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## Local Construction Boom Is Under Way

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

It's hard not to notice the road construction on American Blvd. in Muleshoe, but those who have been keeping their eyes on the road while traveling through the

an expansion project that saw the demolition and removal of the former "Harvey Bass" building in September 2012, followed by the extension of its drive-through service and new parking areas.

"We out grew our facility," Messenger said, explaining a portion of the reason for the project.

"The bank has really grown the last few years," he added, noting that the expansion to a six-lane drive through would make it more convenient for many of the bank's customers.

Messenger said the decision was also based in a desire to "give back to the community."

"We just feel the community has placed its confidence in us, and in turn we want to express our confidence in it," said Messenger.

Further down the road, work crews have been busy preparing the land for a new McDonald's Restaurant in Muleshoe.

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Workers prepare the west side parking lot at Muleshoe State Bank for asphalt.

TxDOT's construction zone might not have noticed that a bit of a construction boom has been occurring off road.

Muleshoe State Bank opened the construction boom with

According to Jay Messenger, executive vice president, the renovations and expansions on the 40-year-old building is expected to be completed by the end of March.



Photographs by Larry Thornton

Workers hang steel at the West construction site.

## Local Elections Down To Single Race

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

With the passing of the Friday, March 1, filing deadline only one of the three local entities that had called for elections on May 11 will proceed to the ballot box.

have filed for positions on the Muleshoe City Council, the governing boards of the Muleshoe Independent School District and the Muleshoe Area Hospital District, only the District 1 city council position is contested.



Therefore the elections for the MAHD and MISD seats, along with the city's Dist. 2 position, are expected to be canceled and the

positions awarded to the unopposed candidates, according to Muleshoe City Secretary LeAnn Gallman, who through contracts approved by each of the public entities coordinates all of the local May elections.

For the Dist. 1 council seat, Colt Ellis will face off against Isidoro Trevino.

The Dist. 1 seat was formerly held by Richard Orozco, but was declared vacant in

September 2012.

The other candidates, who have filed unopposed, and their positions, are:

- City Council, Dist. 2 — Irene Mason (Incumbent).
- Muleshoe ISD (Two at large positions) — Jay Cage (Incumbent) and Kelly Kettner (Incumbent).
- Muleshoe Area Hospital District — Place 2, Allen Smyer (Incumbent), and Place

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## Kibitzing Required

Most people dislike someone hanging over their shoulder, watching as they work, but for a catcher in softball and baseball, it's the way things are.

Pictured above, an umpire watches as the Lady Mules' catcher does her job during the recent game against Tahoka's ladies.



Photograph by Gabby Perez

## Lady Mules 'Run Away' With Gold

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules ran away with the Friona Squaw Relays on Friday with 186 points.

Friona finished second with 105 points, Farwell was third at 84.5 and Boys Ranch finished fourth with 72.5.

Eight teams competed in the relays.

Jasmine Garza took the silver medal in the first race of the

day. She finished the 3200-meter run in a time of 14 minutes 8.68 seconds. Brooklyn Beall ran sixth with a 15:30.50.

Adrienne Precure won her first of five gold medals in the high jump by clearing five feet even. Cas Moore claimed the silver medal with a leap of 4-08 and Kaylie Morris took the bronze medal with a height of 4-06.

Jo Moore won the gold medal in the long jump with a leap of 13-

08. C. Moore placed fourth with a distance of 13-06. J. Moore also won the gold in the triple jump with a hop, skip and jump of 31-09. Katelyn Gable placed fourth with a distance of 28-09.

Gable won the silver medal in the 200-meter dash with time of 27.96. Ruby Andrade earned the bronze medal in the 400-meter run with a 1:08.46 and Blanca Ramirez placed fifth

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## Cuts May Require MAHD To Seek Tax Rate Increase

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The US Senate's failure to pass the Sequester, and how it would impact the Muleshoe Area Hospital District was a key point of discussion during the administrative report of CEO David Burke during the Thursday, Feb. 28, regular board meeting.

Burke addressed such issues as decreased Medicare reimbursements, and the strong possibility that the hospital district may be forced to call a tax rate election, with the intent of raising the district's rate beyond the 40 cent per hundred

valuation in order that current hospital services can be maintained.

"We're looking at a two percent cut in Medicare," Burke said. "We could have layoffs or cuts in services."

