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Commissioners court approves indigent defense agreement

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners Court approved an interlocal agreement with Lubbock County, acting through the West Texas Regional Public Defender, to provide legal defense for indigents accused in capital murder cases during Wednesday's special session.



The action, which provides a bit of "insurance" should the county face paying for the defense of indigents accused of capital murder, was originally presented to the court by Jack Stoffregan of Lubbock, the West Texas Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases, at its June 9 meeting.

At that time, he urged participation in the regional program aimed at controlling the cost individual counties had to pay for the legal

defense of indigents charged with a capital offense.

At that time, the assessment for Bailey County's first year of participation would have been \$7,332, with the figure increasing each year.

However, through the efforts of Dist. Judge Gordon Green, this initial assessment fee was reduced by almost 43 percent after it was clarified that Stoffregan's office was basing the amount of the three capital murder trials indictments against Larry Kitchens and not three separate and unrelated crimes.

"I have to do the same thing if I get a capital case," Judge Green said prior to the board's action, "it's only how this county is going to pay for it."

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Are you ready for some football?

The Lions, Jaguars, Broncos and Bears may battle for control of the airwaves on Monday night, but here in Muleshoe it's all about the Mules on Friday night, and local football fans are already chomping at the bit as their favorite high school team prepares to take this year's excitement to a new peak. Pictured above, the Mules run through a play during the first day of "two-a-days." Pictured to the right, a couple of the coaches appear to be urging a young player to ignore Horace Greeley's advise and "go east."

Photographs by Stacy Conner



School district celebrates high school GMP

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District's board of trustees celebrated a milestone Monday after it approved the guaranteed maximum price submitted by Lee Lewis Construction for the expansion of Muleshoe High School and DeShazo

Elementary.

At \$15,444,900, the combined project — part of the multi-million expansion approved by MISD voters two years ago, will come in significantly under budget, giving both the board members and the entire district cause for celebration.

"This is almost a miracle that we're at this point," MISD Superintendent Gene Sheets said during Monday's meeting. "We're in budget... who would have believed it!"

"We're getting to do everything that we wanted to do in the bond proposal," he added.

"It's going to be exciting to cut the ribbon on it," said board president David Tipps.

Although it was thought at an Aug. 4 board meeting that the GMP would be close to the board's budgeted amount, there were several decisions that still had to be determined prior to receiving the construction company's confirmed price.

At that meeting, the superintendent praised



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Members of the Muleshoe School District's board of trustees, MISD staff, and MWM Architects' and Lee Lewis Construction staff pause for a photograph before cutting the "Bricks and Mortar" cake at Monday's school board meeting.

both the construction company's staff, and the project architects — MWM Architects of Lubbock, for getting the district the "best bang for its buck."

"Our architect did a great job... our contractor did a great job," he said. "I wouldn't have believed it a week ago... because we were so far over."

According to school district officials, the district's expansion of about \$139 per square foot is about \$26 per square foot less than many other school projects in West Texas... a remarkable savings that also includes reroofing the high school cafeteria and the \$715,000 needed to lay a new water line to the high

school campus.

The high school expansion will include a new gymnasium with three wood floors similar to that in the existing junior high gym.

"We got a real good price on the floors," Sam Whalin, the school district's maintenance director who oversees the day-to-day work on the expansion

project, said at the Aug. 4 meeting.

Among the decisions the school board had to finalize before approving the GMP Monday was one concerning whether the high school needed a "raised entrance" or one that while nice looking was more sedate and \$80,000 less.

"This is what they're going to see when they come to our school," Tipps said in his support of the raised entrance. "I really want them to walk in and say, 'Wow!'"

"It's kind of like it's the flagship of the school," he added.

Board member Daniel Guzman agreed, pointing out that most of the out-of-town visitors to the school district would be going to the high school complex.

Board member Thurman Myers wasn't in attendance at Monday's meeting, but on Aug. 4, he said, "Who would have thought you could turn the junior high building around and have an entrance like that?" noting that he was "very

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— Isaiah 5:20

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School year 2008-09 opening day is just around the corner

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The 2008-09 school year is just around the corner, and some "punch list" items at Dillman Elementary and other parts of the district have yet to be completed, but Superintendent Gene

Sheets says the students needn't worry... there won't be a delay in the start of school.

One of the problems at Dillman is the need to replace the circle drive before school opens.

"It's going to be tight, but I think we're going to make

it," he said during Monday's school board meeting.

In fact, ground breaking ceremonies have been set for DeShazo Elementary's expansion on Monday, Aug. 25, at 10 a.m., the opening day of school, with similar ceremonies planned for Muleshoe High School the

next day, Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 2:45 p.m.

According to the superintendent, dedication ceremonies for the expansion projects at Dillman Elementary and Watson Junior High are being postponed until the first part of September, with

the actual date and time to be announced later.

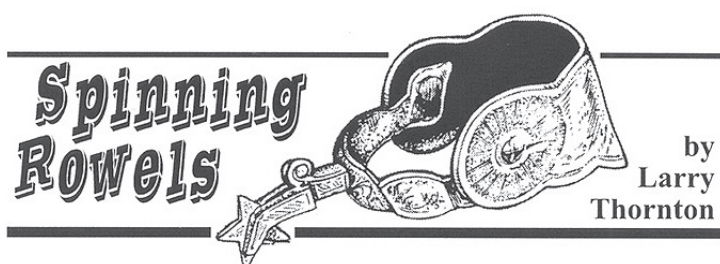
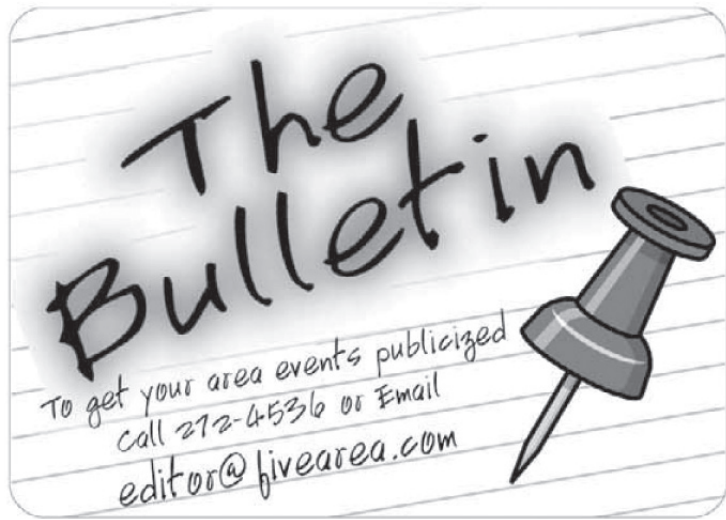
"Tell the construction crews they can work around us," Sheets joked with the representatives of the district's construction manager @ risk firm, Lee Lewis Construction. "We don't want them to stop."



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Prairie dog ranching could bring new opportunities to the area

The broad expanses of West Texas have been open to ranching opportunities since before statehood, and now with the increase of dairy farming, the Bailey County countryside has even more animals utilizing the space.

But what we haven't taken into consideration is all of the ranching opportunities that available underground as well.

While browsing the internet recently I chanced upon a site that featured "prairie dog recipes," and while the thought may cause a few to shudder, most avid hunters — especially those who glory in a dish of squirrel, rabbit or even rattlesnake — wouldn't back away from such table fare.

Granted, there are some marketing strategies that will have to come into play, but it isn't the first time culinary spin doctors have had to put both pens and pans to work.

After all, many diners have found tasty toasted rings of seafood an interesting meal until learning that their dish of calamari at one time featured tentacles. And, even though the plains of West Texas are far from hilly, the landscape hasn't prohibited the production of mountain oysters.

Of course, those who choose to layer their ranching opportunities — running cattle above and "doggies" below — will have to bring in another variety as the local animals,

to my understanding are "endangered," meaning the biologists haven't been driving in the Muleshoe area, but that shouldn't be too much of a problem.

Although there are calving operations in the area, the original dairy cattle had to be moved to the area, and cattle trucks travel the surrounding highways on a frequent basis. All they'd need to do is toss a couple of crates in their sleepers.

From what I've seen driving east on Hwy. 70, just one or two crates of the new "doggies" should produce a half-pint herd in no time at all.

Still, we recognize there will be some problems associated with this new business venture... such as the spring roundup, but if "goat roping" is in truth a feat of skill rather than an insult from a cattle rancher, just imagine the skill necessary to rope one of these little "barking" critters.

Times are changing on the West Plains. Current gasoline and diesel prices have proven that "black gold" is just that.

But with a little bit of thought and effort, maybe Bailey County's lack of "Texas Tea," won't mean we don't have "new money" under our feet.

Annual BCCA meeting

The Bailey County Cemetery Association will hold its annual general membership meeting at the Bailey County Coliseum on Saturday, Aug. 16, at 10 a.m.

Anyone owning property at the cemetery, those having family or friends buried at the cemetery, and anyone interested in the welfare and maintenance of the Bailey County Cemetery are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Three director's positions will be up for election. Persons interested in running for one of these positions are encouraged to call Donna Kirk, Secretary-Treasurer, at 272-5237.

