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Court Announces Proposed Tax Rate

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor
The Bailey County Commissioners approved a proposed tax rate for FY2013-14 at the rollback rate of .9163 during Monday's regular meeting, and set public hearing dates for Aug. 26 and Sept. 9. The rollback rate includes a farm to market rate of .1343 per hundred dollars of valuation, a maintenance and

operation rate of .6845, and an interest and sinking fund rate of .0979, and is based on general fund tax values of \$328,494,462 and farm to market fund tax values of \$324,574,135. The county's effective rate, based upon the same tax values, is .8557, according to County Judge Sherri Harrison, with a farm to market rate of .1244, and a maintenance and

"We're going to have to get staffed to get the inmates..."
— Judge Harrison

operation rate of .6334. The interest and sinking fund rate remains at .0979. Harrison recommended the court approve the rollback rate as the proposed tax rate, noting that while the court wouldn't be able to exceed that rate in its final approval, it could still set a lower rate.

"I don't like either tax rate," Harrison said during the court's budget workshop on Aug. 8. "Hopefully, we won't have to go up to the rollback rate," she said prior to adjourning Monday's meeting. Earlier in the meeting, both County Attorney Jackie Claborn and Sheriff Richard Wills addressed the court regarding budget issues. Claborn noted that while the state stipend

for his office had received an increase for the upcoming fiscal year, he was asking that the court include his position with the county officials who were requesting a five percent salary increase. "I don't have a problem with including his county portion for a five percent raise," Precinct 3 Joey Kinley said. While discussing the budget and possible



Goat Roping Glory

"Goat roper..." a term used in derision by individuals who haven't ever attempted to drop a loop over the heads of one of the little critters. The truth is, at least with the bigger stock, there's a good chance they will stay on the ground. Pictured above, young ropers at the Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship's 13th annual Christian Roping Camp try their hands at roping Jacob's goats — critters that can prove as elusive as the patriarch for whom they're named... especially when vertical flight enters into the effort. On the right, a "big and little" team encounters a problem when the taller half forgets to hang onto his lariat.



Photographs by Larry Thornton

Police Will Be Patrolling School Zones

With school set to begin on Monday, Aug. 26, the Muleshoe Police Department will be looking for school zone violations, and taking the appropriate action when spotted. Speeding in school zones, the use of cell phones in prohibited areas, and crosswalk encroachments can endanger the lives of students, and local law enforcement officers will be on patrol to minimize that danger, according to Muleshoe Police Chief Roy Rice. To avoid potential traffic problems, the police chief also recommends parents get an early start to school with their children, and encourages patience with individuals who are new to the community and may not know the traffic patterns around the school campuses. Other life-threatening violations for which officers will be watching include the illegal passing of school

buses that are in the process of picking up or dropping off students. Passing any school bus which has its stop sign extended, and lights flashing — or in the bus lanes on West Fifth after DeShazo Elementary lets out — is illegal, Chief Rice noted. Area drivers are also reminded of the two speed zones on West American Blvd., and South First Street, and cautioned to reduce their speed when the flashing yellow lights have been activated. Students are also encouraged to pay attention to traffic while traveling to and from school, using sidewalks where possible, and walking on the side of the street facing oncoming traffic when not. Students traveling to and from the school campuses on bicycles are reminded that traffic laws require them to follow the flow of traffic and obey traffic signs.

Special Guest Introduced At Council Meeting



Cpl. Heath Edwards and Drug Dog Kilo

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor
Members of the Muleshoe City Council were introduced to the city's newest "employee" during Monday's regular meeting. Cpl. Heath Edwards introduced the department's drug dog, Kilo, a two-year-old male German Shepherd to the council, and thanked them, along

with City Manager David Brunson for their approval of the canine program and assistance in locating the necessary municipal funding. Edwards talked briefly about his initial training with Kilo, and said he was looking forward to working with the students at the Muleshoe Independent School District as part of their duties. In other business during their short meeting, the council members:

- Approved an easement request from Xcel Energy (Southwestern Public Service).

The city manager explained that the easement was to allow Xcel to place an overhead power line

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Muleshoe Returns To Upper Tier

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor
While the City of Muleshoe found itself in the upper portion of the pack in percentage of increase in the recent allocation of sales tax from the Texas State Comptroller's office, it remains in the middle according to year-to-date numbers. According to the information received from the state comptroller's office, the area community with the highest percentage of increase in August allocations was Bovina at 15.91 percent, representing a \$1,821.58 increase, followed by Olton at 14.84 percent.

Last month, Olton topped the list. Muleshoe came in third, with a 10.87 percent increase that represents \$6,338.90 more city sales tax collected compared to the same period in 2012. Friona followed Muleshoe with a nine percent increase. The back of the pack this month was Morton with a 36.54 percent drop in sales tax, representing \$5,369 decrease in sales tax revenue. As noted previously, Muleshoe remains in the middle of the Y-T-D pack, with an

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Sales Tax Results

City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$64,623.12	58,284.22	10.87%
Dimmitt	\$38,408.78	36,218.27	6.04%
Morton	\$ 9,323.96	14,693.51	-36.54%
Littlefield	\$118,458.70	109,706.31	7.97%
Earth	\$ 4,810.33	6,965.51	-30.94%
Olton	\$14,330.39	12,477.41	14.85%
Sudan	\$ 4,706.34	5,040.23	-6.62%
Farwell	\$10,374.28	14,257.64	-27.23%
Bovina	\$13,268.43	11,446.85	15.91%
Friona	\$39,683.79	36,404.22	9.00%

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One Day Death Itself Will Die



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

Somebody was going to die on that Thursday.
Oh, I know. Somebody is going to die every day. Somebody is going to die before this sentence ends, but chances are it won't, and can't, affect you much.

