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Responses requested to 'liquor election' questions

As part of the *Muleshoe Journal's* continuing efforts to keep its readers informed during this election year, a series of "Questions and Answers" is being published.

The focus this week is the Bailey County Liquor Election, with Dr. Stacy Conner voicing opposition. Although representatives of the group petitioning for the issue to be placed on the ballot were contacted and asked to respond to the same questions, they declined to participate until they knew how the opposition's responses would be stated.

Dr. Stacy Conner has been the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe

for 17 years, and along with his family has been actively involved in the life and activities of this community since coming to Muleshoe. His wife, Debbie, teaches math at Muleshoe High School. They have three children: Caleb, a junior at MHS; Charissa, a 2005 graduate of MHS who is a senior at Hardin Simmons University; and Timothy, a 2007 graduate of MHS who is a junior at Wayland Baptist University.

Journal — Please explain why you feel the way you do about the liquor election.

Conner — Several years ago I heard Dave Ramsey, the radio financial guru, addressing the temptation of credit card debt. He said,

"You have never heard a rich person say, "It was those credit card rewards that put us over the top."

While Ramsey's words offered caution against overusing credit cards in order to earn more airline tickets or points, I think the same idea applies to alcohol. I have never heard anyone say, "When I started drinking alcohol, I

turned my life around." But, I have heard more than a few people say, "Alcohol has

ruined my life." I have heard those comments from middle age men who started drinking when they were teenagers. I have heard these comments from women who were caught in

the stress of life. I have heard these stories from numerous people in various stations in life. The addiction to alcohol

starts in many different ways, but it leads to the same struggle and the same battles. They have testified that in the beginning it was simply a beer here or a beer there. But, before long the drinking was more frequent and eventually an addictive lifestyle developed.

While I am not naïve and I do not believe that alcohol is the cause of evil, alcohol in the hands of flawed and frail human beings can lead to problems that might otherwise be avoided. Easing the access to alcohol only increases the probability that more lives might be damaged.

Oh, I hear the argument that people in our city are purchasing alcohol in other

locations. And I understand the rationale for suggesting our city is losing tax income to other cities. This tax income could be kept at home if people were able to purchase alcohol in Muleshoe. While I guess we might see a few extra tax dollars in local government budgets, I do not believe it would be enough to offset the cost of social issues created by easing access to alcohol. Here are a few examples:

According to the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, in 2005 the cost of underage drinking in the State of Texas was \$5,200,000,000. Do not

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Muleshoe school district receives IFA windfall

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District received a \$3 million windfall recently that will help return some sparkle to an already gleaming expansion program.

When the multi-campus MISD expansion program was approved by the voters, the two-part bond issue question included the sale of \$20 million in bonds, the majority of which would be repaid through Existing

Debt Allotment (EDA) funds received from the State of Texas amortized over a 25-30 year period.

The remaining \$25 million noted in the total bond question was to come from \$5 million in Instructional Facilities Allotment (IFA) funds.

However, the district's first application for state IFA monies fell through.

Aimed at "property poor" school districts, it was initially thought Muleshoe ISD would be in a good

position to received IFA money.

However, the funds,

High school expansion begins!

which are based entirely on need apparently ran out before MISD's chance at the money pool, requiring the school district, architects and contractors to put a very sharp pencil to the construction figures.

It also meant that monies the district hoped to put toward additional smaller renovation projects and repairs had to be added to the expansion funds.

While this problem was alleviated somewhat by the additional \$2 million the district received when the bonds were sold, garnering \$22 million instead of the expected \$20 million as a

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MAHD cash flow problems require PTO policy change

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

A change in the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's "paid time off" policy, approved during Thursday's regular meeting, addressed deep concerns about the district's financial condition.

"We can no longer afford to buy it back," said Ray Mason, MAHD chief executive officer, referring to the district's previous policy that allowed an employee to sell back up to 80 hours of an employee's vacation time. "Financially, it's a drain on the entire district."

According to Mason, the employees won't lose anything by the proposed action, because employees' PTO is already capped at 240 hours, but the change will help with the district's already stressed cash flow.

"We don't have even a dollar to to that," David Burke, the district's chief financial officer, said. "Under the circumstances, we've got to stop the bleeding... and we are bleeding."

Later during the meeting, while discussing the separate financial condition of Muleshoe Area Medical Center and Park View Nursing Care Center, Burke said the hospital's financial report showed its primary

problem involved collecting vast amounts of monies owed the district by private individuals who either are uninsured or haven't paid off the remainder of their balance after their insurance has paid its maximum amount.

At the same time, he said, the nursing home's problem is generating revenue

'...We've got to stop the bleeding...and we are bleeding...'

through an increased resident census.

"Right now," Burke said about the nursing home, "their budget is greater than the revenue coming in."

At one point during the discussion regarding the proposed policy change, board member Bill Liles asked if the employees have the option of "rolling over" their additional PTO into sick leave. While this is possible, Mason said, should the employee leave the hospital district the time that had been rolled over would be lost.

Basically, the board and administration's view, from

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Photograph by Larry Thornton

Demolition is under way at Muleshoe High School.

Hospital district board sets proposed tax rate

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board of Directors approved a proposed tax rate of 40 cents per hundred dollars in valuation during Thursday's regular meeting.

"This will give us something to work with,"

Ray Mason, MAHD CEO said, referring to the district's budget workshops which have been set for Sept. 10, 11 and 18, at 6 p.m. Public hearings were set for the same dates, following the workshops.

According to Mason, the hospital district's effective rate is 39 cents. The rate for the current year is 40

cents. "At this time, we can't go above 40," said Mason, explaining that to do so would require the district to call an election, at which time the district could propose an increase up to the state maximum of 75 cents.

In other business, the MAHD board:

• Approved a

recommendation that a \$250,000 line of credit be established to assist Park View Nursing Care Center with its ongoing financial problems.

"The nursing home's cash flow is zip," David Burke, MAHD CFO, said. "They need a line of credit."

According to Burke, Park View has lost about

\$250,000 per year and needed the credit line to continue operating, but also noted that the bank would need to be convinced that something was going to change.

"Right now, they're in dire straits," Burke said.

"We need time for the

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Senior pre-game dinner

The Muleshoe High School Senior class will be hosting an "authentic Mexican dinner" prior to the home game against Portales on Friday, Sept. 5, from 5-7 p.m., in the MHS cafeteria.