Texas Night Out

The 25th annual "National Night Out" in Texas will be on Tuesday, Oct. 7, according to Muleshoe Police Chief Brian Frieda, who is working with the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture to plan various activities.

While the national event will be held in early August, it was decided to postpone the event in the Lone Star State until after summer's high temperatures had passed.

AA meeting

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA and Al-Anon meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Friday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. 2nd. Please use the west side entrance.

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Muleshoe Day Bazaar

Muleshoe's Jennyslippers' first annual Mules Day Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Applications for booth space are being accepted until Sept. 5. To request an application contact June Green, 946-8182, or Elaine Parker at 272-3165 or 729-6753.

Historic village open for tours

Muleshoe's Historic Village offers an authentic look at life in the early days of our area. The village includes the Santa Fe Depot, the Janes House, the Muleshoe Cookhouse from the XIT Ranch, the Figure 4 Ranch House and the Virginia City Hotel.

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The facilities may also be used for private parties and community events. The village is operated by the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation, a 501c3 charity. Donations are always needed. Call 272-5873 for more information.

Reserved football seating

Reserved seat tickets for the 2008 Muleshoe Mules football season are now on sale. The tickets are \$25 for five home games. Persons who held reserved seat tickets for the 2007 football season may purchase their seating options at the School Administration office, located at 514 W. Ave. G, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours.

Beginning Monday, Aug. 25, all remaining tickets will go on sale on a first come, first serve basis.

Any reserved seats remaining after the season starts will be available at a cost of \$6 per game and may be purchased at the Administration office on game day. If you have questions concerning the ticket sales, please contact Dana Rasco at 272-7400.

Births

Garrett Wills

Sheriff Richard and Leann Wills of Muleshoe announce the birth of their son, Garrett Fischer Wills, on July 8, 2008, at 1:17 p.m., at University Medical Center of Lubbock.

Garrett weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces at birth, and was 19 inches in length.

Garrett has one sister — Macy, 4.

His grandparents are Ronnie and Gloria Wills, Mary Landers, and Buddy and Susan Landers, all of Lubbock.

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Letter to the Editor

Board member disagrees with recent editorial

To the Editor:
In response to your editorial in your July 31 edition, "Openness," it appears that in your attempt to be another "Bob Woodward," you missed one of the premier moments of the whole meeting. The MAHD board completed the hiring of Jo Blackwell as administrator of the Parkview Nursing Home. Mrs. Blackwell is the benchmark of nursing home administrators in this area. She was previously assistant hospital administrator here and has been administrator of the nursing home and assisted living center in Friona for many years. The previous MAHD board of directors had attempted to hire her, but she was not

ready to move. However, her situation changed and we are very fortunate to have her here with her tremendous experience and background as was attested by the excited applause of the employees in attendance when the announcement was made by Wayne Pierson. There were many details involved in this hiring that cannot and will not be released to you or the public. That is why we have closed sessions involving personnel in which the utmost care is taken to ensure privacy and adherence to the law. Elsewhere in another article, you insinuated that MAHD had broken the law by not publicly advertising for bids to replace the roof


at Parkview. Bill Barrett, director of Maintenance at Parkview, took the "bull by the horns," as we were without an administrator and contacted seven qualified roofing companies from Amarillo to Muleshoe to Lubbock to obtain detailed bids to replace the damage to the facility. He did all that is required and we are grateful for his taking responsibility. He doesn't have time to visit with every "fly-by-night" roofer that might reply to an ad. I hope anyone with any questions about the actions taken by MAHD will call me or any other member of the board of directors.

**Bill Liles,
Muleshoe**

Turnbow named to LCU Dean's list

Trevor Turnbow of Muleshoe was named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the spring 2008 semester. The Dean's list requires a student to be taking a minimum of 12 hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the semester. Turnbow is a junior business administration major and the son of James and Shelly Turnbow.

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Editor's Note:

It wasn't the hiring of Ms. Blackwell that was addressed in the editorial in question. That is why her name wasn't included in the editorial. No doubt she will be a great asset to the nursing home and the community. However, offering her the position while still in executive session and "rubber stamping" that action with a public vote was wrong. In public service, the ends don't justify the means.

For many of the same reasons that federal laws prohibit insider trading in the business community, state laws prohibit open meeting violations by public entities. Gathering and discussing information behind closed doors is one thing... taking action on that information while still behind closed doors is totally different. As for the "details involved in this hiring," we haven't asked for such detail only that the state's meeting laws be followed. However, we will take

this opportunity to note that according to the Texas Attorney General's office, "It is important to note that a governing body may meet in executive session under the personnel exception only if the person being discussed is an officer or employee of the local entity." Since Ms. Blackwell wasn't an employee when she initially met with the board, an argument could be made concerning this as well. Finally, as for the roof, just because the nursing home was without an administrator at the time doesn't allow the facility or its staff to ignore Medicare regulations, and neither does it allow state bidding regulations to be ignored.

Earth student among WBU honorees

Bonnie Bagwell of Earth was among 20 graduating students for their academic achievement, involvement and character in keeping with the Wayland Baptist University mission recently. These 20 students, dubbed the Centennial Scholars, represent each of Wayland's 12 external campuses and each of the eight academic schools within the Plainview campus.



BONNIE JO BAGWELL

It's not a matter of getting out and gathering bids, it's a matter of obedience to existing laws and fairness to the business community and the public you have taken an oath to serve... even those you consider to be "fly-by-night."

The School of Business selected Bonnie Jo Bagwell as their honoree, slated to graduate in December 2008.

A native of Earth, Bagwell is earning a bachelor's degree in business administration, specializing in accounting.

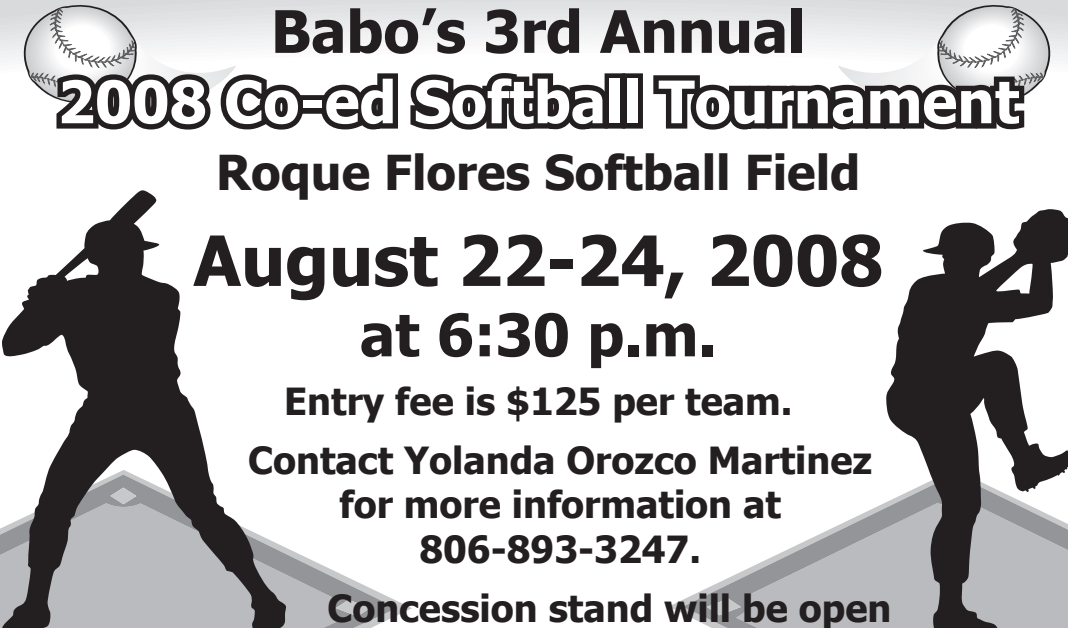
Bagwell, who is the daughter of David and Lisa Bagwell attends Stonebridge Fellowship.

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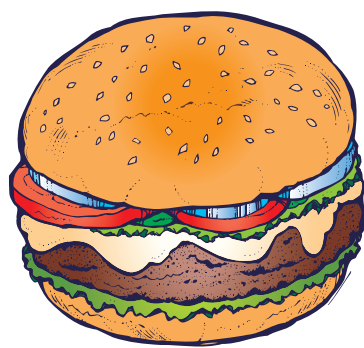
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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Our sympathy goes out to the families of Ed Nickels and David Stovall. Two of our senior citizens will be missed very much. May God be with you.

The center will be helping with the Elder Care Conference that will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Bailey County

Coliseum, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Mark your calendars. This is a very informative and interesting meeting. There will be entertainment, information tables, door prizes and lunch. Call a friend and make plans to be there.

Now that summer is coming to a close, make plans to come to the center

and enjoy visiting with friends. The coffee pot is always on and there is usually games being played. We also have a great library with big print books for you to take and enjoy, then return.

The center is open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. We invite and urge you to come and enjoy the activities with

friends. Remember, the Tuesday night senior dances are only going to be held once a month beginning this month. Our next dance will be Tuesday night, Aug. 26. We hope to see you there.

