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Fireworks To Be Allowed This Year

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The sale and use of fireworks for the annual Independence Day celebration in Bailey County will be allowed, with restrictions, according to Monday's vote by the commissioners' court.

Last year, the in-county sale of fireworks were prohibited due to the extreme drought



conditions. However, even though recent rains in Bailey County are lower than many hope, the commissioners' court voted to follow

the lead of other area counties Monday and only restrict the sale and use of certain "aerial" types of fireworks.

According to the prohibition approved Monday, "no person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified... as skyrockets with sticks and missiles with fins in any portion of the unincorporated area of

Bailey County."

The court's order goes on to say that small, common fireworks classified as Class C explosives, and larger fireworks "designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects... classified as Class B explosives" are not prohibited.

The order also notes that violations are a Class C misdemeanor.

And, according to city officials, the fireworks display that was canceled last year at the New City Park are set to take place this year.

"We're still fairly dry," Precinct 3 Commissioner Joey Kindle said during the discussion about the sale and use of fireworks and the related issue concerning the possible

extension of the county's burn ban.

County Judge Sherri Harrison agreed, noting that the moisture levels across the county were "spotty." She also said the county's Keetch-Byram Drought Index — which is used to determine an area's forest fire potential was at 587 out of a possible 800.

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Local Murder Suspect Held Without Bond

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

No bond has been set for suspect Daniel A. Cardon Jr., 49, of Artesia, N.M., who was arrested Monday evening, June 4, for the

Perez, the sister-in-law of the murder victim — Lucila Perez, 38, of Muleshoe, Cardon forcibly entered the home of Lana and husband Eric Perez, across from DeShazo Elementary, about 12:30 a.m. and shot the victim in the head before fleeing from the residence.

The victim, who along with her children, had been staying at the Eric and Lana Perez residence, reportedly planned to file for a divorce later that week.

In early September, 2010, the suspect, Cardon, was himself the victim of a shooting at the residence of Valdo Perez — Cardon's father-in-law.

According to Sheriff Richard Wills in September 2010, the shooting was related to another incident

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Daniel A. Cardon Jr.

alleged murder of his estranged wife earlier that day.

Cardon is currently facing a charge of capital murder.

Cardon was arrested by Bailey County law enforcement officers after a stand-off east of Muleshoe on Hwy. 84, at the City of Lubbock's water plant.

According to Lana



Photographs by Larry Thornton



Cancer survivors take their victory walk during Friday's relay.

Party!

Area residents partied in purple and pink, with assorted other colors thrown in for good measure, Friday, June 8, at the annual Bailey County Relay for Life, raising \$44,560.98 for cancer research in the process.

Pictured above, members of "The Warriors" rock out to *Good Morning* by Mandisa. (Additional photographs on A12.)

Sales Tax Results

City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$39,118.59	36,725.40	6.51%
Dimmitt	\$30,870.14	27,866.70	10.77%
Morton	\$ 9,126.09	10,213.09	-10.64%
Littlefield	\$72,434.77	84,921.39	-14.70%
Olton	\$5,673.88	7,493.97	-24.28%
Sudan	\$ 4,662.81	4,200.39	-11.00%
Earth	\$ 4,898.80	4,635.49	5.59%
Farwell	\$ 7,982.71	7,167.97	11.36%
Bovina	\$ 6,246.50	6,356.99	-1.73%
Friena	\$29,493.96	28,982.56	1.76%

City Sales Tax Up Slightly For Month

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

While the City of Muleshoe's recent sales tax allocation place it in the middle of the pack of area municipalities, the figures released by the Texas State Comptroller's office its gridiron rival Littlefield suffered a major hiccup.

Muleshoe's June

allocation — which represents the sales tax collected by local merchants in April and submitted to the comptroller's office in May, showed a \$2,393.19 increase, or 6.51 percent, increase over the same period in 2011.

However, in one of the largest drops the Lamb County seat has experienced, Littlefield

fell by 14.70 percent, representing \$12,486.62 less in sales tax received in 2011. According to the comptroller's numbers last month, Littlefield had registered a 13.44 percent increase compared to the same period in 2010.

Farwell recorded the highest percentage of increase in the June 2012 allocation with an

11.36 percent increase, while Olton recorded the largest drop at 24.28 percent.

In the year-to-date totals, top honors went to Earth with a 16.43 percent increase, followed by Littlefield at 14.20 percent, representing \$61,162.72.

Muleshoe's year-to-
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City Council Postpones Action On Curfew Ordinance

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe City Council postponed action on a curfew ordinance Monday, at the recommendation of an advisory committee, directed the city's staff to draft a curfew ordinance for its consideration.

That proposed ordinance was received during the Monday, June 11, regular council meeting, along with a

request for the council members to determine the hours covered by the curfew and whether there would be different hours during the school year or at other times.

However, at Monday's meeting Brunson said it would be prudent for the council to postpone any

action on the ordinance until a new police chief had been hired and allowed to provide his thoughts on the issue.

"Your idea is an excellent idea," Mayor Cliff Black — who took an oath to serve during his new term as mayor at the beginning of the

meeting.

Regarding the possibility of setting different curfew hours for the summer months, the city manager indicated the issue of students' schooling wasn't as important an issue during that period of the year allowing

for different hours of enforcement.

However, Mayor Pro Tem Irene Mason — who was re-elected to that position during Monday's meeting, who is employed as a counselor at DeShazo Elementary, expressed

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Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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Tour De Muleshoe

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

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

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

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

The God Of The Universe Is Our Heavenly Father

Christians are united as brothers and sisters spiritually by the very same truth that makes siblings brothers and sisters physically — they have the same father (well, Father, in this case).

