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Looking back at 2008 in Muleshoe, Bailey County

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Part 1

A number of topics spanned the pages of the *Muleshoe Journal* during 2008, but nothing topped the attention of the varsity

municipal, and school district races and issues, with one of the largest slates of candidates, both regular and write-in, seen in several years — including a hotly contested liquor sale

the district's financial standing, which included discussion of MAHD employee benefits and paid time off.

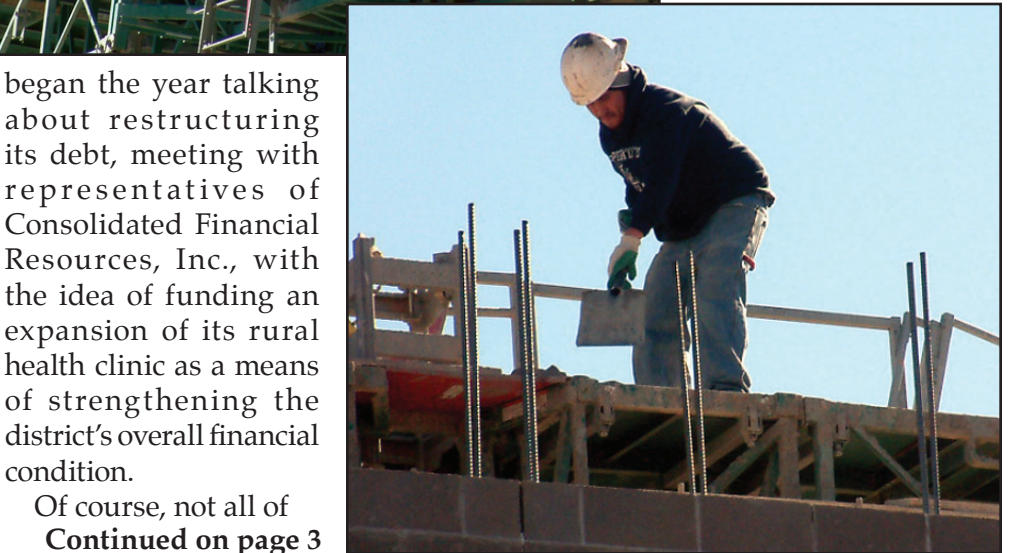
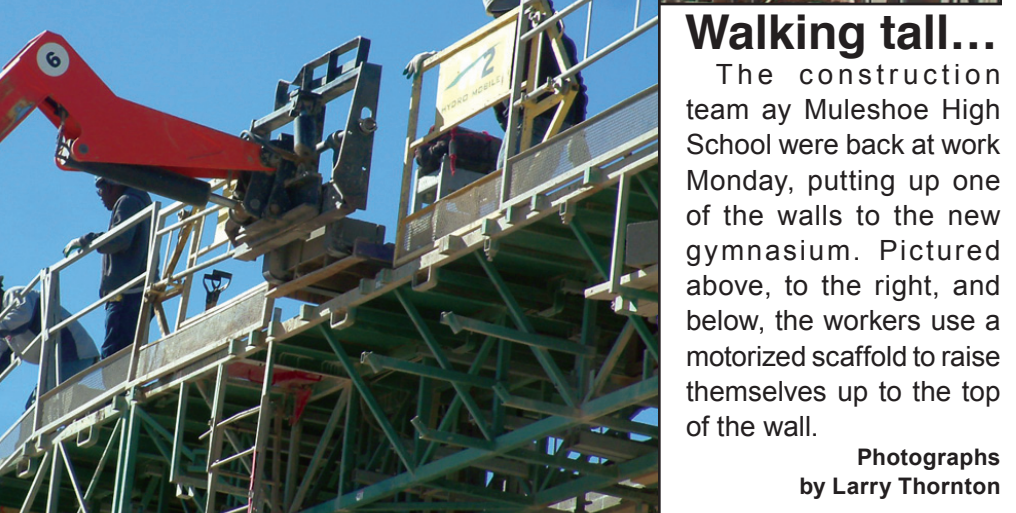
"We're not going to do anything to take away what they've accrued,"

MAHD CEO Ray Mason said at a Jan. 7, 2008, board meeting in which he explained the policy that was presented for the

board's consideration. "It's a little more flexible in how they can use their time."

While details were yet to be made known, it was noted at the board's final meeting of the year, in December, that other proposed changes to district's PTO policies were to be brought to the board in the upcoming year.

However, the biggest change in the financial condition at the hospital district during 2008 may have come not in the



Walking tall...

The construction team at Muleshoe High School were back at work Monday, putting up one of the walls to the new gymnasium. Pictured above, to the right, and below, the workers use a motorized scaffold to raise themselves up to the top of the wall.

Photographs by Larry Thornton

"(The) Period on education is graduation and nothing else..."
— David Tipps

Mules taking the State 2A, Div. 1 Championship at the end of the year.

From the start of this year's two-a-days, to the final seconds at Grand Prairie's Gopher - Warrior Stadium, this year's motto, "Call down

election. Candidates for county sheriff, two commissioner seats, tax assessor-collector, attorney filed for seats in January, but final results wouldn't be known for another 11 months, at the Nov. 8

"We're not going to do anything to take away what they've accrued," — Ray Mason

the Thunder!" stirred the blood of Muleshoe football enthusiasts, leading to a team and community first — a state championship that is still being celebrated.

"I will never forget this group of kids,"

"I will never forget this group of kids,"
— David Wood

said an emotional Mule coach David Wood in an interview with *Journal* sportswriter Delton Welhite. "It was destiny and you could feel it after our first game of the season. We knew something special was going to happen this year."

However, not all of the battles in Muleshoe during 2008 occurred at the football stadium as the year marked not only a presidential election in Bailey County but also numerous county,

general election. But the most talk probably was centered around the issue of whether liquor sales for off-premises consumption should be allowed in Bailey County's fourth precinct.

Before the issue could be set for election, an opinion was required from the state attorney general as to whether it would be a "county-wide" vote, or whether it would be decided by the registered voters in precinct 4 alone.

In the end, the opponents to the liquor sales initiative carried the day, but it may have been a "short-lived" victory as the issue's proponents have already taken the initial steps to begin a petition to place it back on the ballot for a 2009 election.

Other battles arose at the Muleshoe Area Hospital District as its administration, board members and employees struggled to improve

way district funds are managed but rather in the manager of those funds.

