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Husband Kills Estranged Wife

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The suspect in the murder of a local woman early Monday morning across from DeShazo Elementary was captured by Bailey County law enforcement officers east of Muleshoe on Hwy. 84 at the City of

Lubbock's water plant about 7 p.m. Monday. According to Lt. Benny Parker of the Muleshoe Police Department, the suspect — Daniel A. Cardon Jr., 49, of Artesia, N.M., formerly of Dumas, a Hispanic male, is alleged to have fatally shot a woman at 321 W. Third, at about

12:30 a.m., before fleeing from the scene. The identity of the victim, or other details from the still active investigation, have yet to be released by the law enforcement agencies involved in the investigation — including the Muleshoe Police Department,

Bailey County Sheriff's Department and the Texas Rangers. However, according to Lana Perez, a sister-in-law of the victim — who contacted the *Muleshoe Journal*, Cardon allegedly kicked in the door to her residence and shot his estranged wife, Lucila Perez, in

her (Lana's) presence. The victim's sister-in-law also said Cardon had a lengthy record of assaultive behavior, resulting in criminal charges in several states, which yet to be confirmed. She also said that the victim had left her



Daniel A. Cardon Jr.

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Lake Muleshoe's First Fishing Derby Deemed A Great Success

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The numbers alone were enough to indicate Saturday's first annual kids fishing derby at Lake Muleshoe was a great success.

According to City Manager David Brunson, a total of 95 children registered for the June 2 event, which not only offered some of their first experience into "bankside enlightenment," but also included a gun safety and bb gun target gallery, and free hotdogs.

While the fishing derby was coordinated by Jeff Scott of Texas Junior Anglers, the gun safety and target gallery were handled by personnel with the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife.

According to Brunson, there were some who — like fishermen of any age, walked away with little to show for their experience, many others caught some of the "lake's" smaller inhabitants, while others caught some decently-sized fish that were no doubt headed



to a local dinner table. Brunson said there were even a couple of fish caught that measured over 20 inches in length.

The activities around the Muleshoe's only fishing hole weren't the only success for the day, according to the city manager. Saturday also

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Photographs by Rhea Gonzales

Pictured above, a local youngster tries his hand at fishing during Saturday's first annual kids fishing derby.



Photograph by Rhea Gonzales

Graduating class officers Patrick Mendoza and Jennifer Vasquez lead the Pledge of Allegiance during Friday's ceremonies at the Bailey County Coliseum.

MHS Class Of 2012 Graduates

The Muleshoe High School Class of 2012 graduated 67 students during ceremonies held Friday, June 1. In the address to her classmates, valedictorian Belinda Pacheco thanked God for his wisdom during the past 12 years,

recounted times spent with her classmates, and acknowledged the support of friends, family and faculty. "You worked hard to get here," she reminded her classmates. This year's salutatorian was Baylee Bessire.

Election Results Show Sheriff Defeating Snell

The Tuesday, May 29, primary election results in Bailey County show incumbent Sheriff Richard Wills handily defeating opponent

Terry Snell in the only in-county contest. Wills received slightly 77.25 percent of the Republican votes cast in the election.

In the November 2008 general election, Snell opposed Wills as a write-in candidate, and contested the results over provisional

ballots that had been improperly marked and uncounted on election day.

At the end of the

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Candidate, Party and Position sought	Bailey County Precincts					
	#1	#2	#3	#4	Early	Total
Joe Balderrama, Dem., Sheriff	4	3	2	3	7	19
Terry Snell, Rep., Sheriff	31	39	20	11	63	164
Richard Wills, Rep., Sheriff	115	144	62	13	223	557
Alfredo Anzaldua, Dem., Constable	2	2	4	3	7	18
Kent Wiley, Rep., Constable	110	147	61	18	170	506
Marie Gonzalez, Rep., Tax Assessor	100	129	56	15	212	512
Floyd "Butch" Vandiver, Rep., Co. Comm. (1)	104	—	—	—	83	187
Joey Kindle, Dem., Co. Comm. (3)	—	—	5	—	2	7
Charles Waggoner, Rep., Co. Comm. (3)	—	—	62	—	—	62
Jackie Claborn II, Rep., Co. Attorney	103	143	65	18	226	555
Kathryn Gurley, Rep., District Attorney	101	134	59	17	210	521
Carroll Precure, Rep., County Chair	111	151	66	19	240	587
Randy Rivas, Rep., State Senate (31)	29	39	18	4	108	198
Kel Seliger, Rep., State Senate (31)	85	120	50	15	183	453
Ken King, Rep., State Representative (88)	43	40	35	5	68	191
Jim Landtroop, Rep., State Representative (88)	71	98	37	4	167	377
Gary Walker, Rep., State Representative (88)	14	36	6	7	28	91
Mac Smith, Rep., State Representative (88)	7	7	1	2	16	33

OPINION

Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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Tour De Muleshoe

The 18th annual Tour de Muleshoe is set for Saturday, June 16, with a new starting time of 8 a.m. Participants in the event may choose between 100K, 40 mile or 10 mile bicycle tours, and will also receive a ticket for the tour's spaghetti dinner, to be served from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. the day of the tour.

Additional meal tickets may be purchased for \$5 each.

Pre-registration for the event is available through June 10. Late registration will be accepted 7-8 a.m. on June 16, at the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 W. American Blvd., in Muleshoe.

Early registrants are eligible for a \$500 drawing. For additional information, go to www.tourdemuleshoe.com

Just Thinking About 'Time In A Bottle'

"What is a grain of wheat?" Paul Tournier asks. "It contains a whole plant you cannot yet see. What is a silkworm? You cannot define it without seeing in advance all its metamorphosis. What is a child? You cannot describe him without thinking of the whole life of the man, with all its unknowns, for which he is preparing."

As I first read those words years ago, I sat at my desk and examined the little Christmas present I had just received from my mother. It was a simple little thing — a small bottle with a glass stopper. Inside were 10 or 15 marbles. She'd tied a thin baby blue ribbon around the little bottle.

Once it was a vitamin bottle, but now it was becoming a very special paperweight.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

I remembered the marbles, every one. They were mine, or at least they had been.

The bottle? The bottle once sat on the small table by my aged maternal grandparents' bed in the old house at Robert Lee. It had held just enough water to use to take a pill or to wet a dry throat.

Dr. Tournier writes of the metamorphosis, the transformation, we see when caterpillars are changed into butterflies and blonde-headed little boys into graying grandfathers.

That little bottle is for me an appropriate symbol of the process. Nestled inside the

glass bottle of the aged are the glass trinkets of childhood. Thus encapsulated by a marble-filled bottle is the whole spectrum of life from spring to winter, from youth to old age.

No one is immune to the metamorphosis wrought by time. With each tick of the clock every one of us is being transformed. Tournier is right.

We see a small child and wonder what the adult will be like. We wonder about the many unknowns life holds for graduates walking across the stage. We each, no matter what our age, remember what we ourselves have been and ponder what we may yet become.

The present flits into the past on the wings of a hyperactive

hummingbird, and we are powerless to slow it down or grasp it into stillness. The future races to meet us with blinding speed, oppressed with such a low opinion of itself that it can't wait to change its name to "The Past."

But Christians needn't be frightened of the frenetic future or paralyzed by the echoes of the past.

We are all being changed, but God's children know that the transformation can be filled with joy and hope.

Our Creator promises to lovingly fill our lives with his life, continually re-creating us by Resurrection power, changing us "into Christ's likeness from one degree of glory to another" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Honoring Your Father, Mother: A Commandment With A Promise

"Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Peaceful and constructive living in many instances adds to the length of life-not only to the length of life-but to the quality of life also. The way we do it speaks of, that is "to honor thy father and thy mother."

To honor means a respectful regards, esteem, reputation, worship and other similar means of respect. But for parents to receive honor they must be in some way deserving. My experience has been that if they are deserving children will appreciate and honor them for it.

Children need parents, they need good parents, parents that will relate to them and set examples for them to follow in order that "thy days might be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

When the scripture says, "Honor thy father, and thy mother," what does it mean? I would say it means honor them as thy father and as thy mother. People can, some do at times



receive honors that are not associated with their being fathers or mothers, but that pertains to their vocation on life — doctors, lawyers, merchants, etc., or to an achievement of some kind.

For example... the Williams sisters have received numerous honors. As you know they are tennis stars, and I like to watch them play. But finally, so it seems to me, if people are to receive honors they must to some extent deserve them.