But on that Thursday two weeks ago, the links that would lead to tragedy were already chained together, and someone not far from where I live and closely tied to a number of people I love was going to die.

The tragedy was set in motion on Wednesday night as lightning struck out in a field, hitting one of the big sprinklers on the farm.

Its now-lightning-welded connections became one major link in a very unlikely but deadly chain of events that mindlessly conspired to send 480 volts through a pump housing.

Whoever touched it would die a millisecond later. Guaranteed.

It could easily have been one of the farm employees. Or the father of that well-loved farm family. Or the son about to turn 30, married just five years with two little sons of his own.

But Thursday somebody was going to die. And it was the son.

As I looked into the eyes of that father and that mother, standing near the lifeless body of their son at the emergency room, a young man who had been filled, far more than most, with life and joy just a little while before, the kind of son any parents would be proud of, a boy not only loved but intensely likeable, it tore my heart

out.
And right now, again, I weep for them all.

On one hand, I can't imagine being in their shoes. On the other... this young man was buried on his 30th birthday.

I have four sons near his age, one who is just 10 days younger and will be 30 this week. And all of mine do work just as dangerous.

Life is dangerous. And unpredictable. And unfair. It's good that we don't dwell always on those facts, but an event like this slams them back into our faces.

No one can make sense out of this kind of thing. And even if we could somehow understand it, do we think we'd like it better?

I know some reasons that even God has to allow pain and suffering in this world now. Even God can't make powerful things (like electricity), which bless us in so many ways, totally safe. The same tools that can spare life can take it away.

I know that death is part of this world because of man's sin. God loved us so much he made us free creatures

so that we could choose to love him or not.
Even for God, to create us free to love means creating us free to hurt and be hurt and open to tears.

I'm not sure why anger is one of my first reactions when people I love are hurting, but it is. (Read the Psalms, and you'll see God can handle that.)

I'd be last in line to blame anyone for asking where God was on Thursday.

But I think the answer

is that in a way we cannot now imagine, God was there, hating the pain and suffering and loving that son and that family with a fierce and divine love.

Somebody was going to die on that Thursday. Nothing could have stopped it. But life and love and joy and laughter will have the last word forever because the Father who is all love allowed his Son to die on a Friday long ago so that death itself will die.

Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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

School Health Fair

The Muleshoe Area Public Library will be hosting a Back To School Health Fair on Aug. 22, from 10 a.m. until noon.

South Plains Community Action, Uniting Parents, Molina Healthcare, Texas Migrant Council, and Dental Quest will be available to talk to anyone coming.

There will be free backpacks for those who participate.

Storytime at the library will start back up on Sept. 16, at 10 a.m. The theme for Storytime will be "Be Kind." Ages for Storytime are two years until school age.

Library Movie Night

"Movie Night" will be Sept. 16 and 18, at 3:45 p.m., at the Muleshoe Area Public Library.

The movie that will be shown is *The Lucky One*. Library staff request that only teenagers and adults attend the movie viewing.

Meet The Mules

The Muleshoe Athletic Booster's annual "Meet the Mules" is set for Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m., in the Muleshoe High School Gymnasium.

Refreshments — ice cream and watermelon, will be served, and the public is invited.

Reserved Seat Tickets

Reserved seat tickets for the 2013 Muleshoe Mules football season went on sale Monday, Aug. 5. The tickets are \$35 for six home games.

Persons who held reserved seat tickets for the 2012 football season may purchase their seating options at the MISD Administration office, located at 514 W. Ave. G, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Beginning Monday, Aug. 26, 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 \$8 per game and may be purchased at the administration office on game day.

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

Support the Mules!

Free Children's Multi-Vitamins Offered

A new American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) clinical report recommends that all children receive 400 IU a day of vitamin D, beginning within the first few days of life. Therefore, K&K Pharmacy, located at 1411 W. American Blvd., in Muleshoe, has decided to help address this issue, and has committed to distributing vitamins to the community in which they live to ensure that the children are getting the recommended daily allowance of vitamins.

"We are living in turbulent economic times and although things are sure to get better, right now many families cannot afford health insurance," said Pharmacist Kristine Isaacson.

"These same families may lack the necessary resources to properly feed their children, and if they are not getting proper nourishment, their ability to learn and excel is greatly diminished," she added.

K&K Pharmacy will be distributing free multi-vitamins to families for their children. A simple questionnaire must be completed by the parent(s) or guardian and they can pick up a 30-day supply of vitamins for each child in the house.

Isaacson says she expects the program to be ongoing indefinitely.

For additional information you may call 806-272-7511 or toll free at 877-512-9728.

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Council Approves Xcel Easement

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 across the city's property on the east end of Muleshoe, in the area of East Ave. B.
 The city will receive \$584 from Xcel for the easement.
 According to Brunson, the overhead lines shouldn't require a pole to be placed on city property, and shouldn't interfere with the city's use of the property.
 On Tuesday, July

30, Bud Easterling, an easement agent for Xcel, appeared before the Bailey County Commissioners' Court with a similar request for the county's adjacent property.
 That request was also approved.
 • Approved the continuation of coverage between the city and the Texas Municipal League's Intergovernmental

Employee Benefits Pool.
 Brunson explained that the coverage, which is a federal requirement allows former city employees to receive temporary health insurance coverage at no cost to the city.
 Since the city's health insurance is through TML also, the city manager said it made sense to contract for this additional service with the same organization.

