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Automotive era ends in Muleshoe

The end of an automotive era in Muleshoe is fast approaching an end, as the steel supporting what was the Muleshoe Motor Company building are cut away.

Originally constructed in 1972, the building housed an automotive dealership and service garage with links to the Muleshoe community extending back to December 1924, when the

county's first Ford dealership was opened by the Green- Hicks Motor Company, at 201 W. Main, in Muleshoe.

The dealership changed owners and names in the years that followed, moving its showroom to First Street for a number of years, until final move to the location pictured above on West American Blvd.



What goes up, must come down

Pictured on the left, from the Oct. 12 1972 Muleshoe Journal, workers construct the building that will house Muleshoe Motors for about 37 years. Pictured above, another construction crew works on the building's demolition.

MAHD, Horizons to settle over Pathway closing

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The ongoing battle between the Muleshoe Area Hospital District and Horizon Health, appears to be drawing to an end, with the hospital district's board of directors approving an out of court settlement of no more than \$150,000 after returning to from a closed session last week.

MAHD CEO David Burke explained that Horizon offered to settle their lawsuit against the district for \$150,000, and the MAHD board authorized its attorney to continue negotiating up to that amount.

Burke indicated that while he hoped the final agreement would be in

the \$125,000 range, even the maximum of \$150,000 was significantly less than the \$215,000 the hospital district had on its books.

Although he didn't think there was any way they could have collected it, even if the issue went to trial, Horizon Health was seeking up to \$1 million for breach of contract.

In May 2010, the MAHD board "pulled the plug" on the Pathway geriatric behavioral health unit that had been constructed at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, and which the hospital district had contracted with Horizon Health for management services.

While the hospital
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MISD superintendent discusses depleting district fund balances

By Dr. Gene Sheets
MISD Superintendent

Should we use the state's Rainy Day Fund to help balance the state budget during this budget crisis?

Should schools use their Fund Balances to help balance the state budget?

We've heard a lot of comparisons lately about the state's Rainy Day Fund and school districts' fund balances.

It's important to

understand the facts about the Rainy Day Fund and schools' fund balances, so we don't fall into the trap of this political rhetoric: "Why should the state spend its Rainy Day Fund if school districts aren't willing to spend theirs?"

A school district's fund balance is similar to a traditional savings account in that a district will put money away when the district is

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Lady Mules defeat Seagraves ladies in softball season opener

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules traveled to Seagraves to open their softball season against the Lady Eagles.

Marissa Cortez got the nod to take the pitching circle from Lady Mule coach Jason Cole.

She pitched two innings before Dominique Mata came on in relief. Samantha Ramirez closed out the game for the Lady Mules. The Lady Mules bats were hot and they defeated Seagraves, 29-12, in five innings.

The Lady Mules scored five runs in the first inning and added nine in the second. Five more runs crossed in the third inning and four in the fourth inning. The Lady Mules drove in six runs in the fifth and final inning.



Photograph by Rachel Mata

Lady Mules Dominique Mata throws the first pitch in Monday's home softball game.

Seagraves did not score in the bottom of the first inning and only managed to get one run across in the second inning.

The Lady Mules gave

up five runs in the third inning and five more crossed in the fourth. One run crossed in the bottom of the fifth for the Lady Eagles and

they could not extend the game.

The Lady Mules faced Lubbock Christian High School in the opening game of the Littlefield Lady Cat Tournament.

The Lady Mules were all but shut out by LCHS 17-2. The Lady Mules moved to the consolation bracket and defeated the Lubbock Titans 23-6.

The Titans are a home-school team. Mata pitched all five innings against the Titans.

The Lady Mules pushed eight runs across in the first inning and added two in the second. They put five runs on the board in the third followed by four runs in each of the final two innings.

Three Titans found home plate in third and in the fourth innings. Six Titans went down on strikes.

The Lady Mules were bitten by the error bug in the consolation game against Idalou.

The Lady Mules fell to Idalou 20-12 in seven innings. The Lady Mules led 3-1 after one inning and clung to a one run

innings. Idalou pushed across 16 runs in the last three innings.

The Lady Mules opened their home season Monday afternoon when the Seagraves Lady Eagles came to town.

The Lady Mules are



lead after two innings.

The Lady Mules rallied for six runs in third inning and shut Idalou out for an 11-4 lead.

The wheels began to come off for the Lady Mules after that and could only score a single run in the final three

scheduled to host the Slaton Lady Tigers Friday but the game may be changed depending on the Mule basketball results.

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Editorial

Terrorism is terrorism

Unfortunately... no, make that "disgustingly," you don't have to travel around the world, or to the Middle East to hear about the atrocities one person will commit against another in order to support their ideals.

We don't have to see the pictures and videos leaking out of Libya, or hear of Moammar Gadhafi vowing to fight to his "last drop of blood," while ordering the slaughter of his countrymen, to be disgusted by acts of unnecessary violence. In fact, we don't even need to leave this continent, or sadly to say this nation.

While many Texas residents have bemoaned the drug-related violence of Mexico that has been spilling onto US soil of late, we also need to understand and agree that similar activities upon this side of the border can't be condoned.

Yes, many have been turning an ear to the smallest bit of information about Cong. Gabrielle Giffords' recovery and the murder of others in the crowd at Tucson, but just a horrific as the recent case was that of the double-murder committed by Shawna Forde in Pima County, Ariz., in 2009.

In both instances, "crazed" individuals resorted to violence in support of their ideals.

In Forde's case, two people were slain in a home invasion robbery with the reported intent of funding actions against illegal aliens.

On Monday, Forde was sentenced to death for her actions. Let justice be served.

To be perfectly honest, we don't know if this case should be listed in the dictionary under irony or absurdity. Probably both.

But such self-serving, idiotic attempts to render support for ones beliefs at the expense of another's rights should be regarded no differently than the despicable acts that have been witnessed in Libya, Iraq, Oklahoma City or New York City.

Do the residents of south Arizona, New Mexico and Texas have a right to be concerned about the illegal immigration problem... and the related drug-trafficking and border violence issues? Yes, of course they do.

Do those same US residents have the right to patrol their own property... armed, to defend themselves in the event of a violent encounter? Yes, of course they do.

But we need to be sure that such acts of criminal vigilantism as was carried out by Forde and her compatriots are quickly acknowledged for what they are... domestic terrorism.

We can support the battle against illegal immigration. We can stand up for our rights as US citizens.

But if we reach the point that we think we're justified to protect our rights by violating someone else's... we've already lost.

Pesticide applicator training offered by extension office

A "Last Chance Pesticide Applicator Training" course is being offered by Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

The course will be held on Monday, Feb. 28, at the Bailey County Extension office, 118 W. Ave. C, Muleshoe.