Burke noted that three Critical Access hospitals have filed for bankruptcy, and other, larger hospitals will also be feeling the financial impact of the Medicare cuts.

"We're hurt more (than the larger hospitals) because our revenue is small... because our community is small," he said. "We're going to suffer more than the larger

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## Holy Week Services Announced

Holy Week services Muleshoe will begin on Sunday, March 24, and conclude on Easter, March 31, according to the Rev. Sergio Leal, president of the Bailey County Ministerial Alliance.

On Palm Sunday, March 24, at 6 p.m., a community worship service will be held at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe with Rev. Father Leal of St. Clements Episcopal Church presenting the message and Robert Black of the First Baptist Church leading the music.

As in previous years, a noon meal and message will be held Monday through Wednesday. Offerings and donations from the Holy Week services will be presented to the Hope Chest.

While the noon meals will be held at the First Baptist Church's fellowship hall, the Monday meal will be prepared by 16th & Ave. D Church of Christ. Monday's message will be presented by the Rev. Ryan Pate of the First Assembly of God and Curtis Shelburne of 16th & Ave. D Church of Christ.

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# OPINION

## Syrian Assistance Is Confusing

### Editorial

The recent news concerning Syria, in which many of its citizens are locked in a bloody revolt against an oppressive regime, along with the news that the administration of President Barack Obama is considering supporting the "Free Syrian Army" has us confused.

Granted, the proposed support would be "non-lethal assistance," which reportedly means weapons would not be provided, while supplies such as body armor, military training and armored vehicles could be made available, but

why is the stance of the Obama administration concerning individuals possessing firearms, and especially assault-type weapons in Syria different from its stance here in these United States?

We don't know what the Syrian constitution — if it has one — provides for regarding what we in this country is collectively refer to as Second Amendment rights.

However, we do know our forefathers were

leery enough about the possibility of oppressive federal government that provisions were included in the Bill of Rights to guarantee this nation's citizens would have the basic ability to defend itself against such unlawful government control.

And, it is these same guarantees that the Obama administration is currently trying to disenfranchise.

Obviously, the President — and his liberal supporters,

would counter that the United State's government would never condone nor participate in such actions against its citizens that Syria has, and thus the need for such weaponry among the general public isn't necessary within this nation.

But taking such a stance totally ignores moments of our national history.

What about Pres. Andrew Jackson's tribal relocation policy?

What about the incarceration of Japanese-American citizens during World War II?

To say that similar events wouldn't ever happen again ignores the lessons of history.

The ideals of freedom and independence for which so much blood has been shed will remain intact only as long as the leadership of this nation continues to recognize and honor them, or barring that the citizens of this nation remove from office leaders who give these ideals only superficial support.

### Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

To post an announcement send an email to editor@muleshoejournal.com

### Fish Friday

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe will be hosting "Fish Friday" during Lent, on March 8, from 5-8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, and \$5 for children 10 years of age and under. Call 272-4167 for carry out orders.

### Spring Break Program

The Muleshoe Area Public Library is hosting a Spring Break program, entitled "Around the Fire @ the Library," March 11-15.

The daily program is from 2-6 p.m., for all ages of school children.

An activity time will be held from 2-4 p.m., followed by a movie from 4-6 p.m. Monday and Wednesday's movie is "Cyberbully;" Tuesday is "Parent Trap" (the older one); Thursday is "The Lorax," and Friday is "Breaking Dawn, Part 2."

This program is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and Texas State Library and Archives Commission, according to Librarian Dyan Dunagan.

### Construction...

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13, Steve and Susan Credle — owners of Muleshoe's current McDonald's, broke ground on the project, which is expected to take approximately 120 days to complete.

In the 1600 block of American Blvd., a construction project on the south side of the road has garnered the interest of several who have watched as a construction crew has prepared a concrete slab, and is currently erecting steel for a storage building for local philanthropist Ray West.

And not to be left out is the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation, which has been renovating a building at the Muleshoe Heritage Center for use as a visitor's center.

Originally serving as temporary classroom space for the Muleshoe Independent School District during its expansion, the building was purchased and moved to its location at the Heritage Center, but didn't fit in with

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the other buildings, according to Kenneth Henry.

Therefore, building was totally renovated, and will provide much needed rest rooms for visitors, larger office space, and additional display space.