BCEC Scholarship Recipients Announced

The Bailey County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors has announced winners of 10 scholarships, each of which is for \$1,000, through the BCEC Association and the Muleshoe State Bank.

The scholarship recipients are:

Janelle Vanderlei, the daughter of Kees and Piertsje Vanderlei of Amherst. Janelle plans to attend Belmont

University and work towards a bachelor of science degree in entertainment.

Roper Kerby, the son of Leslie and Susan Kerby of Muleshoe. Roper plans to attend West Texas A&M.

Emily Agee, the daughter of Charlie and Ginger Trimble of Muleshoe. Emily plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in chemical engineering.

Tyler Schilling, the son of Stephen and Karen Schilling of Farwell. Tyler plans to attend Howard College and begin his studies toward an agri-business degree.

Scyelar Trull, the daughter of Rusty and Melissa Trull of Morton. Scyelar plans to attend South Plains College and begin studying to become a nurse practitioner.

Christopher Homer, the son of Cyndi Jones of Bledsoe. Chris plans to attend Texas Tech University and begin his major in sociology with a minor in psychology.

Justin Schacher, the

unseen mind, a guiding hand that comes to our aid in moments of trial and helps us along the way.

"That thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

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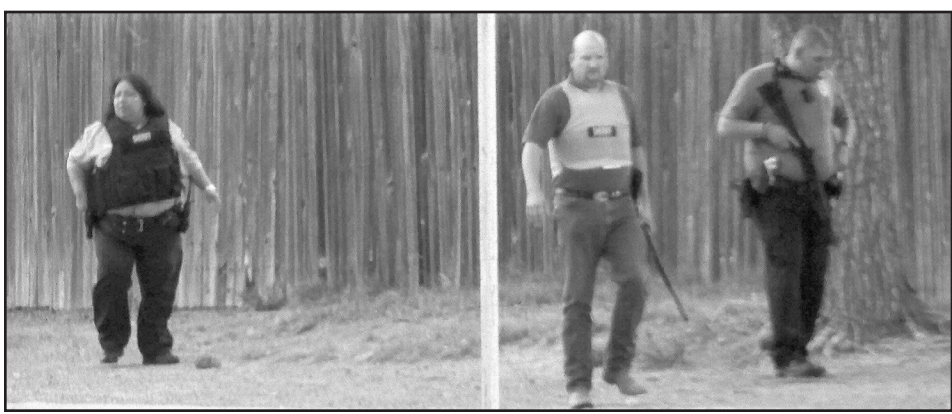
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Murder Suspect Caught... Continued From A1

husband several weeks ago, and had planned to file for a divorce on this week. In early September, 2010, the suspect, Cardon, was himself the victim of a shooting at the residence of Valdo Perez — then Cardon's father-in-law, near O&C Sprinkler, just off Hwy. 84.

Perez residence. At the time of the earlier incident, Cardon was reported to be intoxicated and belligerent. While Cardon left the residence after the earlier incident, he apparently returned, at which time the shooting occurred. According to the sheriff, the shooting victim had left the Perez residence after the shooting, and was contacted a few minutes later in the parking lot of a business at the west end of Muleshoe, on Hwy. 84, by then Bailey County Chief Deputy

John Espinoza. The victim was transported from that location to Muleshoe Area Medical Center, and then to UMC in Lubbock for treatment of a chest wound from a .38-caliber revolver. As for the alleged assailant, Perez, after the 2010 shooting, he turned himself in to then Muleshoe Police Chief Brian Frieda, along with the firearm used in the incident. Although Perez posted a \$2,500 bond for aggravated assault after the 2010 incident, a local grand jury returned a "no bill."



Bailey County and Muleshoe law enforcement officers search the area of 321 W. Third on Monday afternoon after receiving a call about a possible sighting of suspect Daniel Cardon Jr. in the area.



After a stand-off of about an hour, Daniel Cardon Jr. was apprehended at the City of Lubbock's water plant, east of Muleshoe on Hwy. 84

Primary Election Results... Continued From A1

Wills' total had dropped slightly to 1,451, while Snell's had risen to 217. Democratic candidate Daniel Patterson received 617 votes in the 2008 general election. Of Bailey County's 3,520 registered voters, only 22.22 percent cast ballots in Tuesday's primary election, with 464 ballots being cast on election day and 318 cast in early voting.

2012 Bailey County (National) Primary

Candidate, Party and Position sought	Bailey County Precincts					
	#1	#2	#3	#4	Early	Total
Bob Ely, Dem., President	1	0	0	0	1	2
Barack Obama, Dem., President	4	6	3	3	9	25
Darcey Richardson, Dem., President	0	0	0	0	2	2
John Wolfe, Dem., President	0	1	1	0	1	3
Michele Bachmann, Rep., President	0	3	0	0	1	4
John Davis, Rep., President	2	0	1	2	4	9
Newt Gingrich, Rep., President	8	10	7	2	18	45
Jon Huntsman, Rep., President	2	0	0	0	0	2
Ron Paul, Rep., President	11	12	9	2	24	58
Charles Roemer, Rep., President	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mitt Romney, Rep., President	94	134	57	13	208	506
Rick Santorum, Rep., President	11	13	4	1	17	47
Uncommitted, Rep., President	5	7	2	1	21	36
Addie Dainell Allen, Dem., US Senate	1	1	0	1	0	3
Sean Hubbard, Dem., US Senate	0	0	1	0	0	1
Paul Sadler, Dem., US Senate	3	2	4	1	1	11
Grady Yarbrough, Dem., US Senate	0	2	0	0	8	10
Glenn Addison, Rep., US Senate	2	1	1	2	1	7
Joe Agris, Rep., US Senate	1	0	0	1	1	3
Curt Cleaver, Rep., US Senate	1	0	1	0	1	3
Ted Cruz, Rep., US Senate	43	58	25	2	79	207
David Dewhurst, Rep., US Senate	62	101	37	7	164	371
Ben Gambini, Rep., US Senate	0	0	2	0	1	3
Craig James, Rep., US Senate	7	6	6	2	9	30
Tom Leppert, Rep., US Senate	11	10	7	2	18	48
Lela Pittenger, Rep., US Senate	1	1	1	0	4	7
Randy Neugebauer, Rep., US House (19)	109	143	60	15	243	570
Charles Winn, Rep., US House (19)	26	36	20	4	43	129

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Pictures from 2011 Relay for Life



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June 8, 2012

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7:00 p.m.	National Anthem Prayer Welcome Introduce committee Survivor lap (in order of years survived) Caregiver lap Team introductions Team lap (with team banners)
8:00 p.m.	Lip sync
9:00 p.m.	Bark for a cure
9:30 p.m.	Locks for love
10:00 p.m.	Luminaries
11:00-11:30 p.m.	Ms. Relay
12:00 p.m.	Fight back
1:00 a.m.	Dance contest
1:30 - 2:00 a.m.	Closing ceremonies

RELAY FOR LIFE
American Cancer Society

Senior Citizen News

By Brittany Gibbs

What a wonderful shower we were blessed with on Saturday evening it was very much needed and appreciated!

express our appreciation to everyone who came out on Saturday to enjoy some yummy pancakes and help support the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center.

a wonderful group of family and friends at her party on Saturday afternoon, to help her celebrate her 80th birthday.

hold there meeting at noon in the center.

going on so get with your friends and come join in on the fun.

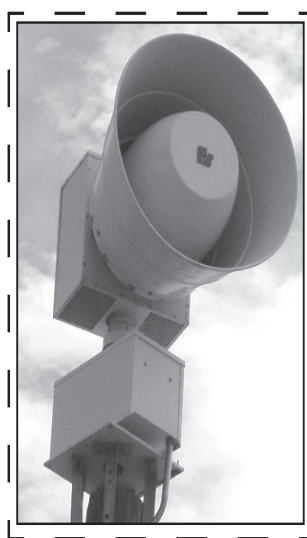
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Obituaries

Charles David Sharp

Services for Charles David Sharp, 51, of Lubbock were held on Friday, June 1, at Second Baptist Church of Lubbock, with the Rev. Ryon Price officiating.

Private burial was held Friday at Rose Hill Cemetery of Tulia, under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

David died Monday, May 28, 2012. He was born on Aug. 20, 1960, in Lubbock to Charles and Mary Dell Sharp. He graduated from Tulia High School in 1978, attended Baylor University, and graduated with a degree in accounting from Texas Tech University in 1982.

He married Emily Foreman on Dec. 17, 1988, in Tulia.