The pesticide applicator training will be delivered in two-hour blocks; pesticide applicators will be able to attend any or all blocks in order to earn continuing education units (CEU) they may need to renew their pesticide applicator license.

The blocks will be arranged as follows:

- 9:30-11:30 a.m. — Laws and Regulations
- 1-3 p.m. — Integrated Pest Management
- 3:15-5:15— Pesticide Safety

This is a last chance option to earn CEUs, the courses will be delivered via video. Participants will need to attend the entire block(s) they need and complete a survey in order to earn their CEUs.

Licensed private applicators are required to recertify every five years by obtaining 15 continuing education credits, including two (2) credits in laws and regulations and two (2) credits in integrated pest management (IPM), prior to expiration of the license

For more information contact Monti Vandiver, extension agent-IPM, at (806)272- 4583.

Obituaries and Death notices

Death notices will be published free of charge in the Muleshoe Journal. There is a fee of \$30 for the publication of "basic obituaries." "Non-basic obituaries" will be published at the rate of \$4.50 per column inch. In all cases, the obituary information should be submitted by the funeral home for verification purposed.

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

Death Notices...

Death notices may include the deceased's name, city of residence, age, date and place of birth, date and place of death. If the notice is to be published prior to any services, the time, date and location of services, and location of burial may be included. If publication will be after said services, the time will not be included. An example is as follows:

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Basic obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed at the basic rate of \$30, and may contain the following 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 parents, spouses or children who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors, including the spouse, parents, brothers, sisters and children. Only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren will be included; and where memorials may be directed. We will run a one column black and white photo at no charge.

Non-basic obituary...

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Feed Grains Conference

A Feed Grains Conference hosted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Bailey County is set for Friday, Feb. 25, at the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, TX.

The Conference will specifically target corn and grain sorghum production in the Northwest Plains of Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

The program will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. Three Texas Department of Agriculture Continuing Education Units will be offered. There is no registration fee.

For more information contact the AgriLife Extension office in Bailey County at 806-272-4583.

Energy assistance available

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc., has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program during 2011.

The primary intent of this is to make funds available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-income households. Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, a handicapped individual, and families with young children under the age of six.

For additional information concerning this program contact Janie Posadas or Bonita Drennan, at Muleshoe's SPCAA office, 804 W. American Blvd., or call 272-7537.

Free computer classes

Free computer classes are being offered at the Muleshoe Area Public Library. The courses are: E-mail basics, searching for a job online, and Applying for a job online.

Call the library at 272-4707 to sign up or for additional information.

Yellow Jacket donations

The Muleshoe Heritage Foundation continues asking area businesses and individuals to partner with them in the restoration of the Yellow Jacket Inn.

Business may join in the program with a donation of \$100 or more, and have a permanent sign of recognition placed in the restored structure, while former students who ate in the historic building may donate \$50 or more to have their names, and memories, included in a book that will be placed on display at the Yellow Jacket.

Accounts have been set up at both Muleshoe State Bank and First Bank for donations to the renovation project.

Rotary flag service

The Muleshoe Rotary Club provides a flag service to individuals and business' in Muleshoe on eight national holidays as a fund raising event to support the club's various community projects throughout the year.

The cost for the service is \$25. If you would like to begin or continue your participation this year, contact Brian Frieda at 806-272-4569, or Mark Morton at 806-272-4569, or another member of the Muleshoe Rotary Club.

AA meetings 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.

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School News

By Dr. Gene Sheets,
Superintendent, MISD

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saving up for something, like funding for a new elementary school campus.

Depending on the district, building up a fund balance may or may not involve a routine or planned transfer; it may simply be an allocation of funds when there's money left over after everything is paid for.

One of the tenets of the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) FIRST financial rating system is that districts have at least two to three months of operating expenditures in their fund balances.

In contrast, the state's Rainy Day Fund — technically the Economic Stabilization Fund — is not merely a savings account where excess funds go when the state's revenue exceeds its expenditures.

It's a designated fund where revenue from oil and gas taxes go so the

state may have extra funding when it cannot meet budget demands. The Texas Constitution says money in the Rainy Day Fund can be spent to "prevent or eliminate a temporary cash deficiency in general revenue."

Here is the main point: unlike your personal savings account or your district's fund balance, the state's Rainy Day Fund is a self-sustaining fund.

By law, it will be renewed each time it is depleted. In fact, if the state was to wipe out the entire current Rainy Day Fund (\$9.4 billion by the Texas state comptroller's estimates), the fund would be replenished up to an estimated \$1.3 billion by the time the legislature convenes in 2013.

If we were compelled to spend our district's entire fund balance now, it would not

automatically replenish itself by 14 percent in two years. And we haven't even talked about cash flow needs.

We have our fund balance amount for specific reasons:

- To satisfy the state's own financial rating requirements

- As designated for future projects planned by our locally elected officials for the benefit of the district's children

- To maintain cash flow for payroll and bills during months that the state does not send funding.

The state's budget crisis has been caused by a structural deficit and shortsighted vision.

It is raining, and the state should use its Rainy Day Fund as the Texas Constitution allows.

It should not be made up by asking schools to spend their savings accounts and not plan for the future!

Librarian says proposed budget cuts could slash local services

By Dyan Dunagan
Muleshoe Librarian

Much has been written about the severe cutbacks in the proposed Texas state budget, but how would those cuts affect public libraries, including the Muleshoe Area Public Library?

As written, the budget wipes out up to 99 percent of state financing for statewide local library aid programs. Loss of such funding would also jeopardize the accreditation standards of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) and its ability to qualify for up to \$8 million in additional federal funds.

Already, Texas ranks 48th in the United States in public library support.

Together, this could mean Muleshoe Area Public Library would no longer have:

- Loan Star Libraries Grant, which provides direct aid grants to public libraries. Each year, Muleshoe Area Public Library, and all Texas libraries accredited with TSLAC, applies for

Library News

a Loan Star Libraries Grant.

In the past few years Muleshoe Area Public Library has used this grant to purchase large print books.

- Inter Library Loan, which provides patrons the ability to borrow books from other libraries. Muleshoe citizens have used their library's ILL program to do research using resources that would otherwise be unavailable to them. In fact, many patrons Inter Library Loan audios, videos and music and books we do not have.

In addition, many books are no longer in print, so having ILL is many times the only alternative for the library's patrons to have access to certain books.

Again, no library can provide everything to every patron, so the service ILL provides is critical.

- TexShare databases, the Muleshoe Area Public Library card holders'

links to the world of information available far beyond the walls of their libraries. Many times patrons have come into the library to do research and found the only references available are on these priceless databases.

TexShare databases offer authoritative, full-text articles from popular periodicals and newspapers, late breaking news, medical resources, research on private companies (both here and abroad) and genealogy sources.

