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## Tough decisions ahead on county budget

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

While the individual county precincts may be "better off" than in recent years, County Judge Sherri Harrison indicated that wasn't the case for the county's general fund.

The judge's remarks came during a budget workshop at the tail of Monday's regular session

of the Bailey County Commissioners' court, at which she also noted the county had about \$370,000 less to work with for the FY2009-10 budget.

Among other things, this means there is very little chance for county employees to receive a raise.

"Unless something changes, I don't see

where the money for raises would come from," she said.

Among the reasons for the low numbers is the Bailey County Law Enforcement Center, which is down significantly in revenue generated from boarding out-of-county prisoners.

Adding to this \$400,000 drop in anticipated revenue is

the Bailey County EMS, which Harrison said is currently operating \$65,000 in the red, largely due to medical claims that were never filed. She said it was her hope that collecting on these service claims would offset this problem.

The judge also pointed to the drop in investment interest. While last year's budget included \$20,000

in interest, in actuality, the judge said declining interest rates reduced that amount to \$2,454.

As a result, the sheriff's department is faced with the loss of a field deputy position.

"Other departments should look at cutting a position also," Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver said.

In the preliminary

budget discussed Monday, Harrison noted the county was "in the black" by only \$22,000.

While the judge said the budget was built upon figures from a 95 percent anticipated tax collection, she suggested that — due to the current state of the Texas economy, a more accurate picture may require figuring the budget at 93 percent.



### Stocking Lake Muleshoe

At Monday's city council meeting, City Manager David Brunson noted that Lake Muleshoe was to be stocked Tuesday evening. However, driving down Third Street Tuesday afternoon, it was obvious the lake had already been stocked, and was in full use. Although no fishing rods were in sight the water critters were jumping.

Photographs by  
Larry Thornton



## Muleshoe council takes action on land issues

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

A trio of land transactions were among the business handled by the Muleshoe City Council during Monday's regular meeting, as the city approved an ordinance abandoning an easement in apparent exchange for property that improved access to municipal property, and also improved the chances for residential development on the other side of town.

At the recommendation of City Manager David Brunson, the city council approved an ordinance abandoning the city's easement on land at the end of West Austin Street, located between two pieces of land owned by Ted Harrison.

By vacating the city's easement, Brunson said the undeveloped street would revert back to Harrison, who owned the property on both sides of it.

On another issue, the council accepted the Harrison's donation of land on East Ash adjacent to property owned by the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation.

According to Brunson, this donation would improve the city's access to the MEDC property.

And also, the council approved revisions to the final plat of land the city previously sold to Gary Hooten for development.

It was explained that by reducing the number of lots from eight on each side of the alley extending through the property to three it would increase

the interest of potential buyers, and would reduce the number of electrical taps Xcel would have to install.

In other business, the city council:

- Approved an additional \$204 reimbursement for the Comite Patriotico's Cinco de Mayo celebration advertising expenses contingent upon receiving additional documentation.

- Approved the release of non-primary FFA entitlement grant funds that had not been utilized by the city for airport improvements to the Texas Department of Transportation.

The city manager explained that the \$66,667 in FY 2006 federal funds had to be used prior to a

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## Bailey County court receives 'clean' audit opinion

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioner's Court received a "clean opinion" in Monday's audit report from Becky Roberts, CPA, of Abilene.

Roberts said the audit, which cover the county's fiscal year, ending Sept. 30, 2008, "went well,"

and added that there were no findings that needed to be brought to the attention of the court.

She added that she liked to see a public entity maintain a three-month operating equity — meaning if no additional revenue came in the door the county

would have the funds to operate for an additional three months — and was pleased that Bailey County's operating equity was currently at 4-1/2 months.

However, County Judge Sherri Harrison noted that the county's operating equity in the previous year was at six

months.

It was noted that expenditures are up, and the county's revenue was down — due in large to a \$400,000 decrease in the Bailey County Law Enforcement Centers revenue from boarding out-of-county prisoners, and increased expenditures by Bailey

County EMS.

Additionally, the county's fund balance as of Sept. 30, 2008, Roberts said, was \$1,102,141.

The audit report also noted that the county's overall debt had increased by \$120,283, for a total of \$4,542,786, with the majority being owed for motor graders

(maintainers).

Roberts also pointed out that during the period covered by the audit, the county spent \$300,000 less than it had budgeted, and listed the fund balances for each of the county precincts as: \$3,562 for Precinct 1; \$139,300 for Precinct 2;

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## Recent sales tax allocations indicate a 'lackluster' month

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

May was a "lackluster" month for the City of Muleshoe's sales tax, according to the July distribution of sales tax revenue by the Texas State Comptroller's office.

According to the comptroller's office, Muleshoe's July allocation totaled \$3,616.14 less than the same period in 2008, a drop of 9.01 percent, placing it well down the list of area communities.