Wednesday, Aug. 13, will be the regular board meeting. The meeting is held here at the center,

beginning at 1 p.m. The meetings are open to the public. We invite you to come and attend if you have an activity or idea on helping the center.

Thursday, Aug. 14, Hearing Technology of Lubbock, will be at the center from 9 a.m. until noon. If you are having trouble hearing, perhaps you should come

by and use this service. **Menu for Aug. 11-15:** Monday, Aug. 11 — Chicken with sweet and sour sauce over noodles, peas and carrots, salad, wheat roll, and Jello™ with fruit.

Tuesday, Aug. 12 — Pot roast, potatoes, carrots, salad, wheat roll and fruit
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When Death Becomes Birth by Max Lucado

You live one final breath from your own funeral. Which, from God's perspective, is nothing to grieve. He responds to these grave facts with this great news: "The day you die is better than the day you are born" (Eccles. 7:1). Now there is a twist. Heaven enjoys a maternity-ward reaction to funerals. Angels watch body burials the same way grandparents monitor delivery-room doors. "He'll be coming through any minute!" They can't wait to see the new arrival. While we're driving hearses and wearing black, they're hanging pink and blue streamers and passing out cigars. We don't grieve when babies enter the world. The hosts of heaven don't weep when we leave it.

Oh, but many of us weep at the thought of death. Do you? Do you dread your death? And is your dread of death robbing your joy of life?

Jesus came to "deliver those who have lived all their lives as slaves to the fear of dying" (Heb. 2:15).

Your death may surprise you and sadden others, but heaven knows no untimely death: "You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed" (Ps. 139:16).

Dread of death ends when you know heaven is your true home. In all my air travels I've never seen one passenger weep when the plane landed. Never. No one clings to the armrests and begs, "Don't make me leave. Don't make me leave. Let me stay and eat more peanuts." We're willing to exit because the plane has no permanent mailing address. Nor does this world. "But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior" (Phil. 3:20).

Why don't you do this: give God your death. Imagine your last breath, envision your final minutes, and offer them to him. Deliberately. Regularly. "Lord, I receive your work on the cross and in your resurrection. I entrust you with my departure from earth." With Christ as your friend and heaven as your home, the day of death becomes sweeter than the day of birth.

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BAILEY COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

Obituaries

Eddie Wayne Nickels

Church services for Eddie Wayne "Ed" Nickels, 74, of Muleshoe were held on Friday, Aug. 1, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ed died on Wednesday, July 30, 2008, in the Lubbock Heart Hospital. He was born on Aug. 18, 1933, in Bailey County, Texas, to Guy and Bertie S. (Jones) Nickels.

He married Donna Kimbrough on June 14, 1952, in Muleshoe. She preceded him in death on Sept. 24, 2004. On May 5, 2006, he married Marilyn Wilson in Muleshoe.

Ed was a member of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe where he served as a deacon. He was a farmer, rancher and cotton ginner. He was a partner in the Central Compress of Sudan and Co-Owner of Muleshoe Pea and Bean Company of Muleshoe.

Survivors include his wife — Marilyn Nickels of the home; a son — Nicky Nickels of Muleshoe; a daughter — Danny Wilson of Levelland; a daughter



EDDIE WAYNE "ED" NICKELS

— Patti Hunter of Plano; two step-daughters — Kim Cox of Muleshoe and Kendra Durrington of Abilene; three sisters — Doris Reeves of Houston, Evelyn Riley of Muleshoe and Nina Aduddell of Littlefield; four grandsons — Durrel Hunter of Plano, Chad Nickels, Guy Wayne Nickels and Trey Nickels, all of Muleshoe; eight step-grandchildren — D'Nae Wilson, Danielle Wilson, Jeff Cox, Caleb Cox, Taylor Rodriguez, Connor Durrington, Michal Kate Durrington and Addie Durrington; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Park View Nursing Care Center's van fund or the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe's building fund.

David Stovall

Church services for David Stovall Jr., 75, of Lubbock, formerly of Muleshoe, were held on Wednesday, Aug. 6, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Monty Leavell and the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating.

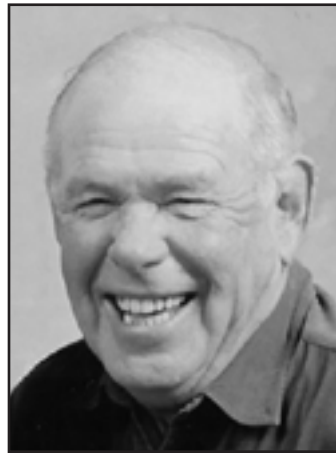
Family greeted friends on Tuesday evening, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

David died on Aug. 2, 2008, in his residence. He was born on Jan. 21, 1933, in Clovis, N.M., to David Christopher and Dewey Manila (Gamer) Stovall Sr., and married Nancy Louise Everett in Monument Lake on Aug. 31, 1952. She preceded him in death on June 24, 2003. He married LaQueta Garner on Sept. 21, 2006, in Muleshoe.

Besides his parents, a sister — Mary Margaret, preceded David in death.

David was a 1950 graduate of Muleshoe High School. He attended Texas Tech for two years and was a veteran of the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

David served on the Muleshoe ISD board of trustees, and the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors. He had been a director of the Muleshoe Co-op Cotton Gin, and was a farmer and a member of the First



DAVID STOVALL

United Methodist Church of Muleshoe.

Survivors include his wife — LaQueta of the home; children — Robert David Stovall and Lydia of Macomb Township, Mich., Karen Sue and Neil Strickman of Missouri City, Sherri Lynn and Jay Hunter of Flower Mound, Tim and Tammy Gamer of Clovis, N.M., Doyle and Gilda Gamer of Weatherford, and Donell and David Callender of Lubbock; grandchildren — Jennifer and her husband Shawn, Rachel, Christopher, Taylor, Megan, Timothy, Scott, Stephanie, Jayme, Matt, Gabe, Logan, Mike, Matthew and Jackson; and great-grandson — Warren Scott.

Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church, American Heart Association, American Diabetes, Muleshoe Senior Citizens or Children's Miracle Network of Lubbock.

Muleshoe Day Bazaar to be held

Muleshoe's Jennyslippers' first annual Mules Day Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Bailey County Coliseum. Applications for booth space are being accepted until Sept. 5. To request an application contact June Green, 946-8182, or Elaine Parker at 272-3165 or 729-6753.

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Elvira Trevino

A church service for Elvira Daniel Trevino, 62, of Muleshoe was held on Tuesday, Aug. 5, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe.

Rosary was said on Sunday and Monday, Aug. 3-4, at Ellis Funeral Home.

Burial followed the Aug. 5 services at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Muleshoe.

Trevino died on Friday, Aug. 1, 2008, in Muleshoe Area Medical Center. She was born on Oct. 29, 1945, at Winters to Vidarofino and Refugia Trevino, and married Raul Lopez Trevino in Lubbock on Dec. 5, 1966. He preceded her in death, Sept. 25, 2002.

Trevino moved to

Muleshoe in 1965 from Mathis. She was a homemaker, a Catholic, and a member of the Chicanos Unidos. Survivors include a son and his wife — Isidoro and Anabel Trevino of Muleshoe; two sons — Christoval Trevino and Rickey Trevino, both of Muleshoe; a daughter and her husband — Yesenia Salas and Jorge Soto of Muleshoe; three sisters — Consuelo Toscano of Muleshoe, Guadalupe Toscano of Ogden, Utah, and Juanita Sandoval of Salt Lake City, Utah; three brothers — Alberto Daniel, Lucio Daniel and Manuel Daniel, all of Muleshoe; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Senior Citizen News

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Smothered pork chops, scalloped potatoes, black eye peas, salad, cornbread, cobbler.

Wednesday, Aug. 13 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and cake.

Thursday, Aug. 14 —

Friday, Aug. 15 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread, and fruit salad.

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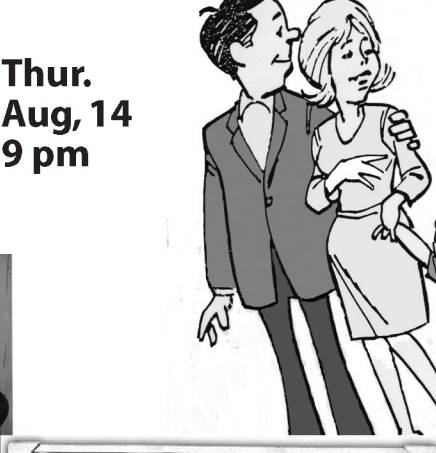
Bailey County/Community of Maple Texas Community Development Block Grant Program

Bailey County/Community of Maple will hold a public hearing at 5:05 pm on August 14, 2008 in the Commissioner's Courtroom of the Bailey County Courthouse in regard to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) for a Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG). The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The county encourages citizens to participate in the development of this application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the County Judge at the Courthouse. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the Courthouse to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the Courthouse at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

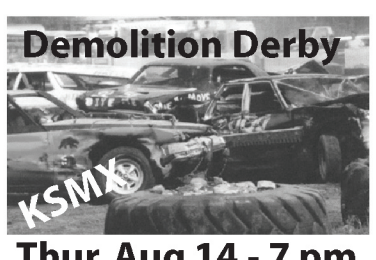
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Time for another card game

As a grown up, I remember stories passed down to me by my mother about "the good old days" when she and my dad would play cards and socialize with their neighbors and friends David and Nancy Stovall.

