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Tuesday marks deadline for 'write-in' candidates to file

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

This coming Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 5 p.m., marks the final filing date for write-in candidates in the Nov. 5 general election to declare their candidacy with Bailey County Judge Sherri Harrison for county-level offices, and the Secretary

of State for district and state level offices.

The Bailey County Clerk's Office will continue accepting applications for ballots by mail.

The last date to request a ballot by mail is Oct. 28, County Clerk Paula Benton said.

According to state law,

the application must be received by Oct. 28, and not just postmarked with the date.

The first ballots by mail will be sent out on Sept. 20.

Benton also noted that Oct. 6 is the last day

to register to vote in the November election.

Early voting in person will be Oct. 20-31 at the Bailey County Courthouse.

"We are expecting a

record turnout to vote, and urge everyone to vote as early as possible.

As part of its continuing efforts to keep county voters informed, the *Muleshoe Journal* will be running a series of articles in the next couple of months targeting the candidates and the issues.

The first "Q&A," over the county-wide liquor election is scheduled for the Sept. 4 issue of the *Journal*.

Among the elected offices, and candidates who are currently standing for those offices are:

- County Sheriff — Daniel Patterson (Dem.) and Richard Wills (Rep.) incumbent.

- Tax Assessor/Collector — Mariann Anzaldua (Dem.) and Melba Clark (Rep.).

- Precinct 3 Commissioner — Joey Kindle (Dem.) incumbent and Richard Warren (Rep.).

- County Constable — Alfredo Anzaldua (Dem.) and Gerry Pierce (Rep.).

- Precinct 1 Commissioner — Mickey Merriott (Ind.) and Floyd "Butch" Vandiver (Rep.) incumbent.

- County Attorney — Jeanine Backus (Rep.). Currently unopposed.

- District Attorney — Kathryn Gurley (Rep.). Currently unopposed.

Elder care conference scheduled for Sept. 13

No two people will experience aging in the same way.

Everyone wants to age gracefully, with good health, and with few worries.

Planning and attempting to anticipate your future needs or future needs of a family member will allow you to be more in control of the situation.

"We (the kids) need to be there even more than the elderly," said Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent.

"This whole conference is aimed at caregivers," she said. "It's meant to enlighten us and motivate us, and show us this is something that we can do."

Caregivers need some help and they can get it at this conference, Seaton added.

According to Seaton, Texas has the fourth largest population in the nation, over the age of 65, with the fastest growing segment within Texas and across the United States being adults over the age of 85.

Most aging issues involve health, work, finances, and relationships.

"Taking steps to plan for your future or the future of an aging family member will allow all involved to enjoy the future to the fullest," she said.

"Whether you're anticipating being a caregiver in the future, or are in the middle of the caregiving journey, this conference is for you."

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

Speakers and topics for this year's event include:

- Betsy Ward and Wendi Edwards of Adult Protective Services.

- O.B. Brooks of Medicaid Estate Recovery.

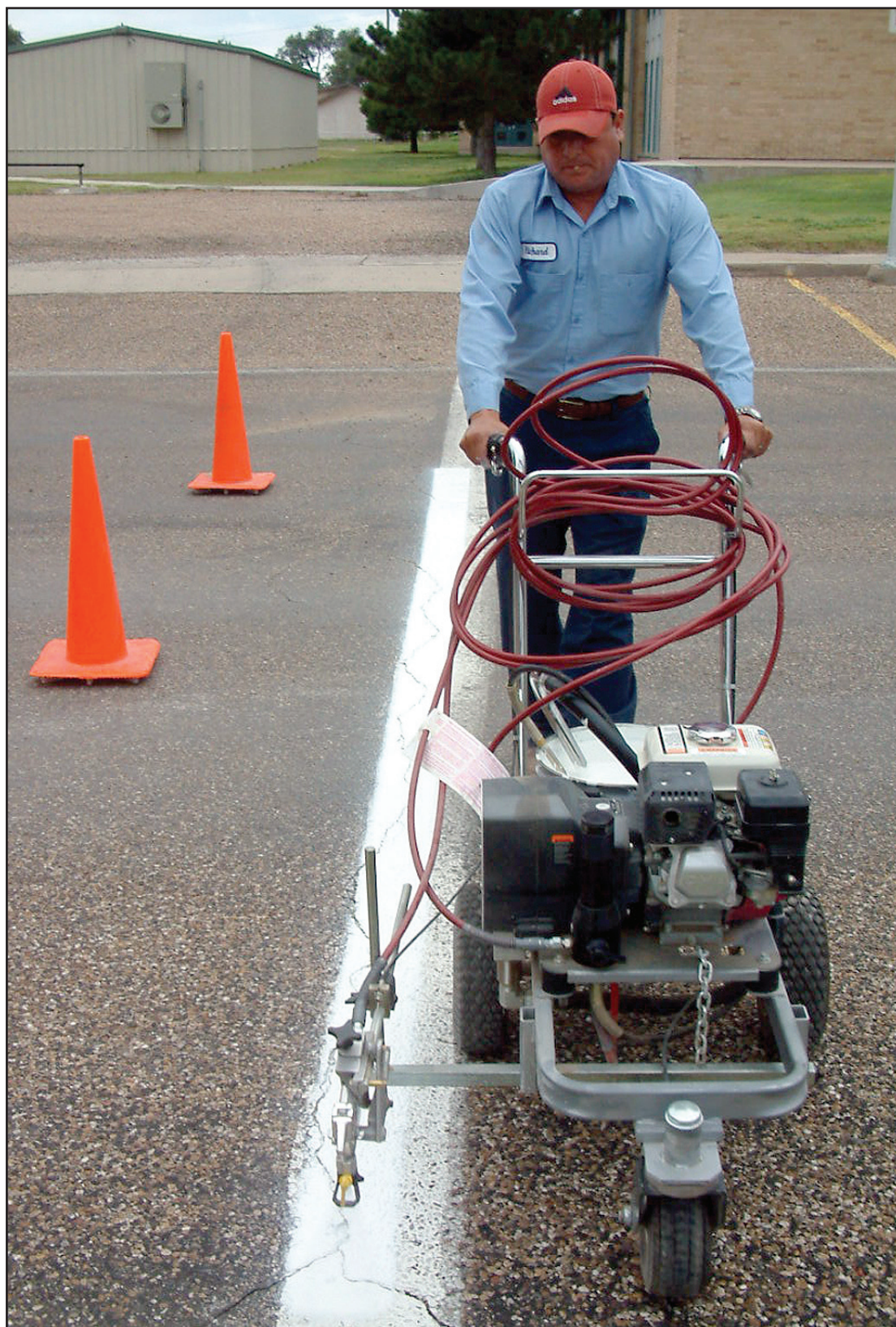
- Andrew B. Crocker of Caring for the Caregiver

Representatives from various services will also be available with information about their services.

Lunch will be served and entertainment provided.

Seaton urges area residents to mark their calendars and make plans to attend the Aging Well in West Texas Elder Care Conference.

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It's almost time...

With the 2008-09 school year just around the corner, the Muleshoe Street Department employees have been doing their part to keep the youngsters as safe as possible. Pictured above, Richard Toscano uses the city's new paint machine to re-stripe the crosswalks at DeShazo Elementary. Lt. Benny Parker of the Muleshoe Police Department reminds local drivers that crosswalk encroachment will not be tolerated, and urges everyone to watch their speed in the school zones.

Photograph by Larry Thornton

Ground breaking ceremonies are next week

Muleshoe Independent School District officials, local resident, and probably even a few students, are looking forward to Monday, Aug. 25, and Tuesday, Aug. 26, as the work on the final phase of the district's multi-million expansion project is celebrated with ground breaking ceremonies.

Ceremonies at DeShazo Elementary are scheduled for Monday at 10 a.m., on west side of the campus.

Ceremonies at Muleshoe High School are scheduled for Tuesday at 2:45, at the high school's east entrance.

According to the Superintendent Gene Sheets, the events will not interfere with the first days of school.

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County extension agent receives national honor

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

It's been said that West Texas, like most areas around the world, has four seasons.

There's the season when the wind blows hot... and there's the season when it's hot without the wind blowing.

There's the season when the wind blows cold... and there's the season when it's cold without the wind blowing. And during all of this, there is some rain, a little snow, and a lot of flies.

But if you're wanting variety in your work, West

Texas, and especially Bailey County, might be where you need to be... at least it is for County Extension Agent Curtis Preston.