A new roof, veranda and walls have been added, and a red barn metal roof will also be added.

Currently, most of the work being done is on the interior.

According to Henry, the project should be completed in about two months.

"It's going to be a nice addition when its finished," he said.

According to Muleshoe City Manager David Brunson, the ongoing construction speaks of Muleshoe's continuing progress and why it's a West Texas success story.

"The construction projects visible on U.S. Hwy 84 — and some planned construction that is yet to be announced — serves to confirm the viability of Muleshoe and provides encouragement for the future," said Brunson.

## It's Not Necessary To Be Catholic To Pray for . . .

Well, color me surprised!

I went home at noon to get a sandwich; what I got was a ringside seat at a historical moment.

I don't need 24-hour news, and I think our world and our society in particular would be better off without the endless repetition. We talk too much anyway.

But I'd flipped on the television for about 24 seconds worth of news, just to see what was being endlessly repeated at that particular time.

As it happened, I'd turned on the tube about five minutes before the exact moment when the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI officially went into effect. With millions of others, I watched as the Swiss Guards, for centuries the official guardians of the Pope, stood down and, for the first time in 598 years, a Pope actually resigned.

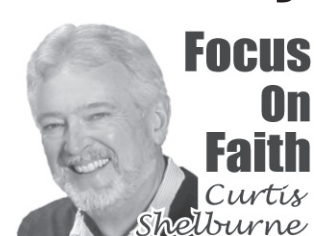
It's not necessary to be Catholic to recognize such a moment as hugely significant and historic.

And it won't be necessary to be Catholic to find what is now beginning, the process of choosing a new Pope, extremely interesting. Along with a good bit of the world, I'll be watching for the right color of smoke!

It's not necessary to be Catholic to consider Pope Benedict's decision to lay down his position and his duties because of his belief that he could no longer perform them at the appropriate level, selfless and impressive.

It's not necessary to be Catholic to pray that the cardinals now charged with the task of choosing a new Pope will do the job well. May they choose a humble man who will wisely lead the over a billion Catholics under his charge and, by so doing, bless lots of other folks, even Protestant pastors in little West Texas towns.

It's not necessary to be Catholic — in fact, you can be Protestant like me, which simply means that you "protest" some of the



Focus On Faith  
Curtis Shelburne

teachings and practices of the Roman Church even though you love many friends who are Catholic — to pray that the sovereign and holy Father of us all will use what is happening in all the world, including the fascinating bit of history being played out right now in Rome, to bring about His glory and further His purposes for all who love Him.

I guess I'm "protestant" all the way through, because I

see plenty to "protest" in my own tradition, along with a boatload of stuff in modern American mega-consumer religion. Perfect "church" is not a choice in this fallen world. Surprise.

It's not necessary to be Catholic to pray that many learn from and

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Varsity Mules Take Silver At Friona Relays

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules took second place in the Friona Chieftain Relays Friday with a total of 117 points.

Friona won the meet with 129 points, Olton was third with 100 and Boys Ranch finished fourth with 98.

Eight teams competed in the meet.

Luis Ruvalacaba got the Mules off to a fast start by taking the gold medal in the 3200-meter run with a time of 11 minutes 8.45 seconds.

Eli Leal earned the silver medal in the high jump by clearing five feet 10 inches.

Shawn Atwood placed fourth with a leap of 5-8.

Austin Ross was the

only competitor to jump farther than 20 feet in the long jump.

He won the gold medal with a leap of 20-05.

Jesus Manzanaras earned the bronze medal in the triple jump with a total distance of 38-06.

Ray Martinez earned the silver medal in the 200-meter dash

with a time of 23.40. Manzanaras finished sixth in the 400-meter run with a 55.28.

Junior Baca, the defending state champion in the 800-meter run, took the gold medal in that event with a time of 2:01.71.

Ross took the silver medal in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.71.

Leal finished fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with a 44.80.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Martinez, Aran Ramirez, Caleb Wood and Baca had a gold medal time of 1:34.20.

Ruvalacaba won his second gold medal of the day with a time of 5:05.37 in the 1600-meter

run. The 4x400-meter relay team of Martinez, Ross, Manzanaras and Baca ran a gold medal time of 3:32.11.

The Mules will travel to Shallowater on Thursday to compete in the Mustang Relays and return home on March 22 to host the Mule Relays.

