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## BCAD official discusses recent valuation notices

By **Larry Thornton**  
Managing Editor

In the face of skyrocketing prices and reports of continued trouble in the housing market, many Bailey County property owners have expressed dismay over notices that have been received from the Bailey County Appraisal District... notices carrying significant increases in appraisal prices.

In an interview Monday, Kaye Elliott of the BCAD, said the across-the-board valuation increases which she referred to at the May 19 Muleshoe Independent School District's board meeting, was impacted by the school district, but not as many area residents believed.

She said the valuation increases were not a result of the school's current building program.

"That's not how it works," Elliott said.

How it does work, she explained, is that in 2006 and 2007, according to officials in the Texas State Comptroller's Property Tax Division, the Bailey County valuations were below the 10 percent valuation window allowed, and that while the state's grace period covered those two years, a third year with valuations outside that 95 to 105 percent window could seriously endanger

the school district's state funding.

She explained how the BCAD takes the property's appraised value and divides that by the sale price to determine whether the resulting ratio falls within the afore-mentioned valuation window, and added that this is often difficult in Bailey County because of the

**'We have to look at the trends and follow the markets...'**  
— *Kaye Elliott*

limited number of property sales to study.

"We have to look at the trends and follow the markets," Elliott said.

When local sales figures don't provide enough information about Bailey County's various property categories the state will conduct its own appraisals using schedules that more closely reflect ratios in other parts of the Lone Star State.

"We have to be consistent," Elliott said, referring to the company the BCAD contracts with to provide appraisal services, but added that consistency was a major problem

when the state's "on-site reviewers" were conducting the appraisals.

She noted how one state reviewer set an appraisal ratio on a piece of business property at 96 percent one year. Then, when the comptroller's office used a different reviewer the following year, the ratio fell to 56 percent for the same property.

While the BCAD protests such skewed results with the state, Elliott added that it is usually ineffective.

Additional problems arise when a home in Bailey County that has been appraised in \$110,000 range for several years is sold for twice the appraised value.

And, she spoke of a local resident who complained about his house's valuation being raised by 20 percent from about \$60,000, only to learn in the resulting study that a private appraiser had previously valued it at

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Photograph by Larry Thornton

## Getting it straight

Utility contractors have been busy this past week installing the eight-inch waterline needed for the Muleshoe High School campus. At Monday's MISD board meeting, Superintendent Gene Sheets noted that the new waterline has to be installed in the street along Ave. G because the fiber optics installed by Five Area Telephone takes up most of the easement in the area. The actual work on the MHS campus is expected to begin at the end of August.

## School board sets proposed tax rate

By **Larry Thornton**  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Trustees set its

proposed tax rate for FY 2008-09 at \$1.38 per hundred dollars of property valuation during Monday's regular meeting.

The proposed rate, which includes 34 cents for the district's debt service and \$1.04 for maintenance and operation, falls just below the amount that automatically calls for a rollback election.

The cap on maintenance and operation is \$1.17, while the cap on the debt service is set at 50 cents

While this proposed rate is an eight percent increase over last year's rate, it was pointed out that the district's tax rate in the

**'She (Trae McNeill) does an outstanding job with our finances...'**  
— *Gene Sheets*

year prior to the school district's expansion project was \$1.50.

The actual tax rate won't be adopted until the end of August, according to McNeill.

It was also pointed out Monday that the proposed FY2008-09 budget includes a \$3 million Instructional Facilities Allotment for which the district has applied.

MISD Business Manager Trae McNeill said the \$14,303,504 preliminary budget for FY2008-09 is a "worst case scenario" with a 10 percent increase that includes the IFA funds.

In other business, the school board:

- Noted that the work at Dillman Elementary

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## Another bike riding success

Saturday's Tour de Muleshoe had a few spills along the way with some bicyclists requiring medical attention for bumps and abrasions the 14th annual ride was still deemed a great success, drawing a record 258 participants and raising funds for the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation and its operation of the Heritage Center. Pictured below, the bicyclists travel down West American Blvd. to the turn at First Avenue. Additional photographs on the last page.

Photographs by Larry Thornton

## Sales tax allocation shows increase

By **Larry Thornton**  
Managing Editor

The City of Muleshoe fell to the bottom of the pack in this month's sales tax allocation figures supplied by the Texas State Comptroller's office, but still shows growth when compared to last year's totals.

According to the

comptroller's office, state sales tax collections in May and local sales tax allocations in June represent sales that occurred in April and were reported to the Comptroller in May.

While last month's figures for Muleshoe showed an 8.78 percent drop, this month's totals we climbing back into place with an 11.10

percent increase, indicating the city took in an additional \$3,702.91 in sales tax revenues collected.

This month, Olton climbed to the top of the pack again with a 96.31 percent increase, marking \$5,526.76 in additional revenues when compared to the same

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**Local Weather**

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Pt. Cloudy..... 96/62

**Friday**  
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**Saturday**  
I. T-Strms..... 89/61

**Sunday**  
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**Monday**  
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**Tuesday**  
Pt. Cloudy..... 100/63

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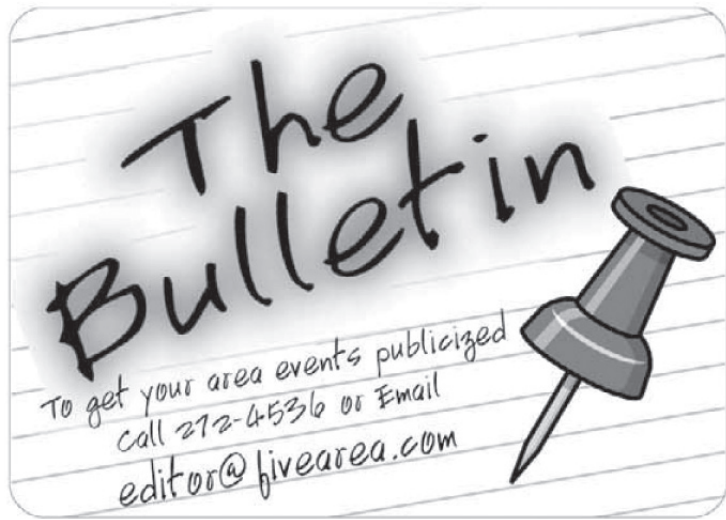
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### Independence Day celebration

Planning for the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's Independence Day celebration is under way. The theme for this year's event is "America's moments in history."