What a time they must have had because those stories and memories remained with my mother throughout her life! Almost every cherished picture that remains today had at least one neighbor and friend photographed alongside my parents.

Dad fished and cohorted with David, Johnny Calvert, Vernon Puckett and Max Bush. Mom baked, painted and gossiped with Nancy, Neva Calvert, Joann Puckett, and Barbara Bush.

It was a time when neighbors were more like family than friends.

In 1979, when my dad passed away, many people were devastated by his passing. My mother took it hard — she never dated again though she was a

Tinkering with reality

By Leah Bell



young 45 years old when he died. I took it hard — at 10 years old, I had so few memories of the great man who was my father. My entire family took his death hard. And so did his friends.

Even though the card playing and fishing expeditions had stopped several years before his death and visits in general slowed due to a busy life and growing families, both dad and mom still considered those couples as best friends. The bond was never broken, the admiration never waned.

When Nancy passed in 2003, my mother was devastated again. Outside of card playing, baking and gossiping, my mother and

Nancy had grown to be good friends. My mother respected Nancy. She loved her.

Then came the passing of my mother in 2006. My guess is that David was devastated by the news, if he held on to the good memories as my mom did — and I believe he did. Never did I see David when he didn't mention how important those "good old days" were to him, too.

This week, I learned the sad news that David passed away. I am devastated, but I am at the same time exuberant because I know the "fearsome foursome" are back together, in heaven, playing cards and reminiscing, creating new good old days.

Couples who treasured each other's company have another chance to enjoy each other and smile.

Maybe that's how we should all cope with death, believing that those things we hold onto from the past - those memories that evoke a smile every time they pass into our consciousness - have a chance of coming full circle.

After all, isn't that what faith is? A belief that if we live a good life, we'll get to see our loved ones again?

My thoughts are with the Stovall family. I give them thanks for the good memories their parents created with mine and I offer them the hope that beyond death more fun times are being had right now.

I just bet my dad is grinning and looking for a fresh deck of playing cards as we speak.

MISD student registration dates

The following registration dates and times have been announced by the Muleshoe Independent School District:

- Dillman Elementary — Aug. 15... 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1-4 p.m. (New students only.)
- DeShazo Elementary — Aug. 13-14... 12-7 p.m.; Aug. 15... 9-12 a.m.
- Watson Junior High — Aug. 13... 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m.; Aug. 15... 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m., 5-7 p.m.
- Muleshoe High School — Aug. 14-15... 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (New students only); Aug. 22... Seniors 10 a.m., Juniors 11 a.m., Sophomores 1 p.m. and Freshmen 2 p.m.

Both a parent and the student must be present at registration.

New students must have their birth certificate, social security cards, immunization records, records from the previous school attended, proof of residency, and the drivers license of a parent with them to register.

For your information...

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 to share information has been granted, the college or university should send the info via email to: editor@fivearea.com.

Something worth saying...
By Glen Williams

A king shall reign...

"Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

Thus wrote the prophet Isaiah in chapter 32. And it no doubt speaks of the coming of the Messiah, and of security and comfort to be had in the church that he would build.

"A man shall be as an hiding place from the wind..."

Here on the West Plains of Texas we have lots of wind, some hot and some cold. Sometimes it gets dusty, the sand and tumbleweeds blow across the country. So it is quite a relief when we can get in out of it. Such is the stability and rest to be had within the teachings of the Master, and among his obedient children.

"As a covert from the tempest..."

Once I heard a speaker tell of a storm in Florida where he lived — trees were blown over, highlines were down and buildings damaged.

But he also spoke of a little redheaded woodpecker, resting on the offside of a giant tree, as calm as if nothing were happening. Yes, there is peace within, even while the storms and problems of life rage about us.

"As rivers of waters in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land..."

I visited an old campsite where Indians had obviously camped many years ago. It

consisted of a rock ledge, cut out in the side of a hill and formed into a semi circle, with a stream of clear cool water flowing into it, and a small pond of water in the center. The remains of fires where they had cooked their beans and buffalo meat were still there, as was one or two old tepees.

One could visualize them taking refuge there, protected from the wind, from the rains and storms that often came, of their drinking from the little "river of water," and relaxing in the shadow of a "great rock in a weary land."

No doubt those Indians would at times become weary as they worked to make a living for themselves and their young, as they resisted the incursions of the white man and endured other hardships.

Now, if we can see this in the concept of Christ's gospel, of the church and of our life today, then perhaps we can better understand what Christ meant when he said, *"Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

In these troubled days this is our real peace and security. For it is not the way of the righteous, but the way of the transgressor that is hard.

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best in his monastic order, but he has seen enough of both the world and his Lord to know that God truly does desire "mercy and not sacrifice." I like spending time with him.

I was listening to the audio version of one of the Cadfael books the other day (*The Holy Thief*) when I came across a quotation that made me think. A servant girl has fallen in love with a young man about to take his vows as a monk but presently accused of murder and being dealt with sternly by a particularly self-righteous abbot. She says openly to Brother Cadfael, for anyone with a good spirit knows they can trust him, "These monastics! They are what they are born, only with a vengeance. If they come into the world hard and cold, they end up harder and colder. If they come generous and sweet, they grow ever sweeter and more generous. All one or the other."

What do you think? I think she's on to something not just about monks or pastors or other religious professionals. We note it in them particularly because we know deep down that following a gracious Lord should make us gracious people.

But don't we often see in all people exactly what the girl describes to Cadfael? The gracious become more gracious until their winsome lives seem warmed within by deep joy. The critical and hard become harder and more critical until cold and alone, they break.

We see it happening, and I see in it both warning and hope. To choose to be cold and hard, or warm and gracious? It's more important than we know to choose well. One day, sooner than we think, the die will likely be cast.

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

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herbs and vegetables from which he blends healing ointments and medicines. Often, he also finds himself playing the lead role in a medieval cross between Sherlock Holmes, CSI, and Law & Order as he becomes a kind of monkish detective.

I have just described the "Brother Cadfael" mystery series, written under the pen name "Ellis Peters" by Edith Pargeter. Many of the stories have been adapted for television by the BBC (starring Derek Jacobi as Brother Cadfael) and are available through Netflix, etc. They're well done, though the best movie can never trump a book.

I love the series, and I love Brother Cadfael, a wise good-humored man with the kind of robust Christlike goodness that loves both the Lord and His gift of life. No surprise that Cadfael finds himself in hot water at times with the pretentiously pious "powers that be." He is true to the Spirit of God and to what is

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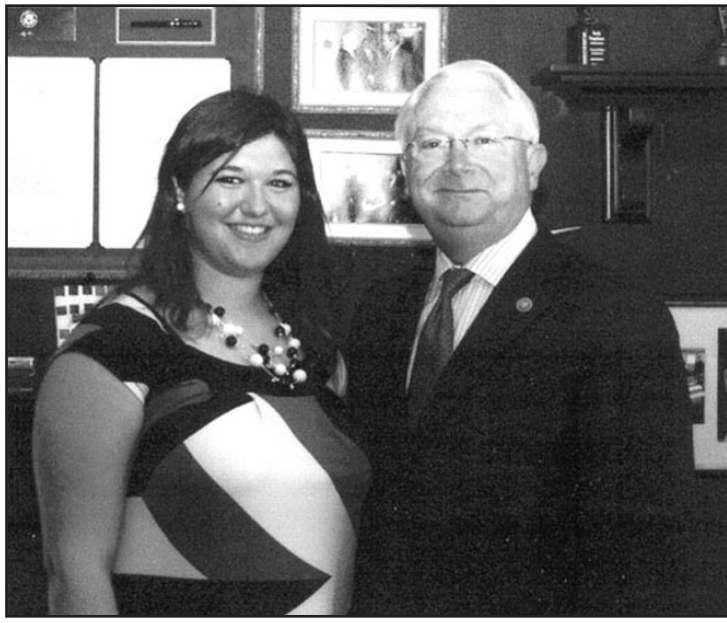
Muleshoe student visits Capitol Hill

Kathryn Owens, the daughter of Wesley and Robin Thacker of Muleshoe, recently participated in the annual Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour of Washington, D.C.

The Foundation for Rural Service operates under the umbrella of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association of which Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is a member.

Sandy Vandevender, general manager of FA TC, holds the position of secretary/treasurer on the NTCA board of directors.

Kathryn was one of 102 students, and 24 chaperones, who spent six days in the U.S. Capitol visiting national monuments, Smithsonian Museums and



Kathryn Owens is pictured above with Cong. Randy Neugebauer during her recent visit to Capitol Hill.

Capitol Hill.

The group received an overview of the Federal Communications Commission and was addressed by FCC

Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein.

NTCA President Mike Brunner and other staff members spoke with the group regarding the

direction and future of telecommunications.

Kathryn also visited the offices of Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Cong. Randy Neugebauer, where she received a guided tour of the Capitol.