- Received the city's financial statement for July.
- Approved the minutes from the council's July 8 and Aug. 5 meetings.
- Were notified that the Muleshoe Water Park would be closing for the year on Friday, Aug. 16.

"If you are going to get wet this summer, come out this week," Muleshoe's city manager said.



Buddy Easterling addresses the commissioners' court about the Xcel easement while the county sheriff and attorney look on.

Area Sales Tax...

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 increase of 3.70 percent, representing an increase of \$13,842.26 compared to the same period in 2012.
 Bovina also tops the list in the Y-T-D percentage of increase at 22.83 percent.
 Littlefield placed second in the Y-T-D race, with Earth at the bottom with a 25.69 percent decrease, immediately following ninth-place Morton with a 9.32 percent decrease, representing \$7,857.17 fewer sales tax dollars received compared to last year's numbers.
 In actual Y-T-D tax dollars received, Muleshoe continues to hold at second place with \$387,472.94. Littlefield remains at the top collecting \$685,043.60 so far this year.
 At the bottom of the actual sales tax dollars received is Sudan at \$79,177.6.

The information reflects sales tax collected in June and reported to the state in July.
 According to information released by Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs, the state sales tax revenue in July was \$2.2 billion, up 7.3 percent compared to July 2012.
 "Texas sales tax revenue has increased for 40 consecutive months," Combs said.
 "The retail trade sector bolstered the latest growth in monthly revenue, and collections from the construction and the oil and natural gas sectors continued to show strength," she added.
 Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their August local sales tax allocations totaling \$671 million, up 6.2 percent compared to August 2012.

Muleshoe ISD Meets State Education Standards

All of the Muleshoe Independent School District campuses have achieved the rating of Met Standard, according to the Texas Education Agency's 2013 Accountability Summary which was released Thursday, Aug. 8.
 "We are very proud of the ratings and achievement of our students, especially this first year of STAAR testing," Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets said.
 According to the TEA, districts, campuses and charters receive one of three ratings under the new accountability system: Met Standard; Met Alternative Standard; or Improvement Required.

surrounding school districts received the "Met Standard" rating.
 In a related news release, Commissioner of Education Michael Williams said, "A transition to a new accountability system comes with a great deal of uncertainty."
 "The 2013 ratings confirm that the vast majority of districts and campuses are meeting the state's standards and providing a quality education for our students," he added.
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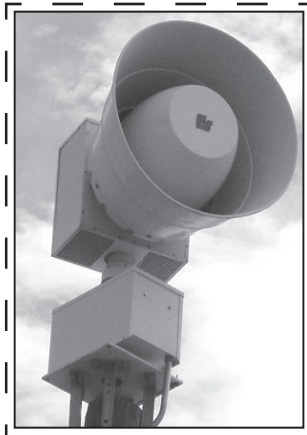
By Laverne Winn

Summer is almost gone. We hope you all had a good one, going on trips, seeing loved ones and enjoying life. We are being blessed with the needed good rains. Even though most of the green is weeds, it is prettier than the brown we were seeing. The ladies at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center have been very busy decorating the

center again. The red, white and blue has been replaced with beautiful sunflowers. We invite you to come by, say hello, have coffee and enjoy all decorations and the pretty tree. And, be sure to join us in expressing your appreciation to all of our helpers in keeping the center looking so pretty.

The center will be very active this week. There will be a dance on Tuesday night, from 7 to 10 p.m. SPAG will be here on Wednesday at noon with a presentation on Part D of the Medicare program, and then Bingo on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Come join in the activities and enjoy visiting with friends. Tuesday, Aug. 20, will be Bunco playing time. This is a lot of fun, so call a friend and come in to enjoy a morning of fellowship. Prizes are given, too. Thursday is our Bingo playing time. Come have lunch and stay to enjoy the games from 1:30 pm. until 3 p.m. Prizes and refreshments are

furnished. Aug. 19-23 Menus: Monday, Aug. 19 — King Ranch casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, tortilla, and a brownie.. Tuesday, Aug. 20 — Beefstroganoff, noodles, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, and a fruit cup. Wednesday, Aug. 21 — Grilled steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, wheat rolls, and fruit cobbler. Thursday, Aug. 22 — Sloppy Joe on bun, country potato salad, carrots and zucchini, and a creamy square fruit square. Friday, Aug. 23 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread, and fruit salad.



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Obituaries

LaDon McCall

Graveside services for LaDon McCall, 69, of Amarillo were held on Saturday, Aug. 10, at Enochs Cemetery with Betty Richardson officiating.

Mr. McCall died on Aug. 6, 2013, in Amarillo. He was born on Jan. 2, 1944, in Lubbock, and married Karen Berger in Las Vegas, Nev., in December 1988.

Mr. McCall moved to Amarillo in 1987 from Olton. He had also lived previously in the Enochs Community, and was a farmer and rancher. He was preceded in death by his father — RP McCall, and his mother and step-father — JW “Billy” and Pauline McDaniel.