This year's holiday highlights a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizens Center, a brisket cook-off, a cobbler contest, muleshoe pitching, a softball tournament, and a talent show, and the Independence Day parade.

Individuals and groups interested in participating in the events may pick up entry forms at the chamber office, United Supermarkets, or www.muleshoe.org. The deadline for vendor fees is June 30.

For additional information call the following telephone numbers: General information — chamber office at 272-4248; booth information — Kristi Parker at 272-315; softball tournament — Richard Orozco at 946-6063; or the talent show — Carolyn Johnson at 272-5911.

### Blood drive set

United Supermarket of Muleshoe and United Blood services will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday June 19, from 11 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Donors will also be able to check their total cholesterol level. Their confidential results may be found at www.UnitedBloodServices.org the week after their donation.

Blood donors must be 17 years or older and in good health, and possess a photograph ID. People who have given at least three times—with one of those donations in the past six months—are eligible for a streamlined health interview with fewer questions before their donation.

### Glorify concert set for Wednesday

Calvary Baptist Church would like to invite the public to a free concert this Wednesday night, June 18, at 6:30 p.m. The "Glorify" Ensemble from Arlington Baptist College will be performing.

2007 Muleshoe graduate James Coffman is a member of the ensemble. "Glorify" is currently on a five week tour promoting the college.

### Food pantry meeting

BCMA Food Pantry volunteers are asked to attend a meeting concerning the pantry's current and future needs that will be held on Friday, June 20, at noon, at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe.

Lunch will be provided.

### Births

#### Reiner Goe

Mathew and Kayla Goe of Muleshoe announce the birth of their son, Reiner Mathew Goe, on May 30, 2008, at 5:32 p.m., at Covenant Lakeside Hospital of Lubbock.

Reiner weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces at birth and was 21 inches in length.

Reiner has a sister, Braileigh Kaydance, 17 months.

His grandparents are Jeff and Nancy Goe of Canadian and Rick and Lana Copp of Gatesville.

## Aging well in West Texas

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

Texas AgriLife Extension Service of Bailey County, Bailey County Aging Services, Park View Nursing Care Center, and the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center will be hosting the second "Aging Well in West Texas Elder Care Conference" to be held on Sept. 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Texas has the fourth largest population in the nation of adults over the age of 65.

The fastest growing segment of this population within Texas and across the U.S. is adults over age 85.

While more than 2 million Texans — almost 10 percent of the state's population — are over the age of 65, only five percent of that number live in residential care facilities.

Estimates show that 10 percent of those over 65 living in the community require substantial aid that is provided by family members.

Aging issues are among the most difficult for families to resolve.

### Springlake to host celebration

Springlake will be hosting a July 4th celebration, beginning at 6 p.m. with a parade.

### College releases

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.

Anticipating the future needs of a family member will allow you to be more in control of the situation.

The conference will provide accurate, concise, and adequate information concerning issues that affect the elderly and their families.

Topics to be addressed include Medicaid recovery, Adult Protective Services, and support for the caregiver.

Representatives from various services will be available with information about their services. Lunch will be served and entertainment provided.

Whether anticipating becoming a caregiver in the future or in the middle of the care giving journey, this conference is for you.

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend.

For more information, contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, (806)272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, County extension agent — Family and consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service of Bailey County, (806)272-4583.

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**Schedule of Events**

**Friday, June 20**  
5:30 p.m. Pioneer of the Year Reception, Memorial Building (open to public)  
6:30 p.m. Christian Country Jamboree, City Park

**Saturday, June 21**  
8 a.m. MainStreet Fun Run, Yam Theater, 219 S. Main Street  
9 a.m. Antique, Collectible and Classic Car Show, City Park  
9:30 a.m. Motorcycle Rally — First bike out, Memorial Building  
10 a.m. Parade, Second Street to Abilene  
10:30 a.m. Booths open, Memorial Building and City Park  
10:30 a.m. Bluegrass Instrument Workshops, City Park  
11 a.m. Cachers R Us, Oasis State Park  
11 a.m. County Wide Single Pitch Softball Tournament  
noon Musical Variety Show, City Park  
2 p.m. CGRA Barrel Race — Portales Fairgrounds  
3 p.m. Gospel Grass, City Park  
3:30 p.m. Car Show ends  
6 p.m. Booths close  
Dark Music ends for the day

**Sunday, June 22**  
11 a.m. Services in the Park  
12:30 p.m. Gospel Grass, City Park  
Food vendors will be open

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By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 287th Judicial District Court of Bailey County, on the 3rd day of June, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:  
Cause No. 8062  
Styling: Bailey Central Appraisal District v. Joe Porras Jr. Individually and as Heir Of Joe Porras Sr. Deceased  
Legal Description: 1. Section 39, Block Y, Tract 9 of the WD&FW Johnson Survey to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas.  
Cause No. 8287  
Styling: Bailey Central Appraisal District v. Maria Sigala  
Legal Description: 2. Lot 21, 22, Block 18, of the Original Town Addition to City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas.  
Cause No. 8460  
Styling: Bailey Central Appraisal District v. Jose Tafolla  
Legal Description: 3. Middle Part of Tract 2, Block 1, Harvey Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas.  
Cause No. 8465  
Styling: Bailey Central Appraisal District v. Jesus Agundis  
Legal Description: Lots 18, 19, Block 1, of the McCain Addition to the City Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. on the 1st day of July, 2008, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse of Bailey County, in the City of Muleshoe, Texas.  
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Richard Willis  
SHERIFF, BAILEY COUNTY, TEXAS  
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# Area sales tax allocation figures released