What an amazing blessing! God is our Father!

It is not simply that God gives us physical life, though he does, and in that sense God is the Father of everyone, but God is our Father in that he gives his believing children a new kind of life, a spiritual life which, unlike biological life, will never fade but is fit for eternity.

The two gifts of life, for which biblical Greek has two completely different words, are similar. Biological life and spiritual life look alike, but, as C. S. Lewis writes, they are actually as different as night and day. One is a photo of a place; the other, the real place. One is the statue of a human being; the other, the actual living person.

The business of Christianity is to impart to human beings genuine life, the life of God which comes only by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

"This world," Lewis



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

writes, "is a great sculptor's shop. We are the statues and there is a rumor going round the shop that some of us are some day going to come to life."

The difference, you see, between mere biological life and spiritual life is the difference between a "carved stone" and a living, breathing human.

Our God is the greatest King, but it was no royal nobility which caused him to send his Son to give real life to you and to me.

Our God is the most powerful Judge, but no legal demands of any law — and certainly no merit on our part — obligated him to freely extend life and mercy to any of us.

Our God is the most masterful Creator, but nothing in his great creative energy forced him to fashion sons and daughters out of statues.

But thank God himself that God is

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Support The Chamber July 4 Celebration

We would be remiss if we didn't recognize that the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture — like all such organizations, didn't have an occasional stumble, but this past week the chamber's leadership followed its annual banquet with another home run.

What we're referring to is its call to the membership, inviting them to gather at the Bailey County Electric Cooperative's meeting room, Thursday, June

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14, at 11:30 a.m., to discuss the upcoming Independence Day celebration.

In the letter sent out by chamber president Gina Wilkerson, she said, "We would like to bring back the July 4th like it was in the past..."

And while we can't help but agree with the chamber leadership's

intent, we may be even more excited by the idea that the leadership is seeking the honest, active participation from its membership.

There have been some really great Independence Day celebrations here in Muleshoe — due in large part to the efforts of the business community, some of which have

now closed their doors, but that doesn't mean we have to settle for holiday memories.

Muleshoe's Fourth of July can be great once again, but it needs your help, and the chamber needs your ideas.

Yes, we're operating on borrowed time this year — there are only three weeks until the big day, but the ideas and efforts from this year will be a building block for future celebrations.

Need an incentive? How about this? The Muleshoe Journal is offering a quarter page ad as a door prize to business members who attend and register for the June 14 meeting. If you figure it up, that's a \$145 value.

Some restrictions will apply*, of course, only one registration per business, and a business representative with the authority to vote on chamber issues must be present to win.

*(The Muleshoe Journal, and other news or advertising companies are excluded from participation.)

Remembering Doughnut Day

I can't believe I missed it.

Granted, I didn't even know it existed, and considering my former profession, that's astonishing in itself, but miss it I did.

If anyone out there participated in National Doughnut Day, on June 1, my hat is off to you. I hope it was a sweet experience.

But seriously, why wasn't it on my calendar at the office? There are all kinds of foreign holidays decorating the squares with tiny letters that I have to switch to a pair of reading glasses to make any sense of, but nothing about the venerable bear sign (an Old West term for the pockets of deep-fried and goodness, whether sprinkled or glazed).

It just hangs there saying, "Friday... 1." Father's Day is June 17, and it gets its own place on the calendar, as does "Juneteenth," followed by the "Summer Solstice" on the 20th, but no advance warning about National Doughnut Day.

I'm quite sure the calendar at the Muleshoe Police Department or the Bailey County Sheriff's Office is similar to the one in my office at the newspaper, sans doughnut notification.

There may be some police officers who frown at the constant doughnut jokes that assail their profession, but their frowns do little to conceal the fact that their cheeks are stuffed with fried pastry.

Around the time of my marriage, I purchased a calendar from a company that specialized in items for the law enforcement friendly. Two other items I purchased at the same time were a coffee cup that said, "Kissing a cop without a mustache is like eating an egg without salt," and a necklace



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by Larry Thornton

for my newlywed wife that said, "Detective's Lady."

But I'll guarantee that if I dug it out of the box in which it's stored (Yes, I still have it, and the coffee cup.) there isn't anything noted on June 1 that's guaranteed to set my taste buds atingle.

Of course, most of Friday, June 1, was focused on my brother-in-law's funeral, but knowing him, he would have been just as eager to celebrate this special culinary holiday had he known of it and still been with us, of course.

My brother-in-

law had many great characteristics, not the least of which was the ability to enjoy a doughnut morning, noon or night.

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Sign Up For Reading Program

There is still plenty of time to sign up for the Summer Reading Program at the Muleshoe Public Library.

Currently 95 children and 44 adults have chosen to participate.

Call 272-4707 for details.

Fireworks... Continued From A1

"You don't have to worry about me buying any (fireworks)," Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver said. "They're a waste of money as far as I'm concerned."

In reference to the county burn ban,

Vandiver added, "I don't think we can lift it on half the county and leave it on the other half."

He also pointed out that the primary reason for enacting a burn ban in Bailey County was to insure that county

residents who lost fences and structures to wildfires would be able to apply for assistance from FEMA.

While Kindle moved the burn ban be extended for another 90 days, his motion died for lack of a second.

By not taking additional action on the burn ban, the court allowed the existing ban to expire. However, it was agreed the item would be placed on next month's agenda for reconsideration at that time.

If conditions change, and a burn ban needs to be re-enacted before that time, a special meeting will be required, Harrison said.