This month Earth returned to the top with an allocation increase of 18.22 percent, a \$531.86 rise in sales tax dollars, when compared to its totals for the same period in 2008.

Morton followed with a sales tax increase of \$1,044.23, which tallies at 13.34 percent above last year.

At the bottom of the field in July allocations

for the area is Olton, with a 19.98 percent decrease, just beating Farwell for the bottom slot by slightly more than two percent.

Farwell's 17.43 percent decrease represents a \$1,263.62 decline in sales tax revenue collected by its merchants in May and submitted to the comptroller's office in June.

The state collected \$1.57 billion in sales tax revenue in June, down 11.2 percent compared to June 2008.

"The oil and gas, construction and retail trade sectors showed continued weakness, resulting in a sharp decrease in sales tax collections in June," State Comptroller Susan Combs said in a recent news release. "Contributing to the decrease was not only the weakness in these three sectors, but also the strong level of collections received from them in June 2008."

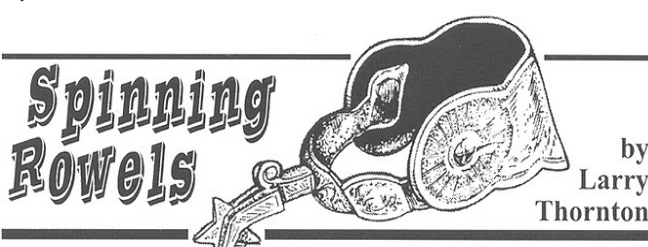
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### Sales Tax Results

City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$36,511.91	\$40,128.05	-9.01%
Dimmitt	\$24,489.42	\$25,088.30	-2.38%
Morton	\$ 8,870.19	\$ 7,825.96	13.34%
Littlefield	\$59,335.92	\$58,254.02	-2.39%
Olton	\$ 7,841.23	\$ 9,799.77	-19.98%
Sudan	\$ 2,771.60	\$ 2,891.73	-4.15%
Earth	\$ 3,450.17	\$ 2,918.31	18.22%
Farwell	\$ 5,983.55	\$ 7,247.17	-17.43%
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## Controlling waste isn't always a "farming issue"

I've held off as long as I can, but some pieces of news just seem to force themselves onto the printed page, like a vacuum salesman at your front door.

What I'm talking about is a news release I'd received from College Station that proclaimed a "manure management conference" is being held Sept. 29-30... at Austin.

Since that time, I've received a couple of additional news releases on the issue, so its importance must be increasing... or at least piling up.

Imagine that! A manure management conference being held in the Texas state capitol. And what's even more amazing is that the conference speakers aren't being gathered from among the Lone Star State's legislators, executive branch, or even it's bureaucrats... obvious experts in the field, surpassed only by a group headquartered 1,493.52 miles further east.

(Please note that I'm not including Bailey County's representation in the State House and Senate. It's the folks shoveling from the other parts of Texas that we normally have to watch.)

And if ever there was a crowd that absolutely screamed its ability to move the stuff it's some of those people down in Austin. Granted, they probably have more experience shipping loads out of rather than into Austin, but I'd figure the basic handling techniques are the same... take a shovel, scoop and press the "vote Yes" button.

Which brings to mind a state senator I knew from an area northeast of here, and across a state border, who once announced with pride that during his two sessions in office he'd never voted "yes" to a single legislative bill. But while he could never be accused of excessive shoveling, there were a few instances in which I suspected he drank his soup from a sieve.

Maybe that suggests there needs to be a "happy medium" somewhere, but for the most part... in manure manufacturing, I figure less is still best.

The initial College Station news release goes on to say that it's been 10 years since the last manure management conference, which doesn't include the most recent 81st legislative session, and it's awkward handling of school funding and other issues, or the special session that followed.

Apparently, the staff who prepared the news release was upwind of Gov. Rick Perry's continuing push to increase transportation officials' contracting authority with private companies over the construction and operation of the Trans-Texas Corridor.

*(Editor's note: Individuals actually interested in attending the conference can get information about it at "<http://grovesite.com/tamu/tammi>".)*

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### Earth Rodeo to be held

The 65th annual Earth Amateur Rodeo is set for Friday and Saturday, July 17-18, at 8 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

A parade is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Saturday.

### MHS class of '96

The Muleshoe High School Class of '96 will be holding a class reunion on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4-5.

Anyone with any information regarding former students from that class are asked to contact one of the following people: Sharon (Johnson) Villa at (806)315-0366, Summer (Gibbins) McCowen at (361)523-9728, Sarah (Villareal) Santos at (806)946-9210 or Johnny Rodriquez at (210)829-8795.

### Lariat VBS

Lariat Church of Christ will be hosting Vacation Bible School on Sunday, July 26, from 2-5 p.m.