David was a devoted husband, father, son, and family man, enthusiastically supporting his wife and sons by encouraging their shared passions for sports, education, fly fishing, public service, Christian ministry, and life itself. He served as a deacon of Second Baptist Church of Lubbock.

Sharp began his career at Pratas, Smith, & Moore, LLC. His career positions include CFO of the Ford Bank Group, president of Centennial Savings Bank of Durango, Colo., CEO of Market Lubbock, Inc., and, more recently, accountant in private practice with Hill-Sharp Associates, PLLC.

Survivors include his wife — Emily; sons — Jonathan and Michael; mother — Mary Dell Sharp of Lubbock; sisters



— Marsha Sharp of Lubbock, and Pam and husband Paul Martin of Slaton, with sons Bradley and wife Stacy Martin of Lubbock, and Jeremy and wife Kellie Martin of Houston; Dr. L. S. and Barbara Foreman of Tulia; sisters-in-law — Lee Ann and husband Creig Anderson of Ft. Worth, with sons Brian and William and daughter Callie, and Laura and husband Mark Vinson of Lubbock, with son Tom and daughter Barbara Ruth of Lubbock; brother-in-law — Peter Albano and wife Lynn of Memphis, Tenn., and a host of loving extended family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father Charles Sharp and sister-in-law Carolyn Foreman Albano of Memphis, Tenn.

The family is grateful for David's life as well as the overwhelming outpouring of kindness from the West Texas community and beloved friends.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Second Baptist Church Building Fund, 6109 Chicago Ave, Lubbock, TX 79424, or St. Benedict's Chapel, 1308 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79401, or to a favorite charity.

Lucila Perez

Funeral service arrangements are pending for Lucila Perez, 38, of Muleshoe.

Perez died on Monday, June 4, 2012, in Muleshoe. She was born on May 12, 1974, to Valdo and Gloria Perez.

She attended Roswell High School, in Roswell, N.M., and was a member of the Cowboy Fellowship of Muleshoe.

Perez, whom family members described as being strong-willed with a big heart, will be dearly missed.

Survivors include her father — Valdo Perez of Muleshoe; her mother and stepfather — Gloria Perez Carrillo

and Orlando Carrillo of Roswell, N.M.; brothers — Eric Perez and wife Lana of Muleshoe, and Ernie Perez and wife Jennifer Harper; four sons — Daniel Perez, Ricky Vigio, Eva Perez and Joshua Cardon; and one daughter — Jazmine Cardon.

Death Notice

Mary McNeely

Denton resident Mary Will McNeely, 93, formerly of Sudan, died on May 31, 2012. She was born on Aug. 23, 1918, to William N. and Hattie Lou McNeely in Memphis.

Graveside services were held on June 2, at Sudan Cemetery.

Wedding Announcements



Gary Dunlap and Andi Black

Black, Dunlap To Wed

Andi Kim black of Frenship High School and Gary Wayne Dunlap, both of Lubbock, announce their engagement and upcoming wedding on Aug. 4, 2012, at 6 p.m., in Ruidoso, N. M., with a reception to follow.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Kim Black of Muleshoe and Sheila Black of Lubbock.

She is a 2005 graduate of Monterey High School of Lubbock, and is employed by Pollard Ford in finance and sales.

Wedding Showers



Dickey, Atwood Honored

Ashley Dickey and Kyle Atwood were honored with a wedding shower on May 19 in the Bailey County Electric Coop Community Room.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Jimmy and Brenda Dickey of San Angelo. The prospective groom is the son of Pam Atwood of Muleshoe and James Atwood of Portales, N.M.

Hosts and hostesses for the event included Bruce and Cindy Barrett, Steve and Vickie Black, Todd and Starla Ellis, Rhonda Eagle, Debbi Hutto, Darrel and Kathy Embry, Roger and Dawn Williams, Curby and Kay Lynn Brantley, and Weldon and April Smith, all of whom presented them with individual hostess gifts.

Special guests for the event included Kenli



New SCAC Officers Announced

New officers for the Student Community Action Club were elected on May 28. The officers, pictured above from from left to right include Garrison Myers, president, Veronica Morales, treasurer, Ryan Johnson, secretary, Caleb Wood, chaplain, Priya Patel, vice-president, Chris Cage, reporter, Sarah Whitworth, historian, and Cristian Zaragoza, parliamentarian.

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To my patients and members of the community,

I have enjoyed my time here in Littlefield as a physician and a citizen. However, my family and I have decided that it is time for a new challenge. Regretfully, I will be leaving my practice at the end of June, 2012 and will be moving to Lubbock. It may be necessary for some of my patients to make arrangements to see another physician at that time. Dr. Edward Nwanegbo will be joining the clinic at the first of July, 2012, and Dr. Molina, Ruan Reast and Dr. Wilson will continue to practice at the clinic.

I thank you again for welcoming my family and I into your community and ask for your continuing support for the local medical community.

Sincerely,

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Project Is Working To Prevent Cancer

By Kathy Carr and Conrad Lyford

In the last year, we've been working to stop cancer, focusing on the three main forms of preventable cancer.

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That's right, if you, your family and your friends work at prevention we can substantially reduce cancer risk here in Muleshoe.

The idea of the campaign is to help you learn what can be done to prevent cancer and encourage all of us to adopt healthful lifestyles.

This last Saturday, sunscreen samples and information about avoiding sunburn/tanning booths were provided to most of the 351 people that were at the 2012 opening of the Muleshoe Water Park.

Experts have shown that even one sunburn event, by itself, significantly increases

skin cancer risk. In essence, if you are going to be in the sun for more than 15 minutes, then use sunscreen or wear a wide brimmed hat (yes, cowboys know to wear the right kind of hat), a long-sleeved shirt, and long pants.

Sunscreen also loses its effectiveness after one hour and needs to be re-applied after getting wet. Using tanning beds doubles your chances of getting skin cancer.

All skin cancer is preventable, so be smart in avoiding the risk.

To reduce obesity, the biggest decision is to make the decision to lose weight. Get your support network with you on this goal. Choose to eat less food... or food that has fewer calories.

Try to eat smaller portions. Make the decision to do at least moderate or light exercise, such as, walking 15 minutes a day.

Making a choice to drink no or fewer sodas can also be very effective.

Overall, know that the small efforts that you make can yield substantial weight loss as you keep them up. If you're overweight, you know you want

to lose weight. You'll certainly feel better and live longer!

For tobacco use, we all know the risks. We've focused some recent efforts targeting the youth, so they don't start up or continue this dangerous and destructive habit.

By the way, chewing or dipping is almost as bad as smoking, so look to cut back how much you use by starting to chew gum instead.

The Community Health Risk Project is planning to collect data on the effects of the program at the following dates, times and locations:

- Friday, June 8, from 6-11 p.m., Relay for Life, Bailey County Coliseum
- Monday, June 11, from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church
- Tuesday, June 12, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Oneita Wagnon Senior Center
- Wednesday, June 13, from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Oneita Wagnon Senior Center
- Wednesday, June 13, from 4:30 p.m. - 9 p.m., First Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

This includes participants completing a survey, for which

they will receive a \$20 gift card to United supermarkets and free health assessment for participating.

This effort to prevent cancer is being supported financially by the Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas to develop a model method to be used in rural communities to prevent cancer.

For further information, call Conrad Lyford, associate professor of Agricultural and Applied Economics, at

806-742-1921, ext. 236, County Extension Office, 806-272-4583, or by email at conrad.lyford@ttu.edu.; or email kathy.carr@agnet.tamu.edu.

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Continued from A2 son of Daniel and Mary Jo Schacher of Lazbuddie. Justin plans to attend West Texas A&M University.

Jordan Mason, the daughter of Sheldon and Debbie Mason of Lazbuddie. Jordan plans to attend West Texas A&M University and start toward her medical field career in radiology.

Todd Nichols, the son of Mike Nichols of Lazbuddie. Todd plans to attend West Texas A&M University and pursue a degree in the sports and exercise sciences field.

Kylie McGehee, the daughter of Kevin and Malessia McGehee of Lazbuddie. Kylie plans to attend Amarillo College and work towards a graphic design/photography degree.

Baby Showers

King Honored With Shower

A baby shower, honoring Suzanne King, was held on Sunday, May 20 in the home of Ruth Locker of Muleshoe.

The hostess gift was a Graco Stylus stroller and car seat.

Hostesses for the event included Stacy Armstrong, Elaine Birdwell, Julie Cage, Lysie Cleavinger, Nicole Fletcher, Myndi Green, Anna Gutierrez, Jena Kemp, Kay Leopard, Camille Osterkamp, Karie Preston, Sarah Ramsey and Lynda Washington.