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 Earth took second place with a 29.72 percent increase, representing \$850.16 in additional revenue, and Littlefield took third place with a \$9,125.79 increase.  
 Dimmitt's figures show an increase of \$3,2556.1 in the sales tax allocation it received for this period, while Farwell had an increase of \$922.86, and Friona's increase totaled \$3,514.99.  
 Sudan was at the bottom of the list this month with a 2.77 drop, representing a loss of \$84.53, when compared to last year's totals.  
 Sudan was the only area community examined that showed a decrease

in the amount of sales tax collected.  
 According to the comptroller's office, the state collected \$1.8 billion in sales tax revenue in May, a 4.7 percent increase over May 2007.  
 The comptroller's office sent June sales tax allocations of \$306.3 million to Texas cities, up eight percent compared to June 2007. So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are up 5.4 percent compared to the same time period last year.  
 Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$28.4 million, up 13.2 percent

Sales Tax Results			
City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$37,035.41	\$33,332.50	11.10%
Dimmitt	\$24,449.90	\$21,194.29	15.36%
Friona	\$23,731.55	\$20,617.56	15.10%
Littlefield	\$59,234.85	\$50,109.06	18.21%
Olton	\$11,265.04	\$5,738.28	96.31%
Sudan	\$ 2,963.15	\$ 3,047.68	- 2.77%
Farwell	\$ 8,050.14	\$ 7,127.28	12.94%
Earth	\$ 3,710.66	\$ 2,860.50	29.72%

compared to last June. So far this year, sales tax allocations to counties are up 6.4 percent compared to 2007.  
 In addition, \$17.3 million went to 135 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 21.3 percent compared to last June.

## BCAD...

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 \$130,000.  
 Faced with such issues, Elliott said the BCAD had little choice but to raise the property valuations by about 20 percent, across the board.  
 If the state comptroller's office isn't satisfied with the BCAD's figures, Elliott said, it's next recourse is to require the district judge to appoint "conservators" to operate the district, in effect removing local control.  
 While the final date to file an appraisal protest has ended on June 11, Elliott said property owners can come in for an "informal hearing" about their appraisal notices prior to the Appraisal Review Board's meeting on Thursday, June 26.

## MISD school board takes action...

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 is "substantially complete," but added that some punch list requirement have to be corrected, including an exterior drainage problem.  
 Also, the work on the plans for Muleshoe High School have been completed and will be delivered to Lee Lewis for distribution to potential subcontract.  
 Approved the student handbook for Watson Junior High and Deshazo Elementary that includes a few changes to address problems that arose from the previous school year.  
 One of the problems it was pointed out Monday was the fact that about \$2,000 in meals charged by students during the 2007-08 school year remain to be paid. Therefore, the board approved changes it hoped would resolve this problem.  
 Among these changes

are: (1) No charged lunches will be allowed on the a la carte line. (2) Issuance of a "two-week" letter to the parent of the child.  
 If the school district doesn't receive payment for the charged lunches during this period, the student will receive a cheese sandwich and milk at a cost of 60 cents.  
 The handbook also includes changes to hair, clothing and cell phone policies.  
 Approved a \$12,501 purchase price and removal plan for the district's old bus barn.  
 At a previous meeting, the sale of the barn for \$15,000 was approved, but since that time, Sheets said, the high bidder contacted the school district and said he couldn't meet the removal requirements. The new high bidder is L. Howard Construction.  
 Approved the district's "pay for performance" awards schedule.  
 Approved the minutes from the May 19 and 23 board meetings as presented.  
 Honored Trae McNeill for the work she has done to receive another annual "superior" Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas rating.  
 "She does an outstanding job with out finances," Superintendent Gene Sheets said.

**Don't forget your photographs**  
 Photographs that have been submitted for publication in the Muleshoe Journal may be picked up during regular business hours.  
 At this time, a large number of photographs have been accumulated, and may include your missing photographs.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The MULESHOE ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., June 30, 2008 in the MISD Administration Building, 514 W. Ave G, Muleshoe, TX. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

<b>Maintenance Tax</b>	\$ 1.040000/100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
<b>School Debt Service Tax</b>	<b>Approved by Local Voters</b> \$0.340500/100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

**Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget**  
 The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Category	% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Maintenance and operations	0.320000 %	(decrease)
Debt service	1.200000 %	(increase) or
Total expenditures	0.880000 %	(increase) or

**Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value**  
 (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 319,041,405	\$ 331,437,657
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 3,280,822	\$ 5,431,387
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 243,569,143	\$ 251,764,426
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 3,067,916	\$ 5,342,936

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
 \*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
 \*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

**Bonded Indebtedness**

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness*	\$24,605,000
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\*Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rate with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
<b>Last Year's Rate</b>	\$1.040000	\$0.240000 *	\$1.280000	\$2,222	\$6,539
<b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b>	\$1.000000	\$ .392940 *	\$1.392940	\$2,727	\$6,496
<b>Proposed Rate</b>	\$1.040000	\$ .340500 *	\$1.380500	\$2,430	\$6,543

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.  
 The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$46,782	\$58,881
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$29,789	\$35,877
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.280000	\$1.380500
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$381.29	\$495.28
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.00	\$113.99

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

**Notice of Rollback Rate:** The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is **\$1.380500**. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of **\$1.380500**.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$3,000,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0



# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

When you hear a new voice on the phone, it will be my new helper, Helen Cook. Helen has agreed to help the center when needed. We welcome her aboard and look forward to working with her

Our sympathy and prayers go to the Griffin family. The loss of another

senior citizen and friend is a sad occasion. May God be with you.

We invite all you senior citizens to come and enjoy your center during this hot and windy weather. We have several activities you can participate in. Our big screen television was being enjoyed by several on Monday to watch the play

off between the golfers.

Perhaps you have a program or game you would like to get started at the center. Come in and visit with us. We are always open to new ideas for entertainment and for our senior citizens.

Tuesday night is a good time for you to come to the center if you like good country and western music.

