful for the

\$1,750 credit to purchase furniture provided by the event's sponsor, and said she loves the new couch she bought with her winnings.

When asked about her experience, Jeannia said, "I was nervous and excited about shooting. I kept telling myself it was just for fun. The Mavericks' crowd of about 18,000 was play-off bound and already into the game, so when I started making the shots, the fans were really cheering. When I made the three-pointer, it got really loud, and I was jumping up and down. Chris Arnold, the Mavericks' sideline reporter, was screaming into the microphone."

"I received so many pats on the back and congratulations from

people after I shot the baskets," she said. "The crowd was so supportive and made the night even more rewarding."

Dykman, who has two sons, added, "These days, I spend my time rebounding baskets for my boys and so it is nice to see that I could still make a shot."

### Sudan calendars to be delivered

Sudan Community Calendar's sponsored by the Sudan Band Boosters are in.

If any band student would like to help deliver the calendars contact CA Williams at 806-893-2872 or go by her home at 603 Wilson St.

The price of the calendar's are \$6.50 each.

### Buzzing away...

By Norma Burnett



Seems like summer is beginning to start to wind down. Noticed that the football boys have started football practice and the band is starting to practice their routines.

Seems like it has been a very short summer not much has been going on around here.

I think everyone has been staying in trying to stay cool.

The rains around here have been very nice and every drop has been very much appreciated, the

crops are looking good and it want be long before we look up and there will be frost on that "O! Pumpkin" again.

I hope everyone has had a very good summer and if you were able to take a vacation that you had a good time, I plan to when we are able to take ours.

To all those of you who are sick and in the hospitals I wish you a speedy recovery.

I hope all of you have a wonderful week and may God bless.

### KFC Vacation Bible School set

The First United Methodist Church, at 411 Main in Sudan, will be hosting Vacation Bible School next week, starting Monday, Aug. 10-14, from 2 - 4 p.m., for Kindergarten through sixth grade.

The theme this year will be "Fully Rely On God" (FROG).

Everyone is invite to come join the fun and learn more about God.

### Buzz-A-Licious" Recipes

The recipe this week was a favorite of my mother-in-law's Alma Burnett.

#### Green Chili Hominy Casserole

- 4 (20 oz.) Cans Hominy
- 2 (8 oz.) Cartons Sour Cream
- 2 Small Cans Chopped Green Chilies
- 1/4 lb. Shredded

Cheddar Cheese 1 tea. each Savory salt and Garlic Salt

Drain most of the water off the hominy. Heat hominy, savory salt and garlic salt for 10 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in sour cream, chilies and cheese. Pour into greased 3 quart baking dish and bake at 350 degrees until bubbly.

### Mini cheer camp to be held

Come join the fun at the Mini Cheer camp for grades PK-6th Aug. 10-12, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the multi-purpose room in the Sudan School.

The cost for the camp

will be \$30, including the cost of a T-shirt.

The camp is being held by the 2009-10 Sudan Varsity Cheerleaders. The Sudan mascot will also be there.

## Merryman benefit deemed a success

By Norma Burnett  
Sudan Correspondent

Sudan came together again Sunday to show their love and support for one of their own, Pam Merryman.

People from all over Lamb County and other area towns joined at the Sudan Cafeteria to enjoy Mary Powell's enchilada dinner.

Desserts were furnished by local citizens for the lunch and the bake sale. Everyone enjoyed visiting with one another and everyone was ask to signed a big "Get Well" card for Pam.

Pam is still in San Antonio recovering from bone marrow transplant and was unable to be here for the dinner.

About \$1,000 was raised for Pam through the bake sale alone and donations were still coming in Monday.



People enjoying the dinner at the Merryman benefit.

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You were late and almost missed the bus. Go back 1 space.

You waited for the bus five steps from the curb. Go forward 2 spaces.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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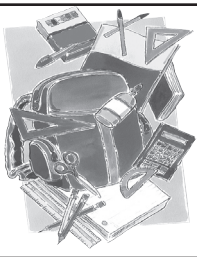


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# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Muleshoe ISD Pre-Kindergarten

(Headstart students do not bring school supplies.)