## Muleshoe Tennis Opens Season

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mule and Lady Mule tennis team opened their season Thursday in the SPCHEA Tournament held on the South Plains College courts.

The Boys doubles team of Caleb Wood and Chris Cage placed second. They defeated Friona 8-3 in the first round and Sundown 6-1 and 6-2 in the second round.

Sudan provided tougher competition but Wood and Cage won in a tie-breaker set.

They defeated Sudan 6-4 in the first set but Sudan fought back for a 6-6 tie in the second set. Wood and Cage took the tie-breaker round 7-4.

The Mules lost the championship round to Lubbock Cooper 4-6 and 2-6.

The doubles team of Alex Mendoza and

Kevin Mendoza placed second in the Boys Doubles B division by defeating SPCHEA 8-4 in the opening round and Post 8-5. They fell to Plains 6-8 in the championship round.

Issac Acosta and Cristian Lopez took third in the Boys Doubles B division. They defeated Motley County 8-1 but fell to Sudan 2-8 and to another Muleshoe team 8-1.

Kayla Preston and Aaryn Ross teamed up in the Mixed Doubles B division and won Consolation. They lost to Denver City 5-8 in the opening round but came back to defeat Southcrest 8-3, Olton 8-2 and Wellman-Union 9-7.

The sister team of Cas Moore and Jo Moore won first place in the Girls Doubles B division. They defeated Denver City 8-0 in the first round and Estacado 8-0 in the second round.

They defeated Levelland 8-5 in the championship round and also in the play back round 8-3.

Dezzy Gutierrez and Zoe Apodaca placed second in the Girls Doubles B division by defeating Olton 8-8 and 7-2 in a tie breaker.

They defeated Sundown 8-4 before falling to Olton 4-8.

Denisse Ramirez won Consolation in the Girls Singles B division.

She lost to Levelland 3-8 before bouncing back to defeat Sudan 8-5 and Wellman-Union 8-4.

Other Mules and Lady Mules also competed in the tournament but did not place. JP Regalado competed in the Boys Singles B division and defeated Roosevelt 8-1 but fell to Christ the King 2-8.

Britton Beal lost to Idalou 1-8, defeated Post 8-6 before being eliminated by Plains 0-8 in the Boys Singles B division.

Jordan Russell also played in the Boys Singles B division. He fell to Post 4-8 and defeated Denver City 8-5 Post 8-8, 7-3 in a tie breaker before being defeated by SPCHEA.

Four Mule teams competed in the Boys Doubles B division. Eddie Elizalde and Felipe Guerrero defeated Levelland 8-2, Farwell 8-5 before being defeated by Plains 2-8.

Brandon Chavez and Antonio Vasquez fell to Post 2-8 and defeated Idalou 8-2 before falling to SPCHEA 8-8, 4-7 in a tie breaker. Jose Martinez and Noah Del Toro lost to Sudan 2-8 and defeated Olton 8-4,

Motley County 8-4 and lost to Post 7-9.

Jaxiel Lopez and Josh Lopez fell to Levelland 5-8 and came back to defeat Post 8-5 before falling to another Muleshoe team 1-8.

Three Lady Mules competed in the Girls Singles B division. Jaida Gandarilla lost to South Crest 4-8 and Sudan 4-8.

Imelda Salcido defeated Roosevelt 8-7 before being defeated by SPCHEA 0-8. Jaki Huerta lost to Post 5-8, defeated Roosevelt 8-1 and fell to Wellman-Union 3-8.

Katelyn Gable and Kalie Lovell played in the Girls Doubles B division and were defeated by Levelland 4-8 and Estacado 3-8.

Daniela Diaz and Esyoha Lopez played in the Mixed Doubles B division and lost to Olton 1-8 and Wellman-Union 4-8.

## Mules Receive District Basketball Honors

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

District 2-2A Boys' Basketball team was released and two Mules were honored.

Eli Leal was chosen as a first team player and Matt Barron was an Honorable Mention player.

Leal led the Mules with 445 points and averaged 19.6 points per game.

He scored 119 two-pointers, 33 treys and converted 108 of 143

free throw attempts.

Leal recorded 60 assists, pulled down 131 rebounds, made 67 steals and deflected 76 passes. He also took six charges.