David Burke joined the district's administration team as the district's chief financial officer, offering a degree of expertise and advice in money management that has apparently been lacking for a number of years.

The MAHD board

began the year talking about restructuring its debt, meeting with representatives of Consolidated Financial Resources, Inc., with the idea of funding an expansion of its rural health clinic as a means of strengthening the district's overall financial condition.

Of course, not all of
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'Feisty' Mule fan talks about State Championship game



WINNIE WURST AND GREAT-GRANDCHILD

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

If "beauty is only skin deep," than feisty must go clear down to the bone.

Such it is with the oldest known Mule fan in attendance at the State Championship game against the Kirbyville Wildcats.

Born in Floyd County in 1914, the 94-year-

old Mule fan graduated from Canyon High School and attended West Texas College in Canyon before moving to Muleshoe in 1949, where she maintained a home until two years ago. She currently lives with her oldest daughter, Pearlene, at Bridgeport about 30 minutes from Ft. Worth.

But the best indication of her "feistyness," other

than the fact that she reportedly stood with the majority of the Muleshoe fans for the majority of the game, was her enrollment at Texas Tech University, taking a course in caring for the elderly at the age of 65. Of course, there is also the recent motorcycle ride she took with a family friend.

When asked about the

championship game, Wurst said, "It was fabulous! I'll never forget it!"

"We sat right on the 50 yard line," Wurst said. "I enjoyed it so much. I'm still thinking about it! I was so excited that I was waving my cane."

"That was something I never thought I'd see in my lifetime," she added, "Winning state!"

"Oh, it was special! My son, Jerry Don, and his wife Francine took us to the game. My oldest daughter Pearlene and my grandson Mark went with us."

"We made signs to hold up from the Muleshoe Journal pages. At 94, I seldom go to games anymore, but I follow the teams
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State championship shirts

The Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club is pre-selling 2008 Class 2A-Division I Football State Championship t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies and caps.

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The Athletic Boosters are also raffling a signed keepsake football, autographed by the 2008 Class 2A-Division I Football State Championship Muleshoe Mules.

Contact Vasquez Construction, Belinda Head at MHS Library, Jody Wood at the Watson Junior High, Rachel Alvarado at DeShazo or Diane Skipworth at Dillman for raffle tickets.

Muleshoe drivers license office

The drivers license office in Muleshoe has been closed due to problems with the office's computer. Individuals wishing to test or renew their license may do so, Monday through Friday, at the office in Littlefield, located in the basement of the Lamb County Courthouse. For additional information, call 806-385-5679.

EMT classes scheduled

Bailey County EMS will be holding an EMT class beginning Jan. 13., every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-10 p.m., over a four to five month period. Bailey County will be providing tuition for a limited number of students living in Bailey County, who are willing to be part-time EMTs with Bailey County EMS.

Anyone interested in this class should call 806-272-4390 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Call as soon as possible, due to limited class space. You must be 18-years-old upon completion of the course.

Newspaper office closed

The Muleshoe Journal will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1, for New Years Day, but will reopen on Friday, Jan. 2, at 8 a.m.



Chamber picks Employee of the Month

Members of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently recognized Kevin Smith of the Bailey County Coliseum as December Employee of the Month. Pictured on the left, with Smith, are chamber board members Brandi Angeley, Cory Collins, Celie Parham, Debbie Floyd, Dave McNeill, and chamber secretary Sharla Johnson.

USDA announces signup

Kim Hanlin, executive director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Bailey County, has announced that enrollment for the 2009 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program for farms with base acres began Dec. 22, both online and at local USDA service centers, and continues until June 1.

"I encourage all producers to make use of the eDCP automated website to sign up for this important program," said Hanlin. "This service makes DCP more accessible to the public, and I encourage producers with Internet access to use the system." However, producers can visit any USDA Service Center or their administratively assigned center, to complete their 2009 DCP contract.

The June 1, 2009 deadline is mandatory for all participants. USDA will not accept late-filed applications.

The electronic DCP (or eDCP) service saves producers time, reduces paperwork and speeds up contract processing at USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. It is available to all producers who are eligible to participate in the DCP Program and can be accessed at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp>. To access the service, producers must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account, which requires filling out an online registration form at www.eauth.egov.usda.gov followed by a visit to the local USDA Service Center for identity verification.

USDA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2009, eligible producers may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. USDA will issue advance direct payments beginning Dec. 2008. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices. Counter-cyclical payments are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is statutorily set below its target price. The effective price is the higher of the national average market price received during the 12-marketing year for each covered commodity and the national average rate for a marketing assistance loan for the covered commodity.

Producers who are eligible for the DCP Program will also be eligible to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program. The enrollment period for the ACRE Program

will begin in the spring. Producers may first enroll in the DCP Program, elect to receive advance direct payments and then later modify their enrollment to include the ACRE program or they may wait and elect to enroll in DCP and ACRE at the same time in Spring 2009.

The optional ACRE Program provides a safety net based on State revenue losses and acts in place of the price-based safety net of counter-cyclical payments under DCP.

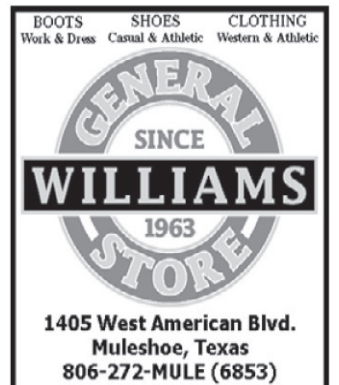
A farm's payment is based on a revenue guarantee calculated using a five-year average state yield and the most recent two-year state price for each eligible commodity. For the 2009 crop, the two-year price average will be based on the 2007 and 2008 crop years.

An ACRE payment is issued when both the state and the farm have incurred a revenue loss. The payment is based on 83.3 percent (85 percent in 2012) of the farm's planted acres times the difference between the State ACRE guarantee and the State revenue times the ratio of the farm's yield divided by the State expected yield.

The total number of planted acres for which

a producer may receive ACRE payments may not exceed the total base on the farm.

In exchange for participating in ACRE, in addition to not receiving counter-cyclical payments, a farm's direct payment is reduced by 20 percent, and marketing assistance loan rates are reduced by 30 percent.