Several of our friends from the area come and enjoy the fellowship and dancing. The fun starts at 7 p.m., with a pot luck supper at 8:30 p.m., and ends at 10 p.m. Call a friend and enjoy a night out at the center.

The June birthday party will be on Thursday, June 26. You should receive a phone call inviting you to

come and let us honor you on this day. Plan to come have lunch and enjoy the fun.

Remember, we plan to be open the morning of July 4 for a pancake breakfast. Make plans to come enjoy eating, playing dominoes, or just visiting with friends. The parade will be at 10 a.m. and a good spot to watch is

in front of the center.

**Menus for June 23-27:**  
Monday, June 23 — Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, carrots and peas, salad, wheat roll and lemon cake.

Tuesday, June 24 — Meat loaf with sauce, macaroni and cheese, salad, wheat roll and peach cobbler.

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# Obituaries

## Leldon Phillips

Funeral services for Leldon Willard Phillips, 86, of Sawyer, Okla., formerly of Muleshoe, were held on Saturday, June 14, at the Sawyer First Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert O'Neill officiating. Burial followed in Littlefield Memorial Cemetery.

Phillips died on Thursday, June 12, 2008, in Hugo, Okla. He was born on June 19, 1921, in Knox County to John William and Ila Phillips, and married Alma Allen on Dec. 7, 1947, in Spade.

He was a farmer and

rancher in the Muleshoe area and in Choctaw County, Okla.

Phillips served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sawyer, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife — Alma, of the home; a son — Steven Mack Phillips of Sawyer; a daughter — Cynthia Ann Finley of Lubbock; a sister — Ilene Bryan of Paris; and a granddaughter.

## Vesta Hunt

Graveside services for Vesta Richards Hunt, 93, of Sudan were held on Monday, June 16, at Sudan Cemetery with the Rev. Reydon Stanford and the Rev. Benny Baker officiating.

Hunt died on Saturday, June 14, 2008, in her son's residence. She was born on Jan. 14, 1915, in Dickens to Lewis Tom McWilliams and Dovie McWilliams, and married Jim Rouster Richards in Clovis, N.M. on Feb. 18, 1932. He preceded her in death on Feb. 6, 1970.

She then married Eddie Hunt on Oct. 3, 1975, in Lubbock. He preceded her in death in October 1983.

## Juanita White

Church services for Juanita White, 98, of Farwell, are scheduled for 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 19, at Lariat Church of Christ with Wesley Roach officiating.

Burial will follow in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

White died on Monday, June 16, 2008, in Muleshoe Area Medical Center. She was born on Dec. 21, 1909, in Spunky to Tell and Cordie Armstrong, and married Sam White Jr. in Cleburne on Nov. 17, 1932. He preceded her in death on May 4, 1998.

White had been a resident of this area for the past 70 years, moving from Glen Rose. She was a homemaker and a member of the Lariat Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son

Besides her parents and husbands she was preceded in death by three sisters and four brothers.

Hunt moved to Sudan in 1929 from Roaring Springs. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of God of Prophecy.

Survivors include two sons and their wives — Alvin and Melba Richards and Kenneth and Mamie Richards, all of Sudan; a daughter and her husband — Donna Jean and Kenneth Benware of Baird; two brothers — Leslie McWilliams of Ft. Smith, Ark., and C.B. McWilliams of Littlefield; nine grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

and his wife — Duane and Linda White of Farwell; a daughter — Elanda McDowell of Kalispell, Mont.; a daughter and her husband — Judy and Clifford Gray of Bullard; a sister — Edith Eddy of Glen Rose; a brother and his wife — Bill and Pauline Armstrong of Wichita Falls; eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

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## Wanda Griffin

Church services for Wanda Hukill Griffin, 75, of Muleshoe were held on June 17, at the First Assembly of God Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Jack Stone and Pastor Ryan Pate officiating.

Burial followed in Littlefield Memorial Park Cemetery.

Griffin died on June 14, 2008, in her residence in Muleshoe. She was born on Nov. 17, 1929, in Littlefield, and married Melvin Griffin in Spade on March 28, 1945.

She was preceded in death by her parents — Marvin Talmage and Jeanetta Hukill; a sister — Mary Long, and two grandsons.

Griffin had been a resident of Muleshoe since 1961, moving from Dickens.

She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Muleshoe, and a 1947 graduate of Spade High School.

Griffin was a homemaker.



WANDA HUKILL GRIFFIN

Survivors include her husband — Melvin Griffin of Muleshoe; two sons and their wives — Keith and Mindy Griffin of Whitehouse, and Mike and Kim Griffin of Muleshoe; a daughter and her husband — Vicky and Tom Manis of Tomball; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren

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# Weddings

## Brentzel, Joyner exchange wedding vows

Megan Desalee Brentzel of Denison and Leonard Mitchell Joyner II of Muleshoe were wed on May 24, 2008, at the ranch home of the bride's parents. The garden ceremony took place in a gazebo, built by the bride's father. Officiating was the bride's cousin, Bob Chisholm, minister of Prestoncrest Church of Christ in Dallas.

The bride is the daughter of Reese and Pat Brentzel of Denison. She is the granddaughter of Mary Blocker of Sherman and Bernice Brentzel of The Woodlands.

She is a 2001 graduate of Pottsboro High School and a 2004 graduate of Austin College where she received a bachelor of arts degree in music. In May 2008, she attained the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Texas at Austin, College of Pharmacy.

The groom is the son of Sheila Joyner of Allen and the late James Joyner. He is 2000 graduate of Muleshoe High School and a 2004 graduate of Austin College receiving a bachelor of arts degree in history. He is a First Lieutenant in the United States Army stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

The maid of honor was Sarah Frazier of Allen and groomsmen were Zach Heath of Southlake and Daniel Patterson of Muleshoe.

Ushers were Scott and Kyle Lawrence of Denison. Guest registrar was Danna



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Wedding music was provided by a brass ensemble consisting of Eric Brentzel, Jerry and Philip Smith and Luke Esudé. Lauren Smith provided vocal music.