Suzanne King
Among the special guests attending were Sally Messenger, Amanda and Mallory Shelton, Jan King, Tammie, Alexis, and Alea King, Tara Kendrick, Ann, Sydney, and Greyson Snell, and Barbara Finney.

News about your college student

If your college student is graduating or has made the Dean's or President's List, in order for that information to appear in the *Muleshoe Journal*, we must receive notice from the respective educational institution.

Your son or daughter must sign a release so the information can be sent to us.

Have them visit their bursar's office to sign a form indicating they wish to share their good news!

Once permission has been granted, the college or university should send the info via email to: editor@muleshoejournal.com.

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The Sudan Buzzy



Sudan HS Class Of 2012 Receives Diplomas

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan High School graduating class of 2012 held its ceremony on May 25 in the Sudan High School auditorium. Twenty-two seniors walked across the stage. Mitch Edwards

was valedictorian of his class, and Janelle Vanderlei was the salutatorian. Edwards and Vanderlei each gave a speech to the capacity-filled audience. Preacher Ross Black gave the speech from the community. Once the diplomas

were given to the graduates, a multimedia presentation of the class was shown. A tribute to Daniel Porras, a member of the senior class who died from cancer in 2009, was given as a part of the presentation. The seniors then

turned to the audience and sang the school song. As the seniors left the auditorium, they handed a flower to a significant person in their lives. After hundreds of people congratulated the seniors in the commons area, the seniors loaded

on a school bus headed to Main Event for a senior lock-in as a part of Project Graduation. Project Graduation is a program by Texas Department of Transportation to

encourage a drug-free and alcohol-free graduation celebration. Seniors are locked-in to a facility with parent supervision as they celebrate the night with their fellow graduates.



Sudan Student Wins State UIL Medal

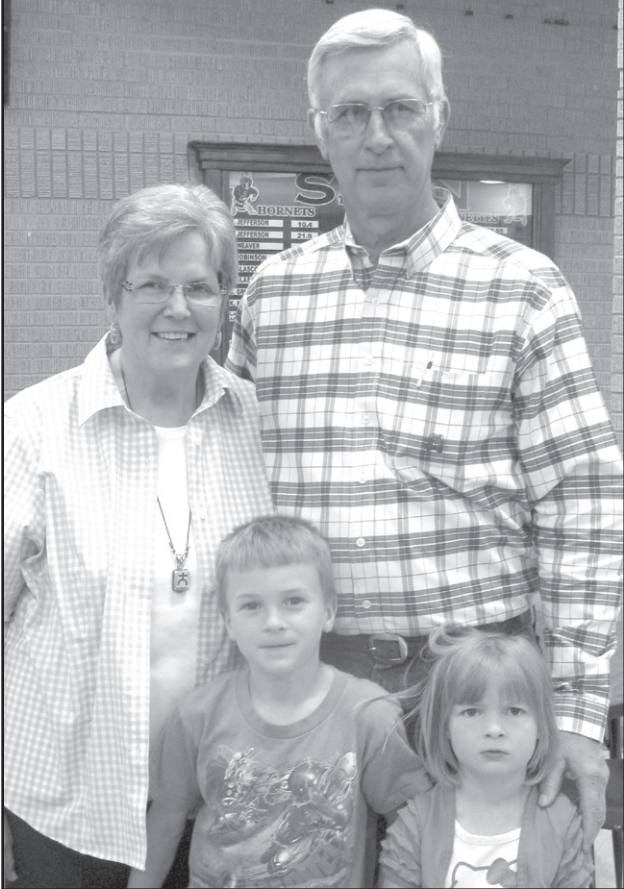
By Cheri Sin
Sudan Correspondent

Adam Harper won the State UIL computer science contest during the State UIL Meet in Austin on May 21. He also placed fourth in accounting at the state meet. Harper is a sophomore at Sudan High School. Harper qualified for the Computer Science contest at the Region I UIL Meet in April. He not only placed first at regionals, but he had the highest score 1A-5A. After Harper placed third at the regional level in accounting, he competed at the state level and tied for fourth. Deric McCurry competed in LD Debate but did not make it to the second day of competition. Janelle Vanderlei and Ashlee Koontz competed

in theatrical design marketing, and Ashton Sawyer and Hailee Gonzales competed in theatrical design costume. Jonathan Robertson coaches Harper in computer science. Harper's coach in accounting is DJ Provence. Neal Kleman and Cheri Sain coach the theatrical design contest. **Students Named To Dean's List**

The following students have been named to the Spring Dean's List at McMurry University in Abilene. Among the students earning recognition for the Dean's List are:

- Maria Steinbock and Charleson Steinbock, both seniors are all level physical education major from Sudan.



Retiring Teachers

Joyce Carr and Kenneth Carr have decided to retire after decades of service to Sudan Schools. Pictured above with their two grandchildren, Coy and Drew Carr, the Carr's celebrated their retirement at a reception in the Sudan commons area. Between the two teachers, they have more than 70 years of service to education.

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USDA Secretary Announces Results For Conservation Reserve Program Sign-Up

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will accept 3.9 million acres offered under the 43rd Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up.

During the extended five-week signup, the Department received nearly 48,000 offers on more than 4.5 million acres of land, demonstrating the CRP's continuing leadership as one of our nation's most successful voluntary efforts to conserve land and improve our soil, water, air and wildlife habitat resources.

Under Vilsack's leadership, USDA has now enrolled nearly 12 million acres in the CRP since 2009.

Currently, there are more than 29.6 million acres enrolled on more than 736,000 contracts.

"For more than 25 years, lands in CRP have helped to support strong incomes for our farmers and ranchers and produce good middle-class jobs throughout the country related to outdoor recreation, hunting, and fishing," said Vilsack.

"As the commodities produced by our farmers and ranchers continue to perform strongly in the marketplace — supporting 1 out of every 12 jobs here in the United States — it is no surprise that American producers also recognize the importance of protecting our nation's most environmentally sensitive land by enrolling in CRP," he

added. Enrollment of the new 3.9 million acres will allow USDA to continue important targeting of CRP acres through continuous sign-up initiatives — including those announced earlier this year for highly-erodible land, as well as grasslands and wetlands — while also maintaining and enhancing the significant benefits that the program has already achieved.

The two continuous sign-ups announced earlier this year will target an additional 1.75 million acres in total.

For the first continuous sign-up program, USDA encourages landowners with land that has an Erosion Index (EI) of 20 or greater to consider participating in the Highly Erodible Land initiative.

Lands eligible for this program are typically the least productive land on the farm. In many cases the most cost-effective option to reduce erosion is to put the land into a wildlife friendly cover, which will improve habitat and reduce sediment and nutrient runoff and reduce wind erosion.

For the second continuous sign-up program, landowners with sensitive grasslands, wetlands and wildlife habitat are encouraged to

participate.

The grasslands and wetlands initiative increases acres set aside for specific enrollments that benefit duck nesting habitat, upland birds, wetlands, and wildlife, and provides benefits for specific conservation practices, including new benefits for pollinator practices.

CRP is a voluntary program designed to help farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers protect their environmentally sensitive land.

Eligible landowners receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland throughout the duration of 10 to 15 year contracts.

CRP has a 25-year legacy of successfully protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States.

Under CRP, farmers and ranchers plant grasses and trees in crop fields and along streams or rivers.

The plantings prevent soil and nutrients from washing into waterways, reduce soil erosion that may otherwise contribute

to poor air and water quality, and provide valuable habitat for wildlife.

Plant cover established on the acreage accepted into the CRP will reduce nutrient and sediment runoff in our nation's rivers and streams.

In 2011, as a result of CRP, nitrogen and phosphorous losses from farm fields were reduced by 623 million pounds and 124 million pounds respectively.

The CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and associated buffers and reduces soil erosion by more than 300 million tons per year.

CRP also provides \$1.8 billion annually to landowners—dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs.

In addition, CRP is the largest private lands carbon sequestration program in the country.

By placing vulnerable cropland into conservation, CRP sequesters carbon in plants and soil, and reduces both fuel and fertilizer usage.

In 2010, CRP resulted in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road.

USDA selected offers for enrollment based on an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) comprised of five environmental factors plus cost.

The five environmental factors are: (1) wildlife enhancement, (2) water quality, (3) soil erosion, (4) enduring benefits, and (5) air quality.

The minimal acceptable EBI level for this sign-up was 209. The average rental rate per acre for this sign-up is \$51.24.