Many of these databases are subscription-only services, but most of the cost is borne by TSLAC, with a fee paid by the member library. Should the proposed cuts take place, Muleshoe Area Public Library would have to make up the lost funding — some \$63,845 — to be able to continue offering these information resources to patrons.

- The K-12 Database

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MAHD to settle with Horizon

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had split off 10 of its "critical access" beds for the behavioral health unit, Pathways patient census never reached a point that the projected revenue from the unit approached the amount the district was having to spend on the staffing and operation of the unit.

"At what time are you going to stop the bleeding," said Burke at the meeting in which the board cast a 3-2 vote to break close the unit and break the contract with Horizon, after attempting to re-negotiate its contract with Horizon representatives for several months.

"...We're losing our shirt on the deal," board president Bill Liles, who headed up the majority seeking to close the behavioral health unit, said in April.

"We can't risk the whole hospital district to keep that open down there," he said later.

At the time, Burke had been the hospital district's CEO for about

a month, replacing Jason Anglin who had initially won over the board support necessary to move forward with the addition of the behavioral health unit.

The Pathways project began to sour early when the renovation costs exceeded expectations, reaching \$325,000, according to Burke at the hospital board's April 2010 regular meeting.

At the time the unit was shut down, Burke

estimated that Pathways unit was costing the district almost \$10,000 in payroll alone.

Adding on the \$215,000 that was owed to Horizon Health at the time the contract with the management company was severed brought MAHD's total cost for the unsuccessful project to \$540,000.

With the board's latest action, the cost is reduced to a maximum of \$475,000.

Texas milk production is up

Texas milk production totaled 797 million pounds during January, up eight percent from last year's production of 740 million pounds, according to figures released recently by the USDA and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

December 2010 production totaled 775 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during January averaged 425,000 head,

up 15,000 head from last year and 5,000 head more than the December 2010 number.

Production per cow averaged 1,875 pounds during January, which is 70 pounds more than last year and 30 pounds more than December 2010.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 15.2 billion pounds, up 2.7 percent from production in these states in January 2010.

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Legal guardian of student with disabilities may request copies of these records by contacting the SPCAA Head Start office at 2127 34th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79411 or calling (806) 762-8815 by March 25, 2011.



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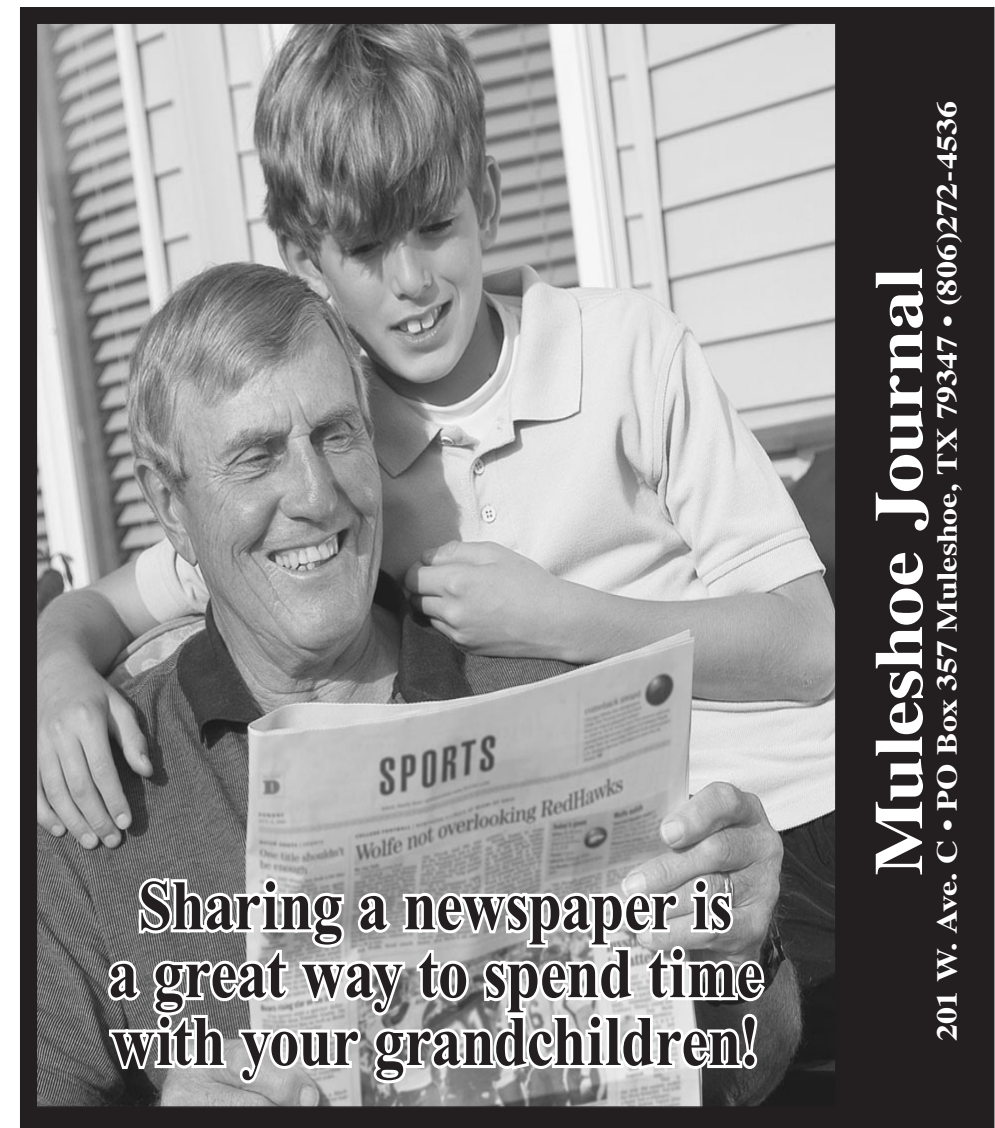
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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

February, the Valentine and Sweetheart month, has passed rapidly.

The Oneita Wagnon Senior Center has been blessed with all the beautiful decorations and refreshments for this month.

Thanks to all. Now the decorating elves have been at work and we have beautiful green and white St. Patrick's day decorations. We encourage you to come by have coffee and enjoy the center.

Tuesday, March 1, is Bunco playing day. All you Bunco players call your friends to come in

and enjoy.

Karen Jones, with IntegraCare will be helping with the game.

Wednesday, March 2, Roy Ramos, with Texas Department State Health Services will be bringing a program during the noon hour. Make plans to come and see what services are available for the senior citizens.

We are happy to have some of our senior citizens back at the center after being under the weather and surgery.

Our prayers and well wishes are with the ones that are still having to be at home. We miss you and hope to see you soon.

Saturday, March 5, will be our quarterly pancake breakfast. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, bacon, a variety of syrups, orange juice, milk, coffee and water.

Make plans to come and support the center.