The bride's parents were host to a catered reception at their home with the assistants of Pam Smith, Mary Lawrence, Kerrie Thompson, and Sandra Carter. Members of the reception party were Sofia Nadeem of Irving, Joy Wahawisan of Carrollton, Anne Shropshire and Elizabeth Feller both of Ft. Worth.

Reception music was provided by Rumaldo Solis and a 20-piece jazz band. Members of the band were

Emily Carter, Josh Clarke, Caleb Cosper, Chris Ditzler, Chris Evans, Morgan Guptill, Sam Hubbert, Nick Onspaugh, Henry Roelke, Chris Sample, Jerry and Philip Smith, David Tarvin, Kathryn and K.P. Thompson, Andrew Wilson, and Eric and Reese Brentzel.

The groom's mother hosted a rehearsal dinner held at Devoli's Italian Restaurant in Denison.

The couple will reside in DuPont, Wash., after a trip to Waikiki, Hawaii.

Pre-wedding events included: a personal shower hosted by Sofia Nadeem and Sarah Frazier and a bridal shower hosted by Western Heights Church of Christ.

## 'Glorify' concert set for Wednesday at Calvary Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church, 6:30 p.m.

18th and West Ave. C would like to invite the public to a free concert tonight, Wednesday, June 18, at

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As many Texas areas mark record high temperatures, the Texas Department of State Health Services health officials offer precautions people can take to reduce the risk of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

The elderly, the very young, people with chronic diseases and those without access to air conditioning are those most likely to suffer in extremely hot weather.

Staying in an air-conditioned area, either at home or in a public place such as a mall, library or recreation center, is the most effective way to combat heat. If air conditioning is not available, open the windows, pull the shades down to keep out the sun and use cross-ventilation and fans to cool rooms.

Other heat precautions from DSHS:

- Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle in hot weather, even for a short time.

- Drink plenty of fluids, but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot of sugar. Don't wait until you are thirsty. Start drinking fluids at least 30 minutes before going out.

- Plan strenuous outdoor activity for early morning or

evening when it's cooler.

- Take frequent breaks when working outside.

- At the first signs of heat illness — dizziness, heavy sweating, nausea, headaches, muscle cramps — move to a cooler location, rest a few minutes and slowly drink a cool liquid.

Seek medical attention immediately if conditions do not improve.

- Eat more frequently but be sure meals are well balanced, cool and light.

- Check frequently on the elderly, the ill and others who may need help.

- Adjust to the environment. A sudden change in temperature — an early heat wave or travel to a hotter climate — will be stressful to the body. Limit physical activity until you become accustomed to the heat.

- Check with a doctor or pharmacist about the effects of sun and heat when taking prescription medications, especially diuretics or antihistamines.

The best defense against heat-related illness is prevention. Staying cool, drinking plenty of fluids, wearing cool clothing and monitoring outdoor activities are keys to staying healthy in hot weather.

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## Engagements

### Dale, Burris wedding is set

Mike and Leslie Dale of Muleshoe announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter Kelly, to Dustin Burris, the son of Terry and Nancy Burris of Wellman.

Kelly attended Muleshoe High School.

Dustin was a 2003 graduate of Wellman-Union High School and is a 2008 graduate of West Texas A&M.

He is now farming in the Wellman community. The wedding is set for Aug. 2, 2008, at 2 p.m. in Brownfield.



KELLY DALE AND DUSTIN BURRIS



JAMIE RUCKER AND CARY SKAGGS

### Rucker, Skaggs engaged

Cary Skaggs and Jamie Rucker, both of Amarillo, announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Tulia High School.

She is the daughter of Marie Rucker of Tulia and Russell and Liz Rucker, also of Tulia. She received her BSN from WTAMU and is currently an RN at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

The prospective groom is the son of Gary and Lanelle

Skaggs of Muleshoe and a graduate of Muleshoe High School. He also received his BSN from WTAMU and

is a registered nurse at Northwest Texas Hospital.

The wedding has been set for Sept. 27, 2008, at 7 p.m., in Amarillo at Starlight Canyons.

## Bridal Shower

### Weatherbie feted with bridal shower

Chanda Weatherbie, the prospective bride of Brad Brashears and the daughter of Connie Weatherbie, was honored with a bridal shower on May 17 at the home of Donna Locker.

Hostesses for the event included Nancy Barrier, Brenda Black, Joy Glover, Hollye Hooten and Donna Locker.

The hostess gift was a lamp and two wall hangings.

Special guests include Kristin Montgomery and Connie Weatherbie.



## Senior Citizen News

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 Wednesday, June 25 — Liver and onions, au gratin potatoes, greens, wheat roll, jello and fruit.  
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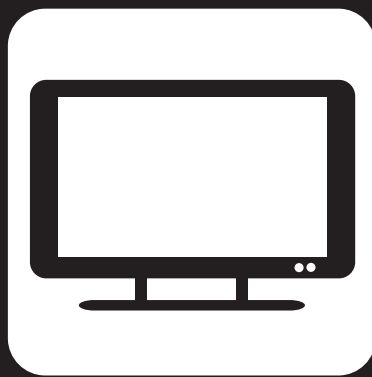
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805 head of cattle, 157 hogs and 969 sheep and goats for a total of 1931 livestock sold at the June 14 sale. Market steady on most stocker cfts. Feeder cattle 5 dollars lower due to lower cattle futures and higher corn futures. Pairs & bred cows steady with good demand. Packer cows & bulls steady compared to a week ago. Remember NO SALE July 5th.