Survivors include his wife — Karen; two sons

— Kelly McCall and wife Sherri of Emory, Kip McCall and his wife Jill of Shallowater; a daughter — Tanya Griswold of Muleshoe; two sisters — Carolyn Roberts and husband Burley, and Marilyn Medlin and husband Dennis; a brother — Rondy McCall; and eight grandchildren — Jake Munnerlyn, Jena McCall, Judd McCall, Trevor McCall, TJ McCall, Kallie McCall, Justin Griswold and Weston Griswold.

Memorials may be sent to the Enochs Cemetery, c/o JE and Wanda Layton, 3140 CR 184, Morton, Texas 79346. Online condolences and donations can be made at www.ellisfuneralhomes.com.

Cornyn Says: Voter ID Protects Voter Equality

In June, the Supreme Court held that Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act was unconstitutional.

The provision, which determined the states and jurisdictions that would have to ask the Justice Department for permission to implement any voting law, was based on outdated data from the 1960s and '70s.

The data came from an era of obscene racial discrimination that bears little resemblance to the reality of today. In the intervening years, Texas and other states have repudiated that sad and unjust era, and made great strides towards voter equality.

In today's America, access to voting booths and voting information is broad and not subject to discrimination.

So the question must be asked: Why are Pres. Barack Obama and his attorney general, Eric Holder, so upset about this decision? The answer is as simple as it is disturbing: partisan politics.

Section 4 determined which states were subject to “preclearance,” a procedure under which Texas — and other covered jurisdictions — had to seek permission for any change to voting law.

Until the Supreme Court struck down Section 4 as unconstitutional, Texas needed permission from the Justice Department to implement even a change in a polling place. That arrangement was good for Eric



Holder.

Take voter ID as an example. In 2011, Texas adopted a commonsense voter ID law. It requires voters to present one of a number of approved forms of photo ID at the polling place, just like you have to do to buy beer or get on a plane.

The state offers voter ID cards free of charge. And the law allows voters unable to present a valid photo ID to cast a provisional ballot and return within a week with proper identification.

It even makes exceptions for people who have a religious objection to being photographed or lost their ID as a result of a recent national disaster.

The law is reasonable, and it is popular. Protecting the integrity of the voting process is something that benefits everyone.

The Supreme Court has held that voter ID laws are constitutional. But Section 4 subjected Texas to preclearance, giving Holder the ability to block Texas from implementing the law — which he did.

After the Supreme Court struck down Section 4, the Justice Department wasted no time announcing that it would file a lawsuit in federal court demanding

that preclearance be reinstated over Texas under a rarely used provision of the Voting Rights Act.

The Justice Department accused the State of Texas of “intentional discrimination” against minority voters.

That accusation is offensive, has no real

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Death Notices

Ramon Ramirez

Muleshoe resident Ramon M. Ramirez, 71, died on Aug. 5, 2013, in Muleshoe. He was born on Feb. 14, 1942, to Herlindo and Agripina Ramirez in Nuevo Leon, Mexico. Funeral services were held at at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, followed by burial in the Bailey County Cemetery.

Education Standards...

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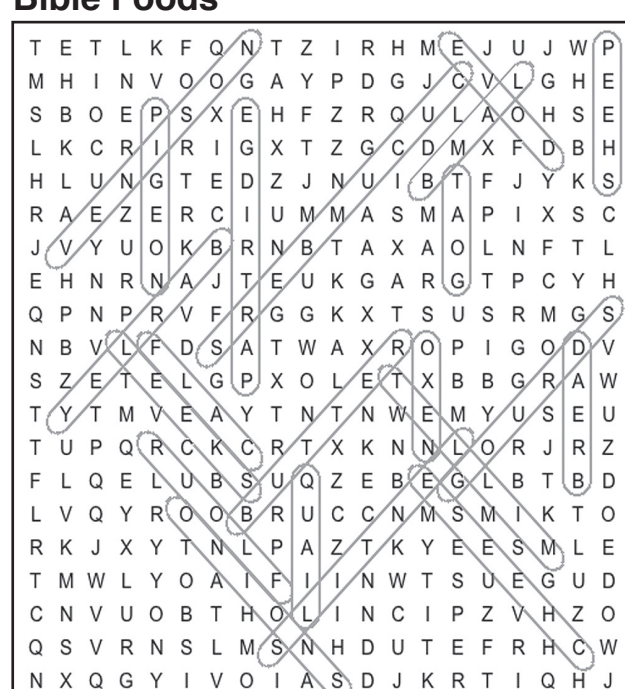
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AGRICULTURAL NEWS

USDA Conservation Reserve Program Emergency Grazing Deadline Extended

Bailey County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Kim Hanlin announced recently that the original Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) emergency grazing deadline has been extended to Sept. 30. The CRP emergency haying authorization was not extended and will expire on Aug. 31. However, under this current authorization, producers are permitted to sell hay that is

harvested prior to Aug. 31 as long as the hay was not sold from the same land under contract anytime during 2011 or 2012. Producers who take advantage of the emergency grazing extension will not incur an additional CRP rental payment reduction, and through a recent FSA National Office initiative, the 25 percent CRP payment reduction is reduced to 10 percent for 2013

emergency grazing and haying authorizations. If a producer chooses to lease eligible CRP acres, the producer cannot profit on the lease agreement. The amount charged for lease of CRP emergency grazing acres cannot exceed the value of the rental payment reduction. Texas CRP participants who were previously approved for managed grazing may elect to switch

to emergency use by contacting the Bailey County FSA office to request approval. The restrictive emergency use criteria must be met for each site to qualify for the new emergency designation approval. Based on a revised policy decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP acres grazed during fiscal year 2011 or 2012 will be considered eligible for emergency grazing

if NRCS verifies, on a case-by-case basis, that the conservation cover will sustain grazing. CRP acres grazed in the fall/winter of fiscal year 2013 will not be eligible for spring/summer grazing. FSA's fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. "The grazing extension was approved by the Texas FSA State Committee in order to provide more resources for livestock producers facing forage and feed shortages as a result of drought," said Hanlin. The eligible CRP acreage is limited to qualified acres located within the approved county.