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Saturday, January 17, 2009—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Panhandle Farmers—Owners
 Located: Panhandle, Texas—Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment

Wednesday, January 21, 2009—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Lamesa-Key Community Area Farmers—Owners
 Located: Lamesa, Texas—Selling: Farm & Cotton Equipment

Thursday, January 22, 2009—Sale Time: 9:30 a.m.
Ricky Schneider—Owner
 Located: Lamesa, Texas—Selling: Farm & Cotton Equipment

Tuesday, January 27, 2009—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Mefford Farms—Owners
 Located: Gould, Oklahoma—Selling: Farm, Ranch, Combine, Cotton Equipment

Thursday, January 29, 2009—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Wayne McClaran Estate—Owner
 Located: Bovina, Texas—Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment

Saturday, January 31, 2009—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Whitey Thompson Estate—Owner
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Tuesday, February 3, 2009—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
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Thursday, February 5, 2009 Sale Time: 9:00 a.m. New Mexico Time
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2008... The Year in Review, Part 1

Continued from page 1 the "burning issues" in Bailey County during 2008 took place in public meetings as the early months of the year with the area's dry conditions sparking huge brush fires that consumed enormous acreages, endangering homes and lives in rural Bailey County.

At one fire in January, a total of 14 area fire departments, supported by law enforcement agencies and county road crews, battled a blaze that started southeast of Muleshoe and destroyed an estimated 11,000 acres.

And even though local fire department officials requested help from Bailey County's Commissioners Court, seeking a implementation of a county burn ban, the court members remained solidly against such a proposal until County Judge Sherri Harison learned Texas Gov. Rick Perry would be limiting disaster assistance to counties that had issued a burn ban.

In February, the "burning issue" before the Muleshoe City Council wasn't about anything flammable, instead the council was called to address the issue of it's water and utility policies by then councilperson Sharon Grant.

She suggested that the policy should attempt to differentiate between utility customers who are habitually late in paying



Order of the Arrow ceremony held in April 2008

Local Webelos Scouts advanced to Boy Scouts during the Order of the Arrow ceremonies held during Saturday, April 5, at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe.

their utility bills and ones who are unintentionally late, such as the group in which she recently found herself when the U.S. Postal Service delivered her utility payment 10 days late.

It was eventually decided, after a motion to amend the policy failed in a split vote, that the existing policies were probably sufficient.

February also marked a bit of sadness at the Muleshoe school board's meeting when long-time board member Cindy Purdy announced that she would not be seeking reelection to her seat.

March found at least "some" area voters going to the polls to cast ballots in the county primary election.

As noted in the Journal's election story, "with national concerns ranging from the war in Iraq and high fuel prices to immigration and public health, and topped off with the presidency

on the line, only 31.78 percent of the registered voters in Bailey County bothered to vote in the 2008 Primary Election.

According to totals from County Clerk Paula Benton only 1,205 of the county's 3,791 registered voters cast a ballot."

March also marked the beginning of the city council's discussion about the design of the new swimming pool at the west end of the new city park, using funds generated by the city's issuance of certificates of obligation in 2007.

April in Muleshoe included efforts to help others as individuals across the community joined together in the "In As Much" Saturday community mission. Other efforts included an effort to reduce incidents of child abuse

May opened with local voters returning to the polls as they cast ballots in the May 10 elections for City of Muleshoe,

Muleshoe Independent School District and the Muleshoe Area Hospital District seats.

Early voting indicated only 52 ballots were cast in all three elections, and the May 10 polls showed a total of only 128 ballots were cast to determine who would occupy the seats offered in the annual election.

May also marked a bit of contention at the Muleshoe City Council meetings as local residents presented arguments before the city council concerning the parking of semi-tractor-trailers in residential areas. However, the issue was eventually dropped without an ordinance regulating such parking being either presented or approved by the city council.

And there was contention at the MISD board meeting as a group of parents appeared seeking a change in the school district's policy concerning the participation of students who had met the district's graduation requirements but had failed to pass the state's TAKs tests.

Even with the emotional requests

received, however, the school board's existing policy remained unchanged.

"I think it is very unfortunate that we have these young people in this situation," board president David Tipps said. However, he said the "period on education is graduation and nothing else."

But the greatest news at the school district in 2008 — other than in Mule football — was the continuing expansion at the district's four campuses.

Work was completed at Dillman Elementary, providing the students with additional classroom space, and effectively burying the old lunchroom schedule that had children being fed lunch mid-morning due to the greatly expanded cafeteria.

Muleshoe Junior High was flipped, placing its front entrance on the north side of the building.

And work is under way at Muleshoe High School and DeShazo Elementary.

In June, the MAHD's board of directors formally voted to

"pursue financing" for the expansion of the Muleshoe Family Medicine Clinic, currently operated by Dr. Bruce Purdy.

The idea of expanding the rural health clinic to allow all of the local physicians to operate under the same roof, and capture a larger federal reimbursement, had been eyed by the board and the hospital administration for several years, and toward that end the hospital board contracted with Consolidated Financial Resources, Inc., to consider financing options available to the district.

Ray Mason, hospital district CEO, reminded the board that a study about three years ago estimated that about \$330,000 in federal medicaid and medicare reimbursements were "being left on the table."

And while it is estimated that this amount is probably less than it was back then, the amount is still high enough to pay for the expansion.

"We've got to be a little bit pro-active in what we're doing," Mason said. "...We can make it work."

"It'll pay for itself," board vice president Bob Donaldson said, "and it will make us money."

June brought another first home to the community as Muleshoe councilperson Irene Mason was elected as the city's first female Mayor Pro-Tem..

Also in June, Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation director Janet Clayborn was appointed to the state's Family Practice Residency Advisory Committee.



Business of the Month

Members of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently recognized Tres' Bella, owned by Linda Flores, Anna Mendoza and Josie Ovalle, as December Business of the Month. Pictured above, with Smith, are chamber board members Brandi Angeley, Cory Collins, Celie Parham, Debbie Floyd, Dave McNeill, and chamber secretary Sharla Johnson.

Wurst...

Continued from page 1 through the newspaper. I don't personally know any of the players, but I know lots of their parents and grandparents, even some great-grandparents," she said.

"Coach Byrd is a cousin to Francine's niece, Melissa, so that was special, too. They were at the game. The whole game was special," she said.

As for she she enjoyed most about the game, Wurst said, "All of it! I enjoyed everything! That runner... the one who got the ball and ran for so many touchdowns. I enjoyed the touchdowns the most!"