For the past 17 years, Preston, has served the agricultural needs and youth of Bailey County, and in July was honored along with five other Texas AgriLife Extension Service agricultural and natural resources agents at a gathering in Greensboro, N.C., with a Distinguished Service Award, which is described as the highest award a county agricultural agent can receive from the National Association



CURTIS PRESTON
of County Agricultural Agents.

"It's an honor to be recognized by your peers," Preston said in an interview Tuesday, noting that before receiving the national award

he received a similar award at the state level.

Concerning his work in Bailey County, Preston, who said he became a county extension agent shortly after graduating from Texas Tech University with an agriculture education degree — serving first in Castro County before transferring to Muleshoe, is quick to say one of the things he likes best is the variety the position offers.

"I love the variety," he said. "You're not going to get stale."

Preston said being a county agent allows him to work with youth one day, a

65-year-old farmer the next, and an 80-year-old gardener with a flower problem the next.

Falling back on what he said was the extension agent's creed, Preston said his work allows him to "deliver programs that hopefully make a difference."

While he works a lot with the youth in the area, especially during the livestock show season, Preston said his work goes beyond that.

"You affect the family," he said. "Because here, the whole family goes."

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

Any reserved seats remaining after the season starts will be available at a cost of \$6 per game and may be purchased at the Administration office on game day.

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

Mule Mania

The 2008-09 Mule Mania t-shirts are available from the Muleshoe High School office for \$10 each.

Youth basketball meeting

Muleshoe Youth Basketball will be meeting on Thursday, Aug. 21, at 8 p.m., at the Muleshoe Church of Christ, located on West American Blvd, to elect board members and representatives for both the boys and girls, grades third through sixth, basketball programs.

For more information, contact Tracie Leal at 272-5954 or 241-2763.

AA meeting

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

For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.

Muleshoe Day Bazaar

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

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

Historic village open for tours

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

Artifacts and other exhibitions are also on site. Free, guided tours are available Monday - Friday, from 1-5 pm.

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

Wind conference set for Sept. 10

The newly formed wind energy advocacy group, Class 4 Winds, is organizing a seminar on Wind and Electric Transmission from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at the Amarillo Civic Center Regency Room.

The agenda will include an update on the plan to build transmission lines in Competitive Renewable Energy Zones in the Texas Panhandle to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas electric grid.

The cost to attend the seminar is \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. For further information about the seminar, please visit Class4Winds.org. For further information about Class 4 Winds or to become a founding member, contact Sherry Kunka, Xcel Energy, at (806)378-2817 or James Wester, Underwood Law Firm, at (806)379-0354.

Editorial

IOC's head is in the sand

It shouldn't be a surprise that the eyes of the world were turned toward China this past week as athletes gathered to display their prowess, and neither should some of the events of the past week be a surprise... especially since the world has seen it all before.

From boycotts to beatings, the similarities between this year's summer Olympics and past events are troubling to say the least.

While advocates of this year's event expressed disdain at the suggestion of a boycott based on the host country's actions in places such as the Sudan and Tibet, and proclaimed that the Olympics should be "free of politics," the truth is that the only politics from which this year's event has been free are those expressing opposition to the ideals of China's communist agenda.

To celebrate the glories of life behind the bamboo curtain, China pulled a page out of the history books... specifically the 1936 Olympics, in its attempt to bolster its image on the international stage.

Unfortunately, all of the flash and show from this year's opening Olympic ceremonies can't hide the fact that the peace and tranquility it displayed — like those displayed by Nazi Germany under Hitler's dictatorship — are as false as the journalistic freedom it promised.

For those who are unaware of the situation, in its bid for this year's Olympic games, China promised a venue of unprecedented journalistic freedom. Of course, it also informed its inhabitants, and those of the regions under its control — such as Tibet, that its attitude toward political dissent would not change.

How these diametrically opposite ideals could be resolved became apparent soon after the first pro-Tibet banner was unfurled in view of a foreign journalist. Simply put... they can't.

The only way to control political dissent is to control the press. Our nation's founding fathers recognized this when they established the protections of the First Amendment.

While there have been some notable success stories rising from this year's Olympics, there have also been stories of brutality and deception. In 1936, the world chose to ignore the trouble signs regarding Nazi antisemitism and plans for world domination, and three years later the tanks of the Third Reich rolled into Poland. Today, it's the heads of the International Olympic Committee that are buried in the sand.

The Olympic committee that selected Germany as the location for the 1936 event could argue that its decision was made before Chancellor Adolf Hitler came to power, but the current committee has no such defense.

The dictatorship that sought to carry its brand of communism around the world is still in place... the only difference being they've now discovered that to make communism work, they need capitalist dollars.

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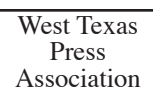
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Letter to the Editor

Resident, pastor speaks against alcohol sales issue

To the Editor:

As most of you probably know, an amendment to legalize the sale of alcohol in our county is on the November ballot.

It is time to make a decision. Do we continue to accept the moral decline that continues to close in on us or do we finally draw the line and say, "No more!"

I'm not talking to a group of people who are ignorant, but to a group of people who are intelligent, hard-working, tax-paying citizens who attend the church of their choice and believe in God and claim that the Bible is the truth.

For one reason or another we continue to cover our eyes to the evil that surrounds us, with total disregard for the next generation. I'm not talking about the world or our country, I'm just talking about Muleshoe.

This is the one place that we all have a say and we can all make a difference.

This is also a place where poverty and welfare are firmly established, a place where the number of young, unwed mothers is growing faster than the number of cornfields, where drugs are sold every single day in the wide open with no fear or regard for the law or our town, where marijuana is as common in high school as rap music and baggy pants.

This is also a community of wonderful people who desire to live here and

raise our children and grandchildren.

This is a community of people who know what is right and can stand together.

This issue of alcohol is way bigger than just drinking or possible revenues. No, this is like two-stepping with the devil and this is definitely one step back.

The so-called church, is the largest, most influential voice in this town. We say what happens here. Are we with God or not?

The Bible says in 2 Chronicles 15: 2, "...that God is with us when we are with him."

Here lies the problem. How much longer do you think God will be with us as we continue to turn a deaf ear to him?

Here's the deal. If you know what is right, then stand up! If you have a mouth, then speak up! If you have a vote, then use it!"

The Bible says in Zephaniah 1:12 that "He will punish those who are complacent."

I for one am sick and tired of the negligent immorality that rules our society.

Therefore, for the sake of my children, my grandchildren, my country, my town, and most of all, my God, I am going to vote, speak and most of all stand for what I know and truly believe and I hope you will join me in this battle.

Steve Friskup,
Muleshoe

And the Messiah asked: Who touched me?

It's a right of passage that all parents of more than one child has had to live through. You start out on a road trip, or maybe you're just sitting at the dinner table, when it begins... "Mommy, she's touching me!"

A couple of weeks ago, we were in a store when we heard a little girl of maybe two singing cheerfully as she was being pushed along in the shopping cart.

There weren't any words you could understand in the song, but it was clearly evident by the modulating tones that it was a song. And then, she began to throw in some choreography with her arms.

As this was going on, her two older siblings walked along peacefully by the cart. Maybe they were as enthralled by her song as I was. But I figured this was probably short-lived because we last saw them as they were getting into their van. The older brother and sister were getting into the back seat together, so I figured it was probably only a matter of a few blocks before these angelic children would suddenly start screaming, "He's touching me!"

The touch of another sometimes brings on anger, but it can be used also bring about a change in a life as well.

Lamplight By Larry Thornton

In the eighth chapter of the Gospel of Luke, the Bible tells us of an incident in which a touch fostered by love, compassion and belief did just that.

The Bible tells of a time when Jesus was surrounded by a large crowd. And yet, with all of this going on, a woman who have been ill for 12 years — hemorrhaging, slipped through the crowd, intent on touching the hem of Christ's cloak with the belief that doing so would heal her.

The Bible says that when she touched the hem the woman was healed instantly, and tried to slip away through the crowd only to have the Son of God ask, "Who touched me?"

The people were pressing in on him, but Jesus said this touch was different... that he'd felt power go out of him with the touch.

Realizing that she couldn't slip away unnoticed, the woman, fell to her knees in front of Christ, and told what had happened, that she who had been ceremonially unclean from her illness had been healed.

Like the woman in Luke 8:42-48, we had a disease that was draining us of life

immortal... the disease of sin, and no matter how the non-Christian wants to rationalize the wrong doing in their lives, the truth is that without salvation through Jesus Christ, all men are doomed to eternal darkness.

But while God the Father took the initial step and sent his Son to save us from sin's curse, the Bible tells us that something is required on our part today, just as it was required of that woman long ago when she reached out to touch the hem of the Master's cloak... faith.