Serving time for the breakfast will be 7 - 11 a.m.

Menu for Feb. 28 through March 4:

Monday, Feb. 28 — Smothered chicken, scalloped potatoes, salad, wheat roll and cake.

Tuesday, March 1 — Beef stroganoff, peas and carrot salad, wheat rolls, pears and cottage cheese.

Wednesday, March 2 — Grilled steak, gravy and mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and cherry cobbler.

Thursday, March 3 — Taco cornbread, ranch beans, rice, salad, chips, salsa and chocolate pudding.

Friday, March 4 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

Club News

SCAC

The January meeting of the Student Community Action Club was held at Sterling Lepard's house on the Jan. 17.

Sterling Lepard opened up with a prayer and then the organization's members welcomed their "Citizen of the month," Irene Mason, Muleshoe's mayor pro tem.

Belinda Pacheco reminded all of the members to pay their dues.

As of right now the SCAC's balance is \$582.

The SCAC members discussed helping out a family who lost their belongings in a fire.

After which, they



Sterling Lepard on the left welcomes January the SCAC "Citizen of the Month"... Irene Mason.

talked about "powder puff" football starting in May and possibly making SCAC T-shirts.

The annual SCAC bake auction will either take place on April 9 or 16. All

members must bring two baked goods made from scratch.

The SCAC's next meeting will be held on Feb. 21, at Jenna Whitworth's house.

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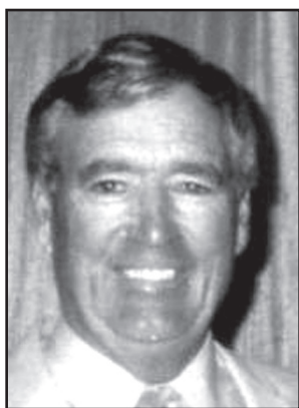
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Obituaries

Kenneth Wayne Precure

Funeral services for Kenneth Wayne Precure, 85, a resident of Muleshoe since 1931, will be held at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Jeff Coffman officiating.



Kenneth died on Feb. 21, 2011. He was born on Feb. 14, 1926, in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Although Kenneth was a farmer by trade, he might answer the question, "What do you do?" with any number of answers, depending on which of his many passions came to mind first and how playful he felt at the time — husband, father, grandfather, artist, musician, Texas Ranger advocate, Bible teacher, good-humored antagonist of this person or that one, deacon, political activist or any of a dozen more of the interests that made him the one and only Kenneth Precure.

But, above all, Kenneth was passionate about his faith in Christ and he was not bashful or reserved in sharing that passion with others...old friends or new acquaintances.

Nobody he met was a stranger to him for long.

Often starting a conversation with a sometimes quirky joke or an adamant statement of fact, Kenneth left a

trail of new friends and admirers everywhere he went.

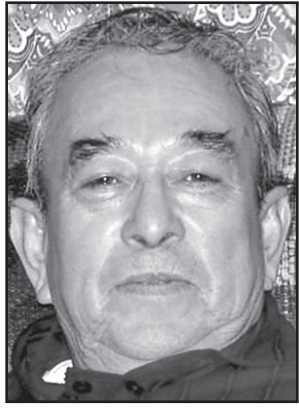
A patriarch in his family and the community, Kenneth leaves behind family and friends who will miss him dearly, but who also rejoice in knowing that he is again healthy, not just happy, but ecstatic, and completely fulfilled in heaven with the Christ he loved and faithfully proclaimed.

The middle brother, between older brother Dewitt and younger brother Ray, Kenneth married Marjorie Dean Cassidy on May 30, 1949, in Muleshoe, marking the beginning of a family tree that grew to four children — Allison Precure, Melanie Harrison, Cassie Shafer, and Judy Ferris; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

"Kenneth leaves a smile on our faces, tears of sadness, but also of laughter in our eyes, and thankfulness in our hearts that we had the privilege of having him as part of our lives."

Hector Flores

Funeral mass for Hector Flores, Sr., 75, of Plainview, formerly of Littlefield and Muleshoe, was held on Friday, Feb. 18, in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe.



Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Rosary was said Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 16-17, at Ellis Funeral Chapel in Muleshoe.

Mr. Flores died on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, in Lubbock. He was born on Nov. 8, 1935, in Villa Union Rosales, Coahuila, Mexico, to Tomas and Concepcion Salas Flores, moved to Muleshoe in 1967 from the Del Rio/Acuna area to Littlefield in 2002 and Plainview in 2009.

He first married the mother of his children — Manuela Yanez, who preceded him in death in 1981. Flores later married Maria Mendoza in 1986.

Mr. Flores was a cotton ginner for Muleshoe CO-OP Gin for 30 years, retiring in 1998.

He enjoyed traveling and playing with his grandchildren. He was very active in the

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in Muleshoe.

He is survived by his wife — Maria Flores of Plainview; two sons — Robert Flores of Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and Hector Flores, Jr. of Lubbock; three daughters — Maria Lopez of Schertz, Dolores Perez of Allen, Martha Castorena of Coppras Cove; three stepsons — Martin Mendoza of Stratford, Va., Joe Mendoza of Hale Center, and Michael Mendoza of Plainview; a stepdaughter — Florinda Champion of Plainview; two sisters — Angelina Antu of Bracketville and Maria Hernandez of DelRio; a brother — Armando Flores of DelRio; 26 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister — Dora Flores, and a brother — Nazario Flores.

AA meetings held weekly

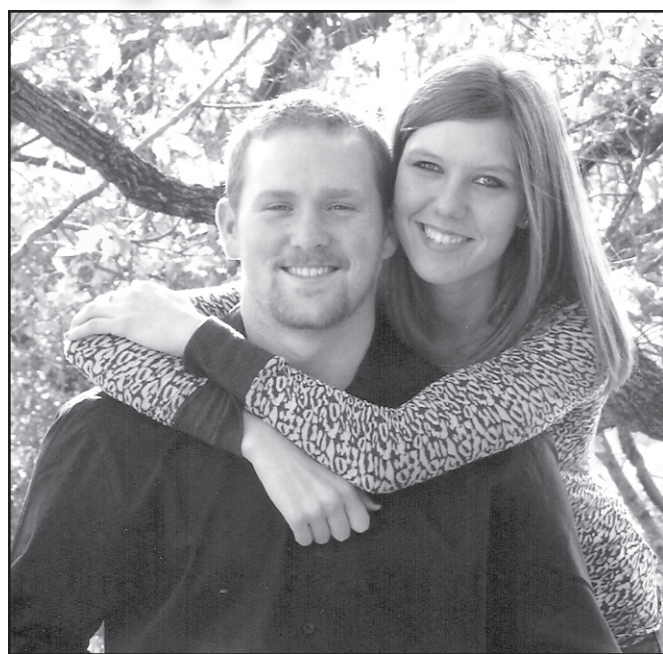
Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA and Al-Anon meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Friday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. Second.