Barron scored 210 points by making 53 two-pointers and 25 treys along with 29 free throws.

He recorded 34 assists, 41 rebounds, 86 steals and deflected 49 passes.

Barron took one charge.

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# Senior Citizen News

By Susan Skipworth

Wasn't the snow wonderful!

Even though there was a lot of wind with it, we appreciate every flake and drop that we received.

The Oneita Wagon Senior Center's regular board of directors meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, at 12:30 p.m.

Our pancake breakfast was a huge

success.

Thank you, is not enough to each and every one who came and helped so willingly.

We can not do this without the wonderful volunteers who help so tirelessly.

And to all who came and enjoyed our wonderful pancakes, we appreciate each of you.

Of course we will be playing Bingo on Thursday, with Brady

from IntegraCare as our caller again.

Come on over and enjoy a very invigorating game of Bingo.

**March 11-15 menus:**  
Monday, March 11 — Oven-fried chicken, bow pasta, broccoli, raisin salad, and fruit cocktail.

Tuesday, March 12 — Salmon patties, scalloped potatoes, green peas, tossed vegetable salad, low calorie French dressing, wheat roll and a whole wheat roll.

Wednesday, March 13 — Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, and stewed okra.

Thursday, March 14 — Lasagna, spinach, tossed vegetable salad, low calorie French dressing, wheat bread, and a fresh banana.

Friday, March 15 — Fish or chicken strips, beans, green peas, tossed vegetable salad, low calorie French dressing, wheat roll and fruit mix.

## Elections... Continued from A1

4, Dana Rasco.

Also, the last day an individual may register to vote in the general elections is Thursday, April 11.

Early voting for the city council's Dist. 1 election will be held at Muleshoe City Hall, 215 S. First, from 8 a.m.

until 5 p.m., beginning Monday, April 29, and ending on Tuesday, May 7.

Extended hours for early voting will be held on Tuesday, April 30, and Tuesday, May 7, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., also at Muleshoe City Hall.



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# Obituaries

## Phillip Provence

Phillip Dale "Phil" Provence, 77, of Lubbock formally of Muleshoe passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013 in Lubbock.

Graveside services were held on Friday, March 1, at the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with Mark McDaniel officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Phil was born on July 27, 1935, in Gould, Okla., to George Simpson and Annie Mae (Sain) Provence. He moved to the Muleshoe area in 1937.

He joined the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict and retired after serving 20 years.

After his military career, he attended SPAG Police Academy and became a police officer. He worked as police officer in Dimitt,



Olton and Muleshoe.

Phil is preceded in death by his wife — Laura Provence, and his parents.

Phil is survived by his sister — Paula Clements of Lubbock; nephews — Dennis Clements and wife D'Ann of Lubbock, Doug Clements and wife Sharon of Shallowater, Deon Clements and wife Rhonda of Anton; Darin Clements and wife Jill of Midland, and Damon Clements, also of Lubbock.

Online condolences may be made at [www.ellisfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ellisfuneralhomes.com).

# Death Notices

## Trinidad Navejar

Muleshoe resident Trinidad Navejar, 86, died on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013, in Muleshoe. She was born on May 8, 1926, to Merced and Susana Lopez in Spofford. Funeral services were held on Friday, March 1, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

## Carlos Rodriguez

Muleshoe resident Carlos U. Rodriguez, 83, died on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013, in Muleshoe. He was born on Nov. 4, 1929, to Juan and Cesaria Rodriguez in Mexico. Funeral services were held on Monday, March 4, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe.

## Billy Williams

Shallowater resident Billy Don Williams died on Sunday, March 3, 2013, in Lubbock. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 5, at his residence in Shallowater.

## Holy Week Activities...

**Continued from A1**  
Christ leading the music.

Tuesday's meal will be prepared by the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, with a message from Rachael Day, youth minister at the First Baptist Church, and Pate leading the music.

On Wednesday, the meal will be prepared by the First Baptist Church, and the message will be presented by the Rev. Larry Thornton of Richland Hills Baptist Church.

Sunday, March 31, will begin with a sunrise service at the new city park, at the basketball courts east of the Muleshoe Water Park, at 7:30 a.m., with a message from the Rev. Mindy McLanahan of the First United Methodist Church and music lead by Curtis Shelburne, pastor of 16th & Ave. D Church of Christ.