- 1 - (4 oz.) bottle Elmer's™ School Glue
- 4 - beginner-size (oversized-Husky) pencils
- 1 - package washable markers-classic size (primary colors-no neon or fluorescent)
- 1 package construction paper 9 x 12 assorted colors
- 1 - box water colors
- 2 - boxes crayons (large-beginner size) 8 colors only (Crayola™ Brand)
- 1 - pair student scissors (Fiskar™ brand) rounded ends
- 2 - boxes tissues
- 1 - box baby wipes
- 2 - folders (2 pocket-no brads)
- 1 - rest mat (folding type)
- 1 - box gallon Ziploc™ bags (if your last name begins with A-L)
- 1 - box sandwich Ziploc™ bags (if your last name begins with M-Z)

1 complete change of clothes in gallon Ziploc™ bag labeled with your child's name:

Boys — shirt, pants, underwear and socks  
Girls — dress or pants and blouse, panties and socks

## PPCD

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

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

- 2 - boxes of Ziploc™ gallon baggies
- 2 - large boxes of baby wipes
- 2 - large boxes of facial tissues

## Kindergarten

- 2 - regular size #2 pencils

2 - 4 oz. Elmer's™ School Glue (not paste)

- 2 - Elmer's™ glue sticks

2 - boxes of regular size crayons (8 count basic colors only, not fluorescent) Please do not get 12, 16, 24 count or larger. We do many things with only basic colors and use them to learn to write/recognize our color words.

- 1 - box washable Crayola™ markers—classic colors large size
- 2 - large boxes of facial tissues (We will send notes for more occasionally if supply gets too low.)

2 - pkg. of construction paper 9x12, assorted or white

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

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

Boys — shirt, pants, underwear, and socks  
Girls — dress or pants, and blouse, panties, and socks

- 2 - pocket folders
- 1 - vinyl mat for nap time (Please keep in mind

we have limited space for storage when purchasing these. (The thin red and blue ones fit nicely in our small spaces.)

1 - large box gallon Ziploc™ bags if your child is a girl

1 - large box quart Ziploc™ bags if your child is a boy

- 1 - plastic school box
- 1 - zippered pouch
- 1 - box wet wipes

(Please leave them sealed so they won't dry out.)

1 - container of Clorox™ disinfecting wipes or Clorox™ Anywhere Hard Surface spray

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

- 1 - large pink eraser

1 - box of washable markers

- 1 - supply box
- 8 - large glue sticks
- 2 - pocket folders

1 - pair of Fiskar™ scissors

3 - packages of wet wipes and/or disinfectant wipes

3 - boxes of facial tissues

- 1 - box of sandwich size plastic bags
- 1 - box of snack size plastic bags

Optional items"

Stickers; Snack items — animal crackers, vanilla wafers, cereal, pretzels, etc.

No peanut products please!

1 - pkg. for boys of paper plates (no Styrofoam)

1 - girls bring 9 oz plastic solo cups

- 4 - glue sticks
- 3 - boxes of facial tissues

No Trapper Keepers.

No rolling backpacks.

## Third grade

2 - pkg of pencils - plain wooden #2 (8-12 count)

1 - bottle regular Elmer's™ glue

1 - pkg. notebook paper (wide-ruled)

1 - box Crayola™ crayons 24 count or smaller (not 64)

- 1 - zipper pencil pouch (sturdy)



## Mule Mania is on the rise!

Visitors to the new Muleshoe High School Gymnasium will know they are facing "mules with attitude," when Randy Haney, the art teacher from Glen Rose High School who is in the process of decorating the north wall of the new gym, completes his work.

## Second grade

and 1 pkg of pencil top erasers

1 - (1 inch only) 3 ring binder for journals (Walmart/Mardels usually around 99 cents)

(If your child is in Lowe's class you do not have to have a 3 ring binder) (Please use a permanent marker to label each individual item with your child's name. Every so often we may send a note asking you to replenish your child's supply of crayons, glue, or glue sticks.)