In other county business, the court:

- Approved payment of county bills totaling \$210,254.46.
- Approved in-county travel forms, and the minutes from the May 14 regular meeting, and the May 23 special meeting.

- Approved a \$5,000 bond for Justice of the Peace Debra Redwine. It was also noted that while Redwine would still be holding JP court at the law enforcement center, she would be using the office space of former Dist. Judge Young, next to the County Attorney's office.
- Approved the County Treasurer's report for April, and received May's report.

Murder Suspect... Continued From A1

involving Cardon and his wife — Lucilia Perez, that happened earlier that morning, also at Valdo Perez's residence.

At the time of the earlier incident, Cardon was reported to be intoxicated and belligerent.

While Cardon left the residence after the earlier incident, he apparently returned, at

which time the shooting occurred.

After that shooting, Cardon was transported to Muleshoe Area Medical Center, and then to UMC in Lubbock for treatment of a chest wound from a .38-caliber revolver.

As for the alleged assailant, Perez, after the 2010 shooting, he turned himself in to then Muleshoe Police

Chief Brian Frieda, along with the firearm used in the incident.

Although Perez posted a \$2,500 bond for aggravated assault after the 2010 incident, a local grand jury returned a "no bill."

While there have been some rumors about where Cardon obtained the firearm used in the slaying — including a rumor that

it was the weapon with which Cardon had been shot in September 2010, according to Lt. Benny Parker of the Muleshoe Police Department that issue is still under investigation.

At Friday's Relay for Life, at the Bailey County Coliseum, a moment of silence was held honoring the victim, who was described as an enthusiastic volunteer in the cause.

Focus On Faith...

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be able to experience also our Father, and an eternity of joy. No description of God is as expressive or beautiful or full of meaning as this: God is our Father.

City Council... Continued From A1

a different opinion.

"To me it doesn't matter if it's during the school year or not," she said.

"I hope that all of us can use some common sense..." Mason added, referring to local police officers using their judgement about how to enforce the ordinance.

The city manager also raised the issue of youth using the basketball court, located in the new city park on West Ave. D, an issue Councilman Gary Parker picked up on and asked if there

was a way to exempt such activity.

Parker also expressed the opinion that the enforcement hours should begin at midnight Sunday through Thursday, and at 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

"If a parent wants to have their kids home by 10 o'clock, it's up to them," he added.

Both Councilman Eric McElroy and the mayor suggested the hours of the curfew enforcement should be as simple as possible

for both the officers, the juveniles and their parents.

"To me," he said, the simpler you can make it the better.

In other business, the council:

- Approved the minutes from the May 14 and 21 meetings.
- Approved a request from the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation for up to \$2,000 for motel-hotel funds.
- Received the city's financial statement for the month ending May 31.

Sales Tax... Continued From A1

date total is \$274,422.12 — a \$3,245.73 or 1.19 percent increase for last year at this time.

According to information received from Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' office the state sales tax revenue in May was \$2.09 billion, up 7.3 percent compared to May 2011.

"This marks 26 consecutive months of sales tax growth," Combs said.

"As the recovery continues, the year-to-year rate of growth is stabilizing. Collections remain strong in the oil and natural gas-related sectors as well as other segments of the Texas

economy such as the restaurant industry," she added.

Combs will send June local sales tax allocations totaling \$514.1 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 9.7 percent compared to June 2011.

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Josh Hawver of United Pharmacy was recently honored as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's Employee of the Month for May. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Josh Mullins, Debbie Walters, Josh Hawver, Gina Wilkerson and Chad Lovell.

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Senior Citizen News

By Brittany Gibbs

We hope that everyone's summer has started off wonderful, and we would like to remind all of the seniors that they can come beat the heat and have a nice cold glass of tea and spend time with friends at the Oneita Wagnon

Senior Center.

We are open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., and would love to see your smiling faces.

The center would like to say congratulations to JK and Margaret Adams on their 70 years of marriage.



JK & Margaret Adams Married 70 Years

"A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person..." *quoted by Mignon McLaughlin.*

There will be a reception in honor of them on June 16 from 2-4 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the Furst United Methodist Church here in Muleshoe. They ask for no gifts, please, just good memories.

This week at the center we will have Bunco on Tuesday, June 19, starting at 10 a.m. Come to play a great game and stay for a wonderful lunch.

Thursday is Bingo time, once again,

starting at 1:30 p.m. Don't forget to get your chance at the fantastic flat screen television. We will be giving away on July 4, following our delicious barbecue lunch.

You can buy one ticket for \$10 or three tickets for \$25. See any board member or come in to the center and the ladies in the office can get you fixed up with one ticket or even 100 tickets.

Menus for June 18-22:

Monday, June 18 — Baked chicken and dumplings, whole wheat roll, margarine, tossed salad with dressing and

a fruit cup.

Tuesday, June 19 — Roast pork, sweet potatoes, succotash and banana pudding.

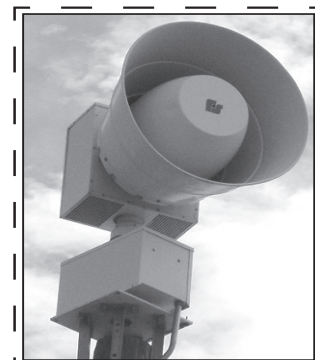
Wednesday, June 20 — Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn and pumpkin squares.

Thursday, June 21 — Barbecue brisket, ranch

style beans, cornbread, buttered carrots and strawberries.

Friday, June 22 — Breaded fish on a bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tarter sauce, potato, wedges, cole slaw with dressing and peach chantilly.

All menus served with low fat milk, tea, water and coffee.