The event is for all ages, and will include a seminar for adults at the same time, featuring Luke and Richard Bowers of the Baker Heights Church of Christ of Abilene, who will be speaking about the youth culture and the importance of parenting in today's world.

### AA meeting set

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

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

## City council takes action

Continued from page 1 Sept. 30 deadline, and it wouldn't be possible to pull together a project in time, therefore, he recommended the funds to be released in order that TxDOT could use them at other airport locations that were needing additional funds.

- Provided time for public participation regarding the city's 2008 drinking water quality report.

"Not only is our water the best tasting in West

Texas," the city manager said, referring to the award the city and its public works department received a couple of months ago, "it is also safe."

- Received the city's investment summary for the quarter ending June 30.

"We are financially sound," Brunson said about the report. "We are looking healthy."

The report listed funds invested with Muleshoe State Bank at \$1,356,344.84; with TexStar at \$2,464,603.65; and TexPool at \$3,005,179.07 for a total of \$6,826,126.06.

- Received a report from the city manager concerning the city's ongoing capital improvement projects, including the new police department building, which is currently being built prior to its move to Muleshoe, and the aquatic facility, which Brunson said should be completed by next summer, and "Lake Muleshoe," which is scheduled to be stocked with fish on Tuesday, July 14.

## Sales tax revenue...

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Her office sent July sales tax allocations totaling \$426.7 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, down 8.8 percent compared to July 2008.

July sales tax allocations of \$284.3 million to Texas cities were down 8.8 percent compared to July 2008. and so far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are down 1.6 percent compared to the same time period last year.

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# Do we really need a cell phone toothbrush?

I admit it: I'm a nerd. I love technology mainly because I love gadgets.

I know. Sometimes you've got to wonder about the practicality of some of the gadgets. Just because it's possible to make a cell phone that doubles as a toothbrush, should we?

Do we really have a need for such?

What we do need very badly are not just folks who know how to make stuff but folks who know how to ask why.

Math and science are wonderful disciplines, but before we consign all the history and English, arts and humanities, majors to museums where they can be viewed in glass cases as oddities from the distant past, it



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might be good to keep a few around just in case someone ever wants to ask about where we've been and why we might want to think about where we're heading.

Take text messaging, for example. Even though I tend to like cool new stuff, I've been slow to admit that "texting" is really cool or new.

We've had stuff like Morse Code for a long time, and people could be trained to be really proficient and fast at it.

For most of us, most of the time, hunching

over a list of the Morse dots and dashes and tap, tap, tapping just seemed tedious.

What if somebody invented something really cool that you could use to actually talk over? Oh, hey, they did! The telephone!

Sorry, but my first reaction when I learned about "texting" was, "Fine. We can do it. Big deal. What's the point?"

I thought two empty Campbell's soup cans tied together with a string would be more of a genuine advancement in technology.

But I'm coming along a bit.

I still find texting tedious, but when I saw our kids able to "thumb" out one message announcing the birth of each of my granddaughters and send it to everyone on their "address books," I saw some sense in it. That would have taken lots of cans and a good bit of fiber. Not optics... string.

Speaking of

## Births



Palynn Snow Wilhite

### Palynn Wilhite

Dustin and Myranda Wilhite of Wilmore, Ky., announce the birth of their daughter, Palynn Snow Wilhite on June 8, 2009, at St. Joseph's Hospital of Lexington, Ky.

Palynn weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces at birth, and was 19-1/2 inches in length.

Her sisters are Mykaylee, Addyson and Emma Wilhite.

Palynn's grandparents are Delton and Nelda Wilhite of Muleshoe and Ronny and Jeanne Lathrop of Boise City, Okla.

granddaughters, one of the little beauties was heading our way recently. I'd been working in the yard but I was getting impatient.

So I sent this text message to my son, her father: "The estate is mowed. I wish to see my oldest granddaughter. Bring her I bid thee." (I wished to see the youngest one, too! But she was busy getting ready for her "one year" birthday party.)

A few minutes later, I sent another text with news: "Live bunny nest found under purple plum. Bunnies want to see Bryan."

And then I got this reply: "She's on her way. Be patient, old man." Like most text messages, this one was deficient in capitalization and punctuation, though I've fixed it here.

I understand that (even as an English major). Thumb-typing is tedious. But I got the message. "Old" man?! Yeah, I got that one, too. Makes you wonder why you sired such cretans. Grandchildren. That's why!

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# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Congratulations to Doroteo and Maria Barron on their 40th wedding anniversary. May God bless you.

Ben Jackson with Hearing Technology of Lubbock will not be coming to Muleshoe this month.

His next visit will be on Thursday, Aug. 13. Mark your calendars.

Richard Light with Accolade Homecare will be presenting a program on Friday, July 17.

Make plans to come to the center on this date. There will be personnel with him to do several different tests for you. We appreciate him coming to help us out.