Five Area Telephone Company has sponsored a participant from one of the company's member schools to the youth tour for the past seven years, according to a company representative.

Ann Sowder, secretary/treasurer of the Five Area board and designated chaperone for all seven years, says this is a very positive experience for the students.

Diabetes support group meeting set for Aug. 9 at MAMC

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 6:30 p.m., in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

This program is free of charge to anyone interested.

For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, 272-4583.



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Alzheimers support group to meet at nursing home

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting on Thursday, Aug. 14, at noon, at Park View Nursing Care Center.

The program will be presented by Kathy Melton of Legacy of Love Hospice of Littlefield.

Lunch will be served. Most primary caregivers

for the Alzheimeris disease patient are family members. Friends, neighbors, work colleagues, and faith community members often help to care for the person with Alzheimer's disease.

Research has shown that caregivers are often at an increased risk for depression and illness, especially if they do not

receive adequate support.

For more information about the meeting, contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 806-272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, 806-272-4583.

RANDY'S ROUNDUP

UPDATE BY CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER

Standing up for our troops and veterans

Last week, I was proud to vote in favor of H.R. 6599, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

There is nothing more important than taking care of our men and women in uniform, as well as the veterans, who have answered the call of duty and sacrificed so much to ensure the continued safety and prosperity of this nation.

They deserve the best, and this legislation will help meet those needs. This bipartisan legislation, with increased funding by 14 percent over last year's bill, will continue to provide funding for equipment, quality of life initiatives and medical care that our warriors and their families deserve.

This legislation provides funding for construction and housing to keep our military bases in optimal shape, as well as additional funds to the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure veterans receive the benefits and medical care they have earned.

I was also pleased to support two additional veterans' bills the House passed unanimously last week.

The first bill was H.R. 2192, which requires additional oversight at the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide more help to veterans having difficulties accessing their benefits.

The second bill, H.R. 5892, will help modernize the veterans disability claims process. Many veterans contact me for help when they are having difficulties navigating the disability process. I am hopeful that the improvements in H.R. 5892 will make resolution of disability claims more timely and simplified.

Coming soon — energy and economy updates

Later this month, I will be traveling around the 19th District and look forward to visiting with you.

I will be hosting several

meetings to discuss energy and the economy and am interested in hearing about how energy prices are affecting you and your family and what you think Congress should do to help support our economy and reduce energy costs.

While it is important for members of Congress to have time to meet with their constituents in person during the August District Work Period, House leadership refused to bring meaningful energy legislation to the floor for an up or down vote before the House adjourned. The American people have spoken — they want solutions.

As energy prices show no sign of letting up, this is no time for partisan politics; this is time for innovation, determination and solutions. Congress cannot repeal the law of supply and demand, much less ignore it.

That is why I cosponsored H.R. 6566, the American Energy Act. This legislation not only encourages increasing our domestic supply by drilling in Alaska and off our coasts, but it also calls for reasonable and economically achievable conservation policies and an expansion of renewable energy.

This is not a Republican or Democrat issue, but rather an American issue. Congress needs to take action to help lower the prices of gasoline as well as food and other

items families need every day.

We need to implement a comprehensive plan that will lead us toward energy independence. The resources and tools are available to do so; we just have to use them.

As I travel through West Texas and the Big Country, I hope you will be able to join me to discuss energy and other important issues that are on your mind.

On Tuesday, Aug. 19, I will be in Friona from 10-11 a.m. at the Headquarter Restaurant, located at 1508 West Hwy. 60.

Then, on Wednesday, Aug. 20, I will be in Brownfield at 8:30 a.m. for an hour at city hall, in the council room, at 201 West Broadway.

My next set of Energy & Economy updates will be on Tuesday, Aug. 26. I will be in Clyde from 9-10 a.m. at the Clyde Chamber of Commerce building, 614 N. First Street. Later that day, I will be in Breckenridge at Ernie's Spanish Kitchen Restaurant, located at 2915 West Walker Street from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

I look forward to speaking with many of you as I travel around the district to update you, but more importantly, to hear what is on your mind.

To learn more of my schedule as I travel though the district, please call my office, toll free at 888 763 1611. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Publication of Obituaries

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information: date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren) will be included; and where memorials may be directed. We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid. Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home.

2008 Property Tax Rates in COUNTY OF BAILEY

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for the COUNTY OF BAILEY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value. This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 302 Main St., Muleshoe, Texas. This notice was prepared by Kaye Elliott, Chief Appraiser, on August 4, 2008.

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE	GENERAL FUND	FARM MARKET ROAD
Last Year's Operating Taxes	\$1,396,463	\$285,524
Last Year's Debt Taxes	\$326,362	\$0
Last Year's Total Taxes	\$1,722,825	\$285,524
Last Year's Tax Base	\$294,550,386	\$290,166,658
Last Year's Total Tax Rate	0.5849000/\$100	0.098400/\$100

THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE		
Last Year's Adjusted Taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) / This Year's Adjusted Tax Base (after subtracting value of new property) = This Year's Effective Tax Rate for each fund	\$1,722,825	\$285,523
Total Effective Tax Rate	0.579200/\$100	0.097300/\$100

THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE		
Last Year's Adjusted Operating Taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) / This Year's Adjusted Tax Base = This Year's Effective Operating Rate x 1.08 = This Year's Maximum Operating Rate + This Year's Debt Rate = This Year's Rollback Rate for each fund	\$1,563,455	\$285,524
This year's Total Rollback Rate	\$297,411,791	\$293,302,262
-Sales Tax Adjustment Rate = Rollback Tax Rate	0.525600/\$100	0.097300/\$100
	0.567600/\$100	0.105000/\$100
	0.114000/\$100	0.000000/\$100
	0.681600/\$100	0.105000/\$100
	0.786600/\$100	
	0.056100/\$100	
	0.730500/\$100	

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE
If COUNTY OF BAILEY adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.676500 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2007 taxes by \$34,263.

SCHEDULE A: UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES: GENERAL FUND
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund Maintenance & Operation	\$348,269
*General Fund Debt Service (I&S)	\$352,833
*\$340,794 of this amount is the market value (as of June 30th) of a U.S. Treasury & Agency Obligation that will not mature until 6/14/2013.	

SCHEDULE B: 2008 DEBT SERVICE: GENERAL FUND
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable)

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Certificates of Obligation for Jail Construction	\$165,000	\$191,552	-0-	\$356,552
Total required for 2008 debt service				\$356,552
-Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$12,039
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$13,369
-Excess collections last year				\$9,981
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2008				\$321,163
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 93.000000% of its taxes in 2008				\$24,174
=Total Debt Levy				\$345,337

SCHEDULE A: UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES: FARM MARKET ROAD
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Farm to Market Maintenance & Operation	\$196,238

SCHEDULE C: EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX
(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$169,952 in additional sales and use tax revenues.
For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

SCHEDULE D: STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE (FOR COUNTIES)
The Bailey County Auditor certifies that Bailey County has spent \$0 in the previous 12 months beginning 07/01/2007, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Bailey County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

SCHEDULE F: ENHANCED INDIGENT HEALTH CARE EXPENDITURES
The COUNTY OF BAILEY spent \$3,946 from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$1,822.

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China has been in the news every day this summer. They are busy getting ready to welcome athletes from all over the world for the 2008 Summer Olympic Games.

The flag of China is red with golden-yellow stars.

Thousands of people have worked for years building a huge, national stadium that looks like a "Bird's Nest." It has 91,000 seats and is the place where the opening and closing Olympic ceremonies will take place. If you watch the ceremonies, you will see this magnificent stadium.

The Himalayas are a mountain chain in China.

Mount Everest, which has the highest peak in the world, is partly in China.

China

President tea

Beijing

Shanghai

Chinese

Buddhism

chopsticks

Giant Pandas are found in southern China!

1. drink made from leaves, used in ceremonies
2. a school day in China is _____ hours long, not including homework
3. set of slender sticks used to eat food that has been cut into small pieces; they are often made of wood or ivory
4. party that rules the Chinese government
5. official language spoken in China, Mandarin _____, has over 50,000 characters to learn
6. capital city of China and the site of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games
7. China has more than one _____ people, more than any other country in the world; about 20% of the world's population
8. China likes to _____ soybeans, cotton and computers from other countries

9. the Chinese _____ tea, toys and clothing to many countries
10. 3 out of 5 Chinese people work on _____
11. the Chinese eat mostly fresh foods: noodles, fish, pork and _____
12. major religion
13. largest city in China
14. _____ Hu Jintao, is the leader of the Chinese government
15. many people travel by _____

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Wonders of China!

Most of us will watch the ceremonies and athletic events on our televisions. Travelers to China to watch the Olympic Games in person may get a chance to visit these places or see demonstrations of these famous arts.

A. walled area in center of Beijing that was the Emperor's home
B. is over 4,000 miles long; built to keep enemies out
C. drama and musical theater
D. skills taught for self defense
E. 8,000 clay soldiers buried to serve a dead emperor
F. art of preparing, serving and drinking tea

1. Great Wall
2. Forbidden City
3. Terracotta Army
4. Chinese Opera
5. Kung Fu
6. Tea Ceremony

Can you match these places and arts to their definitions?