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Obituaries

Death Notices

Adora Scott

Funeral services for Adora Scott, 92, of Lazbuddie, were held on Sunday, June 10, at Lazbuddie Methodist Church, the Rev. Ken Peterson of Lazbuddie officiating. Burial followed in Lazbuddie Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Muleshoe.

Mrs. Scott died on Thursday, June 7, 2012, in Muleshoe. She was born on April 6, 1920, to Henry Jackson and Maude (Finley) Smith in Reed, Okla., and married Glenn Scott in Portales, N.M., on Aug. 5, 1938.

He preceded her in death on April 2, 2007. She was also preceded in death by her parents; a grandson — Ricky Stafford; five brothers and four sisters — Jack, Charlie, Truman, Leonard, Gerald, Gladys, Mabel, Maudine and Alta Jean.

Mrs. Scott had lived in Parmer County since 1936, and attended Lazbuddie Methodist Church. She worked in the lunchroom at the Lazbuddie Independent School District, and operated a laundry service, gas station and garage. Mrs. Scott sang in a gospel quartet earlier in her life.

Survivors include three daughters — Juanita Stafford of



Amarillo, Carolyn Sanders and husband David of Portales, Karen Dwyer and husband Joe of Plano; two sons — Terry Scott and wife Ladonna of Muleshoe, and Lee Scott and wife Carolyn of Lazbuddie; 12 grandchildren — Charlyn and Eddie Snow of Amarillo, Ronda and Jim Womack of Littleton, Colo., Dave and Liz Sanders of Portales, Mike and Donna McGuire of Waialua, Hawaii, Don and Gina Sanders of Portales, Kim and Kirk Bryant of Portales, Crystal and Jason Kennell of Denver, Colo., Michelle and Nathan Young, Cristina Imery and Gabe Imery, both of Plano, Shae Scott, Ashley Scott both of Lazbuddie., and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Lazbuddie EMS and Fire Department, PO Box 125, Lazbuddie, Texas 79053, or to the Lazbuddie Methodist Church, PO Box 129, Lazbuddie, Texas 79053.

Mary Sutton

Funeral services for Mary Sutton, 80, of North Richland Hills, formerly of Muleshoe, were held on Saturday, June 9, at Ellis funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating.

Mrs. Sutton died on Sunday, June 3, 2012, in North Richland Hills. She was born on Aug. 12, 1931, to Emery Alton and Rosa Bell (Ryon) Jones in Paris, and married Alva Phillip Sutton Jr. in Dallas on July 16, 1949. He preceded her in death in 1987.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Mrs. Sutton was an LVN and had worked at the Muleshoe Nursing Home prior to her going blind. She never got over wanting to come home.

She was a member of First Baptist church



in Muleshoe, and had lived in North Richland Hills for the past three years.

Survivors include a son — Larry Sutton and wife Sandra of Muleshoe; a daughter — Randa Baca and husband Gene of North Richland Hills; four grandchildren — Patricia Baca, Stephan Sutton and wife Jenny, Nikki Travis and husband Ryan, and Kasey Baca; and four and a half great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to one's favorite charity.

Muleshoe ISD Summer Bus Routes Announced

The Muleshoe Independent School District has announced the bus routes that will provide transportation for students attending summer school.

They are as follows:
Morning
 • Bus 1— Muleshoe to Needmore and back, to East Fifth and Ave.

F, to the Sixth Street apartment complex, to the high school, DeShazo and Dillman.

• Bus 9 — East Hwy. 84 to Hwy. 70, to Pleasant Valley, to YL, back to East Austin and Fir, to East Chicago and Dallas, to East Hickory, East Ithaca to East Birch and Chicago, to the high school, DeShazo and Dillman.

• Bus 12 — South of Hwy. 84 to 1760 West Camp to Muleshoe corner of Pasadena and Railroad, to West Ash and West Reno, to 18th and C, 14th and C, 10th and C, to the high school, DeShazo and Dillman.

• Bus 3 — Behind Wilson Drilling to Progress, to 214, to West Birch and West Chicago, to the high school, DeShazo and Dillman.

Afternoon
 • Bus 3 — Will let kids off at Kinder Korner.

Mildred Neely

Amarillo resident Mildred Neely, 97, formerly of Muleshoe, died on June 4, 2012. She was born on Nov. 26, 1914, to William ad Amelia Grumke in Claude. Funeral services were held on June 16 at the Bykota Baptist Church in Amarillo. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Baby Showers



Lopez Honored

Anna Lopez was honored with a baby shower on Sunday, May 27, at the Bailey County Cooperative's meeting room.

Hostesses for the event included Monica Sanchez, Brandy Martinez, Mari Andrade, Kim Kirkenfeld, Denise Esparza, Halye Branscum, Trisha Edwards, Hilda Ortiz, Angela Gable, Terry Marricle, Morgan

Marricle, Annette Bonds, Stephanie Sirkel and Jessica Nichols.

Among the gifts presented to Lopez were a Graco™ Travel System, diapers, clothes and accessories, a play gym, a baby bath, a diaper bag and bibs.

Special guests included Ramona Andrade, Edie Corley, Larisa Mendoza, Chriselda Trevino, Marina Trevino and Sonia Regalado.

Club News

Girl Scouts

Muleshoe Girl Scouts Issue Challenge

The Girl Scouts have had a busy spring, and there are more activities coming up!

They are planning their float for the Fourth of July parade and issue a challenge to the Boy Scouts to put a float in the parade, as well as organizations, businesses and churches!

Many people line up on Main Street for this event, so look for the Girl Scout float.

The Diva Girl Scouts Cheerleading group will also be in the parade with the float.