Eligible producers who are interested in grazing CRP under this emergency authorization and current CRP participants who choose to provide land for grazing to an eligible livestock producer, must first request approval from their local FSA office and obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to include site specific grazing requirements. For more information and to request approval for emergency grazing, contact the Bailey County FSA office at 806 272 4538.

Conservation Partners To Host LWG Meeting

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas' Bailey County and the Blackwater Valley Soil and Water Conservation District invite the public to attend their 2013

Local Working Group meeting Aug. 20. The event is to be held in the meeting room of the Bailey County Electric Cooperative, located on East American Blvd., from

9-11 a.m. The purpose of this annual LWG meeting is to set local conservation priorities and bring conservation stakeholders together to discuss conservation topics and issues relevant to helping Bailey County farmers and ranchers better conserve on-farm natural resources.

The agenda of the meeting is to update attendees on recent conservation efforts and to collect public input to help guide future conservation activities. Through regular

identification of conservation opportunities, effective Farm Bill investment can continue to benefit Bailey County. Farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others interested in obtaining Federal technical and financial assistance to improve private land in Bailey County are invited to participate. For more information, please contact Kayla Creek, District Conservationist, at (806)272-4538 Ext-3. Or visit the NRCS Web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda>.

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USDA Announces Efforts To Assist Ranchers, Farmers

As severe drought conditions persist in certain regions throughout the country, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia recently announced temporary assistance to livestock

producers through FSA's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Under limited conditions, farmers and ranchers affected by drought will be allowed to use certain additional CRP acres for haying or grazing

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Also, more than \$750 was raised for Bailey County Meals on Wheels program through a hole-in-one contest sponsored by Muleshoe State Bank and the tournament committee is donating \$100 to the Bailey County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry and \$100 to Bailey County Meals on Wheels as a way of giving back to our wonderfully supportive community.



Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The COUNTY OF BAILEY will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.128667 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 26, 2013 at 10:00 AM at Bailey County Courthouse, Commissioners Court Room, 300 South First Street, Muleshoe, Texas.

The second public hearing will be held on September 9, 2013 at 10:00 AM at Bailey County Courthouse, Commissioners Court Room, 300 South First Street, Muleshoe, Texas.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR:	Judge Sherri Harrison, Commissioner Butch Vandiver, Commissioner C.E. Grant, Commissioner Joey Kindle, Commissioner Juan Chavez
AGAINST:	None
PRESENT and not voting:	None
ABSENT:	None

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in COUNTY OF BAILEY last year was \$61,308. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.826300 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$506.59.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in COUNTY OF BAILEY this year is \$61,634. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.855700 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$527.40.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.916700 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$565.00.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

Special Provisions if Applicable

Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):
The Bailey County Auditor certifies that Bailey County has spent \$11,352 in the previous 12 months beginning 07/01/2012, 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.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):
The COUNTY OF BAILEY spent \$2,068 from 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012 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 \$2,124.

* "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.



The Sudan Buzz

Motorists Required To Move Over, Slow When Approaching TxDOT Work Crews

September not only brings the start of fall, but also the start of a new requirement for Texas drivers.

The state's "Move Over/Slow Down law," which traditionally has required drivers to yield to police, fire and emergency vehicles, has now been expanded to provide that same protection for Texas Department of Transportation workers.

Effective Sept. 1, drivers must move over or slow down when

Effective Sept. 1... New Law To Protect Road Crews

approaching TxDOT workers and vehicles that are stopped with overhead flashing blue or amber lights.

"We are very pleased the Legislature recognizes the dangers our employees face each day while working to maintain and build the state's vast highway network," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT's

executive director, noting that more than 100 TxDOT employees working in construction areas have been struck and killed by motorists since 1938.

"We are hopeful that this new protection for our crews will lead to fewer preventable deaths and injuries," he added.

The new addition

to the Move Over law requires motorists to move out of the lane closest to the TxDOT vehicle when possible or reduce their speed to 20 miles per hour below the posted limit.

If the road does not offer multiple lanes, the driver must slow down.

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USDA CRP Program

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under emergency conditions while maintaining safeguards to the conservation and wildlife benefits provided by CRP.

In addition, USDA announced that the reduction to CRP annual rental payments related to emergency haying or grazing will be reduced from 25 percent to 10 percent.

Further, the sale of hay will be allowed under certain conditions.

These measures take into consideration the quality losses of the hay and will provide needed assistance to livestock producers.

"Beginning today, state FSA offices are authorized, under limited conditions, to expand opportunities for haying and grazing on certain additional lands enrolled in CRP," said Garcia.

"This local approach provides both the appropriate flexibility and ability to tailor safeguards specific to regional conditions."

States must adhere to specific guidelines to ensure that additional haying and grazing still maintains the important environmental and wildlife benefits of CRP.