Death Notices

Maurilio Ramirez

Maurilio Ramirez, 61, of Muleshoe died on Monday, Feb. 21, in Lubbock. He was born on Aug. 18, 1949, to Teodoro Maria Jesus Ramirez in Ojinaga, Mexico. Funeral services are set for Thursday, Feb. 24, at 10 a.m., at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe, with burial at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Engagement



Adkins, Johnson to wed

Steve and Suzanne Adkins and Donna Walton announce the engagement of their daughter, Maci Adkins of Arlington, to Kendall Johnson, also of Arlington.

The prospective bride is a 2010 Graduate of Prairieland High School and is currently attending Arlington Baptist College.

She is employed at

Enrichment Center for Young Children.

The prospective groom is the son of Chris and Adena Johnson of Muleshoe.

He is a 2007 graduate of Muleshoe High School and will graduate from Arlington Baptist College in May of 2011.

He is employed by Enterprise.

The wedding has been set for July 30, 2011.



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Small town guy becomes NTAC leader

Hollywood is full of "small town boy makes good" movies, but the majority of such movies invariably feature the "boy" heading off to bigger — and to some — better places.

After all, even "Mr. Smith went to Washington."

However, in a recent Muleshoe case, the person may occasionally journey to the big city for a business visit, but he'll be returning to his Muleshoe home.

While he wasn't Muleshoe born and bred, one of Muleshoe's "adopted" own has



taken an important step on the nation's telecommunication ladder. Last week, Sandy Vandevender became president of the National

Telecommunications Cooperative Association which represents more than 580 small and rural telephone cooperatives and commercial business

within the United States.

Upon his return home, Vandevender was greeted by his friends at Five Area with a banner and reception.

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Sports

Mules' fall to Idalou meant nothing in district standings

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules and Idalou Wildcats squared off for the final regular season game of 2011 in the new Muleshoe High School gymnasium.

The game lacked intensity as it meant nothing as far as the final district standings.

Idalou had won the district and the Mules owned the second spot in the Texas State Playoffs.

Idalou hopped out to a 7-0 lead before the Mules mounted a come back.

Tyson Turnbow finally broke the scoring ice for the Mules.

The Mules battled Idalou through the first three quarters and briefly tie the game on a 3-pointer in the third period by Turnbow.

Jonathan Perez and Isaias Guerra both tied the game later in the third period with a basket each.

The Mules succumbed to the pressure of the Idalou defense in the final frame and won the game 51-38.

Nick Hurtado dropped



Mule Jonathan Perez sweeps past an Idalou player during the final 2011 regular season game. Photographs by Stacy Conner



Mule Nick Hurtado takes a shot.

in a trey in the opening period and Perez scored a hoop.

The Mules trailed 13-7 after one quarter.

Zach Toscano opened the second quarter with a pair of free throws and Hurtado drained his second trey of the night.

Cooper Washington, Eric Orozco and Turnbow added a hoop each as the

Mules cut the Idalou lead to 22-18 at the half.

The Mules turned up the heat in the third period and tied the game three times.

Guerra made a hoop and dropped in a pair of free throws.

Turnbow nailed a trey and added a free throw and Perez dropped in a bucket.

The Mules trailed 34-28 after three quarters on a scoring flurry, at the end of the period, by the Wildcats.

The Wildcats ran away from the Mules in the final period on free throws by Idalou.

Washington made two baskets and a pair of free throws.

Toscano added a hoop

and a free throw. Perez made one from the line. Turnbow and Washington led the Mules with eight points each.

Hurtado made six points, Toscano and Perez had five each, Guerra made four and Orozco chipped in two.

The Mules had a practice game against Gruver on Saturday in the Randal Raiders Extravaganza.

The Mules met the Spearman Lynx in the bi-district round of the playoffs in the new Canyon High gymnasium Tuesday night, Feb. 24..

JV Mules finish basketball season with 'lackluster' game against 'Cats

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mules had a less than lack luster first half Friday night against the Idalou Wildcats.

The Mules came out fired up after the intermission.

And after trailing by nine points at the half they cut the margin to one point on a rally fueled by a pair of 3-pointers by Junior Baca.

The Mules rally run out of gas and they dropped back to an eight point deficient in the third period.

Idalou made their free throws in the final frame to hang on and defeat the Mules 52-42.

Saul Elizalde opened the scoring for the Mules in the first period with a hoop.

He added a second before the quarter ended. Hector Flores made a hoop and Louie Guzman dropped in one from the

charity line.

The Mules trailed 12-7 after one quarter.

Eli Leal made a free throw to get the Mules started in the second period.



He added a basket and nailed his first trey of the night.

Guzman hit from behind the arc and the Mules had fallen behind 25-16 at the intermission.

Baca led the Mules out before the quarter ended. Hector Flores made a hoop and Louie Guzman dropped in one from the

down the floor.

He added a hoop before the period ended. Ryan Johnson, Leal and Christian Rocha each made a hoop.

The Mules trailed 38-30 with eight minutes left to play.

Elizalde made the Mules first hoop in the final period and added a second later in the frame.

Leal started the period with a basket and hit a trey.

Flores added a 3-pointer to cap the Mule scoring.

Leal led the Mules in their final game of the season with 13 points.

Saul Elizalde and Baca both hit eight points each.

Flores finished with five points and Guzman made four.

Rocha and Johnson chipped in a hoop each.

The Mules will now shift their focus to their chosen spring sports.

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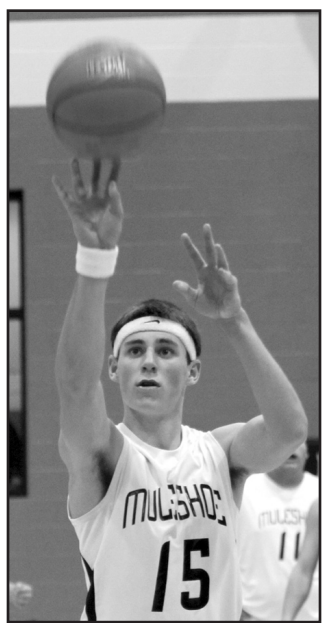
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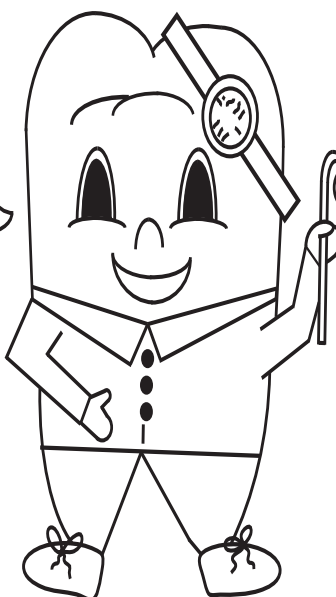
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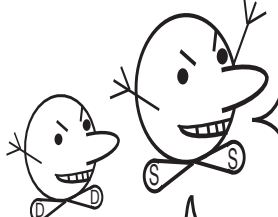
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- Popcorn or Rice cakes
- Nuts or seeds
- Soup or broth
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The Sudan Buzz

'Nettes take area championship

By Savannah Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Nettes came out on fire and landed a huge win over Eldorado on Feb. 18 in Andrews to win the Area Championship trophy.