Our July birthday party will be on Thursday, July 16. Accolade Homecare has been kind enough to furnish our birthday cakes for the last three months. We appreciate

their thoughtfulness. Remember, all you Bunco players, Tuesday, July 21, will be the day. There were a great many players on July 7. A lot of fun and fellowship. Make plans to come and enjoy. Our appreciation to Interim Health for sponsoring the Bunco for us.

Our next senior dance will be on Tuesday night, July 28. We always have a great time visiting with our surrounding area friends.

If you would like a good night in Muleshoe, make plans to come to the center on dance night.

We have good food, music, and fellowship, along with good exercise dancing.

Thursday is our Bingo day. LaShea Mason with NursCare is our fun caller.

If you would like to spend a fun afternoon,

make plans to come join in the Bingo games. Prizes and refreshments are furnished. We appreciate LaShea taking her time to come join us.

Menu for July 20-24: Monday, July 20 — Smothered chicken breast, carrots, salad, wheat roll, peaches and cookies.

Tuesday, July 21 — Ham with pineapple, black eye peas, salad, cornbread and iced cake.

Wednesday, July 22 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and peach cobbler.

Thursday, July 23 — Hamburgers, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onions, pickles, pork & beans, chips and pudding.

Friday, July 24 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

# The fading twilight of life... Part 4

I don't want to overdo this and wear you out with these thoughts, but these are broad and important things to think about: Private property and community property, a line of descent and distribution, inheritance, marriage, formal and informal, separate property, minors and adults, and two sets of children in one family.

Although the things I expect to write about could be applied to individuals and to business establishments, I will apply them basically to married couples, those with children, and to second marriages where there is two sets of children.

In the latter, sincere love, careful thought, patience and understanding is necessary. For in those instances we have different backgrounds and interests to begin with.

*Something worth saying...*  
By Glen Williams

I hope to conclude this series of writings with detailed comments about the heirs of a large estate that I spent several days with a few years ago. It is located in Florida, and the heirs worked together with their mother, the real owner, most efficiently of any I have ever known.

Now as I comment on the above items I place my own interpretation on them, in order to make them say what I want them to say. I don't suggest that they are correct or official interpretations.

By private property I mean property that is owned by one or more individuals as their own — for their own private purposes.

By community property I mean property that is owned jointly by more than one person, as a partnership, corporation, or company.

By inheritance I mean items or property that passes to a person or persons by virtue of a relationship or designation upon the death of a relative, friend or other party. Its value, or the nature of it has nothing to do with it — by this I mean has nothing to do with who inherits.

Marriage: A formal marriage is the union or joining together of a man and woman by some type of ceremony in which each express love for the other, and

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# Letters to the Editor

## Resident thrilled with Independence Day celebration

### To the Editor:

Isn't it great that former students and residents have such fond, nostalgic memories of Muleshoe's July 4 celebrations that they want to return and recapture those feelings.

That is exactly what happened this year when many were in contact through computer

programs and returned for reunions and another "real" Fourth of July.

How wonderful that they were not disappointed because the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce, area citizens, news media, businesses and organizations all worked hard to make this fourth a warm, patriotic and exciting day.

I believe we can all be proud to be a part of such a community. I appreciate all this community has given to me and the honor of riding in the parade as "Woman of the Year."

This reminds me of the thoughts of the French statesman, Alexis de Tocqueville, who came to America years ago

seeking to find the "heart of America."

He said he could not find the "heart" in the hallowed halls of government in Washington, D.C., nor in her large cities like New York City.

Finally he traveled to America's small towns and visited in her churches. There, he

noted, "I found the heart of America."

I believe the former students and residents again found the real "heart of America" the Fourth of July, 2009, in Muleshoe.

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## Something worth saying...

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promise to care for each other "Until death we do part." And it is registered by a marriage license.

One purpose of the license is to create a record of the marriage, and the ceremony is to impress upon them the sanctity of the union.

An informal marriage is when a couple, man and woman, decide they want to be married — want to be husband and wife — and they start living together as husband and wife and present themselves to the public as husband and wife.

They are married, as legal as if it were done by formal procedures and formal ceremony.

Sometimes it is hard to prove up an informal marriage, but there is

an affidavit-type paper that can be filed with the county clerk that serves to create a record.

If I may say so, I think that is better than a couple living together in what most people think of as being a case of adultery. And it is certainly not the best for the children that might be born in such a union.

Furthermore, I will say this, according to my observations through the years, and almost without exception the girl is the one that gets hurt.

For example, a lady called me one night and said she had been living with a man, here in Muleshoe, for three or four years, and they had got along quite well.

The house was his, but some of the furniture belonged to her.

She said she had been away for a few days, and when she came back he had set her furniture out on the porch, and he had another woman in the house with him.