Wurst raised four children in Muleshoe — Pearlene Bray, Charlene Blaylock, Jerry Don Coulter, and Janie Coulter. All four graduated from Muleshoe High School.



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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

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We want to wish all of you a Happy New Year. The center will be closed on Jan. 1, Thursday, but we will be open on Friday at the regular time.

Tuesday, Jan. 6, all you Bunco players make plans to be at the center. The

games begin at 10 a.m. So call a friend and remind them to be here.

Thursday, Jan. 8, Hearing Technology of Lubbock, Ben Jackson, will be at the center.

If you need help with your hearing devices or telephones make plans to come in. He will be here from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

We want to express our heartfelt sympathy to all who have lost loved ones. We pray God will be with you.

Menu for Jan. 5-9:
Monday, Jan. 5 — Beef tips, brown gravy,

noodles, mixed veggies, salad, wheat rolls and cake.

Tuesday, Jan. 6 — Taco salad, pinto beans, rice, cheese, chips, salsa and pudding.

Wednesday, Jan. 7 — Grilled Steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat rolls and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Jan. 8 — Meat loaf, sauce, carrots, scalloped potatoes, salad, wheat rolls, fruit and cookies.

Friday, Jan. 9 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.



Home again!

Pete returned to his familiar post overlooking Muleshoe in February 2008, thanks to the efforts of Wade Angeley, pictured above on the right, and Andy Wilson, on the left. The statue of Pete was repaired by Shipman's Body Shop after it was damaged by vandalism.

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A look inside the mangers of our minds

By Curtis K. Shelburne
"There is holiness to memory," Philip Gulley writes in his Christmas in Harmony, and "a sense of God's presence" in what Gulley calls the "mangers of the mind."

Perhaps the memories in the manger center on wonderful moments in a decades-long line of Christmas Eve services or the particular way your family lit the Advent candles each year.

Other memories in the manger almost certainly focus on Christmas joys, as commonplace as they are special, all wrapped up in the way your mother always orchestrated the trimming of the tree, or the way your father handed out the gifts on Christmas morning, or your family's favorite egg nog recipe or your clan's most treasured Christmas stories and shows, movies and music.

From the oldest in the family for whom Christmases now seem to roll around at a once-a-week rate to the youngest little one just learning to focus on the sparkle of the Christmas lights and herself lighting up the family on her first Christmas, everyone has those memories, lovingly placed in the "mangers of the mind." And each of them is itself a gift from the One who is the greatest Gift ever given and the real center of every joy.

So much beauty.
So much joy.
What is remarkable is that so much of it is all wrapped up just like last year and the year before, or the year 30 years

before.
Woe to the family member who messes much with the recipe!

The Christmas Eve package-openers will likely always look askance at the Christmas morning package-openers. The one-at-a-time-while-everyone-watches package openers will always harbor grave doubts about the Cretans who tear into all the presents, every man for himself, all at the same time.

Each group will always wonder about the other, what's wrong with people who would be so crass as to open their presents in that unauthorized way, at that unsanctified-by-time time?

Why are we so bothered — yea, verily, offended — by anyone who dares to fiddle with our Christmas customs?

Because you don't lightly mess with memories lovingly laid in the mangers of our minds.

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Obituaries

Oleta Richardson

Funeral services for Oleta Joyce Richardson, 80, of Marble Falls, were held on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at Hammons Funeral Home Chapel in Littlefield with Sam Nichols and Adam Reinhart officiating.

Burial followed in Littlefield Memorial Park.

Richardson died on Dec. 25, 2008, in Round Rock. She was born on Feb. 23, 1928, in Tulia to Emory and Alice Lee Elkins, and married Ashel Richardson on Sept. 2, 1949, in Plainview.

Following her graduation from Texas Tech University, Richardson moved to Bula to teach in the public schools.

With her husband, she owned and operated the Richardson General Store in Bula for 37 years.

After retirement from the grocery business, they moved to Marble Falls in 1991.



OLETA RICHARDSON

She was a member of the Marble Falls Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Alice Elkins and father, Emory Elkins. She was also preceded in death by one son, Charles Ray Richardson.

Survivors include her husband — Ashel Richardson of Marble Falls; a son and his wife — Mike Jean Richardson of Muleshoe; a daughter and her husband — Margaret and Jerry Teaff of Marble Fall; two — grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Heritage Foundation News



Stevenson honored

The Muleshoe Heritage Foundation recently honored Jo Bob Stevenson, pictured above on the right, with a plaque for his three years of service as president of the organization.

4-H News



Food show participants

Participants in the Bailey County 4-H Dist. 2 Food Show included, pictured above from left to right: Kayla Preston, Laurel Nitzel, Bethany Nitzel, Megan Pierson, Keiaura Nelson and Hudson Nitzel.

Library News

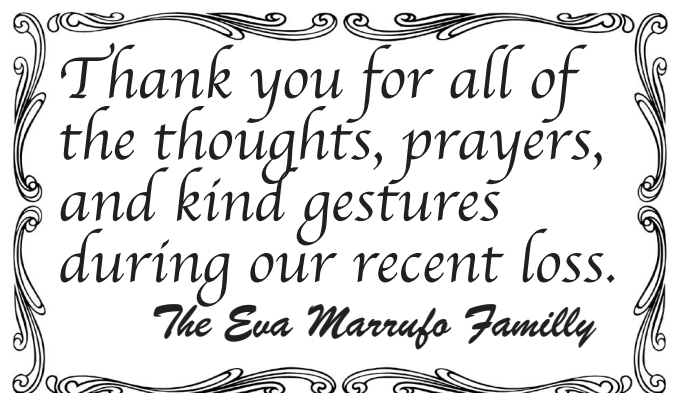
Here are the books added to Muleshoe Public Library collection recently:

Adult Large Print Fiction — *Bad Luck and Trouble* by Lee Child; *Nothing to Lose* by Lee Child; *The Shelters of Stone* by Jean M. Auel; *The Mammoth Hunters* by Jean M. Auel; *The Valley of the Horses* by Jean M. Auel; *Every Now and Then* by Karen Kingsbury; *Sisterchicks go Brit!* by Robin Jones Gunn; *The Goliath Bone* by Mickey Spillane; *Cold Hearted* by Beverly Barton; *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershoff; *A McKetrick Christmas* by Linda Lael Miller.