The final score for the game was 72-28.

The Nettes started the game off strong with a commanding lead.

The Nettes were up 28-10 to start the second quarter.

"We wanted to come out with a lot of intensity from the opening tip," Sudan Head Coach Jason Cooper said.

"We knew that our pressure defense would be hard for Eldorado to handle, so we really wanted to get them into situations where they had to make quick decisions under fire. I thought we did that in the first quarter."

Danielle Logan led the Nettes with 27 points for the night.

Victoria Williams also had a good night with 14 points and Bailee Black had 10 points for the Nettes.

The Nettes scored 20 points from the paint



Photograph by Savannah Sain

and had a total of 54 offensive rebounds for 20 points.

The Nettes made 32 out of 73 field goals yielding them a 43.8 percent scoring rate.

The Nettes held Eldorado to only nine out of 49 field goals with a 18.4 percent scoring rate.

"I would say that we played great defensively and okay offensively," Cooper said. "I wish we would have shot a little better from the outside,

but defense has been our foundation all year long and that defense creates a lot of offensive opportunities for us."

The Nettes also dominated the defensive part of the game with 23 steals and 54 rebounds.

"We are doing a lot of the little things right now," Cooper said. "I think we are continuing to grow as a team and we are on the verge of reaching that peak and playing at our top level at any moment. I am excited

about how far this team has come and also how well our bench is playing. Everyone we play will scout the starters pretty well. But, when you have kids coming off the bench and contributing, it really puts your opponent in a bind."

The Nettes faced their district rival, Olton High School, in the Regional Quarterfinal game on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Details and scores will be available in the next issue.

SISD students place at Frenship VASE competition

By Savannah Sain
Sudan Correspondent

Mrs. Neal Kleman's art students at Sudan High School competed at the Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE) at Frenship High School on Saturday, Feb. 19.

They received 15 individual regional medals and two area medals for their efforts.

Two team members, Brooke Lennon and Emylee Gonzales, also qualified for state competition.

In the sculpture division, Audry Binion, Amber Binion, Chesanie Brantley, Nancy Delgado, Edwin Sital, and Tommy Whitehurst received regional medals.

In the photography division, Madison Chester and Hailee Gonzales received regional medals.

In the drawing division, Terra DeSautell, Osmar Diaz, and Emylee Gonzales received regional medals.

In the jewelry division, Mecca Dodd received regional medals for both of her jewelry pieces.

In the painting division, Brooke Lennon received a regional medal. Lennon also received a regional medal for her mixed media piece.

The two area and state qualifiers used different media to qualify for the next round. Brooke Lennon used mixed media, and Emylee Gonzales created a drawing.

The State VASE Contest will take place in Clear Lake April 8-9.



The area champion Sudan Hornettes

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March 4	Denver City	Varsity Boys, JV Boys, Varsity Girls
March 11	New Deal	Varsity Boys, JV Boys, Varsity Girls
March 18, 19	Brownwood	Varsity Girls
March 25	Sudan	Varsity Boys, JV Boys, Varsity Girls
March 29	Farwell	Varsity Boys, JV Boys, Varsity Girls
April 1	McMurry	Varsity Girls
April 4,5	Dist. Meet @ Sundown	Varsity Boys, JV Boys, Varsity Girls
April 12	Area Meet @ Sundown	Varsity Boys, Varsity Girls
April TBA	Regional Qualifiers	Varsity Boys, Varsity Girls
May 2,3	Regional Meet @ SPC	Varsity Boys, Varsity Girls
May TBA	State Qualifiers Meet	
May 13,14	State Meet @ Austin	

Junior High

Feb. 24	Olton	7g, 8g, 7b, 8b
March 3	Friona	7g,8g,7b,8b
March 10		7g,8g,7b,8b
March 22	Sudan	7g, 8g, 7b, 8b
April 2	Dist. Meet @SLE	7g, 8g, 7b, 8b

Bold Gold Band takes part in music contest

By Savannah Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Bold Gold Band participated in the Solo/Ensemble Contest at Coronado High School on Saturday, Feb. 19.

Several members will be competing at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest due to their Division I ratings on their Class I ensemble pieces.

The flute trio, consisting of Brooke Lennon, Stormi Peck, and Savannah Sain, received high marks and qualified for state competition.

Also, the saxophone quartet, consisting of Bradley Lennon, Mardia Alcaraz, Richard Montes, and Adam Harper, will be joining them in Austin in May.

They also received very high marks.

Freshman Deric McCurry received a Division I on a Class III French horn solo.

Even though he placed at the highest level on a Class III, it does not qualify him for state.

A clarinet quartet, consisting of Alex Hernandez, Sury Rodriguez, Marie Carrizales, and Nancy Delgado, received a Division II on a Class I piece.

The State Solo and Ensemble Contest will take place in the Pflugerville/Austin area May 29-31.

These musicians will travel after graduation ceremony and celebrations to attend the state meet.

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"Show us a miraculous sign," they demanded, "to prove that you have the authority to do what you've done here today!"

When Jesus answered, his reply was more for his disciples than it was for his interrogators: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

"It's taken forty-six years to build this temple," they replied, "and you'll raise it up in three days!?"

They completely misunderstood, of course, but they were quite willing to use this statement against Jesus at his trial.

The Apostle John explains that the Lord was talking about the "temple of his body" (John 2:21) and says that when Jesus was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said, and "they believed."

"Who do you think you are?" the authorities demanded, but by his



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"Who do you think you are?" Jesus was and is the One whose death on the cross would buy our pardon and whose resurrection life would fill us with God's power.

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upsetting the money-changers' tables and disrupting the profit and the power of the Temple authorities who worshiped only themselves.

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Beforelong, they would conspire to destroy the "temple of his body,"

and three days hence, the most glorious Temple of all would be rebuilt.

What an odd picture though! "Religious" men who had no real relationship with the living God stood near the house of God demanding of the Son of God, "Who do you think you are?"

Maybe the most important question, though, is the one that confronts each of us: Who do we think Jesus is?

No answer but, "The very Son of God and Lord of all!" is good enough.



MISD art winners

Joey Ramiriz, Gabby Espina and Yesenia Hurtado — three of the 14 Muleshoe students to place at the Frenship VASE competition on Feb. 19, display their art work.