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FM Farms	2	Char. str	410 lbs.	at \$123.00
Hayden Smith, Witharrai	7	Blk. str	444 lbs.	at \$117.00
EDR Cattle, Whiteface	2	Char. str	530 lbs.	at \$110.00
EDR Cattle	3	Char. str	733 lbs.	at \$104.00
Clay Carr, Sudan	8	Blk. str	588 lbs.	at \$108.00
3M Cattle, Muleshoe	19	Blk. str	707 lbs.	at \$104.50
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Hayden Smith	15	Blk. hfrs	482 lbs.	at \$106.00
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- get scissors
- cut out the strips of Rules
- study the Charts and Rules
- glue each strip of Rules into the Chart that matches best
- share a Chart with a friend

**Water Safety**  
Eek! Head for the nest... er, shelter.

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Wheeee!

**Playground**  
I love this climbing bar.

Reflectors and lights are needed for others to see you.	Hang up the phone; the lines can carry electricity.
Go into a building or car to keep safe.	A safety helmet is necessary.
Obey all the traffic rules.	Don't swim out over your head.
Learn how to float and swim.	Get off seesaws, swings carefully.
Don't show off - you might fall off.	Stop swimming - get out of the water.
Always go swimming with a friend.	Share and take turns on equipment.

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(Hint: do the fire safety rules first.)

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Caution: Monkey in boat not included in puzzle.

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

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# Lazbuddie Junior High students honored at academic banquet

Students honored at the Lazbuddie Junior High Academic Banquet on May 13 included:  
**"A" Honor Roll** — Austin Mason.  
**"A/B" Honor Roll**

— Haley Beasley, Katlyn Hicks, Shyann Rainey, Shea Scott, Anna Harder, Jessica Estrada,  
 Ian Thompson, Karina Galaviz, Jarrod Jesko and Todd Nichols.

**Commended Performance Awards**  
 Sixth Grade Reading — Haley Beasley, Ryley Burris, Katlyn Hicks, Ashton Mason, Austin Mason, Shyann Rainey.  
 Seventh Grade Reading — Karina Galaviz, Jarrod Jesko, and Ian Thompson.  
 Eighth Grade Reading — Charles Baca, Dallas Cox, Paola Estrada, Jarrod Jesko, Kylie McGehee, Todd Nichols, Kenton Randolph, Justin Shacher.  
 Eighth Grade Math — Todd Nichols.  
 Eighth Grade Social Studies — Charles Baca, Paola Estrada, Jarrod Jesko, Crystal Macias, Todd Nichols, and Kenton Randolph.  
**President Education Awards**  
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**Teacher Awards**  
 Mrs. Black, English, Jarrod Jesko; Mrs. Carr, Math, Jessica Estrada; Ms. Hernandez, Spanish, Kylie McGehee;  
 Ms. Hall, Reading, Katlyn Hicks; Mrs. Pigg, Computer, Karina Galaviz; Mrs. Rainey, FCCLA, Denise Sanchez; Mrs. Weir, Science, Shyann Rainey; Mr. Anderson, Social Studies, Jarrod Jesko; Mrs. Jones, Fine Arts, Allison Weaver.  
**Student of the Year** — Shyann Rainey.



## Close, but no splash

A dunking booth volunteer at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe's Vacation Bible School watches as the tennis ball drops harmlessly to the ground. However, a friend, recognizing how hot a day it is steps in to help her out... or rather "in?" Isn't that what friends are for?

Photographs by Larry Thornton



SHYANN RAINEY



# The Sudan Buzzy

## 'The Wall' of Sudan: When graffiti becomes tradition

**By Terri Brewster**  
*Muleshoe Journal Staff*  
 Graffiti is the name for an image painted or marked in any manner on property. Graffiti has existed since

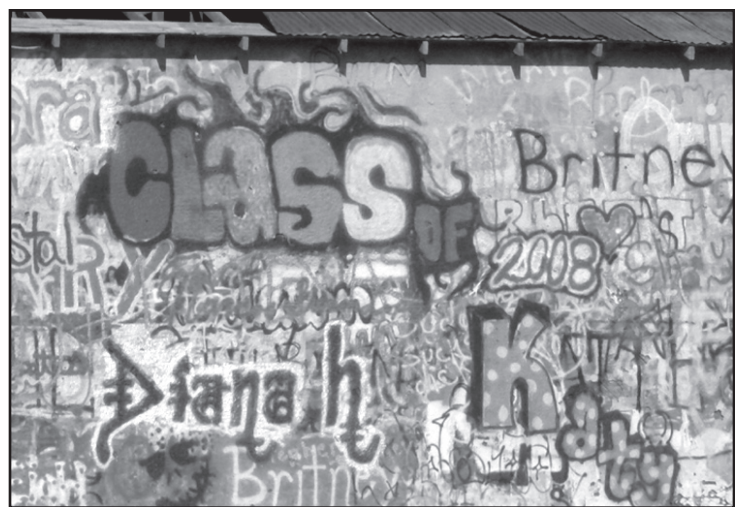
ancient time with example going back to ancient Greece and the Roman Empire. In most countries defacing property is

considered vandalism which is punishable by law, but apparently not in Sudan. Some may only see graffiti on The Wall at Sudan. But most of citizens of Sudan would say that The Wall is actually a growing tradition. For many years in Sudan it was a challenge to get

your art on the wall before you were caught. But now the artists of Sudan get to make special trip to the Wall during their senior year. Each year the senior class gathers at The Wall to make their mark. This year the senior class went on a Sunday afternoon in the spring. The artists ate

ice cream while parents and friends watched The Wall fill with new names. What started as graffiti has now become tradition for the senior classes at Sudan. The Wall in Sudan has been a place for the kids of Sudan to hang out for

many years. They park on the empty lot across from The Wall. The actual property that The Wall is on belongs to the City of Sudan. The city has considered tearing down building but has not because of The Wall.



THE WALL

### Clean up month set in Sudan

June is clean-up month again. Items (except tires) maybe taken to the drop-off location, 400 block of east First Avenue, during regular business hours. Items must be separated and placed in their designated spot. For removal of old vehicles, call 806-566-5135.

Email your Sudan news to Leslie Powers at:  
**lspowers@yahoo.com**  
 Have story or photo ideas? Let Leslie know!