In 2011, USDA enrolled a record number of acres of private working lands in conservation programs, working with more than 500,000 farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices that clean the air we breathe, filter the water we drink, and prevent soil erosion.

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Fishing, Swimming Fun...

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marked the annual opening of the city's water park, also located in the new city park, with 351 — both the young and those acting young, spending the afternoon swimming and lounging around the pool.

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MISD Honors Faculty, Staff Members

The Muleshoe Independent School District honored three of its own during ceremonies held Thursday, May 31, at Muleshoe High School. Pictured above, are Nora Burris, third grade teacher at DeShazo Elementary, and Dean Black, an English teacher at Watson Junior High, who were honored as the 2012 Teachers of the Year. Not pictured is Kay Taylor, who was honored as the district's Staff Member of the Year.

Lazbuddie ISD Final 2012 Honor Rolls Released

The Lazbuddie Independent School District has released its honor rolls for the sixth six-week period of the 2011-12 school year. Among the LISD students honored were: Elementary "A" — Lluvia Alba, Kinley Coker, Iliana Lopez, Jacy Carpenter, Aidan McDonald, Trail Townsend, John Henry Schacher, Anita Martens, Miranda Salazar, Marisol Gomez, Sidney Urbantke, Devon Pacheco and Andres Solano.

Tamera Anderson, Iridian Fernandez and Micah Vera. High School "A" — Lacey Jesko, Ashton Mason, Shyann Rainey, Jessica Estrada, Karina Galaviz, Shea Scott, Trevor Hill, Jarrod Jesko, Summer Lowe, Jordan Mason, Kylie McGehee and Justin Schacher. High School "AB" — Femke Cruijsen, Maysun Hester, Haley Beasley, Keena Diaz, Mercedes Morin, Autumn Townsend, Allison Weaver, Victor Godinez, Alex Lopez, Denise Sanchez, Ross Steinbock, Dallas Cox, Paola Estrada, Todd Nichols, Kenton Randolph, Angel Samarron and Katie Scott.

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We Have to Work Together to Fix Our Water Challenges

By Bob Meyer

In his 1852 expedition to explore the headwaters of the Canadian and Red Rivers, U.S. Army Brigadier General Randolph B. Marcy—a Captain at the time—described the Llano Estacado as "very smooth and level... without a tree, shrub, or any other herbage to intercept the vision... the almost total absence of water causes all animals to shun it: even the Indians do not venture to cross it except at two or three places."

General Marcy's description of our region probably sounds unfamiliar to many who, like me, call the Texas High Plains home. Instead of being considered an ocean of short prairie grasses, the Llano Estacado today is known primarily as a sea of cotton, corn and cattle. So, what is the difference between General Marcy's view of the Llano Estacado then, and our experience today? Of course, the answer is water.

Irrigated agriculture has been the economic lifeblood for most of the High Plains region since our forefathers mastered the ability decades ago to tap the vast underground water reservoir called the Ogallala aquifer using mechanical pumps. But unlike many groundwater aquifers found in other parts of Texas, the Ogallala doesn't fill back up—or recharge—as fast as it is pumped.

Think of it as a savings account that earns very little interest, but that is still relied upon often to make large withdrawals. Unless the pace of withdrawals is changed, it's likely that those finite resources are going to dwindle to unhelpful quantities before we are in a position to easily adjust.

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 (HPWD) has taken important steps to address these issues by recently developing new rules on groundwater pumping measurement, recording and limits. These rules were crafted and adopted after the HPWD held numerous meetings across the 16-county district to engage as many interested people as we could in the overall discussion. They also satisfy the requirements placed on the district by state law. Once the rules were finally adopted, however, my fellow HPWD board members and I all expected that we would continue to receive feedback on the district's

path toward long-term water conservation for the High Plains.

We were right. After hearing from valued stakeholders across the district, my board members and I decided that a two-year moratorium on the enforcement of the new HPWD rules was needed to create a greater window of time for groundwater well owners and operators to better adjust to the new requirements.

In addition, the HPWD is using this window of opportunity as a chance to take an even closer look at available alternatives to water well meters, and to examine the reliability of those alternatives for groundwater management purposes. This technical study will also include an assessment of how to identify areas within the HPWD boundaries that, because of depletion, may not even be capable today of pumping as much as the groundwater production limits in the district's rules.

This work is being performed with the assistance and feedback of the district's recently created Agricultural Stakeholder Science Advisory Group. At the end of the study and the advisory group's work, which is expected to wrap up within the next 14 to 18 months, the District's board will consider the findings from the study, which will give the board an opportunity to re-evaluate the direction, scope and appropriateness of other aspects of policy in the rules.

As many of our valued stakeholders have said repeatedly, it is important that we all continue working together to tackle this issue that is so critical to the success of our farms, our families and our entire way of life on the High Plains. The HPWD is committed to doing just that — to keep our stakeholders engaged in the process while we all work toward addressing this important challenge.

To those who live, worship, work and raise their families on the Texas High Plains like I do, we can't fathom a return of the Llano Estacado to the grassed, inhospitable mesa of General Marcy's days. In fact, we will work to do everything we can so that our future generations won't have to describe our region someday as having an "almost total absence of water." This challenge is far too big to tackle alone, though. We will only get there by working together.

Robert "Bob" Meyer is an irrigated and dryland producer in Deaf Smith County. He currently serves as the HPWD board president.

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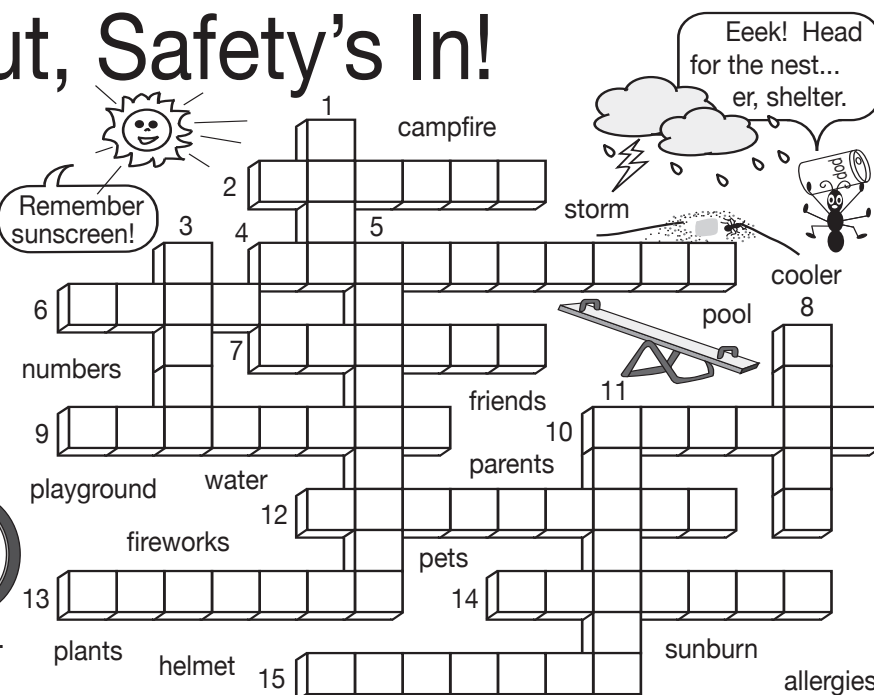
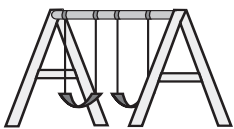


When School's Out, Safety's In!

When school is out, you will have to take care of yourself a little more. Make sure that **safety** is in your day as well as fun, fun, fun! During vacation there is more free time to enjoy and there are lots of things you can do outside every day. Thinking about safety is smart. For example, protective equipment is a "no-brainer" when skateboarding and practicing tricks. I **always** wear a helmet and I don't mind wearing the knee and elbow pads either.

Read the clues to fill in the safety puzzle:

- Stay in the shallow end of a _____ until you learn to swim.
- Pack picnic food away in the _____ again when you are done eating (help prevent food poisoning).
- Head indoors at the first sign of lightning or thunder when a _____ is coming.
- At the _____, climb on equipment using two hands. On the slide, wait for the person in front of you to finish before taking your turn.
- Before you have friends over to play outside, ask them if they have any _____ to bee stings, plants or any foods.
- Offer your _____ water often and don't leave them in the car.
- Wear your _____ when bicycling - plus pads when riding a scooter or rollerblading.
- Drink plenty of _____ when out in the heat or you could get sick (heat stroke).
- Never leave a burning _____ unattended.
- Before hiking, learn what poisonous _____ such as poison ivy look like.
- At the beach, pay attention to the tides and stay in the view of your _____.
- Where _____ are being used, keep at a safe distance.