Adult Large Print Non-Fiction — *A Song Flung Up to Heaven* by Maya Angelou; *Every Second Counts* by

Lance Armstrong. **Adult Regular Print Non-Fiction** — *The Complete Guide to Home Masonry* by Black and Decker; *Photoshop Lightroom Adventure* by Mikkel Aaland; *Paula Deen Celebrates* by Paula Deen; *Joy Breaks: 90 Devotions to Celebrate, Simplify, and Add Laughter to Your Life* by Women of Faith; *Italy from the Air* by Guido Alberto Rossi; *100 Places to See in Your Lifetime: Heaven on Earth* by Time, Inc.; *Carlsbad Caverns: The Story Behind the Scenery* by Edward J. Greene.

Junior Non-Fiction — *Shia LaBeouf* by Sarah Tieck; *Understanding Sam and Asperger Syndrome* by Clarabelle Van Niekerk



Texas conservation award recipients announced

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts in cooperation with the state's 217 soil and water conservation districts annually sponsor the Texas Conservation Awards Program to recognize and honor those who dedicate themselves and their talents to the conservation and wise

use of renewable natural resources.

"On the local level the conservation awards program provides opportunities for competition and incentives to help our conservation district expand and improve conservation efforts, resource development, and increase the wise utilization of renewable natural resources", said

Nick Bamert, chairman of the Blackwater Valley SWCD.

"Though our district has several categories for which local citizens are honored for their soil, water and related natural resources conservation efforts, two primary categories are a major focal point of the district. These categories focus on a poster contest for youth in our district",

said Bamert.

The poster contest is open to boys and girls, ages 12 and under.

The district's expected artistic content of a poster is for a student to graphically demonstrate the importance of conservation of soil, water and related renewable resources within the realm of their community environment the chairman of the district said.

The two choices of themes for students to choose from this year are "Water is Life" and "Dig it! The Secrets of Soil."

The posters will be judged at the local soil and water conservation district level with winning posters sent to area-level competition.

The state winner will be selected from the winners of the five area competitions. "2009 entries must be postmarked and received in our district office by Jan. 15, said Bamert.

State winners in the poster contest are recognized and honored at the annual meeting of soil and water conservation district directors.

Mustangs in the Olton Invitational Tournament.

They were able to separate from Olton in the third period as Heather Gutierrez fired up for five points in the third to lead the Lady Mules to an 18-11 advantage going into the final quarter.

Alejandra Gomez set the scoring pace for the Lady Mules with eight points. Gutierrez was close behind with seven points and Andrea Solano and Ericka.

Rodriguez made four each. Sandy Mojica, Ariel Castorena and Amy Regalado dropped in two each and Julia Silva and Amy Regalado chipped in one each.

Ali Eagle had the hot hand against Farwell with seven points to lead the Lady Mules. Jenna Whitworth was close behind with six points and Gutierrez and Gomez made four each.

Solano, Mojica, A. Regalado and Brenda Rodriguez chipped in two apiece.

Stats from the Lady Mules game in Portales were not available at press time.

The Lady Mules traveled to Amarillo Highland Park to battle the Lady Hornets before taking their Christmas break.

They will return to the hardwood in Lockney Jan. 6 and open district Jan. 9 when they host the Childress Lady Cats.

Sports

JV Lady Mules fall to the Lady Blue

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

The JV Lady Mules continue to play hard despite lack of wins to show for the effort.

They hosted the Lady Blue of Farwell Tuesday night but came up short.

The Lady Mules only trailed by two at the intermission but Farwell took over in the second half for a 52-29 win.

The Lady Mules were coming off a 31-21 win over the Olton Lady

Steers little trouble for JV Mules

The JV Mules had little trouble when they hosted Farwell Steers recently.

They only had a one-point lead at 10-9 at the end of the first eight minutes but held the Steers to six in the second period and led 23-15 at the intermission.

The Mules continued to pound away in the second half. They out scored Farwell 8-4 in the third quarter and finished them off with a 12-9 final quarter.

Ryan Hall paced the Mules with a game high 18 points. He made two 3-pointers in the first half. Sergio Montejano owned the paint and dropped in 11 points. Isaias Guerra and Rico Alacorn made four points each and Matthew Martinez drained a trey in the opening period for three points. Jonathan Perez had two points and Mateo Castillo chipped in one.

The Mules were in Portales Friday night but stats were not available from the game at press time. They traveled to Amarillo Highland Park to meet the Hornets before

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Mules dominate 2008 All-District team selection

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The State Champion Mules dominated the post season All District 2-2A Selections just as they did the district competition. The Mules completed a perfect season by going 10-0 in the regular season.

They added five more wins in their march to the Texas State Championship to finish at 15-0. They out scored the other district teams 243 to 14 and all opponents 713-203. Only



Photograph by Stacy Conner

2008 Mule linemen battle the Kirbyville Wildcats for the State Championship.

the Childress Bobcats and Friona Chieftains were able to cross the goal line one time each.

Nine Mules were

chosen to the All-District Offensive teams and eight were picked to the All-District Defensive teams.

Wes Wood was chosen as the district's Most Valuable Offensive Player. He was best known for his passing as he completed

278 of 439 passes for an amazing 4532 yards and 64 touchdowns. He also rushed 130 times for 428 yards and 12 TDs.

Lane Wood was picked as the Most Valuable Defensive Player in the district and recorded a total of 125 tackles and one interception during the season.

Lane Wood was also chosen as a first team running back as he rushed 141 times for 1502 yards and 14 touchdowns.

In addition he caught 69 passes for 840 yards and eight TDs. Lane Wood accounted for a total of 2342 yards and 22 tallies.

Ray Ramirez and Victor Vasquez were both chosen to the first team offensive unit as receivers. Ramirez made 58 catches during the season for 1180 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Victor Vasquez led the Mules with 82 receptions for 1390 yards and 26 TDs. Vasquez was selected as a first team defensive back as he made 70 tackles, intercepted six passes and recovered three fumbles.

Ray Ramirez was picked to the second team as a defensive back for his 59 tackles, five interceptions and

recovered two fumbles.

Marshall Head and Austin Bamert were chosen as first team offensive linemen.

Austin Bamert also made the second unit as a line backer. He made 76 tackles, sacked three quarterbacks and recovered a fumble.

Cooper Washington was selected as first team tight end. He caught 27 passes for 485 yards and six touchdowns.