Have you ever wondered why she wanted to touch the hem of Christ's cloak?

This is one of those "Paul Harvey: The Rest of the Story," moments that isn't included in scripture, but in Jewish tradition of the time, it was believed that when the Messiah came, the tassels on his robe would have the

power to heal.

This woman wasn't only proclaiming her belief that Jesus had the power to heal, she was proclaiming that Jesus was God's anointed.

His question, "Who touched me?" wasn't because he didn't know who it was, it was because Christ wanted her to openly express her faith.

When she reached out and touched the hem, it was a private display of faith, but it became a public display when she fell to the ground at his feet.

In much the same way, when we confess our sins to God and accept his Son as our Lord and Savior, it is a private personal thing. But then we're called to make that private profession public by following Christ in the ordinance of baptism.

If you are filled with hopelessness about anything today, as was that woman many years ago, why not leave it at the feet of the One in whom true hope exists.

Who are they?



Do you have any blank spots in your photo albums? Photographs that have been submitted for publication in the *Muleshoe Journal* may be picked up during regular business hours.

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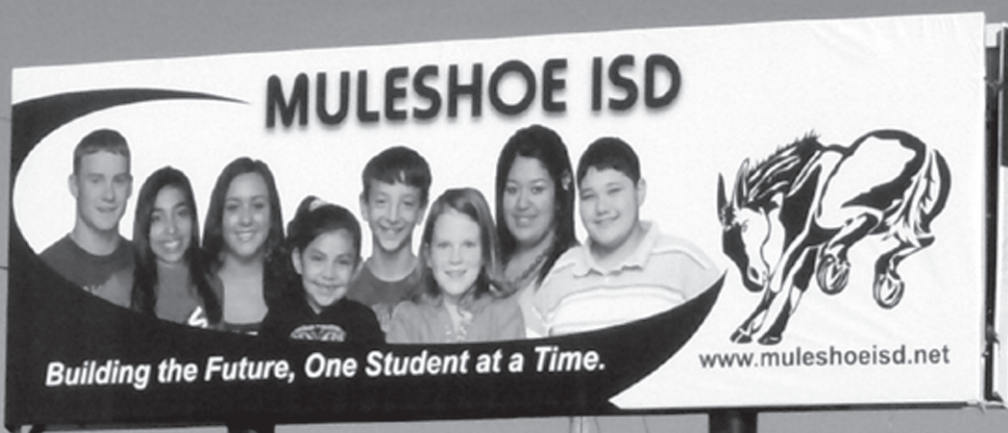


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Location:
DeShazo Elementary
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Date:
Monday, August 25, 2008

Time:
10:00 AM



Ground Breaking Ceremony



Come and join us as we break ground for the construction phase at Muleshoe High School

Location:
Muleshoe High School
(East entrance)

Date:
Tuesday, August 26, 2008

Time:
2:45 PM



Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

The rain has been wonderful. I have heard some of you were having new roofs put on and had a little leaking problem. Hope every thing is going well with you know. We are thankful for the moisture.

Our many thanks to our friends bringing the garden fresh vegetables to

our seniors at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizens Center. So many do not have gardens now and are really appreciative of the thoughtfulness of you sharing with them.

Next week is a busy week. On Wednesday, Aug. 27, United Blood Service from Lubbock will be at the center for your Labor of

Love donation. Make plans to come by and donate from 1-8 p.m. Mark your calendars to come by and help the blood bank by donating. You or a loved one just might be the one that needs help.

The August birthday party will be on Thursday, Aug. 28. Hopefully you received a phone call inviting you to

come for lunch and let us honor you with a card and birthday cake. W.T. and Pat Watson are so nice to come and entertain us with their beautiful music. Make plans to join us.

Our participation at the center has been a little short this past week. We send our sympathy to the families with illness. Our

prayers and thoughts go out to the ones that have lost loved ones. We care and hope you will be back with us soon.

Remember we are always here from eight till four. We urge you to come by and see friends, have coffee, play dominoes, bridge or bunco. We are here to make your life a little more healthy

and enjoyable.
Menu for Aug. 25-29:
Monday, Aug. 25 – Ham with pineapple, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, wheat roll, fruit and cookies.
Tuesday, Aug. 26 – King Ranch chicken, pinto beans, salad, chips, salsa, onion, pickle and brownies.
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God Believes in You

by Max Lucado

The tale involves a wealthy father and a willful son. The boy prematurely takes his inheritance and moves to Las Vegas and there wastes the money on slot machines and call girls. As fast as you can say "blackjack," he is broke. Too proud to go home, he gets a job sweeping horse stables at the racetrack. When he finds himself tasting some of their oats and thinking, H'm, a dash of salt and this wouldn't be too bad, he realizes enough is enough. It's time to go home. The gardener at his father's house does better than this. So off he goes, rehearsing his repentance speech every step of the way.

But the father has other ideas. He "had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him."

We don't expect such a response. We expect crossed arms and a furrowed brow. At best a guarded handshake. At least a stern lecture. But the father gives none of these. Instead he gives gifts. "Bring out the best robe ... a ring ... sandals.... And bring the fatted calf ... and let us eat and be merry" (Luke 15:11-23 NKJV). Robe, sandals, calf, and ... Did you see it? A ring.

Before the boy has a chance to wash his hands, he has a ring to put on his finger. In Christ's day rings were more than gifts; they were symbols of delegated sovereignty. The bearer of the ring could speak on behalf of the giver. It was used to press a seal into soft wax to validate a transaction. The one who wore the ring conducted business in the name of the one who gave it.

Would you have done this? Would you have given this prodigal son power-of-attorney privileges over your affairs? Would you have entrusted him with a credit card? Would you have given him this ring?

Before you start questioning the wisdom of the father, remember, in this story you are the boy. When you came home to God, you were given authority to conduct business in your heavenly Father's name.

When you speak truth, you are God's ambassador.
As you steward the money he gives, you are his business manager.
When you declare forgiveness, you are his priest.
As you stir the healing of the body or the soul, you are his physician.
And when you pray, he listens to you as a father listens to a son. You have a voice in the household of God. He has given you his ring.

God believes in you. And, I wonder, could you take some of the belief that he has in you and share it with someone else?

You and I have the privilege to do for others what God does for us. How do we show people that we believe in them?

Do not withhold encouragement from the discouraged. Do not keep affirmation from the beaten down! Speak words that make people stronger. Believe in them as God has believed in you.

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Obituaries

Fern Davis

Church services for Fern Evelyn Davis, 91, of Muleshoe, were held on Wednesday, Aug. 20, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Monty Leavell officiating. Burial followed in Bailey County Cemetery.

Davis died on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2008, in Covenant Medical Center of Lubbock. She was born on June 19, 1917, in Loup City, Neb., to Jacob John and Ina Elizabeth Gross, and married Albert Davis in Muleshoe on Jan. 12, 1936. He preceded her in death, Jan. 20, 1993. She was also preceded in death by a daughter — Margaret Marie Cheshire, and a brother — Arnold Gross.

Davis moved to Muleshoe in 1924 from Loup City, Neb.

She was a homemaker and kept books for the automobile repair shop that she and her husband owned.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, and a member of the Muleshoe Rebekah Lodge #114.

Survivors include a son and his wife — Elmer and Rosie Davis of Muleshoe; a daughter — Betty Lucille Carrier of Oak Grove, Calif.; a daughter and son-in-law — Trudy Frances and Larry Woody of Georgetown; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411.

Reynaldo Marrufo

Church services for Reynaldo Marrufo, 69, of Muleshoe, were held on Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Fr. Teresito Paqueo officiating.

Rosary was said on Thursday and Friday evening in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel of Muleshoe.

Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery. Marrufo died on Aug. 13, 2008, in Lubbock. He was born on May 4, 1939, in Rodeo, Durango, Mexico, to Ramon and Gregoria Marrufo, and married Maria Sanchez in Rodeo, Durango, Mexico, on May 18, 1961.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two daughters — Martha Alicia Marrufo and Goya Marrufo.

Marrufo moved to the Muleshoe area in 1977 from the Farwell and Bovina area, where he'd lived since 1968. He was a member of

the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe and also the Crusillasta at the Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife — Maria Marrufo of Muleshoe; two sons — Roberto Marrufo of Lubbock and Manuel Marrufo of Muleshoe; three daughters — Maria Hilda Marrufo of Albuquerque, N.M., and Vickie Godinez and Rosalinda Marrufo, both of Lazbuddie; four brothers — Liborio Marrufo of Escondidos, Calif., Francisco Marrufo of Mexico, Ramon Marrufo of Vista, Calif., and Pedro Marrufo of Muleshoe; 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mule Day Bazaar set for Sept. 13

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

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Marlin Moseley

Graveside services for Marlin F. Moseley, 91, of Muleshoe, were held on Monday, Aug. 18, at Hale Center Cemetery with Silas Short of Hale Center officiating.