The meal will include carne guisada, refried beans, rice, chips and salsa, iced tea and cookies.

Deliveries will be made from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Call 272-7406 to place an order.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children, and are available from senior class members, senior sponsors, or at the door.

Aging Well in West Texas

Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, Aging Services of Bailey County, Park View Care Center, and Oneita Wagnon Senior Center are hosting the 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.

Lunch will be served and entertainment provided.

For more information on aging well and/or the Elder Care Conference, 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.

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.

Alzheimers support group

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting on Thursday, Sept. 11, at noon, at Park View Nursing Care Center.

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

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

MHS Class of 1998 reunion

The MHS Class of 1998 will held its ten year reunion Sept. 12-13. Planned events include:

- Homecoming football game attendance Friday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 pm. A section will be blocked off for class members.
- New City Park activities Sat., Sept. 13 at 2:00 pm. Enjoy adult and kids activities near the playground equipment area. Please provide your own family's snacks.
- Country Club dinner Sat., Sept. 13 at 7:00 pm. Enjoy a meal and dance. RSVP by Sept. 8 to Katie Bynum, 952 Aspen Meadow Cv, Cordova, TN 38018. \$25 a person for the meal and dance or \$10 just to attend the dance.

You can view more information regarding the MHS Class of 1998 reunion at www.myspace.com/muleshoeclassof98 or by emailing muleshoeclassof98@hotmail.com.

Historic village open for tours

Muleshoe's historic village offers an authentic look at life in the early days of our area. 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.

Food safety program offered

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey, Cochran, and Hockley Counties, are offering the Food Manager Certification Training program called "Food Safety: It's Our Business."

Participants can fulfill requirements for food manager certification by passing the certification exam offered at the end of the course.

The course will be offered on Sept. 11-12, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the activity room of the Cochran County Extension Office, 200 W. Taylor, Morton.

The cost of the training session is \$89. This includes training materials and the State Food Manager Certification Examination.

For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, County extension agent, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, at 806-272-4583.



Reading program winners

On Wednesday, Aug. 20, the Muleshoe Area Public Library held a Coke™ float party for children who had participated in the Summer Reading Program. To be invited to this special party you had to have read at least one book and turned in a title log. During the party prizes were awarded to winners in the reading competition. The winners' age division, name, and the prize received included: Pre-Kindergarten, Holly Nitzel, party for 10 at McDonalds™; Teen, Laurel Nitzel, Nintendo™ DS system; and Kindergarten through second grade, Brenda Lynette Martinez, Mickey Mouse™ Telephone, all pictured above. Winners not pictured were: Third through fifth, Isha Herrera, mp3 player.

4-H News

Open enrollment set for Sept. 16

Bailey County 4-H will hold its open enrollment meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Bailey County Coliseum.

4-H reaches youth third grade through 12th grade with activities and events combine learning and fun; help youth develop their own special talents; and build self-esteem, self-confidence, and communication skills.

4-H emphasizes family involvement, and is continually evolving, making changes that will keep it in step with today's youth and their family.

In 4-H, there are more than 40 projects offered in these categories: Mechanical science, animal science, family and consumer sciences, natural sciences, plant science, personal growth and development, and communication arts.

For more information, contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, 118 W. Ave. C., Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-272-4583. Join 4-H and make it yours.

PTO policy...

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their January discussion on the issue of paid and extended time off, that vacation time should be used rather than accrued remains in place.

"Do we like to do this?" Mason said concerning the policy change. "No. Do we want to stay afloat? Yes."

"Drastic times take desperate measures," he added.

Prior to seconding Liles motion approving the police change, board member Bob Donaldson said, "My main goal is to keep the hospital open," adding that if such wasn't the board's goal it was pointless to hold anymore meetings.

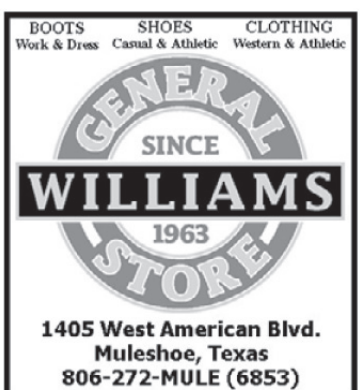
College News

Foster receives masters degree

Brice Foster of Lubbock graduated from Texas Tech University on Aug. 9 with a master's degree of science in personal financial planning.

Brice is employed with First Bank and Trust as assistant vice president of Wealth Management.

He and his wife Kristin have one daughter, Emma Kate, who is nine months old. Brice is the son of Steve and Paulette Foster of Lazbuddie.



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positive changes to take affect," board president Wayne Pierson said.

He later said that while the board may need to consider seeking a tax hike at the beginning of the calendar year, it approved it wouldn't impact the district until the following fiscal year, beginning in October 2009.

• Approved sending patient

accounts totaling \$138,263 to Retail Merchants of Lubbock of collections.

Board member Bill Liles said the board needed to look at filing small claims cases against the people who have refused to work with the district about paying their debt.

"I can see people on this list who can pay... and they're not paying," Liles

said.

"I think we need to do everything possible to collect it," he added.

• Received a report from Mason in which he said Dr. C.J. Wheeler of Lubbock, who will be working with AccessCare's dialysis unit at Park View, is interested in providing "sleep study" services in Muleshoe.

Mason also noted that Dr. Bruce Owens is considering moving his clinic from Clovis to MAMC.

• Authorized nursing home administrator Jo Blackwell to negotiate a contract with the Texas Department of Aging.

• Approved the minutes from the July 24 regular meeting.

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And, if I understand it, speaks of a diet of some kind that is to be taken in three steps, or three parts, which if we complete them in that order it means success.

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Step number one — In John, chapter four, we find Jesus at Jacob's Well conversing with a "woman of Samaria."

The disciples had gone into the city to buy meat (food). When they returned they prayed that Christ would eat. But he said, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

Here we find, in simple words, is the essence of Christ's mission to the earth... to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

That is step number one. But what is, or was, the "will of him that sent me?" To find the answer we take...

Step number two — In chapter number six of that same book of John, among other things we note the following: "All that the father giveth me shall come to me, and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

"For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

"And this is the will of him that sent me, that hast given me I should lose nothing, but should raise up again in at the last day."

Remembering that in step one Christ came to do his Father's will, we now find that will clearly defined. "That of all which thou hast given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day."

So now we are ready for...