## First grade

2 - packages of yellow wooden pencils (no mechanical pencils)

1 package of pencil top erasers

1 package of red lead pencils (no pens)

6 - boxes of 8 count crayons (8 crayons only please)

1 - small pencil box #2 Pencils (no mechanical pencils)

1 - package of 25 to 30 pencil end erasers

Red pencils

1 - box of washable Crayola™ classic color markers

1 - boxes of 24 crayons

1 - spiral notebook (wide-rule)

1 - bottle of Elmer's™ School Glue (Ross does not work well)

1 - package assorted construction paper (no tablets)

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

1 - box of 8 water color paints

1 - box baby wipes

1 - box of Ziploc™ bags:

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1 - pair of Fiskar™ scissors

4 - boxes of facial tissues (We give some to outside teachers)

1 - big pink eraser

1 - pkg. red pens

1 - container of disinfecting wipes

1 - box quart-size Ziploc™ bags

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## Fourth grade

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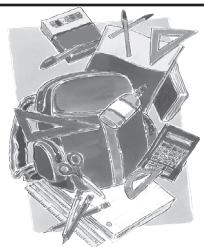
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# BACK TO SCHOOL

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dividers with tabs  
2 - 1 inch 3-ring binder  
1 - pkg. index cards

**Fourth grade**

4 - #2 pencils  
1 - 48 pack Crayola™ crayons  
1 - pkg. markers (no fine tipped)  
1 - 5-inch, pointed Fiskar™ scissors  
1 - highlighter  
2 - boxes of Kleenex™  
1 - 4 oz. Elmer's™ glue  
1 - Elmer's™ glue stick  
3 - colored folders with brads and pockets  
2 - red ink pens  
1 - ruler, metric and standard, no bendable or folding rulers  
1 - 200 sheets filler paper, wide  
2 - spiral notebooks  
1 - black sharpie  
4 - black ink pens, erasable are fine but not required  
1 - set multiplication cards 1s - 12s  
1 - set of addition cards 1-10

**5th grade**

4 - #2 pencils  
1 - 4 oz. Elmer's™ school glue  
1 - 5" pointed Fiskar™ scissors  
3 - boxes of Kleenex™  
3 - pks of 100 (3x5) index cards  
1 - black felt tip marker  
2 - Elmer's™ glue sticks  
5 - colored folders with pockets and brads  
2 - red ink pens  
1 - 12" plastic ruler (metric & standard)  
1 - Avery™ neon yellow hi-liter  
1 - 200 sheets filler paper (wide line)  
1 - black sharpie  
2 - black ink pens  
1 - set multiplication cards 1's - 12's  
1 - set of addition cards 1-10

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**Kindergarten**

2 - 8 oz Elmer's™ school glue  
125 ct. Kleenex™ tissue  
2 - Toothbrushes and toothpaste  
3 - 8-pack Crayola™ crayons  
Assorted computer color paper  
5" Pointed scissors  
1 red pocket folder with brads  
3 - #2 Pencils  
Nap (blanket and pillow)  
1 - small plastic school box  
2 - coloring books  
Clorox™ wipes  
1 - box gallon-size ziplock bags

**First grade**

1 - 8 count box of large crayons  
1 - 12 count basic color pencils  
1 - 8 count basic color large markers  
1 - box basic color watercolors  
6 - #2 pencils  
1 - eraser  
2 - small bottles school glue  
2 - glue sticks  
1 pair sharp pointed scissors  
2 - large boxes of

Kleenex™  
1 - large hand sanitizer (Purell™)  
2 - cans Lysol™ wipes  
Boys - 1 box snack size ziplock bags  
Girls - 1 box gallon size ziplock bags  
No rulers, school boxes, or folders

**Second grade**

Notebook paper (wide-ruled)  
Clipboard  
#2 Pencils  
Crayons  
Scissors  
6 inch ruler  
8 oz Elmer's™ school glue  
Pink flat eraser  
2 - boxes Kleenex™ tissue  
3 - Pkgs. red grading pencils  
1 - red pocket folder with brads  
1 - green pocket folder with brads  
1 - blue pocket folder with brads  
1 - large wide-ruled spiral notebook  
1 - lunchbox for supplies (with strap)  
1 - large Clorox™ or Lysol™ wipes  
1 - can Lysol™ spray