Moseley died on Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2008, in Park View Nursing Care Center of Muleshoe. He was born on May 3, 1917, to Henry A. and Dolly Moseley in Lake Arthur, N.M., and married Mildred Parrott. She preceded him in death.

He later married Lorna Gustin in Farwell, on Oct. 29, 1993. She preceded him

in death on May 24, 2008. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Moseley was raised in Hale County, and moved to Muleshoe in July 1972 from Reedley, Calif., where he worked in construction.

Survivors include two sons — Henry A. Moseley of Spokane, Wash., and Don L. Moseley of Yuma, Ariz.; two step-sons — Leland Gustin of Chandler, Ariz., and Ronnie Gustin of Lubbock.; and two brothers — Matt Moseley of Muleshoe and Coleman Moseley of Earth.

John Neil Agee

Church services for John Neil Agee, 64, of Muleshoe, were held on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating. Burial followed in Lazbuddie Cemetery.

John Neil died on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2008, in Covenant Medical Center of Lubbock. He was born on Dec. 19, 1943, to John Adam and Mary Louise (Henderson) Agee in Lubbock.

His father preceded him in death on Feb. 25, 1978.

John Neil married Sharon Parham in Clovis, N.M., on Dec. 17, 1962.

Agee was a farmer and a member of the Lazbuddie Baptist Church. His love was baseball, coaching little league baseball and taking pride and working in his beautiful landscaped

yard. His home was truly his castle.

Survivors include his wife — Sharon Agee of the home; a son and daughter-in-law — John David and Holley Agee of Lazbuddie; a daughter — Michelle Agee of Farwell; his mother — Louise Agee of Muleshoe; two sisters — Lou Ann Black of Muleshoe and Rose Mary Briggs of Arlington; six grandchildren — Cory Chadwick, Cassidy Martin, Emily, Regan, Presley and John Hudson Agee; and numerous nieces and nephews who called him "Uncle John."

Memorials may be sent to the First Baptist Church, 220 W. Ave. E, Muleshoe, Texas 79347 or Park View Nursing Care Center, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Publication of Obituaries

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information:

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Names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren) will be included; and where memorials may be directed.

We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid. Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home.

J.R. Copley



J.R. COPLEY

Church services for J.R. Copley, 84, of Muleshoe were held on Aug. 20, at the First Assembly of God Church of Muleshoe with Pastor Dereck Owen of Tucumcari, N.M., and Pastor Todd Pugh of Vandergrift, Pa., officiating. Burial followed in Bailey County Cemetery.

J.R. died on Aug. 18, 2008, in Olton. He was born on Jan. 3, 1924, in Tipton, Okla., to John J. and Lizzy Victoria (Glass) Copley, and married Ella Rae Hester in Muleshoe on March 10, 1945.

J.R. was preceded in death by his parents; a sister — Ester Cowett, and three brothers — W.T., Bill and Johnny Copley.

J.R. had lived in the Muleshoe area since 1939, moving from Anadarko, Okla. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Muleshoe where he was also a deacon.

J.R. served in the U.S. Army during World War II and worked as a self-employed truck driver.

Survivors include his

wife — Ella Copley of Muleshoe; four sons and their wives — Don and Diane Copley, Jimmy and Myra Copley and Wayne and Margaret Copley, all of Muleshoe, and Terry and Vickie Copley of Friona; two daughters — Rama Smalling of Muleshoe and Vicki Welch of Lubbock; two sisters — Pearl McGuire of Odessa and Lola Maness of Clovis, N.M.

He is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.


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Mud, blood and popping plastic announce it's football season

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

A little mud, a little blood and the loud pop of plastic as humans smashed together on a green sod field. It must be football season!

The Mules finally had an opportunity to try their abilities against some one other than their team mates Saturday when the former district foe, Bushland Falcons, swooped into Benny Douglas Stadium.

Many parents and fans from both communities were at the controlled scrimmage and with just a bit of imagination it felt like a real game as the fans cheered good plays and 'Oooohed' when a loud smack of plastic filled the stadium.

"Scrimmages give the kids a chance to hit some

one besides their team mates," said Mule head coach David Wood. "It is the first time for a lot of our kids to experience game type conditions at the varsity level. We graduated a lot of seniors last year."

"Coaches are always the winner in scrimmages as we are trying to put kids in uncomfortable situations to see how they will react. Scoring is important but execution is what we are looking to improve," he said.

The varsity teams were the first to take the field Saturday morning and when they finished the crowd was treated to stereo performance as the junior varsity teams tangled on the south end of Benny Douglas and the freshman teams got after one another

on the north.

Construction at the junior high and high school buildings have parking and entering the stadium a bit difficult at the present. The Mules first home game will be Portales on Sept. 5 and by that time maybe many of those projects will be completed.

The Mules appeared to have successfully 'reloaded' rather than be rebuilding for the 2008 season. They will have another scrimmage in Brownfield Saturday on the Cubs home field.

The Mules officially open their 2008 season in Levelland at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 29 against another former district opponent. The Mules have had success in the past against the Lobos and hope to extend that streak.



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WJH cheerleaders honored at camp

Watson Junior High Cheerleaders traveled to Lubbock July 30-Aug. 2 for a junior high commuter cheerleading camp sponsored by the National Cheerleading Association, at Lubbock Christian University.

The girls from Muleshoe competed against 25 schools from the area, earning numerous individual and team awards during their camp adventure.

Alexa Fuentes, Adrienne Precure and Hadlea Gissler were nominated to tryout for All-American Cheerleader, with Fuentes and Precure being chosen for the award.

Mascots Sheridan White and Marissa Hernandez earned the Best Creative Story award and were both honored as All-American Mascots.

Each of these young ladies are eligible to attend an NCA special event in Florida or Hawaii.

As a team, Watson Junior High did well. Each day of camp the team earned a spirit stick, and WJH earned the trophy for Best Game Day Cheer.

The Watson cheerleaders earned a bid to compete at

nationals as well. The team earned a "ticket" to attend a special event in Florida or Hawaii.

Most importantly, the team from Muleshoe received the Herkie Award. This

prestigious award is voted on by all the schools at camp.

The Herkie Award honors the team that shows excellent sportsmanship and leadership each day of camp.

Float like a butterfly...

Muleshoe's Victor Vasquez seems to be levitating as he pulls in a catch during Saturday's scrimmage against the Bushland Falcons.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

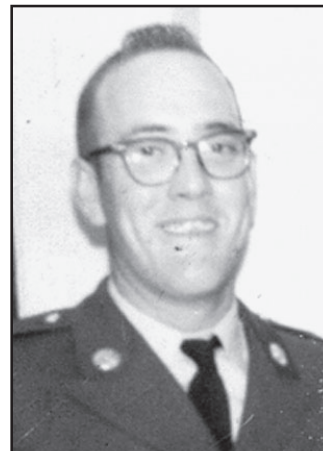
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Thursday, Aug. 28 — Beef tips and gravy, rice, peas and carrots, salad, wheat roll and iced cake.

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Muleshoe school district releases bus routes

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For questions concerning regulations and policies, contact Don Wood, asst. superintendent, at 272-7400.

The bus routes are as follows:

- Bus #1 — 301 E. Sixth Housing Authority Apartments; East Sixth and Ave. F; DeShazo Elementary; Dillman Elementary; Muleshoe High School and Watson Junior High.

- Bus #2 — DeShazo Elementary; Dillman

Elementary; Muleshoe High School and Watson Junior High.

- Bus #5 — Main and Ave. G; East Fourth and Ave. F; Dillman Elementary; Muleshoe High School and Watson Junior High. (All Dillman students who get off at DeShazo, ride Bus #5.)

- Bus #6 — West Birch and Chicago; Muleshoe Cotton Compress; West Date and Boston; West Cedar and Dallas.

- Bus #7 — West Ave. I and South First; West Ave. J and Eighth; West Sixth and Ave. J; West Third and Ave. H; Second and Ave. H; First and Ave. J; East Fourth and Ave. D; East Fourth and Ave. B; DeShazo Elementary; Dillman Elementary; Muleshoe High School and Watson Junior High.