He was also picked as a first team defensive end as he made 90 tackles, recorded five sacks and recovered a fumble during the season.

Nathaniel Chavez was a second team selection at receiver for his 32 catches for 559 yards and seven touchdowns.

Joseph Strader was selected to the first team as a defensive line for his 40 tackles and one sack. He was also chosen to the second team as an offensive line man.

The Mighty Joe Vargas was selected to the second team defensive unit as a defensive end. He made 28 tackles and sacked three quarterbacks during the year.

Juan Gonzales made the second team as a defensive line man. He made 51 tackles and two sacks.

Lady Mules defeat the Lady Hornets

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The 10-5 Lady Mules traveled to Amarillo to play the Highland Park Lady Hornets before taking the five-day Christmas break. They defeated the Lady Hornets 44-34.

Lady Mule coach Val Acree said, "We played well in the first half. We got up by 17 and then seemed to relax. Highland Park cut our lead down to just two points in the fourth quarter. Yvonne Gardea made a big basket at the end and Sarah Johnson

made four clutch free throws to hold them off at the end."

Morgan Smith stole the ball six times from the Lady Hornets. Janae Pyle and Gabby Agundis pulled down eight rebounds each and Johnson had five assists in the game.

The Lady Mules almost doubled up on the Lady Hornets with Smith and Val Olivas making two baskets each in the first period.

Johnson made her first of two 3-pointers of the game in the opening period. The Lady Mules

led 15-8 after the first eight minutes.

Johnson nailed her second trey in the second period and Smith added two more buckets as the Lady Mules added 13 to their score. They screwed down the defense to hold the Lady Hornets to just four points. The Lady Mules led 28-12 at the intermission.

The Lady Mules coasted through the second half and scored eight in each of the final two periods. The Lady Hornets came out mad and dropped in 12 in the third quarter. In the

final frame they cut the Lady Mule lead to just two points before Gardea scored a bucket to keep the Lady Mules in front.

Johnson made all four of her free throw attempts in the final period to ice the win for the Lady Mules.

Johnson led the Lady Mules in scoring with a pair of 3-pointers and 14 points. Gardea and Smith added nine points each. Gabby Agundis dropped in seven points, Olivas had four and Pyle chipped in one point.

The Lady Mules played their first game in the Wildcat Classic in Littlefield Monday, Dec. 29, at 11 a.m. They met the high powered Lady Bulldogs of Anton. The tournament is scheduled for Dec. 29-31.

The Lady Mules will begin the New Year in Lockney on Jan. 6 against the Lady Horns and open district play at home against the Childress Lady Cats on Jan. 9.

Lady Mules 'knock off' Morton's Maidens

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules had a very busy week before heading to Grand Prairie for the Mule's state finals football game against Kirbyville.

They knocked off the Morton Maidens 42-32 on Tuesday night.

Sarah Johnson and Morgan Smith each had five assists in the game and Smith pulled down 10 rebounds.

Yvonne Gardea and Johnson had three steals apiece in the winning effort. The Lady Mules were nine of 12 from the charity line.

Smith made eight of her 16 game high points in the second period. She made two buckets and four free throws during the second frame. Johnson made the Lady Mules only 3-pointer in the first period and finished the game with 11 points.

Gizell Vasquez and

Janae Pyle made four points each and Gardea dropped in all three of her points in the second half. Gabby Agundis and BreAnn Baca chipped in two points each.

The Lady Mules entered the Farwell Invitational Tournament and downed the Grady (NM) Lady Broncos 63-49. Johnson had the hot hand for the Lady Mules with a team high 17 points. She was five of 10 from the field and five of six from the line.

Gardea made six of nine from the field for 12 points. Smith had six assists, five steals and

dropped in eight points. Val Olivas heated up in the second half to score eight points.

Vasquez added seven points and Baca three. Agundis, Melissa Mendoza, Gabby Perez and Janae Pyle all chipped in two each. Agundis had five steals and Pyle pulled down six rebounds.

The Melrose (NM) Lady Buffs fell to the Lady Mules 55-34 Friday morning. Gardea led the scoring charge with 16 points. She was seven of 12 from the field.

Smith was six of

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Weddings

Hutto, Norrod exchange wedding vows

Candace Dee Hutto of Lubbock, formerly of Muleshoe, and Curtis Ray Norrod, also of Lubbock, were united in matrimony on Nov. 15, 2008, at the Merket Alumni Center Courtyard in Lubbock, with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe officiating in the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Debbi Hutto and the late Terry Hutto, of Muleshoe.

She was given in marriage by her brother, T.J. Hutto.

The groom is the son of Steve and Lisa Norrod of Bedford.

Nikki Bonds of Dallas served as the bride's maid of honor. She was assisted

by Brittany Livingston of Dallas.

Kyle Norrod served as best man. He was assisted by Landon Runyan of Dallas.

Other members of the wedding party included flower girl Kailey Norrod; Mindy Locker of Lubbock and Megan Barrett, who registered guests; and usherettes Maci, Marisa and Larlore Martin.

Brady Mason of Muleshoe provided music for the ceremony, and Donovan Martin provided a special reading.

The bride wore a formal strapless gown of fine white chantilly lace featuring a vertically shirred ruched bodice defined at the waist with

an elegant, wide band of swarovski crystals and silver beads. The slim A-line skirt was accented at the hem with delicate scallops, flowing into the chapel length train.

Her veil was single-tiered, elbow-length tulle accented with swarovski crystals and silver beaded edging, and she carried a bouquet of red roses, red infinity roses, and white calas, with a small charm containing a photograph of her late father centered in the bouquet.

The bride followed wedding tradition by carrying something old — an antique diamond pin worn by four generations of the bride's family; something new — her dress; something borrowed — sixpense

that was carried by the bride's mother at her wedding; and something blue — her garter.

A reception followed the wedding ceremony at the Merket Alumni Center. The couple honeymooned at Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and plan to reside in Lubbock.

The bride is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and Texas Tech University. She is employed as a legal assistant by the law firm of McCleskey, Hariger, Brazill & Graf.

The groom is a graduate of Trinity High School and Texas Tech University. He is employed as a fitness and wellness coordinator for Rehab Care.



MR. AND MRS. CURTIS NORROD

Lady Mules

Continued from page 6 eight from the field to score 15 points and grabbed five rebounds. Vasquez was in double figures with 10 points, Johnson and Agundis made five each.