Step number three — Again, in the book of John we read, chapter 17. "Father the hour is come, glorify thy son that thy son may glorify thee

"As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent."

So far we have perfect harmony. His duty was to do the father's will, and to finish his work. The father's will was that of all "thou hast given me I should lose nothing." "Those thou hast given me" these are covenant children.

So Christ said, "I have glorified thee on the earth. I have finished the work



which thou gave me to do."

The next to the last statement that Christ made while on the cross was, "It is finished."

So as the commercial reads we have it. 1... 2... 3... success.

School district...

Continued from page 1 result of the 4.34 percent interest rates at that time, it still fell \$3 million short of the project's total estimate.

"We had to figure out how to do things with out the IFA money," Superintendent Gene Sheets said Thursday.

But this year, Sheets said the school district's application for \$3 million in IFA funds, an amount restricted by the district's total bond vote was approved, the district has received the money, and plans are being made to improve some areas that had originally been down scaled stay within the \$22 million budget.

This week also marked the beginning of the work on the Muleshoe High School building itself with demolition at the front of the Dr. Kerry Moore Auditorium's entrance.

Although construction crews have been busy over the summer, moving utility lines, the bus lanes between the high school and Watson Junior High, and removal of the old bus barn, Thursday's

work officially marked the beginning of the high school's \$15,444 expansion, which includes the addition of five classrooms at DeShazo Elementary.

The completion target date for both the high school and DeShazo is Aug. 10, 2010.

I would only add that those are the ones chosen

and promised eternal life in the covenant of redemption executed before time begin.

So if we don't have these scriptures out of context, it seems to me that they should lend us a dependable sense of security. And it should dispel the fear from the mind of anyone that understands it.

But one may ask, "Is there not anything for us to do?" Yes, there's plenty for us to do. But the works described above is not a part of it.

We have the duty, and in this good land, we have the privilege of serving the God who has done so much for us. In serving him we serve one another.

Or perhaps it would be best to say that in serving one another we serve him. For therein is the better experiences of life.

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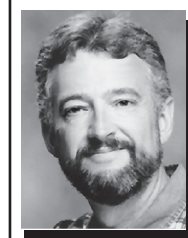
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The Contrast Between Real Quality & Real Junk

G.K. Chesterton once wrote, "A good novel tells us the truth about its hero; but a bad novel tells us the truth about its author."

Though Chesterton died before the advent of television, a fact that was merciful both for him and for those who produce what we've come to expect from TV, I think his words about good and bad novels may apply about as well



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

to good and bad TV.

Good TV in one way or another points to something worth knowing or enjoying; bad TV points predominantly to the pathetic shallowness both of those who produce it and, I'm afraid, of folks like me who don't vote often enough by picking up a good book and using a remote to punch the TV's lights out.

The problem is not just with TV that often appeals to and glorifies what is worst about ourselves and our society, the problem is that much of what crosses our screens is worse than wicked. It's too insipid even to be robustly bad. It is vapid, vacuous, mind-numbing drivel—which we evidently eat up. We not only tolerate it, we've come to expect it.

Why this tirade now? I wonder, too, but I think it's because I'm still going through Olympic withdrawal. Yes, the 2008 Olympic Games have been over for a few days now, but I'm still

missing them. A tad over two weeks of such fare on TV spoiled me!

I don't write the preceding words as your typical male sports fan. For good or ill, I'm not that. Like everyone, I deal with plenty of temptations, but spending too much time watching sports on TV is not one of them. Except when I was in college and needed to be studying, I don't remember a time when most games on TV have ever tempted me much. I'd generally much rather watch a good old John Wayne movie.

But the Olympics? I morph into a serious spectator when they roll around. (I've always thought I liked the Winter Olympics best, but now I'm not sure. These latest games were great!) Count me in with the other red-eyed Olympic addicts who stayed up late each night to catch the latest games. Food and water and a good recliner and the Olympics. Yes, indeed!

I thought NBC did a great job covering the Olympics. But they also did something else. As they broke from their Olympic coverage to throw in some commercials about their upcoming fall shows, I found myself struck by something the network didn't intend to highlight—the stark contrast between real quality and real junk. It was almost like a waiter offering you a taste of the finest cheesecake or a bite of deep-fried cow patty.

I'm glad the cheesecake came first.

And we can always hope. Maybe among TV's upcoming new shows there'll be one or two unlikely "bluebirds on the dung heap."

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

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Saturday, September 6, is a good day for the Senior Citizens to attend the Aging Well in West Texas meeting at the Coliseum. The registration begins at 8:30. Coffee and donuts will be available. Several vendors will have booths with helpful hints and information. The speakers for the programs are excellent. A free lunch will be served at 12:15 until

1:00. Good entertainment, the Sudduth Brothers, is also planned. This should be a good outing for all you Senior Citizens Saturday. Hope to see you there.

Tuesday, September 9, Mandi Seaton will be at the Center bringing her very informative and entertaining program. We are so thankful to have Mandi give her time and information each month.

The regular board meeting for September will be Wednesday, September 10. The meeting will begin at 1:00 P.M. here at the Center. The meetings are open to the public.

Hearing Technology of Lubbock, Ben Jackson, will be at the Center on Thursday, September 11. He will be here from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon. If you have trouble hearing your phone or need

your hearing aids serviced, Ben can help.

Saturday, September 13, Mule Day, the Center will be serving a pancake breakfast, with all the trimmings. We will start serving at 6:30 A.M. and serve until 11:00 A.M. Make plans to come and join us on this day. The Center will be open for you to come and see the parade at 10:00. Come eat pancakes, play dominoes,

eighty, or just visit with friends. The pancake breakfast is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12. Come out and support your center. Everyone is welcome.

Menu Sept. 8-12
Monday - Sept. 8 - Cheeseburger, potato salad, baked beans, baked apple.
Tuesday - Sept. 9 - Beef stir fry, Oriental vegetables, rice, salad, roll, jello & fruit.

Wednesday - Sept. 10 - Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll, fruit cobbler.

Thursday - Sept. 11 - Chicken/dressing casserole, gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, broccoli with cheese, wheat roll, cake.

Friday - Sept. 12 - Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread, fruit salad.

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Think of it this way. Suppose you dwell in a high-rise apartment. On the window sill of your room is a solitary daisy. This morning you picked the daisy and pinned it on your lapel. Since you have only one plant, this is a big event and a special daisy.