- When outside, stay with _____ and don't talk to strangers.
- To prevent a _____ put on sunblock before going outside.
- If you have to stay home alone, have a sheet of phone _____ by the phone and know where your parents are.



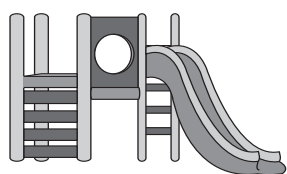
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Keep safety in mind while having fun. Match three safety tips to each picture:

- Learn how to float and swim.
- Make sure a campfire is out before leaving it.
- Get off seesaws, swings carefully.
- Obey all the traffic rules.
- Never play with matches or lighters.
- A safety helmet is necessary.
- Share and take turns on equipment.
- Don't swim out over your head.
- Don't show off - you might fall off.
- Always go swimming with a friend.
- Fire! Leave quickly and call the fire department.
- Reflectors and lights are needed so others can see you.

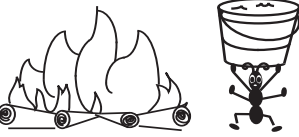
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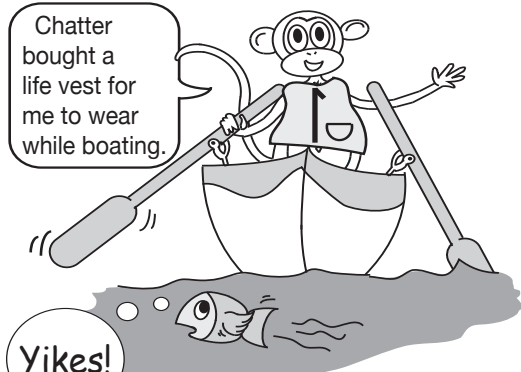
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(be careful how you spell this - ask Mom or Dad)



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Muleshoe ISD Summer Bus Routes Announced

The Muleshoe Independent School District as announced the bus routes that will provide transportation for students attending summer school are as follows:

Morning

- Bus 1— Muleshoe to Needmore and back, to East Fifth and Ave. F, to the Sixth Street apartment complex, to the high school, DeShazo and Dillman.
- Bus 9 — East Hwy. 84 to Hwy. 70, to Pleasant Valley, to YL, back to East Austin and Fir, to East Chicago and Dallas, to East Hickory, East Ithaca to East Birch and Chicago, to the high school, DeShazo and Dillman.
- Bus 12 — South of Hwy. 84 to 1760 West Camp to Muleshoe corner of Pasadena and Railroad, to West Ash and West Reno, to 18th and C, 14th and C, 10th and C, to the high school, DeShazo and Dillman.

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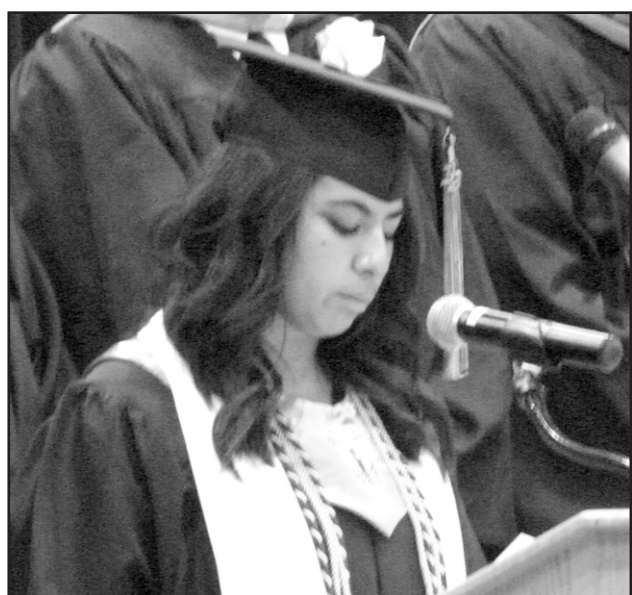
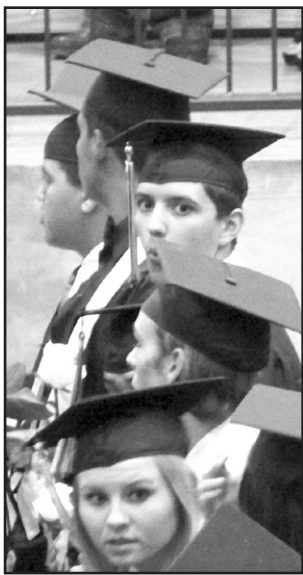
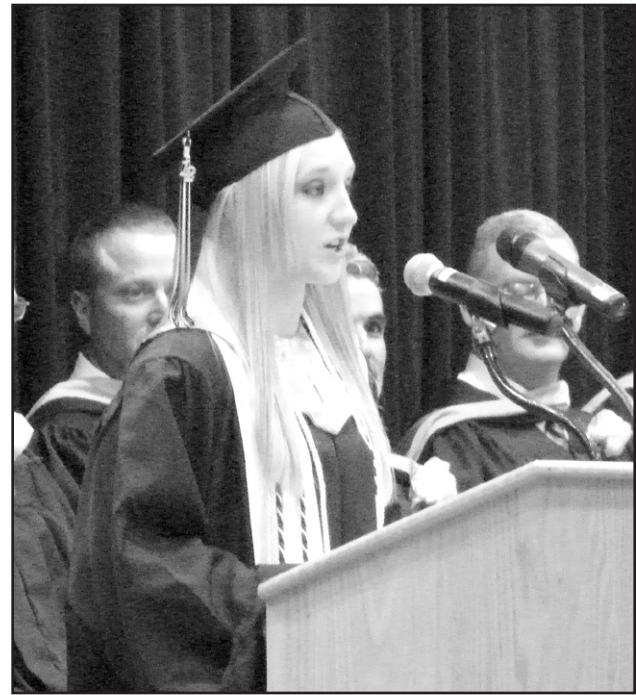
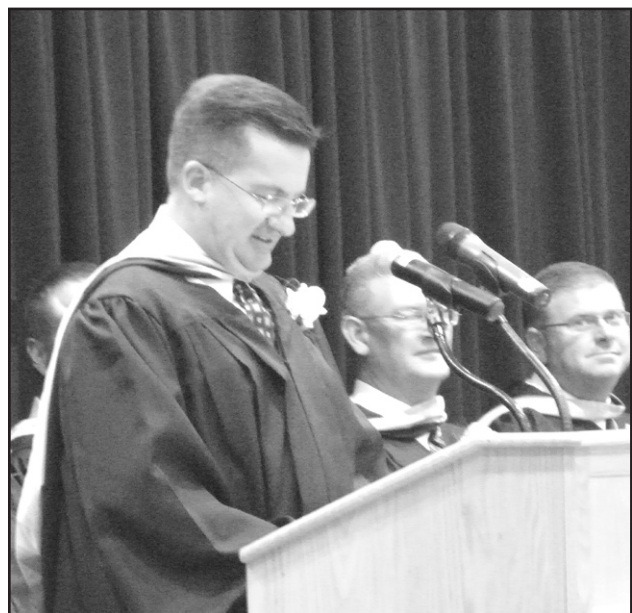
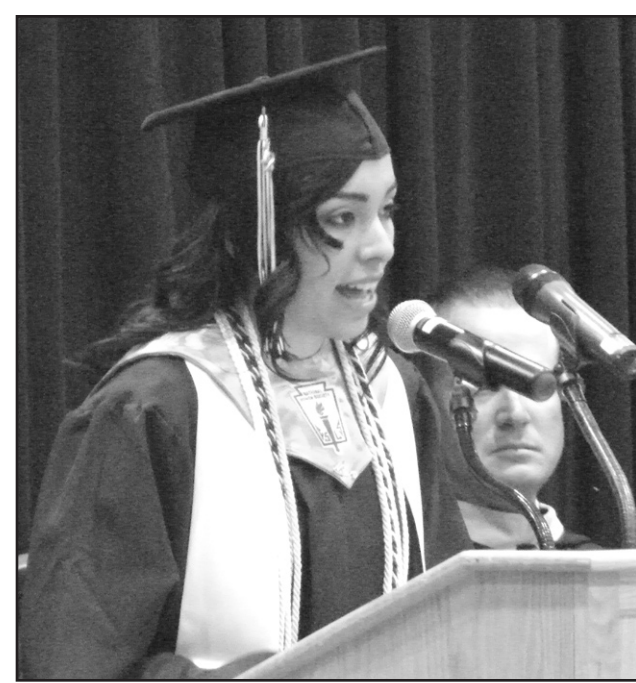
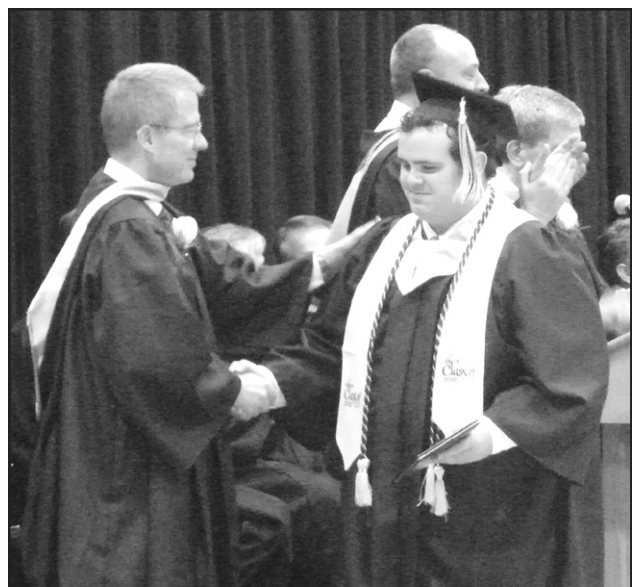