Perez and Olivas chipped in two points each.

The Lady Mules played their second game on Friday short four players. Fouls became a problem for the seven remaining Lady Mules before the game ended.

The Friona Squaws pulled away late to defeat the Lady Mules 50-40.

The Lady Mule stingy Amoeba Defense gave up 10 points total in the second and third periods and led 32-28 going into the final frame.

Gardea and Olivas both went out on fouls in the final quarter.

Johnson led the Lady Mules in scoring with 13 points, three assists and three steals. Gardea added 10 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and made three steals.

Smith score two points in each period for eight points, Mendoza made four free throws for her

four points, Olivas made all three of her points in the first quarter and Perez chipped in two.

The Lady Mules improved their record to 10-4 Tuesday night by defeating the Farwell Lady Blue 55-38 in the Muleshoe Athletic and Convocation Center. Gardea scored as the first period ended to tie the game 11-11.

The Lady Blue felt the heat of the Muleshoe defense in the second period as the Lady Mules only gave up four points. The Lady Mule offense

also heated up with 14 points and they led 25-16 at the intermission.

The Lady Mules scored 28 points in the second half to just 22 by the Lady Blue.

Johnson led all scorers with 23 points. Gardea added 10 points, Olivas dropped in six and Agundis had five.

Smith made her four points in the third quarter, Vasquez had three points and Pyle chipped in two.

The Lady Mules traveled to Portales Friday night and fell to

the Rams 49-35. Gardea and Vasquez each made 10 points to lead the Lady Mules in scoring. Vasquez made eight in the second period and Gardea had eight in the final period.

Tight man defense on Johnson held her to seven points, Agundis dropped in five points and Smith made all three

of her points in the first period.

The Lady Mules traveled to Highland Park Monday night to face the Lady Hornets before taking the five day Christmas break.

The Lady Mules were back in action during the break in the Littlefield Holiday Tournament Dec. 29-31.

Muleshoe drivers license office

The drivers license office in Muleshoe has been closed due to problems with the office's computer. Individuals wishing to test or renew their license may do so, Monday through Friday, at the office in Littlefield, located in the Lamb County Courthouse. For more information, call 806-385-5679.



The Sudan Buzz

Buzz-A-Licious" Recipes

Debra Hall sends the Buzz-A-Licious recipe this week. She says this is delicious and it is served just like you would serve a cake.

The "Hawaiian Three-layer Sandwich" would be great for your New Year's Eve parties. Everyone enjoy!

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Buzzing away...

By Norma Burnett



Christmas is over and the decorations are beginning to come down. We are about to turn the calendar over to begin a new year. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and as we begin a new year I hope that it will be a blessed and very prosperous year for everyone.

Everyone that has made those New Year's Resolutions I hope that you are more able to keep them than me.

Everybody be sure and fix those black eyed peas on New Year's Day because we all need all of the good luck that we can get!!

Have a Happy New Year and I will see you next year.

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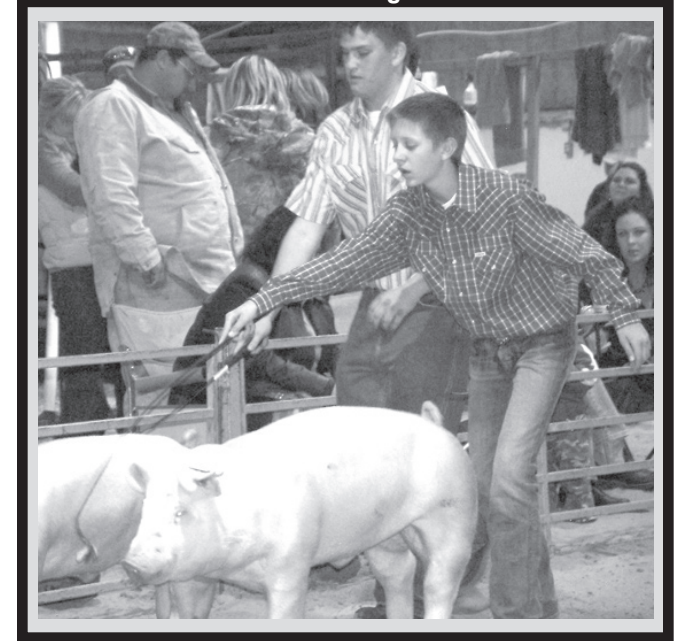
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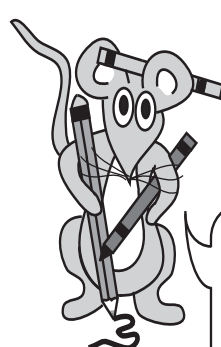
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Happy New Year Everyone!

I promise to...  I really like the New Year celebration. It comes every year and gives me a new chance every year to do a little better or start doing something in a new way.


Have you ever heard of a **New Year's resolution**? It is a promise you make to yourself to change something or add something to your life. My New Year's resolution last year was to do my chores without being reminded by my Mom. I got my jobs done and my Mom was pleased with my work too.

This year I want to 'kick up' my New Year's resolution. I'm going to think of something I want to get done and then add just a bit extra to it to make it more of a challenge.

This 2-part puzzle has ideas that **you** might like to try. **First, read the clues and fill in the crossword puzzle. Next, match each resolution to its 2nd part that would "kick it up" a bit.**

1. get more fresh air and _____
2. finish all your _____ and _____
3. spend less time talking on the _____
4. try out a new _____ or sport
5. clean your _____
6. watch less _____
7. develop a new, special _____ (singing, dancing, juggling)
8. feed your _____
9. think about how to make yourself healthy _____
10. do your _____ well before it is due
11. save up your _____
12. get to _____ on time

A. and invite friends and family over instead
B. and help your brother and sister with theirs
C. and put on a show for your family to enjoy
D. take on a few extra little jobs without being asked
E. and choose an exciting book to read instead
F. and spend it on someone else
G. and make a chart of your progress
H. with clean clothes and a clean you!
I. and help your parents shop and pick out fruits you like
J. and help with the rest of the house too
K. play with it every day, and keep it clean it too
L. and become the best you can at it

A happy, healthy New Year to you and your family. 

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Out With the Old Year, In With the New!