These safeguards will be determined through consultation with the state conservationist, state fish and wildlife agency and stakeholders that comprise the state technical committee."

CRP is a voluntary program that provides producers annual rental payments on their land in exchange for planting resource-conserving vegetation on cropland to help prevent erosion, provide wildlife habitat and improve the environment.

CRP acres enrolled under certain practices can already be used for emergency haying and grazing during natural disasters to provide much-needed feed to livestock.

FSA state offices have already opened haying, grazing or both in 432 counties in response

to natural disaster this year.

Given the continued multi-year drought in some regions, forage for livestock is already substantially reduced.

The action today will allow lands that are not typically eligible for emergency haying and grazing to be used with appropriate protections to maintain the CRP environmental and wildlife benefits.

The expanded haying and grazing will only be allowed following the local primary nesting season, which already has passed in many areas.

Especially sensitive lands such as stream buffers are generally not eligible.

FSA also has taken action under the Emergency Conservation Program to authorize additional expenditures related to drought response to be eligible for cost share, including connection to rural water systems and installation of permanent pipelines.

In addition, given the limited budgetary resources and better long term benefits, FSA has increased the maximum cost share rates for permanent practices relative to temporary measures.

FSA encourages all farmers and ranchers to contact their local USDA Farm Service Agency Service Center to report damage to crops or livestock loss.

In addition, USDA reminds livestock producers to keep thorough records of losses, including additional expenses for such things as feed purchased due to lost supplies.

For further information about CRP program benefits and regulations, go online to www.fsa.usda.gov/crp.

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Neighbor May Not Be Liable For Damage To Your Property

Q. My neighbor had a fire on his patio that spread to my property. He has renter's insurance and I don't. The fire report states that the fire started in his patio area. The cause, however, is listed as undetermined.

His insurance company told me it is not going to pay for the damage to my property because wayward fireworks caused the fire. Is his insurance company responsible for the damage to my property?

A. Many people believe that because someone has insurance, the insurance company must pay for any damage resulting from an event on that person's property.

Insurance does cover damage to the insured's property, regardless of the cause. But as a general rule, it does not cover damage to someone else's property.

In fact, insurance pays for only damages that the person who purchases the insurance (the insured) would be responsible for.

In other words, the insurance company must pay for the damage to your property only if the owner of the apartment is responsible for the fire.

For example, if the neighbor's negligence, such as leaving a grill unattended on the patio, caused the fire, the neighbor and his insurance company would be responsible.

One the other hand, if wayward fireworks caused the fire, neither the neighbor nor his insurance company are responsible for the damage to your property.

Just because the fire started on his property and spread to yours, does not make him

Ask A Lawyer...

By Richard Alderman

responsible. Similarly, if the fire spread from your patio to your neighbor's, you would not be responsible.

The bottom line is we cannot always look to someone else to be compensated for damage to our property. This is why everyone should carry insurance to cover damage caused by accidents.

Q. I own a house that I bought 20 years ago. For the past 10 years I have lived here with the same man.

In my will, I leave everything to my daughters. Can the man I live with claim to be my common-law husband and get the house?

A. You seem to think that because you have lived together for 10 years you may have a common-law marriage.

To have a common law marriage, you must do more than just live together. You must also agree to be married and hold yourselves out as married.

If you have never done these things, you do not have a common law marriage. If you are not married, he has no right to any of your property.

I also should point out that even if you have a common-law marriage, your husband would not be entitled to your house. Because you owned the house before your marriage, it is your "separate" property.

This means that your husband has no interest in it. You may leave the house to whomever you want. Your husband, however, would have the right to continue living there, even if he does not own the

property. **Q.** I have been making an honest attempt to pay a debt by sending a check every month for part of what I owe.

The debt collector returned my check, saying he refused to accept further partial payments.

I was told that if a debt collector refuses partial payments it erases the debt, and I don't owe anything. Is this true?

A. I don't know who told you this, but it has no basis under the law. A debt collector or creditor does not have to accept anything less than the full amount you owe.

If you offer to pay less

than the full amount, the creditor or debt collector may accept it or reject it. If your payment is rejected, you still owed the full amount.

I suggest you let the debt collector know you are paying all you can afford, and try to get him to reconsider.

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Muleshoe ISD is proud to announce that Muleshoe High School was named one of The Best High Schools in America for the second year in a row by the U.S. News & World Report! Muleshoe ISD is expanding the use of technology in teaching and learning in the classroom with a \$100,000 District Technology Grant that includes iPADS, Mobi Boards, Document Cameras, etc., to enhance instruction in the classroom.

Muleshoe High School is offering some exciting innovative courses for our students. The Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) class had a 100% pass rate on the CNA Certification Exam! The High School offers Welding classes that involve building projects to compete in Ag Mechanics at the major stock shows around the state. Muleshoe High School partners with businesses in Muleshoe to provide Auto Mechanics and Auto Body Shop classes to students who have an interest in those areas. Those are only a few of the exciting opportunities available to students at Muleshoe High School.

Muleshoe ISD received a Superior Achievement rating from the Texas Education Agency for its financial condition. The Muleshoe ISD Board of Trustees awards a \$500 scholarship from the MOST Scholarship Fund to every graduating senior of Muleshoe High School to go to any post-secondary institution.