Chinese Inventions

Many things you know about or items you use every day have been invented, discovered or developed by the Chinese.

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Mule Days planning still under way

This year's Mule Days celebration, scheduled for Sept. 13, continues to promise to be one of the best ever, according to representatives of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, but community involvement is still needed.

"We really want to do this for our community, but we need your participation," Kathy Vandevender said.

She asks that anyone with ideas, or a desire to it a truly great celebration to give her, or Celie Parham, a call.

Not only will the event mark the community's annual

recognition of the equine foundation for Muleshoe's name, as well as celebrating its part in establishing a community in this portion of the West Texas plains, but this year the chamber hopes to include recognition of Bailey County's 90th anniversary as well as Muleshoe's 95th.

According to Vandevender of the chamber, the theme for this year's event is "Kickin' it up!" and will include both traditional Mule Days parade and a play day with gymkhana activities at the Good Times Arena on Hwy. 214.

Mule Days will be followed

by October Fest, the actual date to be announced later, with a variety of pumpkin-related activities, including a pumpkin pie contest, pumpkin decorating, and a pumpkin launching contest.

Last year, Presley Newton's pumpkin catapult took the trophy.

Additional information concerning both Mule Days and October Fest activities is available from the chamber office at 806-272-4248.

Kathy Vandevender can be reached at 806-272-5555, and Celie Parham can be reached at 806-566-5067.

South Plains College announces Fall 2008 registration

South Plains College will host registration on its Levelland, Plainview Center, Byron Martin Advance Technology Center and Reese Center campus locations Aug. 19-21.

Fall classes begin Aug. 25.

SPC Plainview Center, located at 1920 W. 24th St., will offer fall registration from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 19 in the Main Office. No permit is required.

Registration for technical majors only at the Byron Martin ATC, 3201 Ave.

Q, is set for 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 19 in the Main Office. Although no permit is required, students should be admitted to SPC with transcripts on file to be eligible to register.

The Levelland campus will offer registration for orientation students from 1:30 to 2 p.m. on Aug. 20 in the Technology Center. Normal registration will be from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Registration permit is required. To obtain a permit, call (806) 894-9611, ext. 2578 or 2572.

Registration for Reese Center and the Byron Martin

ATC will be from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 21. Permits will be required. To obtain a permit, call (806) 885-3048, ext. 2902 or 4660. Registration will be in SPC Building 8 at the Reese Center.

Late registration on all campuses will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 25-26. On the Levelland, Byron Martin ATC and Reese campuses, students should report to the Counseling Center.

On the Plainview campus, students must report to the Main Office.



The Sudan Buzz

Sudan Senior Citizens

The Sudan Area Senior Citizens held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 28, at the Senior Citizen Building.

Richard Salazar, director of Sudan Public Works, was their guest speaker. He met with the citizens to discuss the application for a grant to repair the city water lines and the importance of the towns support for everyone to attend the town meeting on Aug. 12, at 7 p.m., in the Sudan High School Auditorium to support the city in getting this very much needed grant.

After the guest speaker, the seniors had their regular business meeting. Refreshments of cake and ice cream followed the meeting.

The senior's next meeting will be held on Aug. 25. Please plan to attend.

KFC Bible school set

Sudan First United Methodist Church, 411 Main, will be hosting KFC Bible School Monday, Aug. 11, through Friday, Aug. 15, from 9-11 a.m.

The theme for the school is "Miracles of Jesus." For additional information about the school contact the church.

Meeting called concerning water system replacement

The City of Sudan will be holding a town meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Sudan High School Auditorium.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss applying for a \$350,000 STEP grant, sponsored by the Office of Rural Community Affairs, with which to replace the city's

old two-inch water lines, replace the old flushing valves and install new valves.

This will also allow the city to isolate different areas of town instead of shutting off the water in the whole city in the event of a major leak, and to update the city's metering system.

Education celebration set for Sept. 6

Preserving the past and shaping our futures is part of what we do in life. They are the principles we live by and in most cases it defines who we are.

The educational system of the Sudan Independent School District tries to apply these principles. The City of Sudan, its surrounds, and the social community along with its communal bonds are largely a result of this instruction.

The public is invited to help honor Sudan school's contributions to the community's lifestyles by celebrating 90 years of excellence in education on Sept. 6 at the Sudan schools complex, Main Street and Hwy. 303.

There will be games for all ages, a parade, entertainment throughout the day, guest speakers, talents shows, dance, and good eats. "We've even planned the evening meal for you!" The Sudan Volunteer Fire Department will begin serving dinner at 5 p.m.

Food, product, or entertainment vendor are encouraged to participate. Entrance is only \$35

per vendor for an all-day excursion. For more information on vending contact Larry Dial at 806-438-1431.

Got talent? Break a leg...

Talent shows competitions start at 3 p.m. with a \$300 grand prize, and two \$50 second place awards: one for an individual and one for a group performance. Finals for the competition will exhibit at 6 p.m. Entry fee for an individual performance is only \$10 and only \$25 for a group. Just cut out the entry form on this page, fill in the blanks, and send it in, drop it off at the Sudan City Hall, or email it to susanbaker@sudanisd.net. The deadline for entry forms and fees is Aug. 29. For more information on the talent show contact Susan Baker at 227-2448 or 227-2431, ext. 210.

Play sports? Three-on-three basketball competitions will begin at noon with a \$15 per-team fee and a \$200 Winners' purse. For those who enjoy horseshoes, showdowns begin at noon with an entry of \$15 for a team. Winners go home \$200 richer.

For more information on three-on-three basketball contact Lisa Logan at 729-2641 or Bob Sisson, 638-5344. If you need more facts on shoeing contact

Greg Lance at 227-2514.

RV spaces for this event will be available on a limited and first-reserve basis. Contact Bob Sisson at 638-5344 for reservations.

Talent Show Entry Form

Category of Talent (circle one): Individual or Group

Name(s) of contestant(s):

Performance title:

Description of your performance:

Note: If music is part of your performance please submit the song title and a CD of your selection by Sept. 1.

All performances must be approved by the Celebration Committee and suitable for all ages.

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Commissioners... Continued from page 1

In other business, the commissioners court:

- Adopted changes to the county personnel policy that will allow individuals to donate sick leave to other employees who have exhausted their own leave options and are incapable of returning to work.

A letter explaining the policy changes was to be sent to each of the county employees.

- Held a budget workshop in which the county's effective tax rate of .6766 per hundred valuation, and a rollback rate of .7396 per hundred valuation was discussed.

- A five percent raise for county employees was

also discussed, except for the court reporter whose salary is split with Parmer County.

- Discussed a longevity pay program, at the suggestion of County Judge Sherri Harrison, for employees after they have been with the county for three years.

"The raise isn't that much in this economy," the judge admitted. "I feel like it's a pat on the back."

- Discussed cuts to the contract salaries for Bailey County Emergency Services personnel with EMS director Jackey Wayne Burris.

When Burris suggested that wage cuts should be made to all county

departments and not just EMS, the judge said last year's contract increase was a temporary thing needed for recruitment purposes, and pointed out that collections for the EMS were down about \$45,000.

According to Wednesday's discussion, about \$51,000 needs to be trimmed from the EMS budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Prior to adjourning the July 30 special meeting, the members of the commissioners court traveled to Littlefield to tour that community's ambulance service in seeking information about how local service could be improved.

Central plains center is seeking Muleshoe's input

Things are always changing for Central Plains Center (also known as MHMR). Last legislative session passed a law that requires community MHMR centers, like Central Plains Center, to develop a local network plan regarding other service providers.

The plan must reflect local needs, priorities and maximize consumer choice and access to qualified providers.

The goal of CPC is to ensure continuous consumer access to services by expanding the network of providers.

The desired outcome is for consumers to have choice from among multiple providers while the center provides management and oversight of the network.

The center will gather

and obtain input from its stakeholders regarding such things as: Service needs and priorities of children, adolescents, and adults; crisis response system and services; development of the external provider network and other significant issues and concerns.

Under the new rules and requirements, the center can only be a provider of services if: There are no interested qualified providers, or there is only one other qualified provider.

The responding qualified providers do not propose to meet at least 100 percent of the Departments of State Health Services contract target population or meet the same level of current access to services

The center must maintain some services to preserve critical infrastructure.

Existing agreements impose restrictions on the center's ability to contract a portion of services because there would be an unsustainable loss of revenue

You may provide input in three different ways:

Go by the United Supermarket in Muleshoe on Thursday, Aug. 14, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Center staff will be available to give out information and surveys, and answer any questions you may have.

You may also go to www.cplains.org, and go to the "plans" tab and look at "LPND Survey" and follow the directions from there.

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2008 Property Tax Rates in the CITY OF MULESHOE

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for the CITY OF MULESHOE. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value. This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 302 Main St., Muleshoe, Texas. This notice was prepared by Kaye Elliott, Chief Appraiser, on August 4, 2008.