But as soon as you're out the door, people start picking petals off your daisy. Someone snags your subway seat. Petal picked. You're blamed for the bad report of a coworker. Three petals. The promotion is given to someone with less experience but USC water polo looks. More petals. By the end of the day, you're down to one. Woe be to the soul who dares to draw near it. You're only one petal-snatching away from a blowup.

What if the scenario was altered slightly? Let's add one character. The kind man in the apartment next door runs a flower shop on the corner. Every night on the way home he stops at your place with a fresh, undeserved, yet irresistible bouquet. These are not leftover flowers. They are top-of-the-line arrangements. You don't know why he thinks so highly of you, but you aren't complaining. Because of him, your apartment has a sweet fragrance, and your step has a happy bounce. Let someone mess with your flower, and you've got a basketful to replace it!

The difference is huge. And the interpretation is obvious. God will load your world with flowers. He hand-delivers a bouquet to your door every day. Open it! Take them! Then, when rejections come, you won't be left short-petaled.

God can help you get rid of your anger. He made galaxies no one has ever seen and dug canyons we have yet to find. "The LORD ... heals all your diseases" (Ps. 103:2-3 NIV). Do you think among those diseases might be the affliction of anger?

Do you think God could heal your angry heart? Do you want him to? This is not a trick question. He asks the same question of you that he asked of the invalid: "Do you want to be well?" (John 5:6). Not everyone does. You may be addicted to anger. You may be a rage junkie. Anger may be part of your identity. But if you want him to, he can change your identity. Do you want him to do so?

Do you have a better option? Like moving to a rejection-free zone? If so, enjoy your life on your desert island. Take the flowers. Receive from him so you can love or at least put up with others.

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Obituaries

Herschell Parker

Funeral services for Herschell Raymond Parker, 80, were held on Tuesday, Sept. 2, the First Baptist Church of Graham with the Rev. James C. Hill and the Rev. Gary Tull officiating.

Burial followed in Pioneer Cemetery of Graham.

Parker died on Friday, Aug. 20, 2008, in Wichita Falls. He was born on Dec. 9, 1927, in Centerville, Ala., to the late William Wilson and Lois Parker, and married Patsy Ruth Blair on Nov. 1, 1952, in Clovis, N.M.

He was a veteran of

the United States Army serving in World War II and the Korean War. He was employed by Hexcel Corporation and was a member of the Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by two brothers — Herston and Walter Parker.

Survivors include his wife — Pat Parker of Graham; two sons and their wives — David and Martha Parker of Newcastle, and Woody and Jackie Parker of Breckenridge; three sisters — Maude Ray Tidwell of

Hughes Springs, Karen Hope Odem of Lubbock and Judy Metcalf of Longview; four brothers — Willard Parker of Vega, Charles Parker of New Mexico, and J.O. Parker and Alton Parker both of Muleshoe; nine

grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Graham or the Graham Regional Hospital Auxiliary.

Bob Byrd

A church service for Bob Byrd, 78, of Clovis, N.M. and formerly of the West Camp Community, was held Tuesday, Sept. 2, at the First Baptist Church of Farwell with the Rev. Glenn Harlin of Springlake and the Rev. Kyle Clayton of Farwell officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Byrd died on Friday, Aug. 29, 2008, in Houston. He was born May 9, 1930, in Petersburg, Texas, to Robert Franklin and Ethel Gray Byrd, and married Joyce Castle in Clovis on Nov. 30, 1952.

Byrd was a member of the First Baptist Church in Farwell where he taught Sunday School classes. He was a former director of the Five Area Telephone Co-op. He had lived in Clovis for the past two and a half years, moving from the West Camp Community. He worked as a farmer for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son — David Byrd on June 30, 1993; and two brothers — Gorman and Gerald



BOB BYRD

Byrd.

Survivors include his wife — Joyce Byrd of Clovis; a son and daughter-in-law — Ronald and LeAndra Byrd of Farwell; a sister — Barbara Fudge of Tulia; two sisters-in-law — Juanita Byrd of Brownfield and Janell Crego of Georgetown; three grandchildren — Chad, Quinn and Clayton Byrd; and two great-grandchildren — Mason and Makenna Bryd.

The family suggests memorials to Friends of Israel, P.O. Box 908, Bellmawr, NJ 08099, or to the First Baptist Church, 404 Ave. E, Farwell, TX 79325.

Engagement



CANDACE DEE HUTTO AND CURTIS RAY NORROD

Hutto, Norrod to wed

Candace Dee Hutto and Curtis Ray Norrod, both of Lubbock, announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Debbi and the late Terry J. Hutto. She is a 2002 graduate of Muleshoe High School and a 2006 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in exercise and sports science, and is employed as a legal assistant at the law firm of McCleskey, Harriger, Brazill & Graff in Lubbock.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Norrod of Bedford. He is a 2002 graduate of Trinity High School in Bedford, and a 2007 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in exercise and sports science, fitness and health promotion. He is employed by Enterprise, Inc., in Lubbock.

A private family wedding ceremony has been planned for Nov. 15, 2008, at 4 p.m., at the Market Alumni Center of Lubbock, with a reception to follow.

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

Proverbs 3:5, NIV



Revised Mule Days schedule released by Chamber

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to enjoy Mule Days events on Sept. 13.

- A pancake breakfast will be served at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center from 6:30-11:00 a.m.

- Mule Days Bazaar will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Bailey Co. Civic Center. To book a craft or food booth, contact Elaine Parker at 272-3165.

- Mule Days parade at 10:00 a.m. Entry forms are available from the Chamber office or at www.muleshoe.org. Theme is "Kickin' It Up."

- Lunch will be served at the Muleshoe Heritage Center at noon. Free Historic Village tours beginning at 1:00 p.m.

- Mule Days Playday at the Good Times Arena (3 miles north on Hwy. 214)

begins at 1:00 p.m. Events include: barrels, keyhole race, pole bending, straight away barrels, halter classes and trail classes. Admission is \$5 per vehicle.

- Jennyslipper Mule Putt miniature golf tournament registration begins at 1:00 p.m.

- Mule Shoe Pitching tournament begins at 2:00 p.m. at Mule Putt golf course.

- Co-ed softball tournament. Entry fee is \$150 per team. Contact Eufemia Torres at 806-729-8791 or Oscar Hernandez at 806-778-9635 for entry information.

For questions regarding any planned Mule Days event, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 806-272-4248, email chamber@fivearea.com or call Cellie Parham at 806-566-5067.