**Happy 90th Birthday**  
**Martha Louise Gatewood!**  
 Martha will be celebrating her 90th birthday with a reception given by her children and grandchildren  
**Sat., June 21, 2008**  
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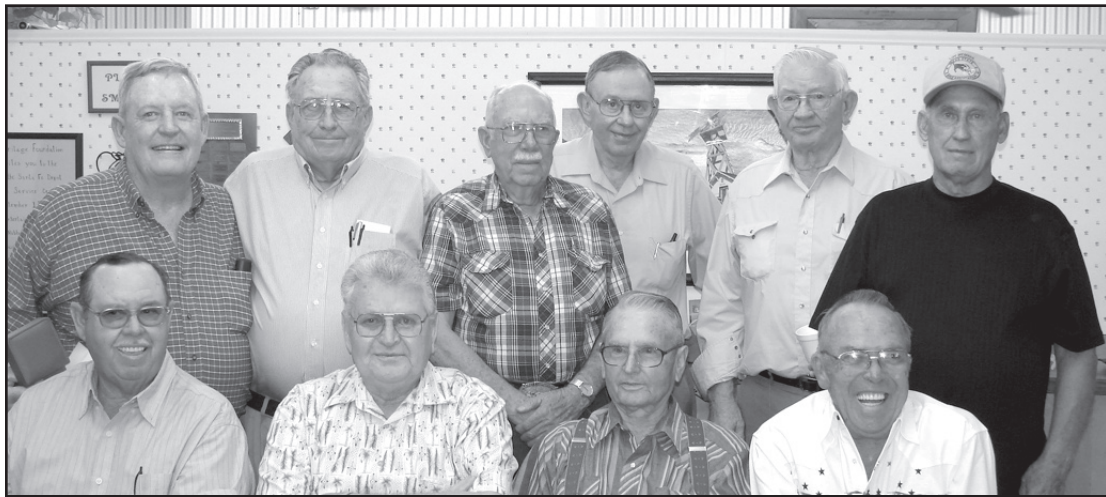
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These “young” men, pictured on the left, showed up at a retirement celebration to honor Larry Combs after 45 years of service with Bailey County Electric Cooperative. In all, they total 393 years of retired experience. They are, from left to right, are : Back row — Larry Combs, 45 years, Jack Rennels, 37 years, Frank McCamish, 38 years, N.H. Steed, 27 years, Vernon Shaw, 43 years, Eugene Wittner, 40 years; front row — Bill Crenshaw, 40 years, Jarrell Pruitt, 44 years, Bobby Hudson, 36 years, and J.O. Parker, 43 years.

## Looking toward the future of the GI Bill

Recent debate in Congress has focused on modernizing the Montgomery GI Bill and ensuring that it adequately provides those who serve our country with the opportunity to obtain higher education if they so choose.

There are two competing measures under consideration, both of which have merits, and both deserve an honest and open debate in the House and Senate. I believe it is time to make some reforms to the Montgomery GI Bill.

I support legislation authored by Congressman Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD-06), H.R. 5229, which would create greater flexibility to transfer unused educational benefits to a spouse or child. I have also cosponsored H.R. 6070, which amends the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the residency of spouses of military personnel, which will allow them to continue to pay in-state tuition rates even if they have to move.

There are many positive provisions in the competing bill, S. 22, introduced by Senator Jim Webb (D-VA). However, my concern is that this bill would also hurt retention, create more bureaucracy, and discourage states from

supporting education. In addition, Senator Webb’s legislation is included in a supplemental war funding bill that is riddled with unrelated domestic spending and has been closed to amendment.

This legislation was not given full consideration on the House and Senate floor, and our veterans and servicemembers deserve better.

The Montgomery GI Bill is a critical component of recognizing and rewarding our servicemembers’ dedication to this country, and it is time for some reforms. I am hopeful that House and Senate negotiators will present us with a substantial package that I can vote for.

However, I remain concerned that legislation that may encourage someone to shorten his or her career in the military is not in the best interest of commanders who rely on the wisdom of these experienced warriors.

Meeting with Lt. General Raymond Johns — Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic

Plans and Programs Later this week, I will meet with Lt. General Raymond Johns, the Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, to discuss the future plans of the B-1B Lancer.

As I reported to you earlier, I had sent a letter, along with my Texas Senate colleagues, to the Secretary of the Air Force expressing our concerns regarding the direction that the Air Force is taking with the B-1.

The B-1 is a staple in today’s Air Force that has had outstanding success in theater. The B-1 fleet has also made a tremendous contribution to the city of Abilene, where they are stationed at Dyess Air Force Base.

Recently, the B-1’s readiness has been downgraded, and my concern is that rather than investing wisely in new spare parts for the B-1, the Air Force might reduce the size of the fleet. This is unacceptable. Our strategic bomber fleet has been the backbone of our air dominance and must remain at peak condition.

## RANDY'S ROUNDUP

UPDATE BY CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER

## College News

### Muleshoe students honored at ENMU

Three students from Muleshoe were among the students placed on the list of Eastern New Mexico University’s 2008 spring semester Dean’s Honor Roll.

These students were Gerardo Gomez, Janice Pacheco and Madison A. Smith.

To be eligible for the honor roll students must complete a minimum of 15 hours for the semester and maintain a 3.25 grade point average.

### Gatewood graduates

Christopher Gatewood of Muleshoe graduated cum laude on May 17 from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. He was on the Dean’s list and honor roll.

Gatewood, the son of J.C. and Zona Gatewood, is a graduate of Baylor University and Muleshoe High School

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding...”

Proverbs 3:5, NIV



## God Never Sleeps, But We Desperately Need To!

When I learned that CBS’ 60 Minutes news program was doing a story on sleep, I was interested. Sleeping is one thing I’ve always been really good at. But if anyone has pointers to help my technique . . . So I made sure to watch what was a fascinating program, and I learned a lot.