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE

Last Year's Operating Taxes	\$779,568
Last Year's Debt Taxes	-0-
Last Year's Total Taxes	\$779,568
Last Year's Tax Base	\$119,018,091
Last Year's Total Tax Rate	0.655000/\$100

THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

Last Year's Adjusted Taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$779,568
/This Year's Adjusted Tax Base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$119,707,405
=This Year's Effective Tax Rate	0.651200/\$100

THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE

Last Year's Adjusted Operating Taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$779,568
/This Year's Adjusted Tax Base	\$119,707,405
=This Year's Effective Operating Rate	0.651200/\$100
x1.08=This Year's Maximum Operating Rate	0.703200/\$100
+This Year's Debt Rate	0.104700/\$100

=This Year's Rollback Rate 0.807900/\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If CITY OF MULESHOE adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.651200 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2007 taxes by \$2,117.

SCHEDULE A: UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	-0-

SCHEDULE B: 2008 DEBT SERVICE

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable)

	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Description of Debt	Property Taxes			
Certificates of Obligation	\$9,750	\$107,278	-0-	\$117,028

Total required for 2008 debt service	\$117,028
-Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	-0-
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources	-0-
-Excess collections last year	-0-
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2008	\$117,028
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 93.000000% of its taxes in 2008	\$8,809
=Total Debt Levy	\$125,837

2008 Property Tax Rates in MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DIST.

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for the MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DIST. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value. This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 302 Main St., Muleshoe, Texas. This notice was prepared by Kaye Elliott, Chief Appraiser, on August 4, 2008.

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE

Last Year's Operating Taxes	\$908,968
Last Year's Debt Taxes	\$292,973
Last Year's Total Taxes	\$1,201,941
Last Year's Tax Base	\$300,485,341
Last Year's Total Tax Rate	0.400000/\$100

THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

Last Year's Adjusted Taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,201,941
/This Year's Adjusted Tax Base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$308,172,205
=This Year's Effective Tax Rate	0.390000/\$100

THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE

Last Year's Adjusted Operating Taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$908,968
/This Year's Adjusted Tax Base	\$308,172,205
=This Year's Effective Operating Rate	0.294900/\$100
x1.08=This Year's Maximum Operating Rate	0.318400/\$100
+This Year's Debt Rate	0.095000/\$100

=This Year's Rollback Rate 0.413400/\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DIST. adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.390000 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2007 taxes by \$25,845.

SCHEDULE A: UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	-0-

SCHEDULE B: 2008 DEBT SERVICE

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable)

	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Description of Debt	Property Taxes			
Certificates of Obligation	\$140,000	\$138,229	-0-	\$278,229

Total required for 2008 debt service	\$278,229
-Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	-0-
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources	-0-
-Excess collections last year	-0-
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2008	\$278,229
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 93.000000% of its taxes in 2008	\$20,942
=Total Debt Levy	\$299,171

The debt service tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness. The bonds were approved by the voters of this district.

CLASSIFIEDS

Deadline is Monday at 5 PM to place a Classified ad. Call 272-4536.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID
The City of Muleshoe will receive bids for the purchase of a **USED LANDFILL COMPACTOR** until 4:00 p.m., August 29, 2008, at the Muleshoe City Hall located at 215 S. 1st St., Muleshoe, Texas. For more information and a Bid Packet contact the Muleshoe City Hall at 806-272-4528. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal August 7 and 14, 2008.*

Did you clean out closets over the weekend? Thinking of having a big garage sale? Advertise it here! 272-4536

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Storage Sale
Notice is hereby given that the following units will be offered for sale by public bidding to the highest bidder for enforcement of a storage lien. The Public bidding will be held on August 18, 2008, on Monday from 9am till 3pm. Location: Sparkle Self Storage, 406 South First Street, Muleshoe TX 79347. We reserve the right to refuse any bid or cancel the Public Bidding. The following units are scheduled for Public Bidding: Unit 24 - Kelly Don Turney - P.O. Box 87, Muleshoe TX 79347. Misc. Items. Unit 27 - Edward Alderson - 804 S. Main, Muleshoe TX 79347 Furniture items. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal on August 7 and 14, 2008.*

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• Lamb County - Earth - Beautiful, red brick home. 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, large garage, lots of storage, fenced back yard, sprinkler system, \$130,000. Too nice to pass up.

316 Main Street • Muleshoe, Texas
Office: 806-272-3100 Home: 806-965-2468
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Well built hollow-tile warehouse. It is 40 ft. X 100 ft. for a total of 4,000 square feet, two large overhead doors. Located behind office building. \$600.00 per month.
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4ch7-17

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New Listing - READY TO MOVE IN!! Very nice 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, brick home, central H&A, FP, built-ins, tile floors, sunroom, gorgeous landscaping, fenced backyard, 2 car garage, plus 3 car carport in back. **A MUST SEE!!**

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NEWLY REMODELED HOME - Beautiful 3 bedroom, 1 bath, brick home, central A & H, appliances, lg. family room. Storage buildings, fenced backyard, single car garage, carpet. This is a MUST see home!

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HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER

1,200 sq. ft. brick home, central refrigerated air, single car garage, 2BDRM/1BA. Call 806-272-4388. *tn1-10*

New Covenant Church is looking for part-time nursery worker - Sun. mornings and special events. Flexible schedule. Call 965-2787, leave a message. *3ch7-31*

Park View Nursing Care Center is accepting applications for:
• LVN Charge nurse available. Contact Yolanda Mendoza at 806-272-7578.
• Weekend RN Manager and Certified Nurse Aides needed. Contact the DON. 806-272-7578.
• Asst. Director of Nurses. RN preferred. Contact Yolanda or Sandy at 806-272-7578. *tnch5-1*

GARAGE SALE

1912 W. Ave. D Friday 8 am-?? Furniture, children's items, misc. items. *1ch8-7*

618 E. Austin Muleshoe
Friday Aug. 8, 7 am - 3 pm. Saturday, Aug. 9, 7 am. Little tikes toys, power wheels, toddler bikes, couch, clothes galore, and much more. The kids will also be selling lemonade. *1pd8-7*

Garage Sale! Sat, Aug 9th 8 am-? 407 W. 7th. Baby, boy's, women, men's clothes. Furniture, tools, and more! *1ch8-7*

MISCELLANEOUS

Are you receiving monthly payments from sold property? If so, I can get you cash for your monthly payments. For a free quote call Mark Phipps (806) 265-5394 or go to my website notebizz.com. *4ch7-17*

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HELP WANTED

CNA/ RN Case Manager needed for Muleshoe area. Full time position, health insurance, mileage. Many extra benefits. Please call 806-385-9329 or come by Legacy of Love at 125 E. Marshall Howard Blvd., Littlefield, TX. *tn6-12*

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NURSING SIGN ON BONUS

Parmer County Community Hospital is seeking candidates for the positions of Registered Nurse/ Charge Nurse and LVN. Positions are full time and requires excellent verbal skills, basic computer knowledge and skills, phone skills and ability to professionally interact with the medical staff and public. Prior Charge Nurse experience preferred for RN. Must be able to work all shifts. Mail resume to, or stop by for application: Parmer County Community Hospital, Human Resources, 1307 Cleveland, Friona, TX 79035. *tn3-13*

Lamb Healthcare Center is accepting applications for a full time night licensed RN, LVN, and CNA. Applications may be picked up at 1500 S. Sunset, Littlefield, Texas. For more information call 806-385-6411, ext. 214. LHC is an EEOC employer. *tn5-22*

Do you have a passion for Baking? United Supermarkets in Muleshoe is seeking a Bakery Manager. The Manager is responsible for the efficient, safe, and effective coordination of all bakery operations including control functions to ensure recipes and make-up procedures are followed. Must follow and maintain food safety and sanitation, maintain accurate orders, and report accurate Inventory. Requires 3-5 years of supervisory experience. Bakery experience preferred. Bilingual (Spanish) is preferred. Must possess leadership skills, maturity, technical skills, and a proven operations track record. Knowledge of the production and handling of quality food products and outstanding quest service is essential. Ability to perform basic math skills. Ability to work various schedules as needed. If you are interested in this position, please apply online at www.unitedtexas.com/careers or bring your resume to the store at 104 W. 9th St in Muleshoe, TX. *EOE. 1ch8-7*

Elevator Help Needed

The AGP Grain Marketing elevators are in need of elevator help for various locations. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must pass a pre-employment physical and drug screen. Must be able to work in grain dust. If interested, please pick up applications at the main office in Bovina or call 806-251-1521 local, or toll free at 866-583-7362. *tn7-17*