Of course she was hurt and disappointed and she wanted to know if there was anything she could do about it. I told her there wasn't anything she could do except get her furniture and get it away. And I advised her to do that as soon as she could.

"And then," I said, "stay out of any more relationships of that kind. For you will get hurt every time."

As I have said before, "There is no way they can win."

I will expect to comment on the other items, as listed above in the next paper.

### Kudos to the newspaper

#### To the editor:

Thanks for the excellent coverage you gave at our July 4 celebration.

We appreciate especially the articles, pictures and excellent advertising layouts.

Carolyn Johnson,  
Muleshoe

### Publication of Obituaries

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

Date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage;

Limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death;

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

We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid.

Everything must be submitted by your funeral home.

## Baby Showers



### Garten shower held

Belinda Garten, pictured above, was honored with a baby shower in the home of Sherri Kennedy on Sunday, June 14. Among the gifts presented to her was a Stroller Travel System. Special guests attending included Jannell Garten.

## Births

### Isabella Cortez

Joe and Vivian Cortez of Muleshoe announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella Marie Cortez, on July 14, 2009, at 8:31 a.m., at Lamb Healthcare Center of Littlefield.

Isabella weighed eight pounds, one ounce at birth and was 20-3/4 inches in length.

She has two sisters, Marissa and Prissilla.

Isabella's grandparents are Maria and Felix Ponilla, Joe Cortez and Janie Rivas.

### MHS class of '96 seeks information

The Muleshoe High School Class of '96 will be holding a class reunion on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4-5.

Anyone with any information regarding former students from that class are asked to contact one of the following people: Sharon (Johnson) Villa at (806)315-0366, Summer (Gibbins) McCowen at (361)523-9728, Sarah (Villareal) Santos at (806)946-9210 or Johnny Rodriguez at (210)829-8795.

## Who are they?



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

The photographs above, and a large number of other photographs, have accumulated at the news office. Please reclaim these pieces of family history.

**Thank you from the Flowers family!**

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Mule Rodeo • 11:30 am (Dusty Rhodes Arena)  
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Mule Shoe Pitching & Mule Putt Golf • 1 pm

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## Wedding Showers



Erin Allen Gonzales

### Gonzales feted at shower

Erin Allen Gonzales, the bride of B. J. Gonzales was honored at a shower in the First Baptist Church parlor on Sunday, June 28.

The bride is the daughter of Mark and Lisa Allen of Muleshoe. The groom is the son of Rick and Alice White of Muleshoe.

The hostesses for the event included: JoAnn Albright, Cindy Barrett, Nancy Barrier, Tracy Been, Terry Byers, Helen Cook, Starla Ellis, Anita

Flores, Cindy Harrison, Debbi Hutto, Marsha Lewis, Lupita Pineda, Dana Rempe, Gwen Sinclair, Debbie Walters, Dawn Williams, Jody Wood and Linda Wood.

The hostesses gift was a gift card to Oak Express for furniture.

Special guests attending the event included: Lisa Allen, Alice White, Kit, Natalie and Daniela Diaz, Dora Friana, Rosalie McClanahan, Audrey and Angela Allen and Amelia Gonzales.

### Annual Camp Bluegrass gets underway July 19-24

The six-day residential camp for bluegrass musicians known as Camp Bluegrass gets underway Sunday through July at South Plains College.

More than 100 participants are expected to attend.

The 23rd annual camp is designed to improve individual skills of banjo, guitar and mandolin players.

Also, classes will be provided for fiddle, Dobro, bass and vocals. Classes are conducted in the Commercial Music building with nightly

faculty performances in the Tom T. Hall Production Studio.

A special youth track is available for young musicians.

SPC graduate and bass player Anne Luna will work with young players to form ensembles. The youth ensemble will perform in the Friday morning student concert.

For more information, contact Joe Carr, associate professor of music, at (806) 544-9703 or (806) 716-2493 or visit the web site [www.campbluegrass.com](http://www.campbluegrass.com).

### Addresses for charitable giving suggested

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- Bailey County Food Pantry, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
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- Lazbuddie EMS and Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 125, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.
- Park View Nursing Home, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- New Mexico Children's Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411.
- Olton Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1055, Olton, TX 79064.
- Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Inc., 104 E. Ave. C, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-5727.
- Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 62, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, 115 E. American Blvd., Muleshoe 79347.
- Bailey County Child Welfare Board, P.O. Box 243, Muleshoe TX 79346, or call 272-3204.

## Candidates sought for county committees

County committees play a crucial role in helping the county office staff implement the Farm Bill.

Due to the important services COC members provide, producers are encouraged to participate in the FSA county committee election process by nominating an eligible candidate by the Aug. 3 deadline.

To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and other valuable information about FSA

county committee elections are available online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Click on "News & Events", then "County Committee Elections."

Nomination forms for the 2009 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 3.

FSA county committee members make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support

loan programs and other important agricultural issues.