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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.

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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.

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Sports

Mule offense levels Lobos in season opener

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules found an instant cure for first game jitters Friday night when the Levelland scored the first touchdown of the season against the Mules. That one tally seemed to quash the jitters as the Mules reeled off the next seven TDs.

The Mules traveled to Levelland and pounded the Lobos 47-14.

"For such a young team," said Mule coach David Wood. "We responded well and showed a lot of maturity tonight. We learned on the run and made the proper adjustments even before we went in at the half."

"We made some mistakes but these kids are growing up in a hurry. We started out right where we left off last season. A lot of people got their hands on the ball. You can not point at any one person, it was a team effort. I could not be prouder of our team."

After the first five minutes the Mules dominated the game on both sides of the ball. Juan Sanchez returned the Lobo kickoff from the Mule 20 to their 35. The Mules strung together a nine play drive. The drive was culminated with Wes Wood faking a pitch to Victor Vasquez and scampering 15 yards to pay dirt against the grain.

The Mules trailed by one point as Vasquez missed the point after kick. But he successfully banged five of the next six attempts between the uprights.

The Lobos picked up six yards on first down but Lane Wood stopped a sweep left for no gain on the next play. Joe Vargas and the center of the line plugged up the middle after a one-yard gain to force the Lobos to punt.

L. Wood blasted up the middle for nine yards on second down for a first at the Mule 45. Wes Wood connected with Ray Ramirez running a down and out pattern to culminate the 10-play 65-yard drive. Ramirez hung his toes on the out of

bounds line as he hauled in the Td pass to put the Mules on top 13-7 with 8:53 left in the second period.

Austin Bamert recovered a fumble at the Levelland 29 to end the Lobo's next drive.

It only took three plays for the Mules to post their next tally. W. Wood appeared to have over thrown Vasquez on third and one. Vasquez refused to be denied and laid out to make a one-handed diving catch in the end zone.

"That play is the epitome of this team," said Mule coach David Wood. "I told Victor on

Ramirez running a crossing pattern in the end zone. Ramirez catch put the Mules up 27-7.

It was three-and-out for the Lobo offense after Washington blew up the Lobo's first play four-yards deep in the back field.

Nathaniel Chavez caught a five-yard side line pass from W. Wood and streaked in front of the Lobo bench for 67 yards to put the Mules on the seven.

Vasquez ran down and out pattern in the end zone. W. Wood laid the ball in his hands

W. Wood led the way with 53 yards and completed 18 of 28 for 302 yards. Jared Skipworth completed one of three tosses for seven yards.

L. Wood rushed six times for 31 yards and caught five passes for 74. Sanchez carried four times for 23 yards and made one grab for 23. Ramirez had five catches for 111 yards and three TDs. Vasquez made four grabs for 27 yards and three TDs and kicked five of seven points after.

Chavez made two catches for 70 yards and Washington had one for 20.

The Mules open their home season Friday when the Mules host the Portales Rams.

"I feel we are the team to beat in New Mexico 3A Football," said Ram second year coach Andy Correll. The Rams return 18 starters and

should have a high powered offense. They unleashed that offense this past week with a 51-7 win over Las Vegas, NM Robertson High.

The game should be a test

for the Mules new defensive coordinator, Kirk Byrd. He had the Mule's Bend-but Don't Break defense in top form this past week against Levelland.



Photo by Stacy Conner

Marshall Head wraps up a Levelland Lobo

the sideline that that was one of the most spectacular plays I have ever witnessed. We have that kind of kids on this team. Any one of them can make that kind of play. That was icing."

Vasquez set up the Mules next score by intercepting a tipped Lobo pass at the Mule 46 and returning it to the Levelland 44.

The Mules appeared stalled at the Lobo 40 and faked a punt with a short snap to W. Wood. He made a quick toss to Cooper Washington racing down the Mule sideline. He was pulled down after a 20-yard gain.

W. Wood called for a tight formation on third and two needed for a first and appeared ready to run a quarter back sneak. He took the snap, spun and took a three-step drop before connecting with

with 14 seconds left in the half to put the Mules up 33-7.

One and a half minutes into the second half Ramirez scooped up a Lobo fumble and scampered 58-yards for his third Td of the night. He would add a fourth 21 seconds later.

On third and 30 needed for a first after series of penalties pushed the Mules back to their own 28 W. Wood hung the ball up 35 yards down field. Ramirez picked the ball out of the air like it was an apple and flew to the end zone. The play covered a total of 72 yards.

The Lobos scored the final touch down of the night with just less than four minutes left in the game.

The Mules out gained the Lobos 421 yards to 233. Six Mules combined for 112 yards rushing on 21 carries.

Freshman Mules blowout Levelland Lobos

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The freshman Mules picked up exactly where they left off across the street in junior high. They kicked the Lobos of Levelland right back down US Highway 84.

The Mules posted 48 points on the score board and left the Lobos with a 0.

Juan Guerrero booted the ball to open the season and Saul Elizalde and Carlos Sosa raced down field to drop the Lobo return man at the 21.

The Mules took possession at midfield. Isaac Baca took a pitch to the left from Beau Avila and danced through the defense and set up blockers

on his way to the Lobo 13 for a 37-yard gain.

Avila found Elizalde open in the right flat. He broke two tackles on his way to the end zone for the Mules first tally.

Following the Mule's kickoff it was three-and-out for the Lobos. The Mules took over at midfield again after a penalty. Baca took a pitch left and battled for a first down at the Lobo 23.

The Mules picked up a second first down before Baca broke up the middle on a six-yard TD romp on the first play of the second period. Avila hit Alan Diaz with a swing pas for the two-point conversion and put the Mules up 14-0.

Avila tacked on one more TD in the half with a 13-yard scamper around the right side.

Levelland's only kickoff of the game was to start the second half. Baca took the ball at the Mule 17. He broke through the first wave of tacklers and moved toward the Mule sideline.

A move from Baca set up the block for Eric Orozco and it was a sea of green in front of Baca for his second TD. He had covered the 83 yards in only 20 seconds of the second half.

The Mules will go on the road Thursday to meet the Portales Rams.

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Abernathy, Purdy engaged

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Purdy announce the engagement of their son, Dr. Aaron Garrett Purdy, to Samantha Candace Abernathy, both of Ft. Worth.

The prospective groom attended Texas Tech University and is a 2006 graduate of the University of Medical Branch School of Medicine in Galveston.