- Bus #9 — East Austin and East Cedar; East Austin and East Elm.

- Bus #10 — Behind Ranch House.

- Bus #12 — Eighth and Ave. B; East Hickory (across from Roger Miller Park); East Birch and East Fir (next to church); East Gum (between Ithaca and Joliet); 10th and Ave. C; 14th and Ave. C; Dillman Elementary; 14th and Ave. C eastbound; 10th and Ave. C eastbound; DeShazo Elementary; Muleshoe High School and Watson Junior High. (All DeShazo students going to Dillman or West Ave. C, ride

Bus #12.)

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- Bus #27 (P.M. only) — Behind the Dinner Bell; Kinder Corner - West 8th and Ave. G; West 10th and Ave. D; West 14th and Ave. D; West 18th and Ave. D.

Youth basketball meeting scheduled for Thursday

Muleshoe Youth Basketball will be meeting on Thursday, Aug. 21, at 8 p.m., at the Muleshoe Church of Christ, located on West American Blvd, to elect board members and representatives for both the boys and girls, grades third through sixth, basketball programs.

For more information, contact Tracie Leal at 272-5954 or 241-2763.

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Letter to the Editor

Hospital administrator asks for your help

To the Editor:

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Those reports have been very informative with respect to what is going on with the nursing home, hospital, and clinic plans.

Our hospital is suffering just like most rural community hospitals.

The problem is cash flow.

Our staff is doing their jobs as far as staying within the overall budget, expenses, and revenues being generated.

Our main problem is people using the hospital services and not paying their bills.

When I say that, I am talking about private pay patients with insurance.

When we ask people for money to satisfy the co-pays or deductibles we are told "I don't have the money," "I can't believe you want me to pay right now," "Set me up on a payment plan and I will pay \$10 a month."

The list goes on and on. If people go to Lubbock, they are expected to pay at the time of service, and they do.

If people who owe the hospital would pay their bill, we could pay our bills and be out of debt.

There is currently \$2,213,770 on the books of private pay patients who need to pay their bill so that we can continue to stay open.

I know that is a harsh statement, but it is just reality.

We are currently going through the budgeting

process and are looking at several serious recommendations that the board of trustees is going to have to consider.

I am making a plea for your help. If you have an outstanding bill with the hospital, please pay it.

When you use our services, please do not get upset when our staff asks you to pay your co-pay or

deductible.

Our services are like any other business; we need to be paid or we cannot stay in business.

Our community needs the hospital. If we do not have the hospital, our hopes of community growth will dwindle.

Ray Mason,
Muleshoe Area
Medical Center

You Can't Go Home If You Don't Think You've Left

Someone has called Jesus' Parable of the Prodigal Son "the Gospel within the Gospels" as Jesus tells us the story of us all, and the story of God's love.

You know the story. A father has two sons. The younger son—immature, rebellious, and headstrong—impetuously demands his inheritance, takes off to a "far country," and proceeds to hastily party until his dad's shekels are spent



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and the party is over. In the midst of a post-party famine, he finds himself starving and in such bad shape that he's glad to land a job feeding pigs. One dark day he catches himself envying the porkers who are eating better than he is.

That's when the prepositions start changing for the better. Once full OF himself, the younger son "comes TO his senses" and realizes he needs to go home TO his father and beg to be taken back not as a son but as a hired hand. Hired hands eat better than pigs.

His father sees him coming while he's still a long way off, and from then on in the parable, the predominant note is JOY as the father runs to throw his arms around his son, his "lost" son who is found.

Before the now-much-wiser lad can finish his "just make me a hired hand" speech of contrition, the father orders up a robe and sandals and a signet ring, and he calls for a feast and the best of parties. Joy abounds!

Except in the heart of the older son who never left home but instead, as he puts it, stayed at home to "slave away" for the father. "And," pious Pete whines, "you never threw me a party!"

Wonder why! This sadsack can stop a party and lower the temperature in a room just by showing up.

I hate to slander the guy. He probably has some good qualities, but he's the kind of guy who makes you wonder, if heaven's full of folks like him, maybe . . . Don't worry. It's not.

I admit it: I don't like him, not least because I sometimes AM him. He's way too stuck on his virtues and I suspect is a bit short on vices, which although they may be bad in some ways have the worthwhile effect of reminding us that we're human. Good Puritans and genuinely good human beings are not, thank the Lord, the same cats.

The young son? Him, I like. Once he's come to his senses. At one time, yes, he had a mistaken view of real fun and real life. Early on he had a warped view of joy and looked for it in all the wrong ways and places. But at least he was looking for it. At least he knew life was something to be loved. Now he knows why. Now he knows where love and life come from: his Father. Now he actually smiles more, laughs more, and drinks more deeply from real joy. He's found the real party, and his father is the one throwing it!

Henri Nouwen is right when he says that it's a lot harder to come home when you've convinced yourself that you're the good son and you've never left.

The younger son made lots of mistakes. The older son is living a mistake. And he's missing the party.

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

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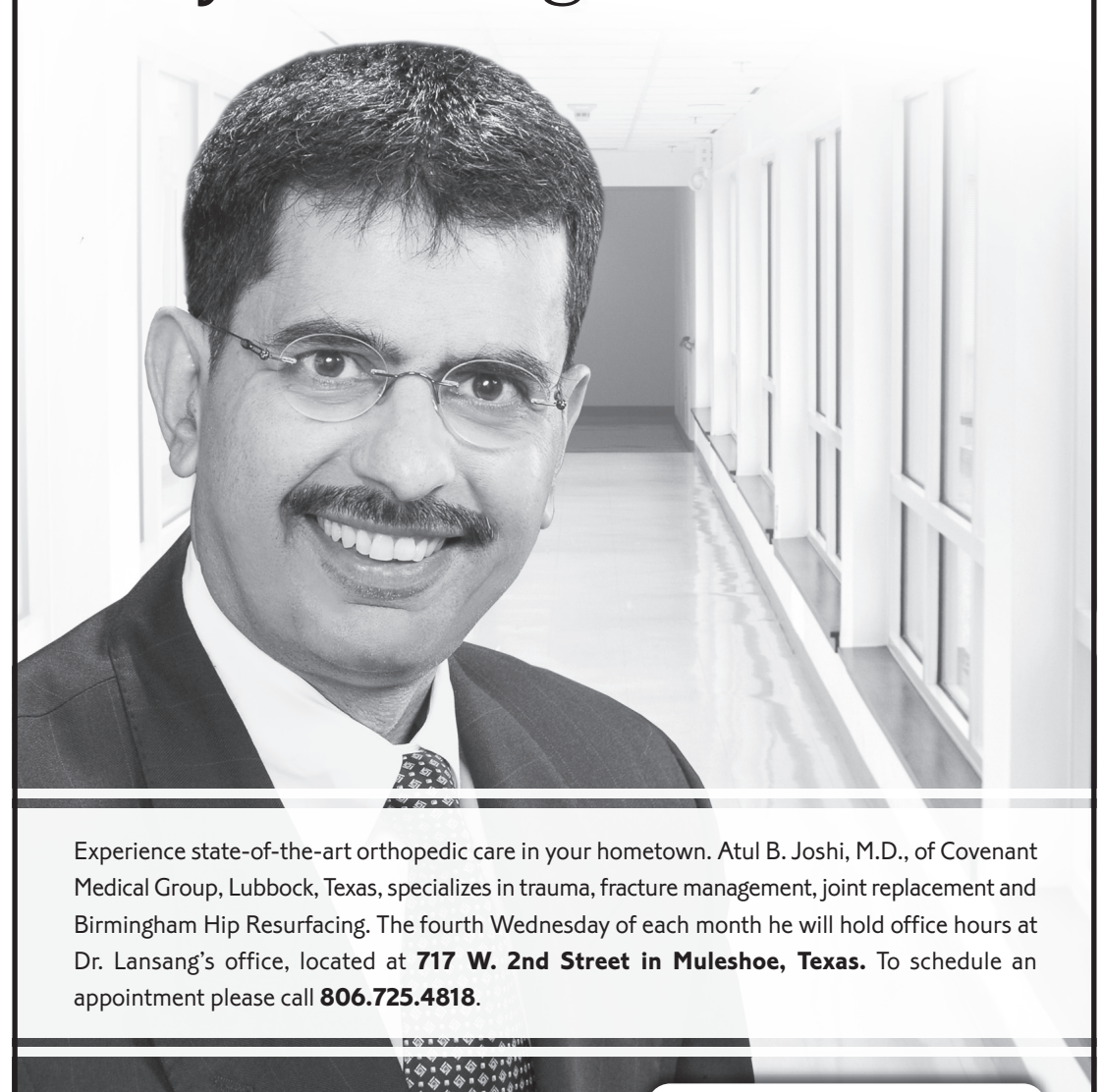
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"How Do You Like Them Apples?" Can you fill in the missing math symbol or number to make each equation correct?