**Third grade**

Clipboard (no trapper keepers)  
2 - Pkgs wide-lined notebook paper  
12 - #2 Pencils  
4 - red grading pencils  
1 - box Kleenex™ tissue  
4 - Glue sticks  
1 - 5 inch pointed scissors  
Crayons  
Washable markers  
1 - red eraser  
1 - blue pocket folder with brads  
2 - green pocket folders with brads  
1 - yellow pocket folder with brads  
1 - large red spiral notebook  
1 - box gallon size ziplock bags

School box (zippered lunch box style)  
1 - bottle of Germ-X™  
2 Clorox™ or Lysol™ wipes  
Colored pencils  
Highlighters  
Chapstick (optional)  
• Please put names on all supplies

1 - pack 100 sheet wide lined notebook paper  
12 - #2 Pencils  
3 - black or blue ink pens  
6 - red ink pens  
1 - Large box of kleenex  
4 - pocket folders with brads (any color)  
6 - pocket folders with brads (red)  
2 - highlighters  
Basic pack of colored pencils  
2 - pink flat erasers  
1 - 5-inch pointed scissors  
2 - spiral notebooks  
1 - bottle hand sanitizer  
• Possibility of updated supply list on the first day of school concerning the purchase of a trapper keeper

**Fourth grade**

1 - pack 100 sheet wide-ruled notebook paper  
12 - #2 Pencils  
3 - black or blue ink pens  
6 - red ink pens  
1 - large box of Kleenex™  
4 - pocket folders with brads (any color)  
6 - pocket folders with brads (red)  
2 - highlighters  
1 - basic pack of colored pencils  
2 - pink flat erasers  
1 - 5 inch pointed scissors  
2 - spiral notebooks  
1 - bottle hand sanitizer  
• Possibility of updated supply list on the first day of school concerning the purchase of a trapper keeper

**Fifth grade**

1 - pack 100 sheet wide lined notebook paper  
6 - pocket folders with brads (any color)  
1 - Teal pocket folder with brads  
1 - Purple pocket folder with brads  
1 - spiral notebook  
Map colors  
12 - #2 Pencils  
12 - black or blue ink pens  
6 - red grading pens  
6 - red grading pencils  
Scissors  
Glue stick  
3 - pkgs. of dividers for folders  
2 - pink flat erasers  
1 - 5 Subject spiral notebook

**Sixth grade**

1 - pack 100 sheet wide-lined notebook paper  
8 - pocket folders with brads (any color)  
2 - green pocket folders with brads  
2 - yellow pocket folders with brads  
1 - spiral notebook  
1 - pack of map colors  
12 - #2 pencils  
12 - black or blue ink pens  
6 - red grading pens  
6 - red grading pencils  
1 - scissors  
1 - glue stick  
2 - pink flat erasers  
3 - pkgs of dividers (new students only)  
1 - 5 subject spiral notebook

**Seventh grade**

1 - pack 100 sheet wide lined notebook paper  
5 - pocket folders with brads (any color)  
3 - spiral notebooks  
1 - pack of map colors  
12 - #2 pencils  
12 - black or blue ink pens  
6 - red grading pens  
6 - red grading pencils  
1 - scissors  
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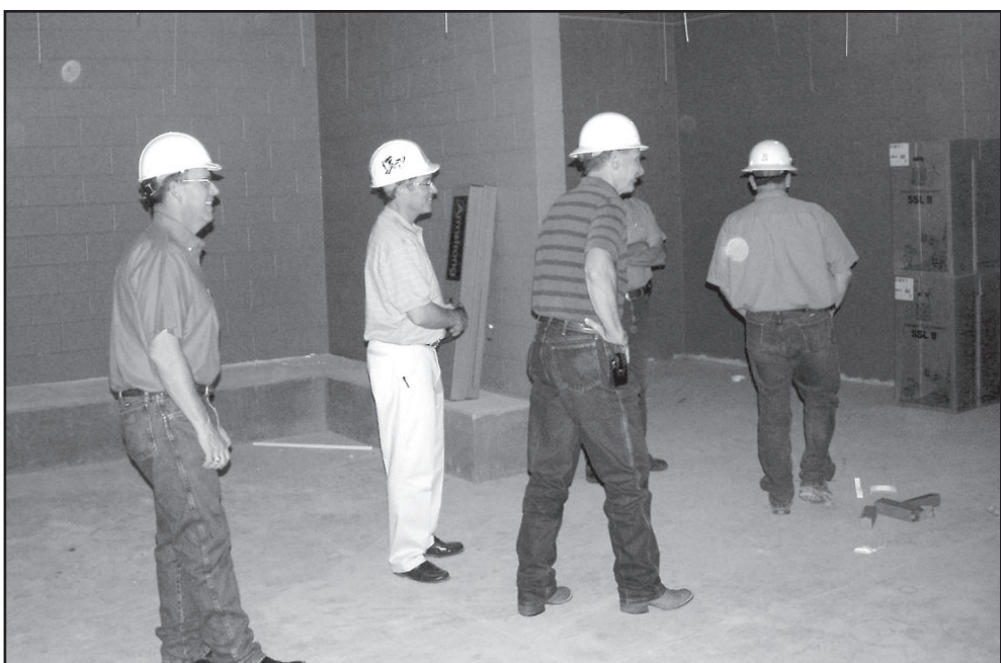
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# In the fading twilight of life... Part 7