You may have seen the Divas leading cheers for the Little Dribblers ball games in the gym,

and doing a great job.

The Girl Scouts provided a beautiful event at the Girl Scout Little Hut in May honoring their Moms for Mothers Day.

They decorated lace covered tables with bouquets of flowers and served their Moms in the spacious backyard.

They presented their Pledge and Law, then songs and skits and received their cookie awards.

This Thursday the Girl Scouts are honoring their Dads with a chile dog supper at 6 p.m., at

the Jennyslipper Mule Putt Golf Course.

They will each have a dad-daughter portrait made, and will play golf and have water balloon games as well as other activities.

Dads, you may get wet! The U-Crew from United recently painted the Girl Scout Hut light green and it is beautiful.

The Girl Scouts are so grateful to these great folks. It even has white shutters and a pretty flower bed.

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AGRICULTURAL NEWS

Farm Service Agency Announces Accepted CRP Offers

James B. Douglass, 3,302,035. Nationwide, USDA accepted enrollment of 3.9 million acres bringing the total program enrollment to 29.6 million acres. "For more than 25 years, CRP has protected natural resources in Texas while providing economic and

environmental benefits to rural communities throughout the state," said Douglass. "The newly accepted CRP offers will continue the CRP legacy by improving water and air quality, increasing wildlife habitat and preventing soil erosion," he said. Landowners enrolled in CRP receive annual

rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. Accepted contracts will become effective Oct. 1. According to Douglass, during 2011, CRP acres nationwide reduced nitrogen losses from farm fields by 623

million pounds and phosphorus losses by 124 million pounds. CRP has also restored more than two million acres of wetlands and associated buffers and reduces soil erosion by more than 300 million tons per year. All CRP sign-up offers were evaluated and ranked using the Environmental Benefits

Index (EBI) that consists of the following five environmental factors plus cost: wildlife enhancement, water quality, soil erosion, enduring benefits and air quality. The national average rental rate per acre for this sign-up is \$51.24. For more information about the CRP Program contact the FSA office.

USDA Authorizes Emergency Grazing Of CRP Acres

Bailey County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Kim Hanlin announced June 6 that 12 counties, including Bailey County, are authorized for emergency grazing use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for fiscal year (FY) 2012.

Based on a decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP emergency grazing approval will only be available for those CRP lands that were not utilized for haying or grazing during the previous 12 months.

The CRP emergency grazing authorization for FY 2012 is effective immediately and ends on Sept. 30.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency grazing of CRP must request approval before grazing eligible acreage," said Hanlin.

"Producers must also obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) that outlines permitted grazing practices," he said.

will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction for CRP acres used for grazing under these emergency provisions.

To take advantage of the emergency grazing provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage.

The eligible CRP acreage is limited to acres located within the approved county.

Eligible producers who are interested in grazing CRP under the emergency authorization and current CRP participants, who choose to provide land for grazing to an eligible

livestock producer, must first request approval to graze eligible acreage and obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to include grazing requirements.

For more information and to request approval for emergency grazing of CRP acres contact the Bailey County FSA office at 806 272 4538.

Additionally, there



Chamber Business Of The Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's recently honored Gil Lamb Advertising as the Business of the Month for May. Pictured above, from left to right, are Jack, Magann and Gilrobert Rennels, along with Debra Walters and Gina Wilkerson of the chamber.

News about your college student

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The MULESHOE ISD will hold a public meeting at 12:00 PM 06/28/2012 in MISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 514 W AVE G, MULESHOE, TEXAS. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.310000 /\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% (increase) or	-2.840000% (decrease)
Debt service	% (increase) or	-0.030000% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% (increase) or	-1.850000% (decrease)

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$359,615,008	\$355,687,331
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$1,698,869	\$2,469,926
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$270,292,738	\$265,968,717
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$1,600,117	\$2,366,883

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness: \$21,515,000

* Outstanding principal

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.320000*	\$1.360000	\$2,529	\$6,173
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.041130	\$0.332500*	\$1.373630	\$2,617	\$6,526
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.310000*	\$1.350000	\$2,586	\$6,464

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$61,251	\$61,739
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$46,700	\$47,314
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.360000	\$1.350000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$635.12	\$638.73
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.00	\$3.61

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.351300. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.351300.

Fund Balances

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

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Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$226,000

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Fearing For The Future Of Medicine

Last Friday, I delivered the commencement address at UT Southwestern Medical School to a class that truly represents America — the ideals, commitment and perseverance that make this country great.

They came from around Texas, around the country and around the world. Some were continuing a family legacy in the medical profession; others were the first in their families to go to college, much less medical school.

These young men and women were graduating from a world-class medical school, had shown tenacity to get there and endurance to make it through, and are clearly talented, smart and dedicated... yet I was worried for their future.

They are entering a field that is in danger of suffering irreparable damage that will affect doctors and patients alike.

It is vital, for their sake and for ours, that healthcare in America is saved from the collision course it is on.

The medical profession is different today than it was when my grandfather, Allan Bailey, practiced. He



knew his patients and his patients knew him. This is not just folksy reminiscing.

Those relationships meant that my grandfather had a deeper understanding of his patients' needs and could take a more informed approach to their treatment.

He knew their family histories, their habits, their personalities — who was likely to play through the pain, who was telling the truth about that extra slice of pie, who forgot that his father had high blood pressure.

The doctor-patient relationship is a fundamental aspect of good medicine, and it is progressively disappearing in today's bureaucracy-driven health care.

Government is increasingly inserting itself between doctor and patient, making more and more of our medical decisions for us.

Take the recent recommendation by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)

against routine prostate-specific antigen (PSA) screening.