Following the sunrise service, there will be a breakfast reception at Richland Hills Baptist Church., which will also host the sunrise service in the event of inclement weather.

## Farmer Supports Bailey County

Bailey County Meals on Wheels and Bailey County Senior Citizens Association, Inc. will now be able to better serve the community, thanks to the support of local farmer, Jim Pat and Suzie Claunch, and America's Farmers Grow Communities.

Sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of Monsanto Company, Grow Communities provides farmers in eligible counties the chance to win a \$2,500 donation for a local nonprofit organization of their choice.

To further support counties declared natural disaster areas by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) due to drought this year, winning farmers in these counties are able to direct double donations, a total of \$5,000.

Bailey County was declared a disaster area by the USDA, giving Jim Pat and Suzie Claunch the opportunity to choose two organizations to receive \$2,500 donations.

Claunch selected the Bailey County Meals on Wheels and Bailey County Senior Citizens Association, Inc.

Meals on Wheels will use the \$2,500 to continue providing hot meals and "to go" trays for senior citizens in Bailey County.

Bailey County Senior Citizens Association, Inc. will use the donation to make much needed repairs on aging kitchen appliances.

"We are so lucky to

be able to give to not one, but two deserving organizations in our community," said Jim Pat Claunch.

"Both our Meals on Wheels and Senior Citizen Center do so much for our county."

This year, the Monsanto Fund will invest nearly \$6 million in rural America through Grow Communities, which includes double donations for counties impacted by the historic drought.



# Bridal Shower



Lindsay Murff

## Murff Feted With Shower

Lindsay Murff, the prospective bride of Garrett Riley was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, March 2, in the home of Julie Cage.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Steve and Linda Murff of Austin. The prospective groom is the son of Mike and Marilyn Riley of Muleshoe.

Hostesses for the event included Sharon Agee, Cindy Barrett, Kay Lynn Brantley, Julie Cage, Lynn Campbell, Debbie Conner, Meagan Conner, Starla Ellis, LeAnn Gallman, Cindy Harrison, Dani Heathington, Sue Johnson, Jan King, Jan Lawrence, Kay Leopard, Rowena Meyers, Shelli Stegall, Liz Tipps, Jody Wood and Janis Woodall.

And the hostess gifts were decorative benches.

Special guests attending the shower included Fredda Murff of Waco, Linda Murff, Evelyn Riley of Muleshoe, and Marilyn Riley, also of Muleshoe.

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# Lady Mules At Friona... Continued From A1

with a 1:09.61. Noemi Herrera finished fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:42.99 and Ramirez placed sixth with a 2:46.27. Herrera moved up in the 1600-meter run to a silver medal with a time

of 6:20.36. Keidi Salas won the bronze medal with a 6:42.90 and Garza was just steps behind in fourth place with a 6:45.46. Precure earned gold medals in both the 100-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles.

She ran a 17.61 in the 100-meter hurdles and 51.30 in the 300-meter hurdles. Daniela Diaz placed fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with an 18.58 and Zoe Apodaca finished sixth with a 19.71.

Apodaca earned the bronze medal in the 300-meter hurdles with a 56.11. The 4x100-meter relay team of Gable, C. Moore, J. Moore and Aimee Rosas ran a gold medal time of 54.68. C. Moore, J. Moore, Andrade and

Gable teamed up and ran a silver medal time of 1:55.81 in the 4x200-meter relay. The final event of the day was won by the 4x400-meter relay team of C. Moore, Andrade, J. Moore and Precure. They earned the gold

medal with a time of 4:20.99. The Lady Mules travel to Shallowater March 7 for the Mustang Relays and then take Spring Break. The Lady Mules will run at home in the Mule Relays March 22.