He is currently a Family

Practice resident at John Peter Smith Hospital in Ft. Worth.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Abernathy of Dubai. She is a NICU nurse at Cook's Children Hospital in Ft. Worth.

A family wedding at the Gaylord Texan Hotel in Dallas will be held on Nov. 22, 2008.

JV Mules crush Levelland in season opener, 38-0

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mule defense refused to allow the Lobos of Levelland to visit the end zone during their season opening game Thursday evening. The Mules were in the Lobo's end zone five times in the lightning shortened game. The Mules lit up the score board with a 38-0 win.

Larry Richardson danced through the defense after fielding a Lobo punt on the Mule 49 to the Levelland 22. The Mules converted a fourth-and-goal from the 14 to points with a screen pass from Ryan DeLeon to Richardson with 6:30 left in the half.

Joey Ramirez tacked on the two-point conversion to put the Mules in front to stay.

The Mule defense forced the Lobos to go three and out on their next drive. The Mules only needed one play to punch back into the end zone. DeLeon rolled left and drew the defense to him before making the pitch to Ramirez.

Ramirez scampered 43 yards to pay dirt with 4:12 left in the half. DeLeon connected with Justin Griswold for the two-point conversion and pushed the Mules lead to 16-0.

Juan Orozco boomed the kickoff down the field and Alvaro Sanchez and Royce Strader raced down the field for the stop after a three-yard return at the Lobo 23.

The Lobos picked up a first down before Isaias Guerra picked off a pass and returned the ball to the Lobo 34. Dominic Flores got open on the goal line and DeLeon laid the ball in his hands with a 32-yard toss. The two-point conversion failed but the Mules led 22-0 at the half.

The two teams traded possessions during the first six minutes of the second half. Guerra intercepted his second pass of the game and raced to the Lobo 26. Two plays later Guerra was rewarded with a TD pass from DeLeon. Guerra made

a simultaneous grab of the ball with a defender but wrestled the ball away for sole ownership.

DeLeon connected with Steven Durben for the two-point conversion.

The Mules recovered the fumble kickoff return at the Lobo 31. The third period ended with the Mules on the Lobo five. It took the Mules

four plays to punch the ball in the end zone with a two-yard toss from DeLeon to Griswold. Ramirez broke a tackle on the way for the two-point conversion.

A lightning strike end the game with over eight minutes left in the contest.

The Mules will travel to Portales next Thursday to battle the Rams.



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We would like to acknowledge the writings of Judge Glen Williams, to include the article he submitted to the Muleshoe Journal last week. He has such a talent for both writing and oratory skills. He has a skill of intervention that allows the sharing of broadminded compassion and understanding of another person's point of view. And he does it in such a way that the person addressed leaves that article (or conversation) feeling that they had held that view all along. What a gift he was given, and he used that gift and polished it to a high finish, smooth and pleasant to behold.

He has always been a concerned citizen and friend to all. This Bailey County pioneer has served the public for many years, including over 20 years as the county judge.

He has written several books, and many articles. Some of his most admirable attributes include a remarkable capacity for understanding and compassion, with wisdom both earned and built upon many years of life experiences. We have known Glen and his fine


family for over 60 years, and in all that time, he and Gladys have served others with grace and humility. May they serve us all for many, many more years.

Sincerely,
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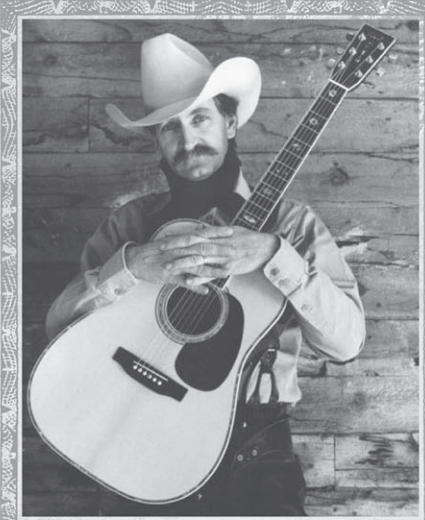
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Entries for any week's contest must be postmarked before or received in our office by 5 PM on Friday of that week's games. No exceptions! Muleshoe Journal employees and their families are not eligible to win. Decision of the judges is final. Games not marked will be counted against the player. Must be at least 12 years old to play.

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Read the story about Penny and Ben. Some of the **nouns** are missing from their story. Remember that a **noun** names a person, place or thing. Use the number clues in the story with the picture clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

Hi! We are Penny and Ben. We are twins. Last weekend we went to visit our grandparents. They live in another state so we got to stay with them for a whole week. Grandma gave us lots of hugs. We baked desserts, rode bikes and played video games. Grandpa helped us build bookcases. He took us on a walk every morning. He would buy his newspaper then let us choose a treat for later in the afternoon. We want to tell you a story about our longest walk:

One hot morning we went for our walk with Grandpa. A 1 barked at us! 2 talked to a grown-up. The 3 shimmered from the hot breezes. 4 surrounded the lake to keep people out. My 5 kicked up some sand. We threw stones over the fence. The little 6 splashed into the water. 7 dangled in the park across the lake.

A 8, chattering as he rode his bike, followed us. A whistling 9 roared by on its tracks. Then Grandpa pointed out where our father lived after he was born. It was a small 10 sitting in a grassy yard.

When we got home Grandpa taught us how to throw hula hoops along the driveway in just the right way so they would return to us. Hooray for walking and talking with Grandpa!

Fill in this puzzle with more nouns from the story:

Keeping in Touch

Hi Penny and Ben, Don't forget to write to us...or send us an email to let us know what you are doing!

Follow the dots to see how Gram and I are getting to the mini-golf tonight:

The story above has lots of action. The words that show **action** are called **verbs**. Can you find and circle these verbs?

Keeping in Shape

Sometimes when we write a story we want to use different words that mean the same thing or almost the same thing. These words are called **synonyms**. Can you match each word to another that means the same?

Nouns (words that name a person, place or thing)

- game
- monster
- detective
- clown
- squirt gun

A. jester
B. contest
C. water pistol
D. creature
E. private eye

Verbs (action words)

- play
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- follow
- laugh
- squirt

A. track
B. compete
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A Little Family Magic

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Health

Getting a healthy start keeping your kids healthy

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

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Preparing for a new school year requires some planning on the part of parents and their kids. With a new school year comes new challenges.