High school art students place at VASE competition

On Saturday, Feb. 19, Muleshoe High School art students and their teacher, Sandi Chiltwood, traveled to Frenship to the VASE (Visual Art Scholastic Event) or Art UIL Regional Art Competition sponsored by the Texas Art Education Association.

At the competition, students are individually interviewed by a TAEA/VASE certified juror and a rating is determined through a standards-based rubric developed using the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Fine Arts.

The Muleshoe High School art students who brought home 14 gold medals included:

Morgan Burris, oil painting and a pastel; Stephanie Vasquez, water color and collage; Joey Rameriz, pastel; Alexandra Delgado, charcoal and a water color; Gabby Espini, charcoal; Miranda Garza, water color; Valerie Godinez, pastel; Yesenia Huerta, pastel; Vanessa Morales, water color; Junior Triana, water color; and Juanita San Villapando, water color.

The students also entered the "Trash Bag Couture" contest. Each team was given a brown paper bag, a roll of black plastic bags and a roll of clear tape. They were to create a costume in

one and a half hours, using one student as the model.

The students created a

dinosaur with Stephanie Vasquez as the model. Muleshoe took first place in this unusual contest.



Stephanie Vasquez becomes a dinosaur

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satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application. **AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** All public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you choose to communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from Clay's Corner Gin, Inc., 558 Highway 214, Muleshoe, Texas 79347-3734 or by calling Mr. J. Kelley Green, Texas Cotton Ginners' Association at (512) 615-1102. Notice Issuance Date: February 14, 2011. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal February 24, 2011.*

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT PROPOSED PERMIT NUMBER: 93974 APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Royston Gins, Inc., PO Box 59, Earth, Texas 79031-0059, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Proposed Air Quality Permit Number 93974, which would authorize the operations of a Cotton Gin located at 185 County Road 65, Muleshoe, Lamb County, Texas 79347. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on November 8, 2010. The facility will emit the following contaminants: organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the permit because it meets all rules and regulations. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and at the Earth United States Post Office, 105 North Amherst, Earth, Lamb County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Lubbock Regional Office, 5012 50th St Ste 100, Lubbock, Texas. **PUBLIC COMMENT/ PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comment or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. **You may submit additional written public comment either electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice.**

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. Because no timely hearing requests have been received, after preparing the response to comments, the executive director may then issue final approval of the application. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID).**

ELECTRONICALLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION. When they become available, the executive director's response to comments and the final decision on this application will be accessible through the Commission's Web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us/goto/cid. Once you have access to the CID using the above link, enter the permit number for this application which is provided at the top of this notice.

MAILING LIST. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. **If you choose to communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of**

the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Royston Gins Inc at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Kelley Green, Director Of Technical Services at (512) 615-1102. Notice Issuance Date: February 14, 2011. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal February 24 and March 3, 2011.*

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. **CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)** -----Dist/Div: Lubbock Contract 6212-55-001 for SEAL COAT in SWISHER County, etc will be opened on March 09, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$594,582.99. ----- Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 35562 State Office ----- Constr./ Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540 Dist/Div Office(s) ----- Lubbock District Engineer 135 Slaton Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771 Phone: 806-745-4411 Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal January 17 and 24, 2011.*

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT NUMBER 44318 APPLICATION Clay's Corner Gin, Inc. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 44318, which would authorize continued operation of a Cotton Gin located at 558 Highway 214, Muleshoe, Parmer County, Texas 79347. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on February 7, 2011. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Amarillo regional office, and the Parmer County Courthouse, 401 3rd Street, Farwell, Parmer County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ. The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met. PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.** The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is**

published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process. After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing. **OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the

applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. **A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would**

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1598 acres - 578 acres in C.R.P. w/one payment left. Balance of acreage is native grass. Joins Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge. Frontage on Texas Highway 214.
320 acres - joins wildlife refuge, good well, fenced and cross fenced, good turf.
1083 acres of grassland - Mule Deer area. Good quail & dove hunting. 2 bedroom 2 bath house with fireplace. 2 bedroom bunkhouse with one bath, horse stall & pens, tack room/shop area and garage.
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Lamb County
Amherst Area - 137 ac. P. New 10 Year Contract.
177 acres of C.R.P. - 2 **SOLD** on contract.
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3/1/1 stucco home 307 E. 1st Street in Sudan, central heat/ac, all electric, good roof, auto garage door with opener. **Priced at \$2,500**

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HIGH SCHOOL AREA

- 3-2-1 carport Home, Cent. A&H, DW, workshop/storage, fenced Yd.!! **\$39.5 K !!**
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2336' lv. area, auto. splkr, fenced yd, MORE!! **\$125K!!**
- VERY NICE 3-3-2 CP Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2653' lv. area, covered deck & patio, workshop/store cellar!! Auto. splkr. (front yd.) **\$140,000!!!**
- NICE 3-2-2 Home, corner lot, built-ins, Cent. A&H, workshop/storage plus storage building!! 1974' lvg. area!! **\$96K!!**

RICHLAND HILLS • PARKRIDGE • HIGHLAND

- BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED 3-2 1/2-2 Brick Home on corner lot, Approx. 3325' Lv. Area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, granite & marble countertops, nice flooring, lg. utility, Pantry, lg. patio w/tv & sound hookups, auto. splkr, fenced yd., storage bldg., MUCH MORE!! **\$245K!!**
- 2 NICELY REMODELED DUPLEX UNITS & 1 NEW Duplex Unit!! **PRICE REDUCED!! \$410K!!!!**
- NICELY REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick, new Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 3125' lv. area, splkr. sys., fenced yard, MORE!! **REDUCED \$195K!! MAKE OFFER!!**
- 4 bedroom, 5.5 bath, 2 car garage, geothermal (cent. A&H), built-ins, FP, approx. 5100', loads of storage, workshop/storage, RV port, auto. splkr., **REDUCED TO \$160K!!!**
- VERY NICE 3-1 3/4-2 Brick home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fireplace, thermal windows & doors, metal trim, workshop/storage, fenced yd., MUCH MORE!! **\$139,500!!!**
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 brick home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, corner lot, MUST SEE!!! **\$130K!!**
- NICE 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1 car garage w/opener, New Cent. A&H, dishwasher, stove, approx. 1844' lv. area, fenced yard, storage bldg.!! **\$89,000!!!**
- NICELY REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP w/wood pellet insert, corner lot, fenced yd., auto. splkr., + lot w/stor. bldg.!! 2159' lv. area!! **\$189K!!**
- VERY NICE REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 1831' lv. area, fenced yd., 2 wkshp/stor. bldgs. **\$99K!!**
- 3-2 Home, Cent. Heat, win. evap., DW, stove, 1500' lv. area + 1 Bdr. Rental!! **\$45K!!**
- 4 bdr., 3bth home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, tility, lg. pantry, hardwood floors, fenced yd., storage bldg.!! **\$99,500 !!!**