This year the committee election is in LAA-2.

The boundaries in this area are: East Boundary – Hwy. 84; West Boundary – New Mexico State Line; North Boundary – Hwy. 746, extending east to west to Hwy. 214; South Boundary – Cochran

County Line.

"We encourage all eligible voters in this community to take an active role in the election process," a USDA official said.

Ballots will be mailed to producers beginning Nov. 6. The signed ballots are due in the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 7.

### New Livestock Indemnity Program Announced by FSA

Eligible ranchers and livestock producers could begin applying for benefits through the Livestock Indemnity Program provided in the 2008 Farm Bill on July 13.

"This program will provide livestock producers with a vital safety net to help them overcome the damaging financial impact of natural disasters," said Kim Hanlin, executive director for USDA Farm Service Agency in Bailey County.

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from disaster.

LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

A table with the final dates to file a notice of loss and/or application for payment for either 2008 or 2009 livestock losses is available at the USDA-FSA office in Muleshoe.

Specific provisions for the other supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs authorized by the 2008 Act — the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP) and

the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) — will be implemented through separate rulemakings and announced at a later date.

For more information on available supplemental disaster assistance programs, please visit your FSA county office or [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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Our hearts were heavy, but you people made our burden much lighter to bear! Many thanks to the funeral speakers, Pastor Ken Peterson and Kyle Kimbrough. So many people have told us they left the funeral service, with an uplifting feeling, of so much love shown!!!!

Thanks so much for all the food, so many beautiful flowers, and donations to the church and EMS.

In God's Honor and Glory!

### Marilyn Engelking

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# USDA helps with conservation options for expiring CRP land

Area farmers are facing some big decisions on what to do with their land as hundreds of thousands of acres of USDA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts are due to expire in the next few months.

USDA personnel from the Farm Service agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service are in the latest stages of finalizing guidance and options for producers with expiring conservation reserve program (CRP) acres.

On July 8, personnel from both agencies in the Panhandle and South Plains regions met in Lubbock to discuss how to best serve farmers and ranchers for CRP land expiring from the program.

"With so many landowners coming into our offices seeking help, uniform guidance among agencies is critical for landowners and producers to make the best decisions for land that's coming out of the program," said Mickey Black, NRCS assistant state conservationist for field operations in Lubbock.

The bulk of the CRP acres are in the High Plains region of the state where there is significant concern about the future of the conservation on the land.

According to FSA records, over 78,000 acres expired in 2008, with an additional 680,000 to be expired in October 2009, and over 507,000 acres in October 2010.

FSA State Executive Director Juan Garcia addressed 150 FSA and NRCS employees in the region saying, "Many producers are going to be faced with changes, and it's up to all of us to educate the general public and provide landowners with the options available to help them."

"This is a serious issue," said Garcia. "The NRCS and FSA offices are making a joint effort for a successful outcome."

According to Garcia, FSA will be able to restore crop acreage bases beginning in October 2010.

Landowners need to be aware of this information because it will be a determining factor as they decide what they will do once their land expires from the program.

Black said,

"Landowners have several options, including grazing or haying the existing grass cover, making enhancements to target wildlife, putting it back into production, or utilizing it for recreational purposes."

For long-term planning, producers will need to stay informed of the latest policies for farm programs and benefits that might affect them and their operations.

"We expect to see some producers choose to return their CRP fields back to annually-tilled cropland production," said Don Gohmert, NRCS State Conservationist. "Most of the acres in the CRP program are classified as Highly Erodible Land (HEL)," said Gohmert.

"This type of land is very susceptible to wind and water erosion," he added.

NRCS and FSA will encourage producers to keep the permanent grass cover, however, in cases where the landowners'

decide to plow up the grass; the NRCS will provide alternatives to help landowners understand the need to meet certain measures that ensure those acres will not erode beyond a level that the soil can tolerate.

These alternatives will help the producer apply best management practices to meet conservation compliance requirements.

Conservation compliance, which began with the 1985 Farm Bill, is still in effect.

Compliance means that farmers need to control erosion on highly erodible land, which includes CRP acres, in order to stay eligible for USDA program benefits, including farm loan programs, disaster assistance, commodity price supports, and conservation programs.

According to NRCS, the most common ways farmers get out of compliance with USDA is by eliminating soil-conserving crops, such as forage species, and adding a tilled crop.

When the farmer changes his soil cover from permanent grass to annually-tilled crops, he/she should always consider conservation compliance when planning their rotations, in addition to commodity prices.

Conservation compliance could entail the implementation of a crop rotation that includes high residue-producing crops like wheat or sorghum, or the installation, repair and maintenance of structural practices like

terraces. FSA and the NRCS, working with the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), urges producers to contact someone at the local USDA service centers to discuss expiring CRP options and to check on eligibility for USDA benefits.