One challenge we may face involves how to keep our kids healthy throughout the year.

The start of a new school year often means the onset of contagious illnesses. According to the Cleveland Clinic Health Information Center, the current top five contagious diseases are: Colds, stomach flu, ear infections, pink eye and sore throat.

The number one thing you and your children can do to prevent contacting a contagious disease is to wash your hands.

Hand washing and cleanliness should be emphasized:

- Before and after eating or handling food
- Before and after giving medication
- Before and after playing in water that is used by more than one person
- After diapering
- After using the toilet or helping a child use the toilet
- After handling bodily fluid (mucus, blood, vomit), from sneezing, wiping and blowing noses, from mouths, or from sores
- After handling uncooked food, especially raw meat

and poultry

- After handling pets and other animals
- After playing in sandboxes
- After cleaning or handling the garbage.

Hands should be washed with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer may be used as a supplement or substitute when soap and water are not available. Plain soap and water are best.

Learning the proper way to wash your hands can go a long way in preventing illness. Simply running your hands under water for a couple of seconds and drying them on a towel is not enough.

- Steps for hand washing are:
- Use warm water

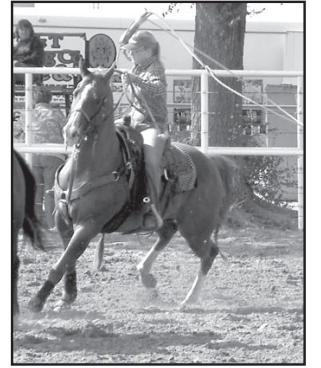
- Wet hands and wrists
- Use a bar or liquid soap

• Work soap into a lather, and wash between fingers, up wrists, and under fingernails for at least 15 seconds. If no hot water is available, wash longer.

• Dry using a clean cloth towel or paper towel. A paper towel is preferable where cloth towels would be shared.

Janet Pollard and Dr. Carol Rice, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program specialists, say hand washing is the first line of defense against all contagious illness.

Emphasizing the importance of hand washing is one way we can help our kids start this school year healthy and stay that way.



The Sudan Buzzy

Sudan news reporter sought

Always fancied yourself a writer? Never fancied yourself a writer but you're willing to try? The Muleshoe Journal is looking for someone to help us gather Sudan news. We'll pay you for your submissions and edit your stories as they need to be - no worries!

If you have a couple of hours a week to "snoop" around town, give Leah Bell a call at 272-4536. Most stories can be gathered via email.

Sept. 6 celebration schedule released

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

- 10:30 a.m. — Line up for parade (city square). Vendors begin setting up at school parking lot.
- 11:30 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... tractor pull, balloon and egg

toss and sack race; other stuff... blow up slide and 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 has been moved back. If talent has music, copies of the music must be turned in 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.

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Weddings

Brownd, Collins wedding vows exchanged in August 9 ceremony

Becky Renee Brownd and John Cory Collins were united in marriage on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008, at 5:00 at the Earth United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner of Muleshoe officiating in the double-ring ceremony.

The parents of the couple — Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Brownd of Earth, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Collins of Earth, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Farr of Austin were escorted in to "Rainbow Connection," played by Fran Hamilton.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bills of Dimmitt, Ms. Phine Brownd of Earth, and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Taylor of Earth. The bride's great-grandmother, Ms. Bess Bills of Olton, was also in attendance.

The wedding guests were greeted at the door by Alyssa and Laurie Davis.

The registration table was adorned with a wedding doily made by the bride's great-grandmother, Bess Bills.

The church was decorated with ivory tulle drapes and bows cascading from candles and greenery. A large silk bouquet with red roses was the focal point on the altar setting atop a beautiful hand crocheted table topper made



MR. AND MRS. CORY COLLINS

by the groom's-grandmother, Rose Taylor.

Ushers were Mitch Lowe of Earth, Randy Harmon of Olton, Bruce Bills of Lubbock, Curt Bills of College Station, and Tyson Shirey and James Shirey, both of Lubbock.

The ceremony began with Tyler Harmon, nephew of the groom, lighting 16 ivory candles in the front of the sanctuary.

Jac Greene of Austin served as best man, Scott Springfield

of Hutto, cousin of the groom, and Greg Brownd of New Braunfels, brother of the bride, stood with the groom as the bride's attendants entered to "Cannon in D."

Jennifer Brownd of Earth, sister of the bride, served as Maid of Honor, Amanda Pierce of Lubbock, sister of the groom, and Lauren Brownd of New Braunfels, sister-in-law of the bride, wore black chiffon halter dresses carrying long-stem red roses.

The ring bearer, Tate Harmon of Olton, pulled the flower girl, Paisleigh Brownd of New Braunfels, in a red wagon flanked with tulle drapes. Paisleigh wore a fluffy red chiffon dress and sat among red and white silk petals.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a beautiful formal length gown of ivory chiffon. Tiny pearls and crystals embellished the haltered bodice and trailed down the gown and onto the train.

The bride carried a cascade of white lilies and orchids with red roses and satin streamers made by her mother as she walked in to the traditional wedding march. For something old Becky wore her great-great-grandmother Sheffy's stick pin; something new was her dress; something borrowed was her mother's wedding

petticoat; and something blue was the traditional blue garter.

The wedding vows and traditional double-ring ceremony was led by Dr. Conner. He led the bride and groom in a sand ceremony within the service which signified the foundation of every good marriage. "Love Me Tender" played softly in the background. The couple and their wedding party exited the candlelit sanctuary to "I Need You."

A reception followed in the fellowship hall where the guests signed a quilt square which will be made into a wedding quilt for the couple. They were served a three-tiered white wedding cake decorated with black poka-dots and red roses. The groom's table carried a golf theme with a red velvet cake decorated as

a golf green with a set of fun bride and groom cake toppers. Strawberries, fruit dip, nuts, and mints complimented the cakes along with peach tea.

A large water fountain anchored the two tables and 10 pictures of the happy couple hung from the ceiling with red satin ribbons above the tables.

A fajita dinner and dance followed at Muleshoe Country Club. Mitch and Shelby Lowe of Earth provided the music for the dance. The Durans of Earth catered the fajita dinner.

After a trip to Lake Tahoe, the newlyweds will make their home in Muleshoe. The groom is an accountant at Pat Angeley, CPA, and the bride will teach kindergarten at Dillman Elementary School in Muleshoe.