Ow! Hey, that smarts!

Have you heard about a man named Sir Isaac Newton (1643-1727)? He lived in England. He was one of the world's greatest mathematicians. One day when he was wandering in a garden thinking, he watched an apple fall from a tree (some stories say that he was hit in the head by a falling apple.) This action made him think about "gravity" or the force with which the earth pulls things toward its center. If you throw a ball into the air, "gravity" is what causes it to fall back down to you. "Gravity" gives us weight on the earth. It is the force that keeps the planets in the solar system in their paths.

1. 7 + 8 = 15
2. 134 - 34 = 100
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4. 350 ÷ 50 = 7

5. 45 x 4 = 180
6. 968 ÷ 88 = 11
7. 6 x 9 = 54
8. 73 - 54 = 19

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'But I don't see any need for us to both to get a whipping...'

Perhaps you will recall that in the preceding article that I quoted Lynn Chavez to the effect that "A nation's heroes reflect the people's values."



And I also stated that I planned to write a series of letters designed to remind us how our thoughts and activities reflect our sense of values.

So this is a continuation of that subject.

However getting facts established is not always as easy as we might think; like the time my little brother Scott and I got into trouble of some kind. I don't remember exactly what it was, but it was before we moved to Texas.

I was about ten years of age, and he was about eight. In those years we played together quite a lot, and we got along pretty well.

We lived on an 80 acre farm a mile and a half north

east of the little town named St. Louis, Okla.

Our school and local businesses were located there. So we went back and forth quite often. And we could either go around by the road, or we could cut across the pasture.

That way we came in by the barn, cow lots, water tank, etc.

As I came in across the pasture one afternoon, Scott met me at the water tank and said, "Glen you are in trouble."

I asked about what the problem was and he said, "Dad found out about what we did."

I said, "We both did that so you are in trouble the same as I am."

And Scott said, "But I don't see any need for us to both to get a whipping. So I told him you did it."

Now that wasn't exactly what I expected to hear. And I will never forget what he looked like — as if to say "but I've unloaded it all on you."

What then was I to do about it? Remember, we were just little fellows. Well, it seems to me that there is something in our physical and spiritual make up that comes to our aid when we need it most.

That, I think, is true and it works regardless of the color of our skin, whether we be young or old, rich or poor, and without respect to social or financial standing or other

circumstances of life.

As has been said, "When the pupil is ready the Master will appear."

What was I to do about it? What could I do about it? I knew of course the next move was mine.

As we might say today, "The ball was in my court." I could squeal on him. Then we would both get a whipping. But what good would that do? It wouldn't help me any. So I decided to just let it be.

Yes, I was a bit peeved for a while, but on the other hand I felt good about his telling me before I had to face my father.

He wanted me to know so I would be better prepared to deal with it. And he felt sure I would protect him. For in the final analysis I really didn't blame him.

In fact I admired him for his straight thinking, and his good character.

"I told him you did it." That

simple statement has stayed with me from that day to this. I suppose partly because some 50 years after that he was killed, the victim of a brutal and senseless murder.

Also, I never been able to decide if what he did was right, or was it wrong. I think perhaps a little of both. But at any rate our father never mentioned it to either of us again.

Sometimes it seemed that things just didn't work out for him. About the time he got settled into a good job, one that he liked he was drafted into the army and sent to Korea. And he hated to go.

But the day he was to leave I tried to encourage him; that it might not be so bad... that it would be a new experience and he would get a lot out of it.

To that he said, "The only thing I want out of the army is myself." He most always had an answer, even when

the going was rough.

After he returned, he spent the remainder of his life working for the Higginbotham-Bartlett Company, and was manager of their yard in Seagraves. at the time he was killed.

His wife, Ola is deceased. They left two daughters. LaNell lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she is engaged in the practice of law.

Sybil and her husband Doug live in Elk City, Okla. They have spent the active years of their lives as school teachers.

One of their children called a night or two ago and we had a long visit. That is perhaps one reason I am thinking of them today.

So I am thankful and proud to say that their lives reflect the sense of values by which they are living their lives which in turn reflects the values by which their parents lived their lives.

And so it shall ever be.



The Sudan Buzz

Residents gather for ORCA STEP grant presentation

Residents of the City of Sudan attended a special "town hall meeting" on Aug.12, at the high school auditorium to discuss applying for a \$350,000 STEP grant from the Office Of Rural Community Affairs to be used to replace the city's old two-inch water lines, replace and old flushing valves and install

new valves. A representative with the Office of Rural Community Affairs was unable to attend due to a last-minute scheduling conflict.

Mayor Sisson, Donnie Allison of Grant Works, and Richard Salazar, director of Public Works, conducted the presentation and explained the application process,

requirements, and projects proposed for the STEP grant.

A total of 212 people signed in at the meeting.

This meeting was part of the process for ORCA to decide if it would invite the city to apply for the STEP grant, which will require volunteers to do a lot of the work in the form of "sweat

equity." If the city gets the grant the project will begin in the spring.

The list of volunteer duties include excavation of dirt, install valves, backfill dirt, experienced and licensed truck driver, experienced loader operator, shovel work, sweeping, raking, traffic control, meal

preparation, licensed driver to deliver snacks and meals, babysitting, paperwork, scheduling and phone call, licensed driver to pickup parts and supplies, install PVC pipe, hand tool operator and meter installation.

With the option to

volunteer for specific phase of the project: Phase 1 — flushing line replacement; phase 2 — line replacement; and phase 3 — meter replacement.

A citizen volunteer form may be picked up at Sudan City Hall.

Sudan celebration schedule released

The schedule of events for the Sept. 6 celebration in Sudan, "Preserving the Past, Shaping the Future," includes the following information:

• 10:30 a.m. — Line up for parade (city square). Vendors begin setting up at school parking lot.

• 11 a.m. — Parade, finishing at the school parking lot.

• Noon — Five year old and under... coin dig, stick horse race and tricycle race; six to 10 years old...

If talent has music, copies of the music must be turned in

with the entry forms. obstacle course, horseshoe tournament begins, 3-on-3 tournament begins at old gym (entry fee required).

• 1 p.m. — Water polo at south side of high school parking lot.

• 3 p.m. — Guest speaker and talent show at the school auditorium. The entry fee required for the talent show is \$10 for individuals and \$25 for groups. There is a \$300 grand prize, and \$50 prize for top two winners in individual and group.

The deadline for entry forms and fees is Aug. 29.

with the entry forms.

• 5 p.m. — Evening meal, hosted by the Sudan Volunteer Fire Department at the high school commons. Serving ends at 6:30 p.m.

• 6 p.m. — Guest speakers and finals of talent show at the high school auditorium. Gospel singers begin after talent show finals end at 8 p.m. Dodge ball tournament at the tennis courts.

• 9 p.m. — Street Dance

with "The Penni Lawrence Band"

For talent show information call Susan Baker at (806)227-2448 or (806)227-2431 ext. 210; for vendor information call Larry Dial at (806)438-1431; for gospel singers call Sue Peck at (806)227-2578; and for the 3-on-3 tournament call Lisa Logan at (806)729-2641 or Bob Sisson at (806)638-5344.

Email your Sudan news to Leslie Powers at: lslpowers@yahoo.com

Have story or photo ideas? Let Leslie know!

Talent Show Entry Form

Category of Talent (circle one): Individual or Group

Name(s) of contestant(s):

Performance title:

Description of your performance:

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Weddings

Allison, Ludwikowski exchange vows

Wyndolyn Michelle Allison of Ames, Iowa, and formerly of Muleshoe, and Jacob Allan Ludwikowski of Ames were united in matrimony on July 5, 2008, at Hotel Sofetel of Bloomington, Minn.

Officiating at the double-ring ceremony was Pastor Steven Schwartz.

The Matron of Honor was Teya Norfolk and the bridesmaids were Kaci Olson and Kirstin Larson.

The Best Man was Ethan Schultz. The groomsmen were Justin Ludwikowski, Cody Beck and Drew Anderson.

The bride wore a scarlet one-piece corset, strapless gown with a sweetheart neckline and a fit and flare skirt. The empire waist was decorated with Swarovski crystals, beads and sequins.