What do you know about the celebration of the new year? **Read these clues to help you fill in this New Year puzzle:**

1. in Ancient Rome, the new year started in _____ because the month of January did not exist yet
2. to represent the birth of a New Year we use a newborn _____ dressed in a top hat and a sash
3. by the end of the year the child grows into a wrinkled _____
4. _____ time is used to represent the passage of years; he usually carries an hourglass
5. to celebrate the new year many people gather to eat, drink and dance at a _____; the biggest is in New York City in Times Square
6. _____ light up the sky in celebration; they can be seen behind the Statue of Liberty, the Eiffel Tower and the Forbidden City in China
7. the new year officially begins when the clock strikes _____
8. everyone's favorite New Year's _____ is "Auld Lang Syne," which means 'old long since'
9. after the parties of New Year's eve, many people relax by watching the big _____ game, "The Rose Bowl"
10. after the game people line the streets to watch the "Rose _____," which takes place in California
11. friends wish each other a happy, _____ New Year
12. people use the start of a new year as a way to better themselves through New Year's _____

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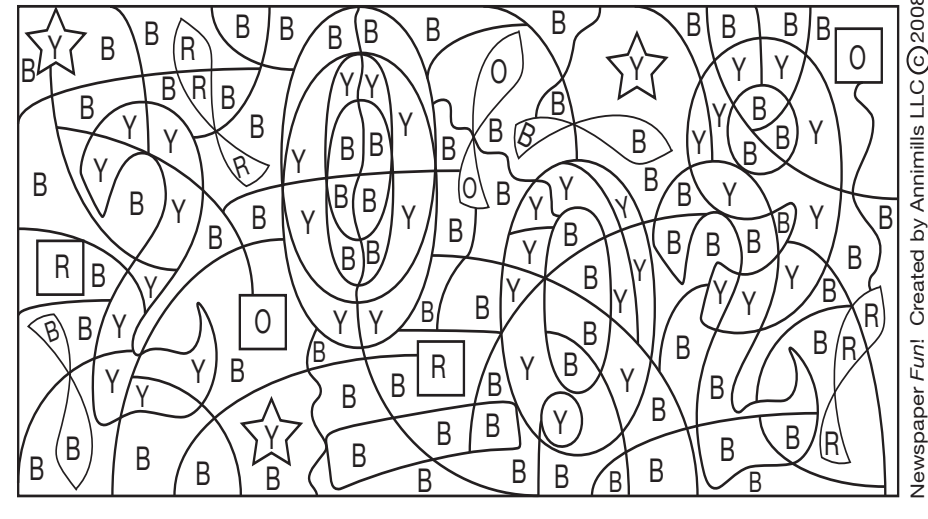
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Forecast for a New Year!

Circle "yes" if you think an item could happen in the new year and "no" if it is just silly:

1. The country will celebrate as we welcome our first African American president! yes no
2. July 22, the sun will "disappear from the sky" during a total solar eclipse (when the moon blocks the sun). yes no
3. Cars will travel on no roads as they will fly in the sky. yes no
4. Signals for TVs will change, so a special box will be added to old TVs. yes no
5. 200th anniversary of President Lincoln's birth. yes no
6. An entire meal will fit into one tiny pill. yes no

Color Key: B = Blue R = Red O = Orange Y = Yellow



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Milk income loss contract program signup begins

Kim Hanlin, executive director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Bailey County, Dec. 22 announced that signup for the Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC) begins Dec. 22 and will continue through the program's expiration date, Sept. 30, 2012.

The program's final rule will soon be published in the Federal Register.

The 2008 Farm Bill reauthorizes the MILC Program, which operates similarly to the counter-cyclical payment program for crops, and makes three key changes in program operation.

Under the Farm Bill, the MILC payment rate and the per-operation poundage limit are modified, depending on when the milk is produced.

In addition, a "feed cost adjuster," is introduced over the life of the Farm Bill, which adjusts the \$16.94 per hundredweight (cwt.) benchmark price upward depending on

the cost of feed rations.

When available, MILC payments are based on a payment rate percentage that is multiplied by the difference between a now-flexible target (\$16.94 per cwt. or higher) and the specific month's Boston Class I price of milk.

According to Hanlin, USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) issues MILC payments on an operation-by-operation basis up to a maximum of 2.4 million pounds of milk produced and marketed (about 120 cows) from Oct. 1, 2007, through Sept. 30, 2008.

The production limit per operation increases to 2.985 million pounds (about 145 cows) for each fiscal year from Oct. 1, 2008, through Aug. 31, 2012.

Beginning Sept. 1, 2012, the production limitation reverts back to the original limit of 2.4 million pounds per fiscal year.

The 2008 Act adjusts the trigger price of \$16.94

cwt., depending on the extent to which feed costs increase. The feed cost adjustment takes effect when the monthly National Average Dairy Feed Ration Cost (calculated from the "entire month" prices published by the National Agricultural Statistics Service) is greater than \$7.35 per cwt. beginning Jan. 1, 2008, through Aug. 31, 2012.

Calculations from Jan. 1, 2008, through Aug. 31, 2012, will be made at 45 percent of the percentage that the National Average Dairy Feed Ration Cost exceeds \$7.35 per cwt.

Beginning with Fiscal Year 2009 which began Oct. 1, 2008, the 2008 Act made changes to the provisions for payment eligibility to add an adjusted gross income (AGI) limit.

If the individual or entity has annual non-farm AGI for the relevant base period greater than \$500,000, the individual or entity is not eligible for

MILC benefits.

The base period will be set pursuant to AGI regulations yet to be issued. That rule will also define what is considered to be non-farm income.

During the signup application period, participating dairy operations must select the month of the fiscal year to start receiving payments for eligible production.

Producers submitting a contract application within 30 days of the beginning of the application period can select any preceding month as the start month.

Producers submitting contract applications after Jan. 21, 2009, will not have the option of selecting an earlier month as the payment start month for the dairy operation for

a fiscal year; and will be limited to applicable start month selection rules.

Those general rules are that the start month must either be the month the contract is submitted or some later month.

Changes in the month may be made from year to year so long as the designation is made by the fourteenth of the month proceeding the new start month.

Pound limits run from the start month and

all pounds for which payment is received count against the limit for that fiscal year.

Dairy producers can apply for MILC at local FSA offices.

All payments in the program are subject to limits in the contract, regulations, and to changes in statutory provisions for payment.

For more information on MILC contact the Bailey County FSA office at (806)272-4538.



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