For more information, call the USDA Service Center in your county, listed under USDA in the Yellow Pages, or access the information on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

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Even if you do not see any animals you may see "signs" they leave behind. How many of the "signs" below have you seen? **Fill in the crossword!**

1 a spun  
2 chewed  
3 air  
4 nibbled  
5  
6 sound and drops of a

My hard, bony back helps to protect me from bears, coyotes and other animals.

Who Am I?  
You may not be able to see me, but I can see you! Follow the dots to see me.

I had to run away quickly to keep from being eaten, but Mother Nature has wisely given her creatures many ways to protect themselves.

Some animals:

- run swiftly or leap great distances
- blend into the tall grasses or snow
- taste bad or are poisonous
- puff up to appear larger
- use "false eyes" which are not eyes at all, but look like them
- play "dead"

I can fly away or hide if I need to. I also taste awful to birds and animals.

You smell funny too!

**Can you match each insect below to one way it protects itself?**  
(Hint: Use each of the answers twice.)

- ladybird beetle (lady bug)
- bee
- caterpillar of the swallowtail butterfly
- wasp
- monarch butterfly
- cecropia silkworm moth

- scares with false eyes
- tastes bad
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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**DUE DATE:** July 31, 2009  
**TIME:** 12:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:**  
Muleshoe Area Medical Center  
708 South 1st Street  
Muleshoe, Texas  
Attn: Jason Anglin

Sealed bid proposals will be received at the Administrative Office of Muleshoe Area Medical Center, at 708 South 1st, Muleshoe, TX. 10 Bed Psychiatric Remodel including Selective Demolition, Interior Finishes plus Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing work at Muleshoe Area Medical Center. Bids will be opened at the same place and time in the administrative offices of the Hospital.

Plans will be available Monday July 20, 2009. Plans may be viewed at the Hospital or plans may be secured from Architectural Blueprint Co., 406 E. Bannister Road, Suite D, Kansas City, Missouri 64231, telephone - (816) 822-9883 or fax - (816) 822-1172. A plan deposit of Fifty Dollars, \$50.00, for each set of plans will be required. The deposit will be refunded if plans are returned in good condition within 20 days after bid date. Plans will also be available for viewing online at the virtual plan of Architectural Blueprint at [www.abcvpr.com](http://www.abcvpr.com).

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project consists of various code upgrades and interior renovation to the Muleshoe Area Medical Center to create a 10 Bed Geriatric Psychiatric unit located in Muleshoe, TX.

### SCOPE OF WORK

The following generally describes the proposed scope of work. The bidding shall be a lump Sum Contract for General Construction, Including HVAC, Plumbing, and Electrical Work. Refer to the complete set of Drawings for more complete information:

- Demolition of existing walls, ceilings, doors and frames, concrete slabs, plumbing, electrical and flooring where required
- New doors, frames, hardware
- Misc. psychiatric hardware new and removal as required by plans
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### SCHEDULE

Construction must be substantially completed for owner occupancy by September 15, 2009.

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- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx 1920' lvg. area, cov. patio, fenced yard, auto spkrl., & stor. bldg.!! \$139K!!
- NICE 3-1 3/4-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, cov. patio, fenced yd., \$75,000!!
- 3-2-2 Brick home on corner lot, approx. 2472' lvg. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, jacuzzi tub in master, loads of storage, fenced yard, auto spkrl., \$125K!!

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- NICE 2-1 1/2-1 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, basement, screened patio, fenced yard, approx. 1762' lvg. area!! REDUCED \$82,000 \$75,000!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2336' lvg. area, auto. spkrl, fenced yd, MORE!! \$125K!!
- NICE 3-2-1 carport home, cent. A&H, built-ins, fans, approx. 2072' lvg. area, cov. patio, aut spkrl, fenced yd., 14'x24' stor bldg!! \$99,5K PRICE REDUCED TO \$95K
- 3-2-1 Brick home, total electric, Cent. A&H, (heat pump), built-ins, approx. 1318' lvg. area, fenced yd!! \$75K!!
- 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, carport, central heat & air!! \$45K
- NICE 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, carport, central heat & air. \$49,500.

**COUNTRY CLUB**

- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yard, workshop/storage, 90'x130' corner lot!! \$77,000!!!

**RURAL**

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- Nice 3-2 Home at edge of town on 8 acre tract, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, efficiency apt. or guest cottage, horse barn & corral!! PRICE REDUCED!! \$92,500
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- NICE 3-1 1/2-1 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, hardwood & tile floors, astroturf in sunroom, fans, woodburning stove in sunroom, cellar, RV cover, 2 carports, 780' stock barn, corral, on 8 acres, fenced, 2161 Hwy. 70 East!! \$125,000 REDUCED \$115,000!!
- CLAY'S CORNER - VERY NICE 3-2 3/4-2 Home on 5 acres, approx. 2500' lvg. area, remodeled, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, whirlpool tub, fenced yard, 600' workshop/storage!! \$185K !!