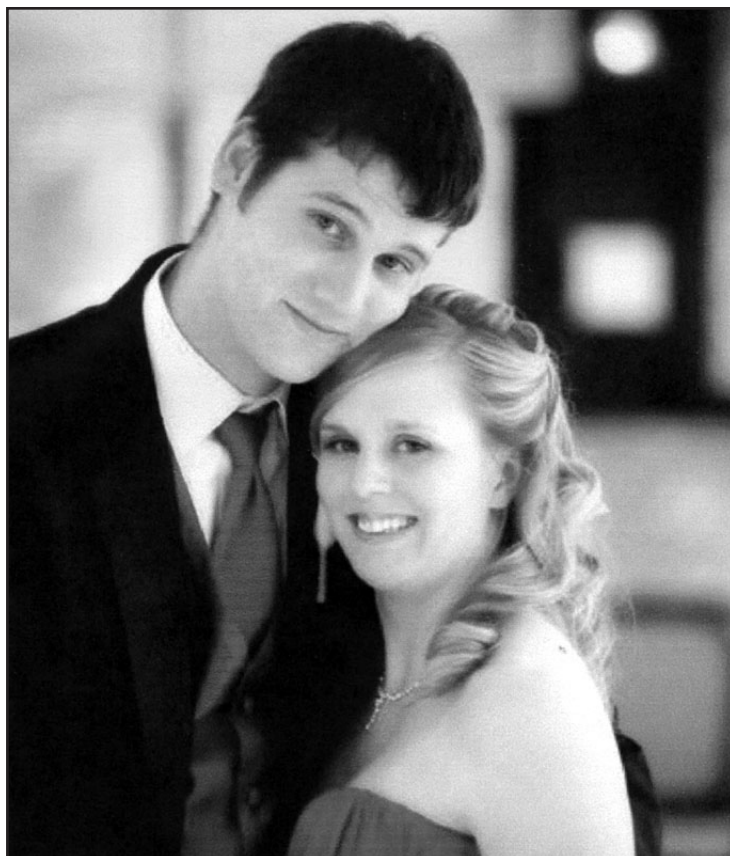
The gown featured front and back taffeta cutaways that revealed white lace with gold accent that created the sweep train. The bride carried a bouquet of long-stemmed white calla lillies.

The bride's attendants wore tea-length black silk dresses with sweetheart necklines and carried bouquets of various red, orange and yellow orchids, calla lillies and roses.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with a red vest and tie. The groom's attendants wore black tuxedos with black ties.

Ushers for the ceremony were Jordan Ludwikowski, and Austin Allison.

Nancy Allison, mother of the bride, wearing a tea-length creamgold dress with fitted bodice, and Sheila Ludwikowski, mother of the groom, wearing a tea-



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length dress of off-white silk organza, lit a unity candle to begin the ceremony.

Ushers Jordan and Austin rolled out the white bridal carpet for the bride as she entered on the arm of her father, Jim Allison, in a black suit with red tie.

During the double-ring ceremony, Chuck Donaldson sang "Love Me Tender" as the bride and groom lit the unity candle.

Following the wedding ceremony, a three course prime rib dinner was served in the Sofitel Hotel where the bride and groom were toasted as they cut the wedding cake. Guests then enjoyed a dance in the hotel.

Out of town family members of the bride attending included Jean Allison of Muleshoe, Veta Skogland of San Antonio, Dr. Fred and Martha Allison of Spotsylvania, Va.,

Daniel and Stuart Allison of Houston, and Becky Walker of Portales, N.M.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Las Vegas, Nev. Both the bride and groom are 2007 graduates of Iowa State University, where the bride received a degree in psychology and a minor in Spanish. She is now attending Iowa State University seeking a doctorate in counseling psychology.

The groom received a degree in political science and criminal justice. He is now employed at Story County Correctional Facility in Ames.

The grandparents of the bride are Jean and the former Harold Allison of Muleshoe, and the former Ruth and Dan Webster, of Lubbock. Grandparents of the groom are Sheila and Bob Donaldson of Eau Claire, Wis.

Time for the 'Friday Night Lights'

The road from Texas six-man football to fame in the National Football League is one rarely traveled. Players on six-man teams, more than 120 across the state, might call it the "impossible dream." So, when that distant opportunity becomes reality, people never forget the athlete who made the exceptional journey.

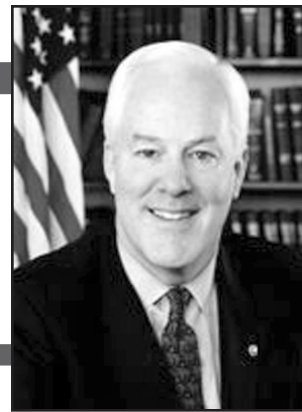
The achievements of Jack Pardee, who played for the six-man Christoval Cougars more than five decades ago, probably surpassed most expectations in his hometown south of San Angelo.

He went on to become an All-American for Texas A&M, All-Pro for the Los Angeles Rams and Washington Redskins, and two-time NFL Coach of the Year.

After NFL head coaching jobs in Chicago and Washington, he came back to Texas in the 1980s when he coached the Houston Gamblers, the University of Houston Cougars and the Houston Oilers. His many achievements came full circle when he was selected for the Texas Six-Man Football Hall of Fame in 2005.

Jack Pardee's success draws attention to the rich heritage of six-man football in Texas, where the intensity of the players and the enthusiasm of their fans belie the size of the high school and the community. The ladder of high school football starts with the six-man teams, which come from high schools with less than 100 students.

Despite their size, these



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We would like to give thanks to everyone who helped us cope with our loss by sending us their prayers and providing our family with food, flowers, cards, phone calls and other acts of kindness. We would like to especially thank Muleshoe Area Medical Center, Covenant Hospital, Ellis Funeral Home and the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for your loving concern.

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Bailey County Electric Cooperative Annual Membership Meeting

September 2, 2008

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If you have an old running **electric kitchen appliance** bring it with you to the annual meeting, it may just be the winner.

Please bring them early so everyone can see the appliances on display.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Food manager training course to be offered

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, one in four Americans will become sick, one in 1,000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

During the past legislative session, a statute was amended that allowed the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to require each food establishment to have one certified food manager.

Recently, the Texas Board of Health adopted rules to implement this statute. Many of you have already received a letter from the Texas Department of State Health Services regarding this. Under these new rules, each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of State Health

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Services must have one certified food manager. New food manager certificates will be valid for six years.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, is offering a food manager certification training course. This program will be offered for \$89 on Sept. 11-12, at the Cochran County Extension Office in Morton.

The cost includes training, materials, and the state food manager certification examination.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food.

Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals

prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction
- Improved relationships with health officials
- Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness

By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about:

- Identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling
- Preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food
- Teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees
- Complying with government regulations
- Maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings
- Controlling pests

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas AgriLife Extension Service, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," call Mandi Seaton, County extension agent - Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County at (806)272-4583.

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Capitol Comment

By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Education is key to a prosperous future

In the coming weeks, nearly five million public school students in Texas will head back to school and embark on another year of growth and opportunity.

Unfortunately, many others will choose to discontinue their education before earning a diploma.

Every year, 1 in 3 Texas students leave before graduating from high school, limiting their ability to prosper in tomorrow's workforce.

According to the nonprofit group, Texas Kids Count, high school dropouts forfeit a combined total of \$900 million in wages every year.

Additionally, this dropout epidemic has created \$730 billion in costs and lost revenue to Texas during the past two decades.

This problem is especially acute among young Hispanics, who are dropping out of high school at a nearly 50 percent rate. The director of the U.S. Census Bureau and former official demographer of Texas, Steve Murdock, estimates that Hispanics could be a majority of Texas's population within the next generation.

Dr. Max Castillo, president of the University of Houston-Downtown said in a recent address, "The average level of education of the Texas workforce and the income of its residents are projected to decline over the next two decades unless the state can increase the number of Hispanics and African-Americans going to college and getting degrees."

Our goal is clear: we must dramatically reduce the high school dropout rate, so our state's workers will be better educated and our state's economy will be stronger and more secure for future generations.

Strengthening our schools, colleges, and universities has traditionally been a state and local concern, but the federal government can play a

productive role, as well. In the U.S. Senate, I have been a champion for Texas's 38 Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), which enroll more than half of all Hispanic college students in America, and whose performance is vital to our state's economic future.

I have organized and served as co-chair of the U.S. Senate's Hispanic-Serving Institutions Coalition, and by working with like-minded colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I helped to increase HSI funding by more than 800 percent since Fiscal Year (FY) 1995.