Where there is two sets of children: it might be a couple, each of whom has had a previous relationship, marriage, or otherwise.

And each one has had one or more children of that relationship. But now they are married to each other, they relate well and work together good.

They have made money and created a nice estate. I'm sure we all know of families like that for they exist in almost every community.

Now and then we see one that, not only has children of their own, but they have children between the two of them.

In a case of that kind we speak of three sets of children, and that, I would say, holds the potential for a bit of confusion — in the event one of them should die.

So I do believe that, in a situation like that, they should all sit down together and work out an agreement as to the division of his interest

in their property — and do so now, before hand while they can have a mind to do it.

Remember, the deceased's half interest goes to his children, and in the final analysis, the property will have to be divided. And either they do it or the court will.

My older brother told me of a situation that was even more mixed up than this.

He spoke of "an old country couple that didn't know much." And he said they got married. He already had a baby girl, and soon after the marriage they had a little boy.

"Well," so he said, "time went on, and as the children grew up they fell in love and wanted to get married. They spoke to their father about it, but he told them. "You can't do that. You are too close kin. It won't work. You can't marry each other."

But that didn't settle it. They still wanted to get married. So the boy spoke to his mother

*Something worth saying...*  
By Glen Williams

about it — how he loved the girl and still wanted to marry her. So his mother told him, "If you want to marry that girl you go ahead and marry her. That man ain't your Daddy no how."

Of course he told that for a joke, but I don't doubt situations like that might exist, in which event they would definitely need an attorney to help decide who gets what, and why, if one of them should pass away.

But, as I've said before, I think, in most cases, it's best for people to employ an attorney to assist them and guide them in their time of need.

In the law of descent and distribution the first in line to inherit from either parent is a child or children. That must be respected, "for that's the law." And they inherit equally, share and share alike.

But that wasn't true under the Old Testament. For the ancient and outmoded law of Moses provided that the first or oldest child was the first in line to inherit.

Thus the promises and blessings that God made to Abraham passed down to Isaac, his first born son, and from Isaac to Easu, the first born of Isaac, and the oldest of twins born to Isaac and Rebekah.

Now we know how that Jacob, the younger of the twins cheated Esau out of his inheritance — the birthright.

A birthright is not a matter of grace, Esau had a right to that inheritance. What was the inheritance? It was the entire Land of Canaan, approximately 11,500 square miles of some of the finest land on earth. He sold it to Jacob for a mess of pottage.

And the blessing? It

was a matter of grace, of spiritual nature. And it was bestowed on Jacob by Isaac, the father of the twins. Here it is:

God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine."

"Let people serve thee and nations bow down to thee; be Lord over thy brethren and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee. Curseth be every one that curseth thee,

and blesseth be he that blesseth thee."

That, as you know, is a development of some of the promises God had made to Abraham approximately 160 years before then.

So, as we view them today, it is easy to see that we have access to the better one — the New Covenant. And, in these United States, we have the freedom to enjoy it. Shall we keep it that way?

## 'Bargain' gambles with Texans' health care

An intense debate on how to reform our health care system is unfolding in the nation's Capitol.