# The Sudan Buzz

## Lesser Prairie-Chicken Update

Earlier this month, I led my colleagues in an effort to get the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Director Daniel Ashe to extend the public comment period before the potential listing of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). If the lesser prairie-chicken is listed as threatened, it will have sweeping consequences for landowners in West Texas and neighboring states. Director Ashe agreed to re-open the comment period, but he declined to extend the final listing deadline. I'm disappointed the final deadline hasn't been extended because it will create a shortened review period that doesn't take into account the complexity of this proposal. However, I am glad that landowners will have more time to comment on the range-wide conservation plan. I want to thank all of the West Texans who have



been actively involved in this issue, and helped to make this happen. Farmers, ranchers, landowners, and energy producers have all come together to take part in this process, and because of your efforts, we're making progress. Please click here to read our response to Director Ashe's decision. **Club for Growth - Defender of Economic Freedom Award** Every year, the conservative organization Club for Growth publishes an annual scorecard monitoring my votes on issues that relate to economic growth. They examine each lawmaker's record on pro-growth policies and base it on a scale of 0 to 100. Lawmakers who score 90 percent or higher in 2012 — and have a lifetime score of 90 or higher — receive the Defender of Economic

Freedom award. Once again, I am honored to receive the Defender of Economic Freedom award for consistently voting to limit government and promote economic freedom and growth. These votes aren't always easy, but I think it's important to do everything we can to rein in government spending and regulation that can overwhelm the private sector. I will continue to fight for the freedoms and liberties that our great nation was founded on and promote conservative West Texas values in Washington. As the 113th Congress continues to shape the future that we will leave for our children and grandchildren, I hope you'll join me in the fight and not hesitate to contact me with your concerns. **19th District Events** This weekend,

I enjoyed serving attendees of the 23rd Mayor's Beans and Cornbread Luncheon in Lubbock. This event is held every year by Hospice of Lubbock to help raise money for hospice patients and their families, the Grief Recovery Center, and the Children's Grief Camp. I also spoke to a senior government class at Lubbock-Cooper High School about important issues before Congress and why they matter to every American. I had a great time speaking with these bright, young students and answering their questions about government and Congress. On Saturday, I celebrated Texas Independence Day, and attended the Chamber of Commerce banquet in Olton. As always, I enjoyed being home and visiting with West Texans about the issues important to us and how I can best represent you in Congress.

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and approximately 300 were the direct result of the increased patrols funded by the grant. DPS enforcement also resulted in more than 9,400 speeding citations, 1,500 seat belt/child safety seat tickets and 12,500 other citations. In addition, troopers made 545 fugitive arrests and 402 felony arrests during routine patrol operations. The drinking age in Texas is 21, and any driver under that age with any detectable amount of alcohol in

their system can be charged with breaking the law. Additional troopers will also be patrolling in areas with high concentrations of Spring Break activity. DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Spring Break holiday:

- Slow down, especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.
- Eliminate distractions while driving, including the usage of mobile

devices.

- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle – it's the law.
- Don't drive fatigued, and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
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process is available at 120 North Robinson, Suite 1920, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102 or may be obtained from the FCC, Washington, DC 20554. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal February 14, February 21, March 7, and March 14, 2013.*

The City of Muleshoe will receive bids for its TDHCA HOME Program #100166101001622 RSP#2011-0042 until 2:00 p.m. On March 26, 2013, at Muleshoe City Hall, 215 S. First, Muleshoe, Texas 79347 to complete the reconstruction of Four (4) single family units with 1157 square feet per unit. All units must be completed with 120 days from the construction start date. Only contractors with a minimum of 5 years of successful home building will be accepted. If you are a first time bidder on the TDHCA Home Program, a list of references will be required and will be reviewed. Contractor shall provide a construction bond covering all projects awarded or standby letter of credit with requirements and conditions as specified for the total amount

of projects to be awarded. Contractor must provide proof of Liability Insurance and Builders Risk Insurance. All work must be met the following codes: Texas Minimum Construction Standards (TMCS), Texas minimum Construction Specifications (TMC Specs), International residential Code (IRC), Texas Government Code 2306.514, all local building codes, standards and specifications. Contractors must ensure that employees/applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The contract will be subject to Section 3 requirements. The bid packages will be available at City Hall on March 7, 2013. The City of Muleshoe reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any formality in the bidding. Bids will be opened publicly at the Muleshoe city Hall on March 27, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. The City may hold bids for a period no to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to contract award. Contract award will be made to lowest responsible qualified bidder. Anyone wishing to protest the procurement procedures should submit a written

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• 3-2-2 HOME ON 2 AC. (2860 FM 303)- APPROX. 2146' lv. area, DW, ceiling fans, thermal windows, lg. conc. patio, workshop/storage!! **\$89,000!!! \$74,000 K!!!**  
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# MAHD Board Meets... Continued From A1

hospitals, but they will all suffer."