In 1980 a study was done using rats who were kept awake indefinitely. After five days, they began dying. They needed sleep

A lack of sleep? No problem. If you don’t mind being fat and sick. One researcher said that sleep deprivation should definitely be considered a risk factor for Type II diabetes. The program host went on to mention studies done all over the world linking lack of sleep to obesity, heart disease, high blood pressure, and stroke—not to mention the mood swings that make sleep-deprived people “hell on wheels” to harmony in their homes and workplaces, and whose brain activity on MRIs mimics that of the severely psychiatrically disturbed.

To those who say they have trained themselves to do fine with little sleep, the researchers reply, “Nonsense.” For a day or two, artificial “counter measures” such as caffeine or physical activity may mask the problem, but it is cumulative and real, and can’t be hidden for long.

“People who are chronically sleep-deprived, like people who have had too much to drink, often have no sense of their limitations,” said Dr. David Dinges at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. “It’s a convenient belief,” he says. But he issues a standing invitation for “any CEO or anyone else in the world” to come to his laboratory and prove it.

We easily adopt society’s lie that our true worth is in what we produce. We’re so impressed with ourselves, our indispensability, our strategies and plans. We quit “wasting time” by sleeping much. Then the wheels come off even as we slog on physically and emotionally as if through molasses. And the God who is real Rest and Peace but who Himself never needs to sleep, chuckles and says, “Time for bed, child. Go to sleep and let me do within you what you can’t do for yourself.”

I think there is a lesson in that, but right now I need a nap.

*Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.*



## Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

as badly as they needed food. All mammals do.

Modern folks in our society have been a little snooty and dismissive about sleep, as if needing to snooze at all is something of an embarrassment, a luxury we could likely do without if we weren’t lazy and unmotivated.

Not so.

Recent studies show that sleep is every bit as important to our health as diet and exercise, and that we need 7 1/2 to 8 hours of it each day. The lack thereof seriously impacts our memory, our metabolism, our appetite, and how we age. A recent study at the University of Chicago School of Medicine restricted the sleep of young, healthy test subjects to four hours a night for six consecutive nights. At the end of that time, tests showed that each of the subjects was already in a pre-diabetic state (which would be naturally reversed when they resumed sleeping normally).

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# Cochran County to host fifth annual 'Buffalo Soldiers' encampment

The weekend of June 28-29, 2008 Morton, Texas will host its fifth annual encampment of the Texas Buffalo Soldiers Living History Program in the Cochran County Park in connection with Texas' Last Frontier Heritage Celebration.

This year's celebration will importantly feature two new state historical markers—one in Texas and one in New Mexico—both honoring the 1877 Buffalo Soldiers "Lost Troop Expedition".

In the blistering hot and dry summer of July, 1877, the 10th U.S. cavalry unit became lost and was without water for eighty-six hours, while in pursuit of a Comanche raiding party. The mission ended in great hardship and the tragic loss of life of four Buffalo Soldiers who were engaged in the expedition. This saga is chronicled in the book *The*

*Buffalo Soldier Tragedy of 1877* authored by Texas Tech University History Professor Dr. Paul H. Carlson.

The Cochran County Historical Commission submitted and received approval for a Texas State Historical Marker documenting the "Buffalo Soldier Tragedy of 1877".

The Cochran County Commission also submitted a successful request to the U.S. Veterans Administration for four white granite military headstones to be installed in Morton Memorial Cemetery honoring the four men who perished in the expedition. The historical marker was placed on the right of way of State Highway 214 near the four military headstones in the front of the Morton Memorial Cemetery.

An official dedication ceremony for the four military headstones and Texas State Historical Marker will be held

at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, June 28, in the Morton Memorial Cemetery. The inscription on the marker reads:

One of the historic stops in the 4-day odyssey of the 1877 Buffalo Soldier expedition was a small hill rising some 50 feet above the surrounding area just over the Texas-New Mexico Border about 15 miles due west of Morton. In the inaugural Texas' Last Frontier Celebration and Buffalo Soldier Encampment in June 2004, the Cochran County Historical Commission, the Texas Buffalo Soldiers Regiment commanded by Captain Ken Pollard and the New Mexico Buffalo Soldiers Regiment commanded by Captain Oscar Robinson held a ceremony near the hill to commemorate the soldiers who served in the 1877 expedition.

The New Mexico Buffalo Soldiers Regiment had been

trying for a number of years to get the site designated by a State of New Mexico Historical Marker. The designation was approved by the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs in late 2004. On October 12, 2005, the site was officially designated as "Buffalo Soldier Hill" by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (USBGN) at their meeting in Portland, Oregon. The New Mexico State Historical Marker is in Roosevelt County, New Mexico on State Highway 114 about 2 miles west of the Texas-New Mexico line.

At 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 28, the public is invited to join a car tour starting from the Cochran County Park to Buffalo Soldier Hill in Eastern New Mexico to view the new historical marker and learn more about the 1877 expedition. The tour will then return to Morton

near the historic Buffalo Soldier Hill and State of New Mexico Historical Marker.

Cochran County is currently collaborating with the New Mexico and Texas Buffalo Soldier Regiments and other relevant agencies in supporting the development of a small historical park

near the historic Buffalo Soldier Hill and State of New Mexico Historical Marker.

For more information on the events, contact Dorothy Barker, Chair of the Cochran County Historical Committee at (806)266-5484, or Pat Clayton, Chair of the Texas' Last Frontier Museum Board at (806)266-5038.

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On May 17, 2008, Jami graduated through the honors program from Southern Methodist University in Dallas with several degrees. She graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. She has also completed her Masters Degree and received her Master of Science in Software Engineering.

While at SMU Jami was active in Theta Tau Engineering Fraternity and Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. She also played piccolo in the SMU Mustang Marching Band playing/marching for Football and Basketball games for four years. Jami has been working on campus developing websites for faculty and various departments. Off campus she has been employed by Raytheon for the past two years in a co-op program.

She has accepted a position and will be working as a Software Engineer at Raytheon in Plano, Texas. Established in 1922, Raytheon is a global leader in defense, homeland security and other government markets throughout the world.

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