It is important that Texans be aware of the devastating impact the proposed reforms could have on hospital systems throughout our state for both rural and big city hospitals.

Imagine a patient goes to the hospital for surgery to have a stent placed in his heart. Once there, he is told that the surgery will not occur unless he first donates a kidney.

As shocking as this scenario is, it is not unlike the position many of Texas' hospitals will be placed in if the Obama Administration has its way.

Recently, the administration announced that it struck a bargain to pay for health care reform, in part, by slashing federal reimbursements to hospitals.

Without question, Texans want to see health care reform legislation enacted to improve access to health insurance and restrain runaway health care costs, but many of our hospitals are already on life support.

Siphoning their funding would be disastrous for the millions of patients who rely on these facilities for care each year, and it could sink the hospitals to new and dangerous fiscal lows.

Our hospitals currently bear the financial burden



of having to keep pace with increasingly expensive technological advancements; meanwhile, their federal reimbursements are shrinking at an alarming pace.

Further, many hospitals are required to provide millions of dollars in uncompensated care to Texas' 6 million uninsured residents.

Despite this untenable financial dilemma facing our hospitals, the Obama Administration expects them to take further cuts in reimbursements on the hopes that the proposed government-run insurance provider would eventually lessen the number of Americans without insurance coverage.

In short, the administration asked for an upfront investment by the hospitals and offered an IOU in return.

But what the administration is calling a "bargain" is actually a gamble with very high stakes — the health of entire communities. They are essentially gambling

away health care access to achieve health care coverage.

Their so-called "bargain" ignores the unique challenges facing rural hospitals, which due to the low number of patients, operate with little to no profit margin. Lowering these hospitals' badly needed federal reimbursements could result in reduced services, or even worse, the closure of entire facilities.

Even the head of the Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals, David Pearson, recently said, "Significant cutbacks for many of these hospitals could jeopardize access to health care in rural

Texas."

Another costly problem that has been entirely ignored by the Obama Administration is the uncompensated care Texas hospitals provide to illegal immigrants each year.

Last year, 6,540 visits from undocumented immigrants cost Parkland Hospital System in Dallas \$7 million, and Memorial Hermann in Houston incurred over \$4 million in cost for their care.

I have consistently championed federal efforts to offset these costs to hospitals and to prevent local property taxpayers from having to shoulder the burden.

However, the program has expired and the

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## 'Bargain' health care...

Continued from page 12 administration and the Majority Leaders in Congress refuse to address this problem in health care reform. It will be impossible for some hospitals in Texas to remain operational if they are asked to carry an even heavier financial burden.

Patients should also be concerned that the cost of these proposed reimbursement cuts may actually be transferred to them.

Hospitals may be forced to pass on these cuts to patients with private insurance, ultimately resulting in even higher premiums. A shrinking hospital budget must be filled in some way if the hospital is going to survive.

If our hospitals are placed in such peril that they can no longer afford to keep their doors open, who do you think will have to rescue them? Ultimately, this proposal leads us one step closer to

a government takeover of the health care system.

Over the last several months, we have seen the federal government seize control of Wall Street, the banking industry, the housing market, and the auto manufacturers.

Can we really trust the health of Americans to a big government that is willing to take high stakes risks on the American health care system?



### Taking a little off the top

Caleb Conner gives Cole Hawkins a "slight trim" in preparation for this week's two-a-days.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

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Keeping an eye on local government

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### Such a big miracle... such a little girl

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God healed Jayci. According to her mother, the cancerous mass that had shoved internal organs aside, and was threatening to grow into Jayci's spine before its growth was arrested, is currently the size of a finger tip and still shrinking.

Kimberly said this particular form of cancer, if eradicated, rarely returns — no doubt giving hope to her friends and family, but even with this good news, Kimberly indicated her celebration was a bit reserved.

After it became known about Jayci's struggling health, the Nickels were contacted by the Make a Wish Foundation of

Lubbock seeking to honor Jayci for her health struggles... and each time her mother said, "No, not yet."

But recently, when a foundation representative called, Kimberly told them it was time, and explained that her daughter needed what any three-year-old princess needs... a castle.

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