The USPSTF is a panel that recommends which services insurance companies must offer at no extra charge — meaning that a task force essentially has the power to dictate individuals' medical care.

They recently decided that the cost and potential for unnecessary treatment outweighed the benefits of routine PSA screening.

While the PSA is not perfect, it is the best tool we have for early detection. Before it was available, 80 percent of men diagnosed with prostate cancer were already in advanced stages; today, that number has dropped to 20 percent and the death rate has declined significantly.

When the mandates for Obama health care kick in, this panel will effectively deny life-saving cancer screening to countless men. This is a decision that should be made on an individual basis, by well-informed

patients and doctors who know their patients' histories.

There are obviously great benefits to evolving medicine — research, technology and medical advancements have helped society immensely — but the one-size-fits-all, Washington, DC, approach has hindered the profession, making it harder and harder to be patient-centered.

The strictures of the president's health plan are already taking their toll: a recent survey of 5,000 physicians found that 60 percent believe the healthcare legislation will have a negative impact on overall patient care.

More than half believe that increased bureaucracy is reducing the personal interaction that is essential to building better understanding of patients' needs.

And — the statistic that stuck with me as I spoke to those graduates — nine out of 10 would not recommend the healthcare profession to a family member.

This is not the world I wish for the UT Southwestern Medical School's graduating class of 2012.

I hope we can stop the dangerous trajectory of government-dictated medicine and get back to patient-centered, doctor-supported healthcare.

Farm Bill 2012 Update, Judicial Appointment Discussed

Legislative action is starting on the 2012 Farm Bill.

The Senate is starting debate on its version this week and will be considering numerous amendments. In the next few weeks, the House Agriculture Committee will likely begin debating its own version of the bill.

I remain cautiously optimistic that the House and Senate will reach an agreement before the current Farm Bill expires on Sept. 30.

As a senior member of the Agriculture Committee, I look forward to being involved in this process. My goals are to help ensure agriculture producers are provided a sufficient safety net, and improve crop insurance with my plan to allow producers the option to buy group insurance that could be coupled with their existing multi-peril insurance plans.

This would allow producers to achieve higher insurance coverage levels at more affordable prices.

On another matter, last week, I joined my Texas colleague Cong. Ted Poe in sending a letter encouraging Senators to oppose the nomination of Andrew David Hurwitz to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.



Mr. Hurwitz was a very vocal supporter of Roe vs. Wade and continues to support pro-choice policies, representing judicial activism that goes against conservative values and pro-life policies. Here is an excerpt from the letter:

"As a young law clerk, Mr. Hurwitz played a key role authoring Able and Able II; two 1972 decisions which are clearly reflected and expanded upon in the Supreme Court's ruling on Roe v. Wade. Roe stands almost undisputed as an unprecedented

judicial usurpation of legislative authority in its fabrication of a 'right' to abortion — a 'right' that had never before existed in the Constitution.

"This trend continued in his arguments to the Supreme Court in Ring v. Arizona. Acting as a pro-bono attorney, Mr. Hurwitz suggested that the Supreme Court change the wording of the Constitution in order to arrive at a ruling based on his beliefs, not on the rule of law."

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Muleshoe Country Club Ladies Association

The ladies met for their monthly lunch and business meeting on May 16.

The hostesses for the occasion were Treena Matthews, Christie Whitt and Pat Kirk.

They served fresh fruit and dip, chicken salad, with a glazed pecan salad and various dips, crackers and bread. Dessert was sherbet and cookies.

The birthdays acknowledged this month were Jenny Bamert's and Kay Field's.

The business



Linda Erdmann congratulates Treena Matthews on her tourney win.

meeting, opened by the association president Linda Erdmann, included the regular reports and discussions

of the past month's happenings.

The drawing for the May meeting was won by Elinor Yerby.

At the conclusion of the meeting, eight ladies competed in the annual Muleshoe Country Club Ladies Memorial Tournament.

This year the handicapped contest was won by Treena Matthews, who shot a gross score of 99 with a net total of 65.

Erdmann presented Matthews with a statuette for her win, and she will also have her name added to the plaque of past winners.

Congratulations, Treena!

Randy's Roundup

Continued from A7 official role in the confirmation of federal judges, I will continue to urge my colleagues

in the Senate to oppose the confirmation of Mr. Hurwitz.

And also, the House Oversight Committee

will vote next week on whether to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt of Congress.

Attorney General Holder and the Justice Department were not forthcoming with documents that were subpoenaed by a Congressional investigation on the Fast and Furious scandal.

Government must be transparent and accountable if it is going to have the trust of the American people.

West Texans deserve a government that is honest, informative and straightforward about where their tax dollars are going and how they are being spent.

As chairman of the Financial Services Oversight Subcommittee, I am continuously working to bring back room deals to light.

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Obituaries and Death Notices

Death notices will be published free of charge in the Muleshoe Journal.

Obituaries will be published at the rate of \$4.50 per column inch.

In all cases, the death notice and obituary information should be submitted by the funeral home for verification purposes.