August Business of the Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Hi-Tek Automotive as the August Business of the Month. Pictured above are Hi-Tek Automotive employees and chamber board members: Osbaldo Barraz, Yi Shi, Celie Parham, Joe Flores, Shawn Rejino, Brandi Angeley and Cory Collins. Not pictured is Hi-Tek employee Eddie Alvarado.

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.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DIST. will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 2.564103 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 11, 2008 at 6:00 PM at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, Hospital Dining Room, 708 S. First Street, Muleshoe, TX.

The second public hearing will be held on September 18, 2008 at 6:00 PM at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, Hospital Dining Room, 708 S. First Street, Muleshoe, TX.

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

FOR: Board Members - Wayne Pierson, Bob Donaldson, Zona Gatewood, Scott Brown and Bill Liles

AGAINST: None

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DIST. last year was \$40,000. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.400000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$160.00.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DIST. this year is \$50,373. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.390000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$196.45.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.400000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$201.49.

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miss that, I said, "Five billion, two hundred million." That is a cost of \$800 per capita for every child and every teenager in Texas. I doubt Muleshoe will recover the adequate sales tax to contribute to our increased share of these expenses.

Columbia University, estimates that 25 percent of the hospital stays in this country are related to alcohol issues.

The United States Department of Justice reported in April 1998 (Sorry, the report is 10 years old, but they have not produced another report since that time.), reports that 40 percent of all crime is alcohol related. Three million victims report each year that they perceived their attacker had been drinking.

Mother Against Drunk Drivers offers that every 39 seconds someone is killed by a drunk driver. It is naïve to believe a fractional share of tax revenue will really help our community.

The day Debbie picked up her wedding dress and we paid our first health insurance premium, we were hit broadside by a drunk driver.

In reality the only people who glamorize alcohol are the advertising agencies that work for the breweries. They want to make us believe that alcohol will make us young, cool, hip and accepted by other young, cool and hip people. Emergency room physicians and nurses, social workers, child protective services authorities, school counselors, judges, law enforcement officials and preachers never see the commercial glamour.

Journal — *What do you perceive to be greatest benefit, if any, in passage of this election issue?*

Conner — These things come to mind retail space, neon signs, and flashy posters. Recently, when driving home from the football scrimmage in Brownfield we took the detour through Littlefield. I noticed an old gas station. The two former bay doors had been covered in plywood along with the windows. Letters have been painted on the doors in stencil proclaiming that this is a liquor store. Down the street a building that was once an electronics store is now a liquor store and iron bars grace the windows. A few doors down a house has been remodeled with a wine glass and grapes painted on the east side of the house.

I took from this experience that if this election passes we might see a few square feet of empty retail space being reoccupied in Muleshoe. We will see more neon signs, more posters of scantily clad women — who for 10 minutes of their lives possess perfect swimsuit bodies — and we will see more trucks in our town delivering beer, wine and harder varieties of alcohol.

While I know there are a few small business people who are welcoming the opportunity to apply for a license and open the doors of commerce in our community, I think they will find it difficult to compete with the established corporate stores that have access to volume agreements because

of other retail locations. I do not believe our community will see a bonanza of retail growth because Muleshoe is suddenly allowing alcohol to be sold.

In the Christmas movie, "It's a Wonderful Life," Clarence, the angel is showing George Bailey, what their little town would have become if George had never lived. With George's influence the main street that was full of bright lights, busy stores and friendly people. Without George's presence, the same streets were crowded with dark bars, dingy liquor stores and unfriendly people. The city leaders and friends of George's past were lost in drunken stupors and addiction. I find it interesting that when Frank Capra wanted to demonstrate the decline of a community he chose the addictive power of alcohol and its crippling effects to make his case.

Journal — *What do you perceive to be the greatest problems that will be faced by the county by passage of the election issue?*

Conner — One of the arguments I have heard in support of the sale of alcohol in Muleshoe is the fact people will not have to drive to another city and face the temptation to start drinking before they arrive home.

This is essentially an argument that confesses weakness and a lack of self-discipline.

It is a false argument to suggest that because alcohol is sold here "drinking and driving" will be lessened. Every drunk driver purchased his or her alcohol in someone's town.

Muleshoe is located on a major highway. People passing through will be able to purchase a six pack and continue on their way. We will simply be one more stop along Hwy. 84 where people who choose can stop and buy alcohol. "Drinking and driving" will not be lessened just because we sell it in Muleshoe.

Our school system and churches do a great job of warning young people of the dangers of alcohol. I remember my children returning from grade school informing me that alcohol was a drug. I was proud of the early education they received in our school system regarding tobacco, alcohol and illegal drugs.

The program used at that time, by our school put all of these addictive products on the equal footing, and children were put on a certain level of caution.

However, if these products

are now allowed to be sold in the grocery stores it will become more common in our children's life. Alcohol will be sold alongside milk, orange juice, cookies and fruit. Our educational emphasis becomes even more important.

Journal — *Is there any way to address these problems should the issue be approved by the voters?*

Conner — We should continue to strongly support the educational emphasis of our school system. Young children are told alcohol is not for you, but they see their role models welcoming alcohol into their homes and recreational activities. Our community will need to continue to affirm the "Do not Drink and Drive" efforts of our High School Counselors. Recently our High School conducted a "Shattered Dreams" emphasis that demonstrated the power of alcohol that impairs someone's thinking and judgment.

While every church will have a membership that differs on the issue of alcohol and I am certain there are members of First Baptist Church who disagree with some of the arguments I have offered. I would hope that our churches would continue to encourage our youth to avoid alcohol and choose a life of sobriety rather than opening the door to possible addiction.

A teenager might not twist someone's arm to drive to Clovis when gas cost \$4 a gallon to pick up a case of beer. But, when it is sold just down the street, that obstacle is removed. Ease of access opens the opportunity for greater addiction. A child who starts drinking at age 15 is four times more likely to battle that addiction for the rest of their life.

I have a friend, who at 21 years of age, began driving to a nearby town and buying beer by the case. He would bring it home and sell it to high school students for a small profit.

Twenty years later, at a class reunion, a man who had lost his home, his business and his standing in the community stumbled into a group of friends. He was drunk. He put his arm around my friend's shoulder and said, "This is my best friend. He bought me my very first beer."

If this election passes, and I hope it does not, we will need to be more vigilant in reminding ourselves and our children that addiction seldom erupts in a person's life. Addictions that dominate our lives begin with small steps.



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