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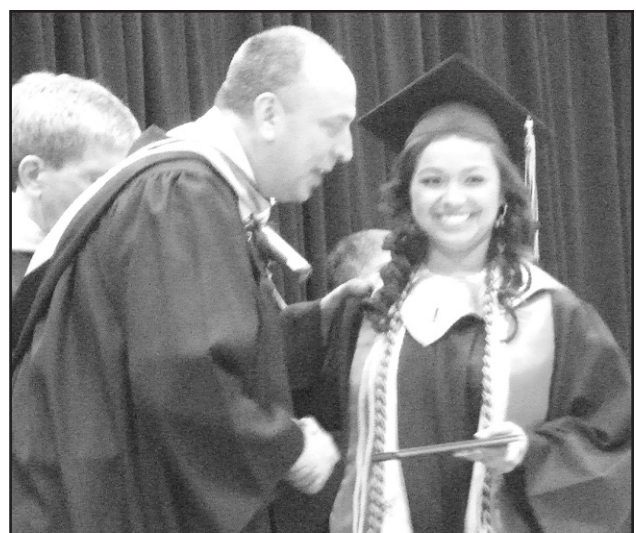
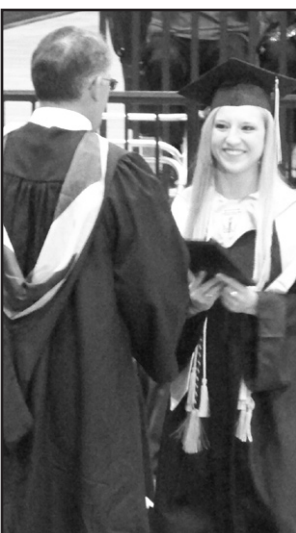
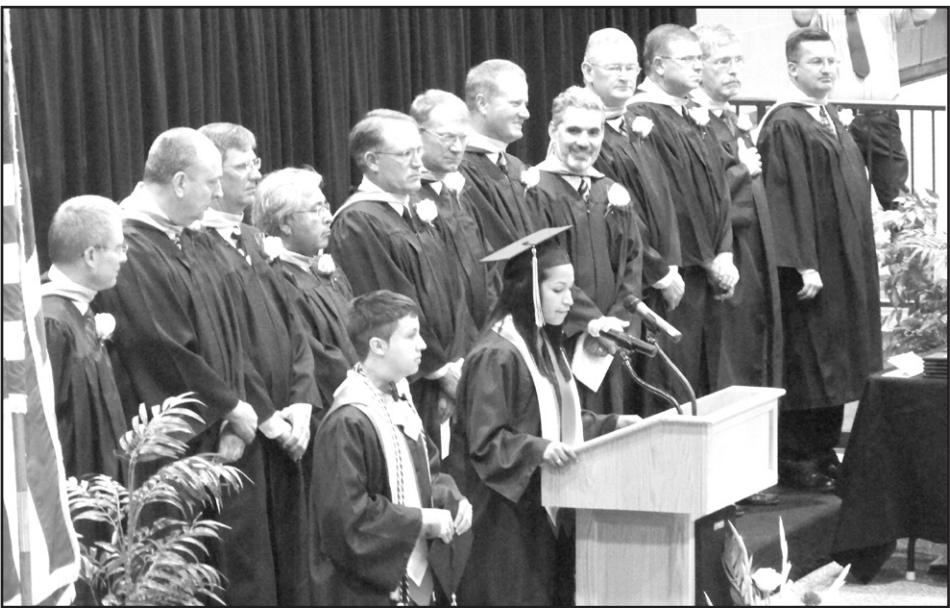


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As the chamber, we are here to make Muleshoe a better place to live and work. A place where people passing through can learn about Muleshoe. I take pride in being a part of the chamber and plan to do whatever I can for the community. I hope businesses in town as well as our dairies, feedyards, fertilizer and sprinkler businesses, vets, etc. just keep growing.

A goal I have as chamber president, is to help wherever needed and help to keep Muleshoe growing.

Gina Wilkerson,
 Chamber President

Drink Milk!

More Texas dairy facts...

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- Texas dairy farmers contribute to air quality. Dairy farmers work with university researchers, government, industry and other experts to invest in and develop new technologies to protect the environment and conserve natural resources.

- Texas dairy farmers contribute to reduced water usage. Water used on the farm is recycled multiple times – it is used to cool milk in the milking process, to clean equipment and the milking facility and then to irrigate the farm's cropland.

Dairy farmers are guided on water conservation practices, including modernized water storage and delivery systems, by government agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, TSSWCB and TCEQ.

The Texas Association of Dairymen (www.milk4texas.org) is a non-profit corporation comprised of dairy cooperatives whose members are individual milk producers in Texas.

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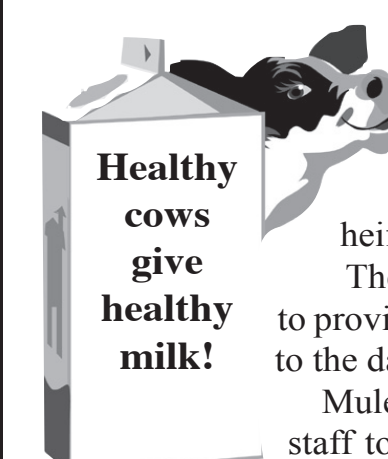
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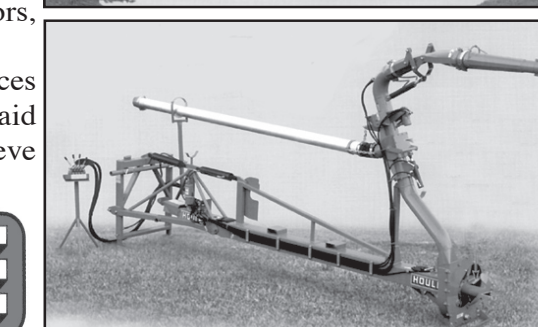
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Treating mastitis in dairy cattle with Vitamin D

By Sandra Avant
ARS-USDA

A natural remedy that delays and reduces the severity of mastitis infection in dairy cattle is being investigated by scientists at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Mastitis, a common and costly disease, affects the mammary gland or udder of dairy cattle, resulting in a decrease in milk production and quality. In some cases, infected cows have to be removed from the herd. Economic losses are estimated at \$2 billion a year.

Scientists at the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) National Animal Disease Center (NADC) in Ames, Iowa, have discovered that vitamin D may offer an alternative treatment for mastitis instead of antibiotics.

ARS is USDA's chief intramural

scientific research agency, and this research supports the USDA priority of promoting international food security.

Molecular biologist John Lippolis, in the Ruminant Diseases and Immunology Research Unit at NADC, looked at the role of a natural form of vitamin D—prehormone 25-hydroxyvitamin D—in altering the response of the cow's immune system to a mastitis pathogen, *Streptococcus uberis*.