The guidelines that will be used to determine if, and how much the publication will cost is as follows:

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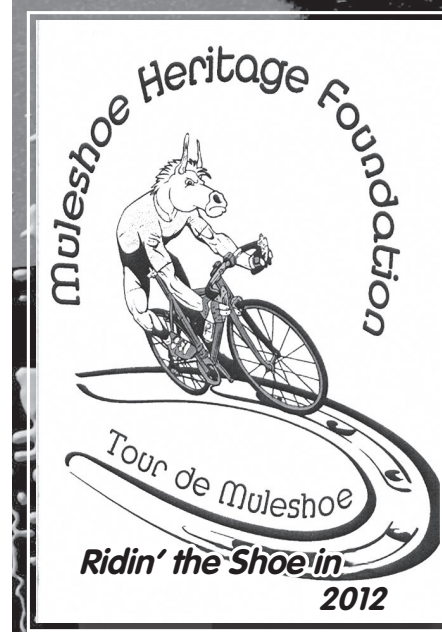
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Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed at the rate of \$4.50 per column inch, and may contain a variety of information, including but not limited to: Date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; biographical information; names of parents, spouses or children who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors; and where memorials may be directed.

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Non-riders may also pre-register to be eligible for drawing & packet.

Late registration is accepted the day of the race from 7-8 AM at the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 W. American Blvd. Ride packets may be picked up on June 16 before the ride.

Packets include: Water bottle, ride number, route map, collector t-shirt and meal ticket

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Drawings for door prizes will be held after all riders are in, donated by our generous sponsors. Drawing for the \$500 Cold Hard Cash for pre-registrants only, will also be held at this time.

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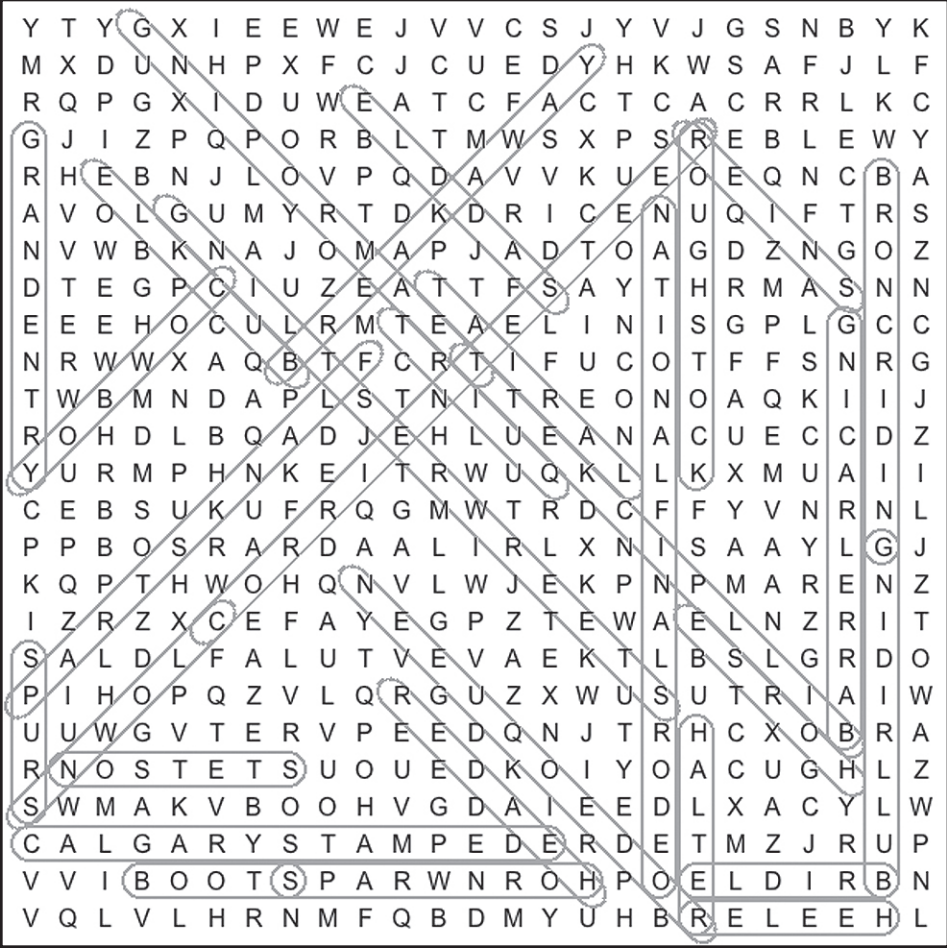
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MISD Hires Announced

Dr. Gene Sheets, superintendent of the Muleshoe Independent School District, announced Tuesday that the following individuals have been hired for the 2012-13 school year:

John Jay, Mandy Whitaker, Jan Ainsworth, Manuel Gonzalez, Melissa York, Julia Gordon, Cannon McWilliams and Edie Niblett.

The following resignations have also been accepted by the MISD Board of Trustees:

Todd Newberry, Kyra Newberry, Kami Groetken and Kylen Karr.

Addresses For Charitable Giving Suggested

- Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Center, PO Box 201, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, (806) 272-5873.
- MOST Scholarship (given to all graduating MISD seniors yearly), c/o Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets, 514 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, PO Box 292, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
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- Bailey County Food Pantry, PO Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Meals on Wheels, 300 First St., Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department, c/o Muleshoe City Hall, 215 S. First, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-4528.
- Lazbuddie EMS and Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 125, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.
- Park View Nursing Care Center, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Inc., 104 E. Ave. C, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-5727.
- Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation, PO Box 62, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, 115 E. American Blvd., Muleshoe 79347.
- Bailey County Child Welfare Board, PO Box 243, Muleshoe TX 79346, or call 272-3204.
- Muleshoe Boy Scouts, 609 W. Seventh, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-946-9908.
- Muleshoe Girl Scouts, 346 State Highway 214, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.
- Bailey County Historical Commission, c/o Sammie Simpson, 812 FM 54, Sudan, TX 79371, or call 806-927-5191.

White House Rejects Calls For Special Counsel

The White House on Thursday rejected calls from Sen. John Cornyn and other Republicans for the administration to bring in outside investigators to find the sources of leaked information about classified counterterrorism operations.