The Jr. High and High School Girls Basketball teams helped with the local Food Pantry and served food to volunteers at the annual Volunteer Dinner at the Methodist Church. Our athletic trainer, Josh Woolbright, coordinates our Adopt-a-Highway program at Muleshoe High School.

We had a very successful year in both Academics and Extra-Curricular Activities, qualifying for post-district honors in such areas as: Girls Cross Country (District Champions); Boys Cross Country (Regional Qualifiers); Football (Bi-District Champions); Boys Golf (Regional Qualifiers); Boys Track (8 students qualified for Regional Track Meet; UIL STATE Track Meet: Austin Ross-4th Place, Long Jump; Junior Baca-4th Place, 800M Run; 1600 M Relay-5th Place); Girls Track (District Champions; 7 students qualified for Regional Track Meet); Softball (District Champions); Band (Region 16 UIL Sweepstakes Award-Marching and Concert) Academic Challenge (3 teams qualified for STATE); UIL Academic Contest (District-2nd Place Team Overall); UIL One-Act Play (Regional Qualifiers); UIL Speech Team (STATE CHAMPIONS); High School Choir (24 students qualified for STATE UIL in Madrigal Competition; 21 students qualified for STATE UIL in Solo Competition); UIL Regional Art Competition (Students earned 23 Gold Medals)

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Commissioners' Court... Continued From A1

salary increases for county law enforcement officers, Harrison noted that the ongoing efforts to fill the Bailey County Law Enforcement Center's empty beds with out-of-county prisoners may be looking up due to a recent failed bond issue in Curry County, New Mexico.

According to the judge, Curry County officials have stated they will be forced to outsource prisoner board, and it was explained that the existing contract needed to be renegotiated because of the increased cost of housing prisoners.

"I think the minimum should be \$45," she said. In comparison, it was pointed out that a local prisoner that had to be held at Lubbock County jail cost \$50 per day.

Previously, Bailey County was discounting Curry county's rate because New Mexico staff were handling

most of the transports. Harrison said the housing of out-of-county prisoners was so important because, other than taxes, it was the primary source for additional revenue.

However, before additional prisoners could be boarded, the judge said something had to be done about the jail staff.

"We're going to have to get staffed to get the inmates," she said.

Harrison said she was tired of Bailey County training jailers for other counties.

While Sheriff Wills was requesting a large raise for the jailers, enough to bring their salaries up to \$27,500, the judge wasn't sure the county could handle that much of an increase.

"I don't think we can go all the way this year," she said.

It was noted that a 10 percent raise would bring jailers' salaries to \$26,972.41.

Prior to changing topics of discussion, it was agreed the court would look at the numbers required to raise the jailers salary to \$27,000.

Others salary increases pending for county employees and elected officials include three percent for road hands, county officials and courthouse personnel at \$5 percent, and sheriff's deputies six percent.

During the court's budget workshop on Aug. 8, the elected officials looked at two possible budgets — one based upon the county jail being staffed as a 48-bed facility, and the other staffing a 96-bed facility.

"Actually, it's worse if we go down to a 48-bed jail," she said.

She explained that staffing for 48-beds — which would only eliminate three jailer positions, saving the county considerable less than earlier expected.

"I thought it would

drastically reduce the budget," the judge said about reducing the jail to 48 beds.

"I think we need to keep the option (for a 96-bed facility) open," she said, most importantly because housing 50 out-of-county prisoners for a year could bring in an additional \$900,000 in revenue.

In other business Monday, the commissioners' court:

- Received a report from Bailey County EMS Director Kevin Baize in which he noted the ambulance service had responded to 85 calls during July, billed \$54,557.30, and collected \$25,420.65.

Baize said the low billing amount was because of the high number of calls... that the staff was so busy responding to calls some of the Medicare billing wasn't processed before the monthly filing deadline arrived.

He also spoke of the grant for the cardiac monitor the EMS has submitted, and said something should be known about it by the end of August.

Even with lower collections to date in July, Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver said, "The ambulance service

it so much better off now than it was a year ago, there is no comparison.

- Approved waiving the probationary period, as to salary only, for Precinct 1 road hand John Paul Bustillos.

- Approved payment of county bills and the minutes from previous meetings.

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FOOTBALL CONTEST

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Texas Voter ID...

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basis, and will not stand up in court.

It will come as no surprise to Texans that if Section 4 had been updated to rely on current data, Texas would no longer be subject to the preclearance requirement.

And consider the current facts on voter turnout: According to a Census Bureau report, 68.2 percent of registered Hispanic voters in Texas went to the polls in the 2000 general election.

By 2012, with an additional 747,000 Hispanic Texans on the electoral roll, the rate had risen to 71.2 percent.

Meanwhile, the rate for African-American Texans rose to over 86 percent in the same period — the highest among all racial groups tracked in the Census Bureau report.

Unfortunately, these facts mean little to a politicized Justice Department bent on inserting itself into the sovereign affairs of Texas.

As Texans, we reject the notion that the federal government knows what's best for us.

We deserve the freedom to make our own laws and we deserve not to be insulted by a Justice Department committed to scoring cheap political points.

News about your college student

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

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

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

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Oops!

A motorist took a rough turn into the new McDonald's parking lot this past week during the lunch rush. Pictured above, Muleshoe Police Sgt. Steve Clifton takes a look at the damage.
Photograph by Rhea Gonzales

Congressman Discusses Members Of Congress And Obamacare

Last week, I visited Young, Throckmorton, Shackelford, Taylor, Stephens, Fisher, and Jones Counties to meet with constituents and talk about what's on your minds.