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• 5-2 3/4 Cent. A&H built-in kitchen area, fenced yard, storage!! \$38,500!!
• VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, corner lot, built-ins, Cent. A&H, approx. 1973' lv. area, guest cottage/eff. aptmnt. workshop!!! PRICE REDUCED!! \$119,500!!
• VERY NICE 4-4-2 Brick Home on corner lot, approx. 3500' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, auto. spkrl., large finished basement!! MUCH MORE!! \$265K!!
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• VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, wood laminate & tile approx. 1818' lv. area, cov. patio, 15' x 30' pool, large storage/wkshp, fenced yd.!! PRICE REDUCED \$139K!!
• NICE 2-1-3 carport Home, carpet, tile, fans, fenced yd., storage bldg. MORE!! \$45K!!
• NICELY REMODELED - 3-2-2 Brick Home, corner lot, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2159' lv. area, auto. spkrl., add. lot w/stor/workshop Bldg.!! \$173,000!!
• 2 NICELY REMODELED DUPLEX UNITS & 1 NEW Duplex unit!! PRICED TO SELL!!
• NEW 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, alarm sys., spkrl. sys., fenced yd., numerous other amenities, 140K!!
• BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM BUILT 3-2-2 Brick Home, built-ins, FP, isolated master, safe rm., patio, nicely landscaped, spkrl. sys., fenced yd.!!
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• VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fireplace, utility, new paint, carpet, tile, atrium doors, blinds, 7 fans, cov. patio, stor. bldg., fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$130,000!!
• VERY NICE 3-2-5-2 Brick Home, Dual Fuel Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, basement, cent. vac. & humidifier systems, auto. spkrl., workshop/storage, fenced yd., corner lot!! \$169,500!!
• VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx 1920' lv. area, cov. patio, fenced yd., auto. spkrl., & stor. bldg.!! \$139K!!
• NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. Geothermal heat pump, built-ins, 2 FP, sunroom, hot tub, approx 2448' lv. area, screened porch, cellar, auto spkrl., 222 stor. bldgs., \$149K!!

• 1900' Off. Bldg., 106' x 140' lot on Hwy. 70 and 84!! \$79.5K!!
• ANAS BEAUTY SHOP — Approx. 1120' bldg., with or without furniture & fixtures!! PRICE REDUCED!!
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• GOOD INCOME PROPERTY - LONG TERM LEASE - Approx. 8,075' office bldg., w/ approx. 20,000' paved parking area!! PRICE REDUCED \$35K!
• NICELY REMODELED - 800 sq. ft. Bldg., Cent. A&H, updated electrical & plumbing, PRICE REDUCED \$35,000.
• 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheetrock bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!!
• Approx. 1274' Bldg!! \$39.5K!!
• 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/paved area!! \$49.5K!!
• FORMER RICHLAND HILLS TEXACO - 1414' Bldg. + 1080' canopy + 16,530' asphalt paving!!

RURAL
• APPROX. 80 ACRE TRACT ON 3125!! PRICED TO SELL!!
• VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, corner lot, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, cov. patio, fenced yd., auto. spkrl., workshop, 2 stor. bldgs!! \$135,000!!
• VERY NICE 4-3 doublewide (2007) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., 25' x 40' Metal Bldg., septic system, domestic well, on pavement close to town!! \$152K!!
• NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, 2163' lv. area, 191' bsmt., pool, wksp./storage, roping arena, horse barn on 5.99 ac., MORE!! \$120K!!
• PROGRESS AREA - 4-3 1/2-2 Home on Hwy. 84 on 10 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, basement, approx. 3,000' lv. area, 720' metal gar./wkshp.!! \$249,500.00!!
• EARTH - VERY NICE 3-3 w/2 car detached garage/workshop on 1.158 acres on Hwy. 84, 191' bsmt., island cockpit, gameroom, approx. 3206' lv. area, pergola, nicely landscaped, stor. bldg., pecan trees!! MORE!! \$129,900!!
• VERY NICE 3-2 doublewide (1998) on 14.68 acres on Hwy. 84, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 40' x 80' Metal bldg. (insulated) w/ 1/2 bath, office, MUCH MORE!! \$148,900!!
• NICE 3-2 Home at edge of town on .8 acre tract, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP efficiency apt. or guest cottage, horse barn & corral!! PRICE REDUCED!! \$99,900!!
• NICE 4.8 acre homesteads, close to town, dead restricted!! \$17,500!!
• NICE 3-2-5 carport Home on 2 acres, Cent. heat, Cent. evap. air, built-ins, fireplace, fans, utility, cellar, large shop, stor. bldg., MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$109,500!!
• CLAY'S CORNER — VERY NICE 3-2-75-2 HOME on 5 acre tract, Cent. A&H (Elec. Heat Pump), built-ins, FP, 1100 sq. ft. new in 2005 plus additional updating w/carpet, tile, paint, fenced yd., cov. patio, 600' workshop/storage Bldg.!! Numerous other amenities!! \$189,500!!
• 3-2 BRICK HOME on 7 acres, W. Hwy. 84, built-ins, office, geothermal heat pump, whirlpool tub, basement, paved circle drive & conc. parking!! MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$125K!!

HIGH SCHOOL AREA
• VERY NICE 2-1-1 in new subdivision, disposal, 4 cl. fans, carpet, laminated tile flooring, utility, fenced yd. MORE!! \$45,500!!
• NICE OFFICE/SHOP/WAREHOUSE on .7 acre on N. Hwy. 214, Cent. A&H, insulated shop & warehouse, has 1-3/4 bath & 1-1/2 bath!! MUCH MORE!! PRICED TO SELL!! \$85K!!

MAHD board report continues

This is a state of the union, in a manner of speaking, for the Muleshoe Area Hospital District.

Last week we spoke about the district as a whole; today I will speak about the Muleshoe Area Medical Center (Hospital).

Next week we will also address issues and topics concerning Park View. These articles are a means for us as a board to report to the citizens of the district.

This is designed to be informative and thought-provoking. In return, we need feedback from you about your hospital and your nursing home.

Health care has and continues to change at a rapid pace. Medicare and Medicaid continue to

challenge us with cutbacks. Insurance has also changed drastically and due to increasing deductibles and more people being uninsured, the hospital has seen indigent care increase drastically.

The hospital is required to provide service to the community. That indigent care, charity, is paid for by the district either through income generated by other hospital services or through the taxing of the district.

One way we feel would help this is through a new clinic. We are in the process of building a central clinic that will house all of the doctors in one, central location. This accomplishes several things.

One, it allows us to put gymnasium.

During the recent discussion, it was pointed out that while some of the old plumbing needed to be removed, the structure itself is still sound and can be used on bad weather days, reducing traffic on the new gymnasium floors.

The school board also voted to change the high school expansion specifications to allow a new aluminum alloy for feeder and wiring instead of copper, a savings of \$60,000.

The change was made at the recommendation of the construction company, whose representative, Kirk Hughlett, who said the overheating problems of aluminum wiring from 30 years ago has been resolved.

all physicians under a Rural Health Clinic (RHC). Currently, we have only one clinic under the RHC structure in Muleshoe.

We have, over several years, seen the Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements substantially higher. Although it is not written in stone that the RHC structure will continue indefinitely, we feel, due to our community demographics, that this will be a viable structure for numerous years in the future.

We also see a great opportunity to add new services. The most exciting is the possibility of an evening clinic, a Saturday clinic, or even a Sunday afternoon clinic.

We also feel the district can, over the long term, sustain five doctors. The new clinic will allow for that growth.

Also, we can then utilize the old floor space for expanding our specialists that come from out of town on weekly or monthly schedules, i.e., orthopedic, cardiologists, urologists, etc.

It is exciting to not only add new facilities, but more

importantly new services. We feel that the new services, better volume, and higher reimbursement through RHC will more than cash flow the expansion.

Other exciting things at the hospital are a long awaited new roof and individual heating and air conditioning in patient rooms.

The heating/air conditioning will greatly add to patient comfort during a stay in the hospital. This was something the public gave us input about.

This joint nursing school through South Plains College and the district has been a huge success for growing nurses locally.

Our new scope we obtained last year has allowed our doctors to perform 15-20 scopes per month.

We have a very strong staff at the hospital and just recently received a very high employee survey conducted by Covenant. Of the rural hospitals that participated, our hospital showed the best year over year increase in employee satisfaction.

We feel very positive about your Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

Please support your hospital and hospital District through your patronage, involvement, and input. Next week we will explore the status of Park View Nursing Home.

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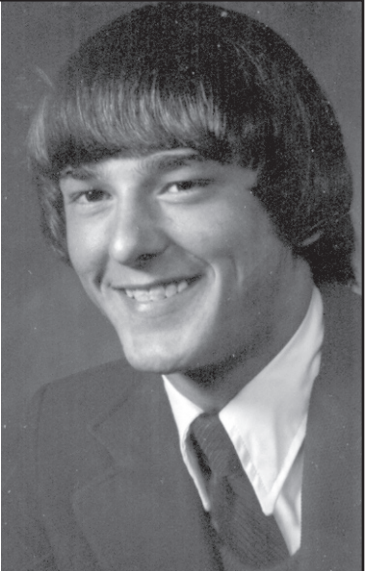
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impressed" with the new entrance at Watson Junior High.

"But, with the entrance at Dillman, and the new entrance at the junior high, we have to have a comparably impressive entrance at the high school," he added.

With Monday's action, the clock is set to 24 months — specifically Aug. 10, 2010 — for completion of the Muleshoe High School and DeShazo Elementary expansion.

"The more I think about this, the more excited I get about it... thinking about how close we are," Sheets said.

A portion of the savings comes from the board's decision not to tear down the old high school

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