While President Barack Obama made a campaign trip on the West Coast, White House Press Secretary Jay Carney told reporters aboard Air Force One that Obama



takes the matter "very seriously" but will not use special counsel to investigate the leaks, which detailed Obama's drone-strike and cyber-attack programs.

"The President insists that his administration take all appropriate and necessary steps to prevent leaks of classified information or sensitive information that could risk our counterterrorism

operations," Carney said in response to a question from Morning News Washington Bureau Chief Todd J. Gillman.

Earlier on Thursday, I said the administration should not be allowed to "investigate itself."

When it is the subject of the investigation, the natural tendency is to circle the wagons," I said on CNN. "And I don't believe that

Attorney General Holder or his deputy are going to be able to do a truly independent investigation."

The leaks, published in two articles by The New York Times, revealed Obama's terrorist "kill list" of potential drone targets as well as previously unknown details about the administration's aggressive cyberattacks on Iranian nuclear facilities.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has said he thinks the administration intentionally leaked the information to bolster the president's foreign-policy reputation for the upcoming election.

Carney previously called that accusation "grossly irresponsible."

Baby Shower

Fennell Feted

Janna Skaggs Fennell was feted with a baby shower on June 2 at the home of Gayla Gear.

The hostess gift for the expected baby girl was a jogging stroller and car seat, as well as a piggy bank signed by all the hostesses.

Hostesses for the event included Louvenia Garlington, Sandy Nash, Margaret Copley, Annette Bonds, Cindy Barrett, Gayla Gear, Deb Stone, Alice Liles, Nancy Kidd, Hellen Adrian, Shelly Turnbow, Cari Pate, Yaunda Martin, Lora

Wallace and Christi Sampson.

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We Have to Work Together to Fix Our Water Challenges

By Bob Meyer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Yippie Ki Yi Yay! It's Father's Day!

Let's play songs around a campfire.

It's hard to raise a Father properly! Sometimes he wants quiet to strum his guitar or to pay bills. Sometimes, he kicks up dust and makes more noise than everyone else put together. Once in a while he even wants to borrow your allowance or your headphones! What's a kid to do? It's a tough job, so here are some tips on...

1. help him clean up the mess when the _____ makes a mistake
2. don't let him bring his handshake _____ to Parents Night at school
3. let him play his old rock and roll _____ as loudly as he wants
4. don't ask for the _____ when you think you've beaten him at mini-golf
5. let him play an "old-fashioned" game of _____
6. make him put the fruit in his _____ split sundaes
7. let him borrow _____ now and then
8. watch him laugh while enjoying old _____ with him
9. let him use the video _____ even though he makes everyone dizzy
10. help him learn to use programs on his _____
11. don't laugh when he squeezes into his old football _____
12. make sure he has money to buy his _____
13. make sure he gets his library _____ back on time
14. let him surf the TV channels with the _____ control
15. make sure his _____ match in the morning

How To Raise A Pa

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Use the letters in the foot of the boot below to fill in the blanks to see sports best played by more than one player.

Find and circle these activities that can be fun for Dad to do alone or with a friend:

- biking
- hiking
- skiing
- swimming
- kayaking
- horseback riding
- running a race
- gymnastics
- rollerblading
- skateboarding
- ice skating
- rollerblading
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On the Ranch!

Make a list of the special things Dad does "on the ranch" for you and your family. Have everyone write one line. When you are done you can cut the list out and put it next to his place at breakfast or hang it on the refrigerator for all to see and agree!

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO, COUNTY OF BERNALILLO, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, CASE NO. CV-2011-11921, AURORA ALVARA, Plaintiff vs. GENEVIE VILLALOBOS, Defendant. NOTICE OF PENDING ACTION to Genevie Villalobos, Defendant. GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled court and case, the general object thereof being negligence. If you do not file a response on or before thirty (30) days after the third publication of this Notice, a default judgment may be entered against you. Your response must be filed with the above-entitled Court. Plaintiff's attorney: Joseph M. Fine, Fine Law Firm, 220 9th St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, Ph. (505)243-4541. WITNESS the Honorable Nan Nash, District Judge, and the seal of the Second Judicial District Court, this 23rd day of May, 2012. Gregory T. Ireland, Clerk of the Second Judicial District Court.

Published in the Muleshoe Journal June 7, June 14, and June 21, 2012.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BAILEY IN THE MATTER OF: KATHLEEN D'ANN WAGGONER, Deceased

WAGGONER, Deceased NOTICE TO ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF: KATHLEEN D'ANN WAGGONER, Deceased GREETINGS: Notice is hereby given that Eddie Waggoner, Applicant filed an Application for Independent Administration and Letters of Administration Pursuant to Section 145(e) of the Texas Probate Code and an Application to Determine Heirship to the Estate of **KATHLEEN D'ANN WAGGONER, Deceased**, pursuant to 48 and 49 of the Texas Probate Code in **Cause No. 2508**, in the COUNTY COURT of Bailey County, Texas. The said Applications being filed on the 9th day of November, 2009. All persons claiming to be an heir of **KATHLEEN D'ANN WAGGONER, Deceased**, who believe that they have an interest to the said estate, should contact the following person, prior to the hearing on the said applications of the estate. Tina Davis-Rincones Attorney at Law P.O. Box 324 Muleshoe, Texas 79347 **Attorney Ad Litem for Unknown Heirs** Failure to notify the above person or failure to appear by filing a written answer with the Court on or before the Monday following the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of issuance of this citation, **WILL WAIVE ALL INTEREST YOU MAY HAVE WITH REGARD TO**

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