"We may be faced with pay cuts," Burke said, referring to actions that other West Texas hospitals have already had to face.

"I didn't want to wait until the last minute to tell you about it," Burke said, adding at one point that the board members should have a better idea of what was ahead after the annual audit report was received next month.

"Last year," he said, "the auditors said Muleshoe Area Medical Center was the best hospital (they audited) at controlling its expenses."

Previously, during the district's financial report, Burke said the hospital was showing a loss last year of about \$30,000, considerably less than the previous year when the operating loss was about \$305,000 more.

"You can see that we're improving," Burke said.

But, during previous reports, the auditors have also reminded the board that cutting expenses could only help the hospital district's cash flow problems up to a certain point.

Regarding a reduction in salaries, Burke said there was a great possibility the district would lose experienced personnel.

Although the hospital district failed in its attempt to raise its tax rate beyond the current 40 cent cap a few years ago, Burke said the district may be forced to look at such a possibility again.

"A 10 cent increase would raise an additional \$250,000, and 15 cents about \$300,000 more," he said.

Referring to the previously mention Medicare cuts, board president Zona

Gatewood asked if the community approved such a rate increase, would it be enough to "fill in the gap."

Burke didn't think it would, adding, "This doesn't mean we're going to shut our doors next week, next month, or next year."

"We're going to keep on trucking, until we can't keep trucking," Burke said.

In other business, the MAHD board:

- Called for the May 11 election for Places 2 and 4, and approved an election services contract with the City of Muleshoe.

- Received a financial report which noted the hospital's cash balance as of Jan. 31 was \$533,519.60, and the nursing home's was \$102,538.96.

Net accounts receivable for the hospital increased \$175,210.80 from December through January. During the same period, Park View's fell by \$82,977.27.

At the same time, the hospital's accounts payable increased to \$628,360.94 in January, and the nursing home's dropped to \$147,554.40.

Total revenue to date in January for the hospital is \$3,400,849.96, and for Park View

\$772,120.76.

- Received information from Burke about an upcoming board decision that will need to be made regarding the hospital district's employee health insurance.

The district's CEO said MAHD is probably looking at an increase of \$30.80 per month, per employee. Burke told the board members they would have to decide if the employees would be picking up all or part of the increase, or whether the district would try to absorb the premium increase.

When asked about the hospital district's insurance claims, Burke said there had been enough to result in a premium increase.

- Received a report from Park View administrator Ron Clark in which he said the changes in the nursing home's physical therapy unit would "make the district some money."

He explained that the nursing home was awaiting action from Medicare that would allow Park View to begin billing for the physical therapy, adding that he thought it would increase revenue enough that the nursing home would be able to pay its own bills.

- Went into closed session to receive the Q&A report.

The board members returned to open session 23 minutes later, prior to adjourning.

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## Focus On Faith...

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be blessed by the selfless action of rare leaders, religious and secular, whoever and wherever they are, who choose to lay down power and authority for the good of those under their charge, rather than to hold onto it at all costs.

And if you think Protestant churches don't desperately need an influx of just that kind of leader, and if you think churches of every brand under the sun haven't seen more than their share of power plays and could benefit from a big dose of the kind of humility it seems former Pope Benedict has displayed, well, then the new pope won't be Catholic and chickens have lips.

No, it's not necessary to be Catholic to pray for God's will to be done "on earth as it is in heaven." I figure "earth" includes Rome.



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Whether you are a homeowner, business owner, disabled veteran or a taxpayer, it's important you know your rights concerning the property tax laws. You can contact the appraisal district about any property tax issues with full confidence that we will provide you the most complete, accurate and up-to-date available information to assist you.

This includes information about the following programs.

- **Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans** - The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans and spouses and survivors of military personnel who died on active duty. The amount of exemption is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100% exemption for 100% disabled veterans and their surviving spouses, beginning in 2009.
- **Property Tax Exemptions** - Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date.
- **Rendering Taxable Property** - If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with the appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such a church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.
- **Appraisal Notices** - If a taxpayer's property value increased in the last year, the Texas taxpayer will receive a notice of appraised value from the appraisal district. The city, county school district and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the coming year.
- **Property Taxpayer Remedies** - This Comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the option of taking a taxpayer's case to district court or entering into binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.
- **Homestead Exemptions** - A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home and as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appraisal district.
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