Research indicates that precise levels of vitamin D need to be in the bloodstream to prevent conditions such as rickets, or softening of the bones. Higher levels are required for proper immune function. Prehormone 25-hydroxyvitamin D is found in the blood, but very little is found in milk.

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In a milking parlor at the ARS National Animal Disease Center in Ames, Iowa, molecular biologist John Lippolis collects milk samples from a Jersey cow in an effort to answer basic questions about infection mechanisms in dairy cattle.

Photo by Stephen Ausmus

RANDY'S ROUNDUP

UPDATE BY CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER

Rep. Randy Neugebauer issued the following statement on the Senate's vote to pass S. 3240, the Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act on Thursday, June 21.

"I'm pleased the Senate voted to pass the Farm Bill today. This action moves us one step closer to ensuring our farmers have a predictable, efficient safety net in place before they make next season's planting decisions.

"I appreciate the leadership from Senator Stabenow and Senator Roberts to move this legislation forward, and I'm pleased that my Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) on crop insurance was included in their bill. When the House Agriculture Committee takes up its own version of the legislation in July, I anticipate some changes to what the Senate passed. I'll continue to work on behalf of my constituents to develop fiscally responsible policy that protects the lifeblood of American agriculture."

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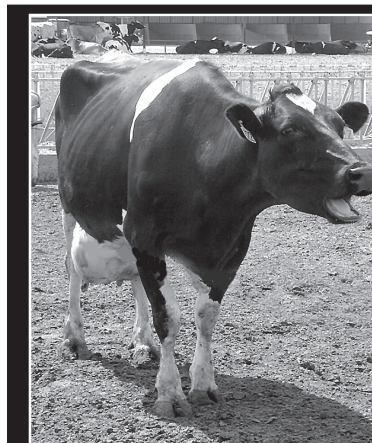
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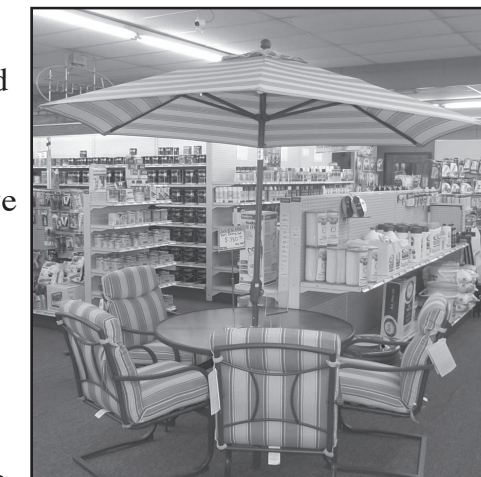
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"Thanks to the dairies for your business and for helping to support our local economy," Cox said.



Facts about dairy farming in the Lone Star State noted

The Texas Association of Dairymen offer the following facts about their contributions to the Lone Star State:

- Texas dairy farmers contribute to the economy. Texas has 558 Grade A dairies. In September 2010, the state's estimated 333,841 milk cows produced

more than 731 million pounds of milk. Combined, the milk production and processing sectors yield a value added to the Texas economy of \$1.23 billion.

This vibrant and growing industry continues to boost the rural job base and economy in Texas. For every 100

cows, a dairy farm creates six jobs, both direct and indirect.

- Texas dairy farmers contribute to water quality. Dairy farmers follow strict national, state and local water quality guidelines and are regulated and permitted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Texas State

Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB).

Operating requirements include lined lagoon systems to contain on-farm water, manure management programs, continuous water testing, regular inspections and a site-specific nutrient management plan.

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Treating mastitis

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In the study, cows were given vitamin D by infusion directly into the infected quarter of the mammary gland. Scientists then evaluated data on feed intake, bacteria counts in milk, milk production, serum levels, and body temperature for all animals.

They found a significant reduction in bacterial counts and fewer clinical signs of severe infection in cows treated with vitamin D, compared to cows that received no treatment.

In the early stage of the infection, as vitamin D reduced the bacterial counts, milk production was also greater in the treated animals.

These results suggest that vitamin D might help reduce antibiotic use in treating mastitis, according to Lippolis. In addition, vitamin D has the potential to decrease other bacterial and viral diseases, such as respiratory tract infections.

Read more about this research in the May/June 2012 issue of Agricultural Research magazine.

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The dairy case: Secrets, stories and facts about milk

(NAPS) — Drink milk to your good health. A few facts can help you and your family enjoy the many great nutrients and health benefits that milk can offer while customizing your milk choice.

- Milk's been a part of the American diet since the 1600s. The first dairy cow arrived on the East Coast in the Jamestown Colony around 1611 and priests brought cows to the West Coast via Baja, California, around 1679.

- Today, milk goes from cow to dairy aisle in just about two days, which means getting the freshest possible beverage is as easy as a trip to the grocery store.

- Milk helps build strong bones and scientists now say it also helps reduce blood pressure, boost immunity, ward against diabetes, protect against

certain types of cancer and can even help you lose weight.

- One cup of milk costs about 25 cents and is loaded with vitamins and nutrients like calcium, vitamin D, protein and potassium.
- To get the same calcium in a glass of milk, you'd have to eat 12 servings of whole grains, 10 cups of raw spinach or six servings of beans (legumes), so raise a glass!

- Lactose-free milk is a great option for people who have lactose intolerance.

They may also be able to tolerate foods cooked with milk or eat cheese and yogurt.

- Pediatricians recommend that kids drink whole or reduced-fat milk between the ages of 1 and 2.

At this age, children need fat in their diets for nerve and brain development

and milk is a good source, plus it's one that most kids like.

- Most Americans fall below the three cups of milk a day recommended by the USDA — but there are many easy and enjoyable ways to serve milk: glasses with dinner, cream soups, lattes, pudding for dessert, even hot cocoa to start your day or wind down your night.

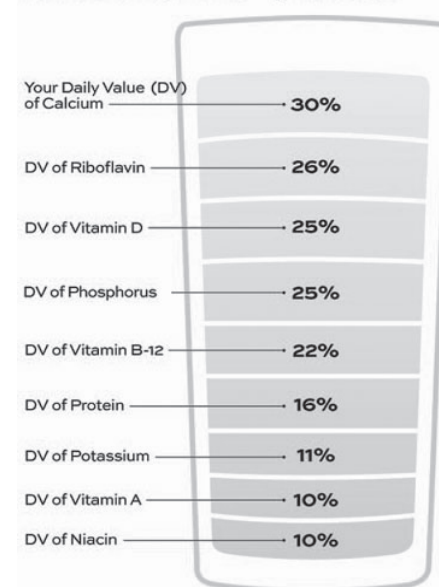
For example, here's one great way to enjoy milk:

Chocorazz Smoothie


- 1 medium banana, sliced and frozen
- 1 cup fat-free chocolate milk
- ½ cup raspberry low-fat yogurt

Place banana, chocolate milk and yogurt in blender. Cover and blend until smooth. Pour into two glasses. Serve immediately.

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- The first ice cream parlor in America opened in New York City in 1776.
- George Washington loved ice cream and had two ice cream machines at his home.
- It takes 12 gallons of milk to make one gallon of ice cream.
- The most popular flavors are Vanilla, Chocolate, Butter Pecan, Strawberry and Neapolitan, followed closely by Chocolate Chip, French

Vanilla and Cookies & Cream.

Experts on cool foods remind you to make the ice cream aisle your last stop, keep frozen purchases together in a separate section of the cart, and pack ice cream in an additional brown paper bag for the ride home.

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The most popular ice cream topping is chocolate syrup.

to try this tasty, favorite ice cream dessert:

Ice cream with hot fudge sauce

- 1/2 gallon vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt
- 2 (1-ounce) squares semi-sweet chocolate
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla

- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 cup evaporated milk Maraschino cherries (for garnish)

For sauce, heat, melt and stir chocolate, butter, sugar, vanilla and salt together. Gradually add the evaporated milk, continuously stirring. Bring to a light boil over medium heat and cook until sauce is smooth and

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- 1/2 cup ricotta cheese

Try this tasty snack that will keep your herd mooing for more:

Fruit kebabs and dip

Variety of fruits (bananas, strawberries, pineapple) on wooden skewers

1 (8-oz.) cup vanilla yogurt

1 (8-oz.) package cream cheese, softened

1/2 jar marshmallow cream

1 small container whipped topping

Cut fruit into bite-sized pieces and alternate on skewers. For dip, mix remaining ingredients until smooth.

Cool treat...

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thickened (about 10 minutes). To serve, place large scoops of ice cream in each dish and top with Hot Fudge Sauce and cherries. Serves 6.

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