RURAL

- EARTH-NICE **IN CONTRACT** A&H, Built-ins, FP, basement, cov. patio, 2 CP & insulated metal workshop/storage in the fenced backyard!! **\$92,900!!**
- 4-2 Home on **IN CONTRACT** for Cent. A&H, 2story, approx. 2153' lv. area. Selling "AS IS" **\$32,900!!**
- VERY NICE CUSTOM BUILT 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 car garage home, at edge of town on 80 acres!! Geothermal heat & air, built-ins, FP, ash cabinets, approx. 2544' main lv. area plus 625' finished basement w/safe & storage, splkr system, beautiful trees and landscaping, circle splkr, 5 wire barbwire fence, 36' x 48' metal insulated bldg w/2 12' doors!! MUCH MORE!!
- VERY NICE 4-3 doublewide (2006) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., 25' x 40' Metal Bldg. septic system, domestic well, on pavement close to town!! **\$152K \$130K!! MAKE OFFER**
- NICE 4.8 acre homesites, deed restricted!! **\$17,500!!**
- LARIAT AREA - 3-1 Home, Cent. heat, 5 acres, 1989' lv. area (2 story), 2880' quonset barn, out bldgs., **\$49.5K!! POSSIBLE OWNER FINANCE!!**
- 3-2-1+ 2 CP Home on 6.4 ac. at edge of town, Cent. heat, DW, nice carpet & tile, fans w/lights, cellar, wkshp/storage, fenced!! **\$145K!! REDUCED \$110K!!!**

LENAU ADDITION

- 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, 2 carport, Cent A&H, Dishwasher, WB Stove, approx. 2156' lv. area, 217 E. Elm. **\$55K!!**

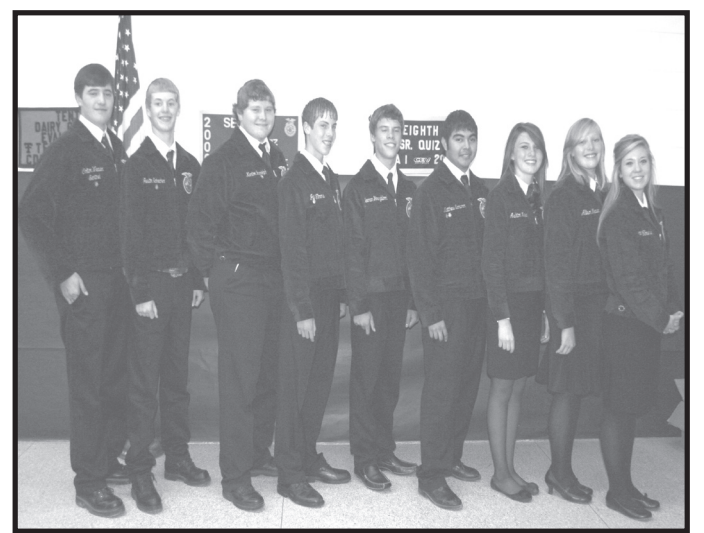
COMMERCIAL

- Building w/approx. 3300' plus 1040' upstairs, Cent. A&H, 2 restrooms, MORE!! **\$39,500!! MAKE OFFER!!**
- REMODELED 1900' Off. Bldg., 106' x 140' lot on Hwy. 70 and 84!! **\$79.5K!! PRICE REDUCED \$62K!!**
- GOOD INVESTMENT PROPERTY LONG TERM LEASE- Approx. 8,075' office bldg. w/approx. 20,000' paved parking area!! **PRICE REDUCED \$350K \$275K!!**
- Approx. 1080' metal bldg. w/off. & 3 bay garage/workshop area plus chain link fenced area!! **\$39,500!!**

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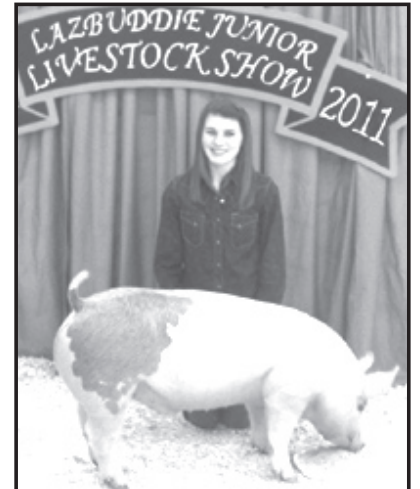
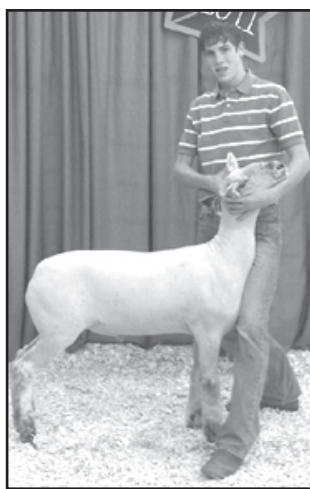
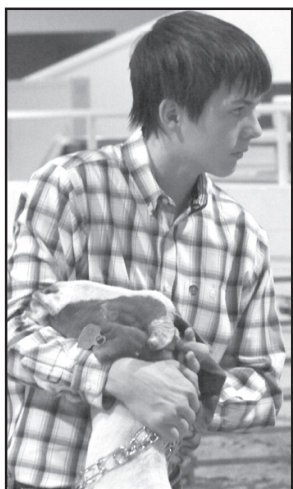


NATIONAL FFA WEEK
February 19-26, 2011



2010-2011 Muleshoe FFA Officers
Alfredo Sanchez, President; Baylee Bessire, Vice President; Melissa Casanova, Treasurer; Jenifer Vasquez, Secretary; Clay Pena, Sentinel; not pictured Keifer Ruthhaardt, Reporter

2010-2011 Lazbuddie FFA Officers
Officers: Colton Weaver, Justin Schacher, Kenton Randolph, Jared Timms, Keynan Youngblood, Matthew Samarron, Ashton Mason, Allison Weaver, & Summer Townsend.



The National FFA Organization is celebrating National FFA Week. Infinite Potential is the theme this year and members are encouraged to envision, discover and achieve their potential within their communities.

"In order to feed a growing population our organization must do more," explains Riley Pagett, national FFA president. "FFA members have Infinite Potential and have potential to do great things even beyond their FFA careers."

The week of George Washington's birthday was designated by the organization as National FFA Week in 1947. During the week, national officers will travel to different parts of the country to visit FFA members, participate in special events and meet with leaders of the agriculture industry. Individual chapters initiate events throughout the week to promote FFA and agriculture in their classrooms and communities. Events include community service projects, educational lessons for elementary students and promotional programs for students, teachers, and alumni.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 523,309 student members--all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture.

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