Most recently, the Senate passed a measure that creates a competitive grant program for HSIs. These grants can be used for scholarships, fellowships, and financial assistance to students.

The funding will also go toward the renovation of classrooms, laboratories, and instructional facilities, and to support faculty training and development and the purchase of new educational materials.

I believe that strengthening our HSIs will help close the high school graduation gap for Hispanics and give them greater opportunities to continue their education at the college and graduate level.

The same applies to Historically Black Colleges. Increasing the educational opportunities and programs offered at these institutions will add to our well trained workforce.

As Congress works to enable more Americans to advance their education, we must also encourage students to pursue degrees in the critical fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

Last year, Congress

passed the America Competes Act. The legislation addresses several important goals. First, the bill bolsters education by strengthening the skills of teachers in STEM and making advanced classes in these disciplines available to more students.

It funds the Teachers for a Competitive Tomorrow, a project in which colleges and universities encourage undergraduate students to earn degrees in their STEM fields of study with teacher certification obtained through required electives.

In addition, the bill increases the number of Advanced Placement (A.P.) courses in underprivileged schools and trains more teachers to teach A.P. math, science, and foreign language courses.

Second, the America Competes Act expands research by doubling funding levels for the National Science Foundation, and it also boosts funding levels for the Department of Energy's Office of Science.

The challenge of educating a 21st century workforce can be daunting, but we should consider it an opportunity to strengthen Texas as a global leader of innovation and an example of prosperity.

I remain committed to opening the doors of higher education to all Americans, and keeping our country competitive in the global marketplace.

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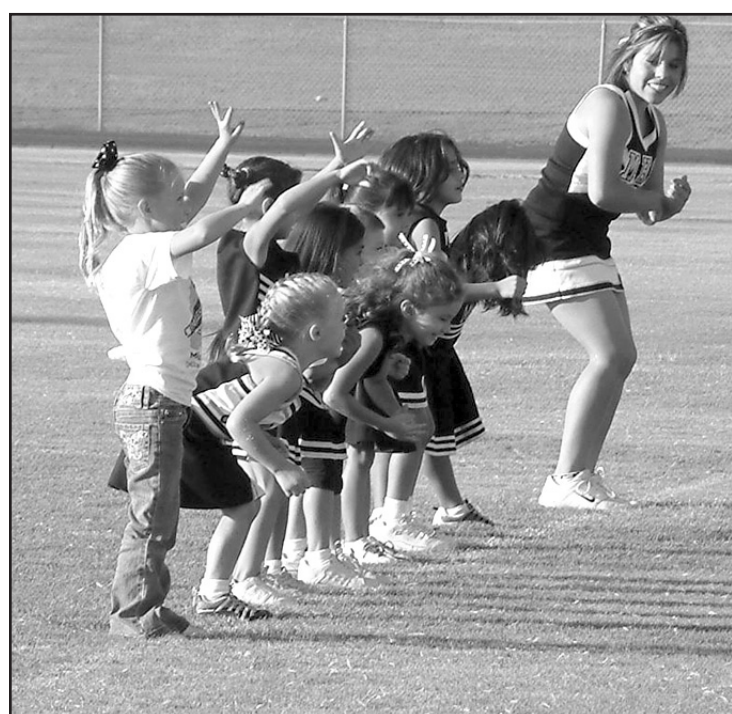
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Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The CITY OF MULESHOE conducted public hearings on August 21, 2008 and August 28, 2008 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the CITY OF MULESHOE from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 16.292998 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of 0.655000 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$779,894.67.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 0.757300 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$906,544.18.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 0.757300 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$909,425.42.

The Muleshoe City Council is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 8, 2008 at Muleshoe City Hall, 215 S. First Street, Muleshoe, TX 79347 at 5:30 PM.

Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The COUNTY OF BAILEY conducted public hearings on August 21, 2008 and August 25, 2008 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the COUNTY OF BAILEY from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.982262 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of 0.683300 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$2,014,083.48.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 0.730500 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,172,593.13.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 0.730500 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,211,793.60.

The Bailey County Commissioners Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 8, 2008 at Bailey County Courthouse, Commissioners Court Room, 300 S. First Street, Muleshoe, TX 79347 at 10:00 AM.

Preston honored...

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While there are monthly 4-H meetings, and project visits — not to mention the times you're called out in the middle of the night to help pull a calf or assist with a youngster and his family on their project animal — Preston said a county extension agent can also have an impact on lives in a farm community, such as Muleshoe, who are well beyond school age.
It's agriculture education, but with the added bonus of working with the entire community.
In 2005, Plains Cotton Growers recognized Preston as the High Plains

Outstanding Cotton Agent. He has also been honored with the Vice Chancellor's Award in Excellence and the 2007 Specialists Association County Extension Agent Distinguished Achievement Award.
Prior to graduating from Texas Tech, Preston attended South Plains College. He attended high school in Wolforth, but graduated from Frenship High School.
He has been a county extension agriculture and natural resources agent since July 1991, participating in livestock shows, the annual cotton conference, and the alternate crop conference.

RANDY'S ROUNDUP

UPDATE BY CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER

This past week, I was in Washington, D.C., to speak directly to the taxpayers from the House floor.
More than 100 of my Republican colleagues and I stand united in asking Speaker Pelosi to call Congress back in session and hold a vote on the American Energy Act.
I spent the majority of both Tuesday and Thursday on the floor with my colleagues sending a message that neither my colleagues nor I will give up until the Speaker recognizes the urgent need to address the rising costs of energy.
It was an honor to speak directly to our constituents on the House Floor Tuesday and Thursday, and also to offer the daily prayer Tuesday.

While the Speaker has shut Congress down, we will not bend or break and will continue to operate as if the House were in session.

This is the Peoples' House, and we are listening. Unfortunately, many of my colleagues from the other side of the aisle are not.

The consequences of inaction affect our national security and local security and also American's ability to pay for gasoline, food and utilities.

Until we produce more American energy, we are beholden to those that supply it to us, many of whom are hostile and may not have America's best interest in mind.

It is time we say 'yes' to American energy independence. We send

more than \$700 billion each year to foreign countries for energy.

Imagine the job creation and the energy we could produce here at home if that money was invested in the United States.

Yes, we can drill in Alaska and the outer-continental shelf.

Yes, we can build new refineries and nuclear power plants.

Yes, we can use our 300-year supply of coal for clean coal liquefaction technology, and we must put as much emphasis on renewable and alternative energy as we do on traditional sources of energy.

And yes, we can do it all in an environmentally sensitive way.

I have heard far too many stories of folks in the 19th District that are truly suffering from the rising cost of energy and Congress should be working in a bipartisan manner to produce the results the American people sent us to Washington for.

I will continue to fight for real long term solutions for a comprehensive energy plan that will reduce the burden on the American people and ensure our economic and national security.

As I travel throughout the 19th District meeting with many of you, I will continue to urge the Speaker to call the House of Representatives back into session to have a simple up-or-down vote, and I strongly urge you to do the same.

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Obituaries

Virginia Largent

Church services for Virginia A. Barden Largent, 71, of Lubbock, formerly of Springlake, are scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 21, at 10 a.m., at Earth Church of Christ with Tommy Hicks officiating.

A memorial service is also set for Thursday, Aug. 21, at 4 p.m., at the Southside Church of Christ in Lubbock.

Burial will be in Springlake Cemetery.

Virginia died on Aug. 18, 2008, in Lubbock. She was born on Oct. 4, 1936, in Springlake, to Glen and Opal Blassingame McCleskey, and married Sammie M. Barden in Clovis, N.M., on Aug. 17, 1956. He preceded her in death on Aug. 13, 1997.

She married Tommy Largent on Jan. 1, 1999, in Littlefield.

Virginia was a member of the Southside Church of Christ in Lubbock. She was a Brownie and Girl Scout leader, and a member of the PTA.

She was a children's Bible class teacher for more than 40 years.

Survivors include her husband — Tommy Largent of Lubbock; two daughters and their husbands — Dawn and Roger Williams of Muleshoe, Jill and Vincent Barnard of Wakita, Okla.; a daughter — Carrie Barden of Littlefield; a sister — Norma Barden of Earth; a grandson and his wife — Cory and Brianne Williams; a grandson — Dan Williams; and a great-grandson — Matthew Williams.

Memorials may be sent to Southside Church of Christ, P.O. Box 64430, Lubbock, Texas 79464.

Elder care...

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To RSVP for Aging Well in West Texas, contact Mandi Seaton, County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County at 806-272-4583; or Debbie Crabree, Bailey County Aging Services at 806-272-3647.

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