In many conversations I've had, one question has come up: "Congressman, why are you exempt from Obamacare when the rest of us aren't?"

I'd like to answer that question.

The short answer is that I'm not exempt. Members of Congress and staffs are subject to this law, just like everyone else. But like everything else about Obamacare, there's a lot of confusion around this issue.

Today, members of Congress and staffers get health coverage through the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program.

This same program covers all federal workers, including someone answering the phones at Social Security offices and park rangers at national parks.

The federal government offers plans that federal employees can choose from, and like many employers, contributes towards the premiums.

The rest of the premiums are paid with a payroll deduction each month.

Obamacare requires members of Congress and employees to take part in the new healthcare exchanges.

So while all other federal government employees (including the President's political

appointees) will stay on the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program, beginning on Jan. 1, we are no longer eligible for this coverage.

Instead, we will be required to go to the healthcare exchanges created by Obamacare and pick from the options available there.

There will still be an employer contribution towards those premiums, however, and that's been the source of confusion.

I think the number of questions about this issue illustrates just how confusing the new health care law is for all Americans.

Additionally, the Obama Administration has been granting exemptions and carve-outs from the law, which rubs people the wrong way.

Most people don't want the government this involved in their health care, and they certainly don't want them picking winners and losers.

I'm working to defund and repeal the law so we can work on more commonsense health care solutions.

I Want to Hear from You...

Last week, I got some great feedback at my listening session in Graham.

We talked about a range of subjects, including border security, government spending, and Obamacare.

RANDY'S ROUNDUP

UPDATE BY CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER

During my visits to Throckmorton and Anson, business owners and local leaders shared how government regulations are hurting their ability to do business.

The overall message is clear: Washington has gotten too big, and we need less government interference in our lives.

Action Item: Investigating Planned Parenthood...


This spring, I joined 50 members of Congress on a letter asking for an evaluation of how federal funding is being used at Planned Parenthood.

While Planned Parenthood and similar organizations are eligible for federal funding, those funds cannot be used for abortions.

We requested an investigation so that we can be sure taxpayer dollars aren't funding abortions.

On Friday, the Government Accountability Office confirmed that they've opened an investigation.


This is an important part of government oversight and accountability. I'm looking forward to getting the results of this report, and I'll be sure to share those with you.



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The public hearing will be held on September 05, 2013 at 12:45 p.m. at 302 Main Street, Muleshoe, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$308,100
 The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is \$9,600
 The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget is 4 full time
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The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by a majority of the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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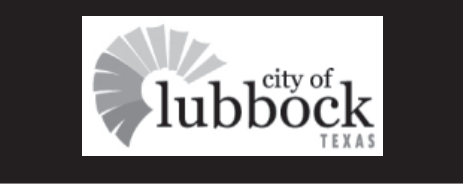
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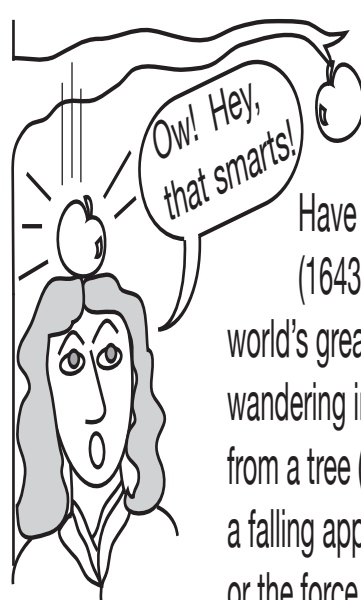
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• FM 1760 @ edge of town, nice 3-2-2 carport home on 3 acres, cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2253' lv area, fenced, horse barn w/corrals, hay & tack room!! \$105K!!!
• FM 303- 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Det. Garage, 2 acre tract, Par. Cent. A&H, Dw, disposal, thermal windows, storm doors, fans, stor. bldg.!! \$80!! \$74,000!!
• 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Mobile Home (1998 Skyline), approx. 2280' lv. area, Cent. air&heat, built-ins, FP, metal roof, auto spklr., 40' x 80' insulated metal building, w/office, 1/2 bath, workshop, loft storage, 220 electric, 14.68 acres on Hwy.84 close to town!! MUCH MORE!! \$157,900!!

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• 308 W. 2nd - 2856' bldg. - former Odd Fellows Lodge, PRICED TO SELL!! \$31,500
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Summer Reading Program Winners Announced

The Muleshoe Area Public Library recently announced the winners of its Summer Reading Program.

Individuals honored by the library include:

- Two years to Kindergarten group — first place, Jacqueline Melendez; second place, Bastian Rojas.

(A photograph of Mendoza wasn't available at press time.)

- Elementary group — first place, Laiza Que; second place, Eli

Dictson.

- Junior High and High School group — first place, Joely Melendez.

- Adult group — first place, Pat Clark.



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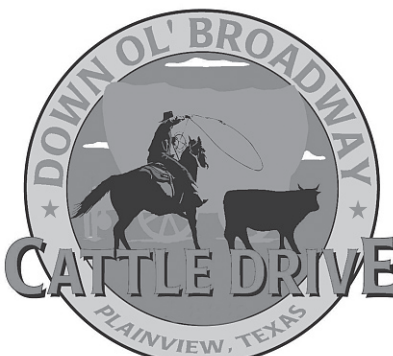
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