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- 1900' Off. Bldg., 106' x 140' lot on Hwy. 70 and 84!! \$79,5K!!
- ANA'S BEAUTY SHOP—Approx. 1120' bldg., with or without furniture & fixtures!! PRICE REDUCED!!
- VERY NICE CHURCH BLDG. WITH PARSONAGE - Possible Owner Finance!! Price Reduced!!
- GOOD INCOME PROPERTY-LONG TERM LEASE-Approx. 8,075' office bldg. w/ approx. 20,000' paved parking area!! PRICE REDUCED \$350K.
- 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheet iron bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!!
- 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760' Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/paved area!! \$35K!!
- FORMER RICHLAND HILLS TEXACO - 1414' Bldg. + 1080' canopy + 16,530' asphalt paving!!
- Approx. 5350' retail/warehouse bldg., with chainlink fenced area, 10' roll up door & entry door, corner lot!! \$45K!!
- Approx. 5840' warehouse bldg. on Hwy. 84, 12' roll up door & entry door!! 75'x100' lot!! \$40K!!

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### Going fishin'

It might be a little soon to think about catching a fish supper at "Lake Muleshoe," after all, the largest fish is barely longer than an adult finger, but one day children and adults with a Texas State fishing license, may be able to do just that.

Pictured on the left and right, Matt Russell of Dunn's Fish Farm of Fittstown, Okla., stocks the pond with minnows, crappie, channel catfish and perch.



# The Sudan Buzz

## Cannon officials explain their mission

Members of the 27th Special Operations Squadron from Cannon Air Force Base of Clovis, N.M., were in Sudan Tuesday, July 7, to present a video and explain to those present about the AC-130H Spectre Air Craft.

Four members from the 27th Special Operations Wing talked about the group's primary mission.

The Cannon representatives included 2nd Lt. Ray Gobberg, 27 Special Operation Wing public affairs; Amn. Tyler Slaton, 16 Special Operations Squadron; 1st Lt. Zach Unger, electric warfare officer, 16 Special Operations Squadron; Capt. Jason Shellock, pilot, 16 Special Operations Squadron.

The Special Operations Squadron plans to execute specialized operations in the Sudan area.

Crews will be training in the AC-130H Spectra Aircraft, flying at low levels over area towns including Sudan.



Picture above, from left to right: 2nd Lt. Ray Gobberg, Amn. Tyler Slaton, 1st Lt. Zach Unger and Capt. Jason Shellock.

The training operation will be taking place at night because this aircraft fly's only at night when it is used in air-to-air combat.

Residents may notice a low rumbling noise and the aircraft flying in circles at night, this is the air crew performing their training missions.

Much of what the gunship air crew will be doing is adjusting sensors in the aircraft as they conduct the training operations.

The training

operations will be an ongoing operation as old crews are trained and new crews move in and start their training in the AC-130H Spectre Aircraft.

Since the routes and patterns of the training are random they may fly over the area for a week and then they may not be seen or heard for quite some time.

The crew said Cannon is home to a variety of special operations aircraft, including; the MC- 130 W Combat Spear, AC- 130H Spectre, MQ- 1 Predator, and three versions of theater mobility aircraft.

The MQ- 9 Reaper and CV- 22 Osprey are also

expected to be assigned to Cannon.

As of right now, fewer than 30 aircraft are assigned to Cannon, but within the next five to seven years, they expect to build up to nearly 100 aircraft.

2nd Lt. Ray Gobberg, with public affairs said if anyone has any concerns or questions please feel free to call the Cannon Public Affairs office between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at (575)784-4131. Outside of those hours, call (575)784-6909. He said, "These numbers will ask you to leave a message, but rest assured we will call you back the next duty day and address your concern."

## Sudan city council meets

Sudan City Council met Thursday, July 9, in the council chambers.

The invocation was given by Bobby Phillips followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Among the business items handled by the council were:

- Approval of the minutes of the last meeting.
  - Receipt of departmental reports.
  - Discussion of revisions to the personnel policies. The council members are to read through the policies and note any changes that need to be made and bring the recommendations back to the August meeting.
  - Discussion of the city's options for establishing a municipal website. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.
  - Discussion of the fire department's attempt to sell its old suburban. Bids will be opened at the next meeting.
  - Discussion of mosquito spraying fees. It was decided to add a fee of \$5 per month to the each water bill for the sprayings.
- Richard Salazar said, that he is looking for the sprayer to come in at any time.
- Discussion of the FY 2009-10 budget. Workshops were set up for Aug. 6-7, at 6 p.m., in the council chambers.
  - Approval of accounts payable and purchase requests.

No further items of business were discussed. The benediction was given by Mayor Bob Sisson and the meeting was adjourned.

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