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## Final planning continues for Muleshoe's July 4 celebration

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Planning for this year's Independence Day celebration in Muleshoe is drawing to a close, with many of the favorite events from last year returning for the crowds' enjoyment. As is expected, one of the

big events of the day will be the annual July 4th parade, set to begin at 10 a.m. Individuals or groups wishing to enter the Muleshoe Independence Day parade can pick up entry forms at United Supermarkets or the Muleshoe Chamber of

Commerce office. The theme for this year's event is "Let Freedom Ring!" As in previous years, the July 4th parade will form at the old boy Scout Hut on Main Street, and proceed to East American Blvd. (Hwy. 84), before turning left toward the stoplight.

The parade will turn left again at First Street and will return to the staging area. The Muleshoe Chamber's Brisket Cook-off contest will also be returning, and is set to begin with a contestants meeting on July 3, at 6 p.m. And of course, the annual

fireworks display, at about 10 p.m. on July 4. There will also be a Men's and Women's Softball Tournament on July 3-4, at the Rocky Flores Softball Park. There is a \$125 entry fee, for the softball tournament, and a registration deadline

of June 30. It is a 3-2 pitch open class tournament with first through fourth place team trophies. First place will also receive hoodies; second place will receive long-sleeve shirts  
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Photograph by Larry Thornton

An unidentified bicyclist starts out from the Bailey County Coliseum.

## Reyes execution set for June 21

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Ten years of waiting will come to an end today as the State of Texas completes the sentence of Gilberto "Tito" Reyes, executing him for the 1998 rape and murder of his former girlfriend, Yvette Barraz of Muleshoe.

According to Michelle Lyons of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Reyes was to be moved from the Death Row holding facilities at Livingston Thursday to the Huntsville unit, sometimes referred to as "the Walls," which houses the state's lethal injection chamber. Although Reyes' execution could be delayed by a last minute appeal, the execution is set to take place at 6 p.m.

State law provides for executions to take place anytime after 6 p.m. According to Tom Kelly of the Texas State Attorney General's Office, the U.S. District Court denied Reyes' complaint about the use of lethal injection on Monday, June 18.

As of Tuesday afternoon, it wasn't known if Reyes' attorneys would be filing an appeal with the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, La.

Due to the Journal's Tuesday evening press deadlines, information about any last minute appeals will have to appear in next week's issue.

When contacted by the Journal, an official in the office of Gov. Rick Perry said the governor reviews such cases on an individual basis, but said there had not been any indications at that



GILBERTO "TITO" REYES

time that Reyes' sentence would be postponed or commuted to a life sentence.

After being transferred to Huntsville, according to Lyons, Reyes would spend the afternoon in a holding cell adjacent to the lethal injection chamber, and will be served his last meal at 4 p.m.

According to Lyons, Reyes requested barbecued brisket, a turkey leg, a bowl of cheddar cheese and an avocado as his last meal.

Reportedly, he will also be allowed the use of a telephone.

Lyons said he has not requested the attendance of any witnesses of his own, and it wasn't known if witnesses representing his victim's family would be attending the execution.

If the execution is completed, Reyes will be the 17th person executed by the State of Texas in 2007.

As of Tuesday morning, 15 had been executed, but according to Lyons the execution of another prisoner was set for Wednesday.

Reyes was convicted of bludgeoning Barraz to

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### Local Weather

**Thursday**  
Sunny..... 92/62

**Friday**  
I. T-Strms..... 94/62

**Saturday**  
I. T-Strms..... 92/61

**Sunday**  
Pt. Cloudy..... 91/60

**Monday**  
Pt. Cloudy..... 89/59

**Tuesday**  
Sunny..... 87/60

**Wednesday**  
Mt. Sunny..... 86/89

## Tour de Muleshoe deemed a success

By Jean Allison

It takes months and months of planning and preparing for the annual Muleshoe Heritage Foundation annual Tour de Muleshoe Bike Ride, but Lonnie Adrian, general coordinator for the event, is up to the task.

This year the 13th Ride was a huge success, as the participant list continues to grow.

More than 200 riders converged on Muleshoe Saturday, June 16, the date of the ride, bringing family and friends to the Bailey County Coliseum where the

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ride began at 9 a.m.

The day was perfect, cool and overcast for the 10-mile, the 40-mile and the 100K for the hearty ones, all anxious for the adventure.

Actually the ride begins months before with Lonnie getting out notices about the ride to bicycle newsletters, and the Heritage Foundation's board of directors making plans and getting out news articles to local news media, Channel 6 and the Muleshoe Journal.

Jenne McVicker and I begin collecting door prizes soon before the Ride to be drawn for after all riders the riders are back at the coliseum.

Generous merchants seem to find more unusual articles which bring about such remarks after the drawing as "This is the best ride we have been to," or "This ride gets an A-plus, as it is the best."

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## Local dairy, businesses included in power production video

An Austin production crew working on an educational video about electric power needs in West Texas visited Muleshoe on Tuesday, June 12, to record a story about the area's economic growth in recent years.

The video, commissioned by Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, will explain how electric power generation and transmission need to keep

pace with increased population and industry in West Texas.

The video crew arrived at the Osterkamp dairy farm — a member of Bailey County Electric Cooperative — before sunrise to record the early morning milking routine and follow Joe Osterkamp as he worked a normal day, supervising operations and making the rounds with veterinarian Chris Larson.

The Osterkamp operation is one of many dairy farms to locate in the area during the past several years, making a significant contribution to the economic prosperity of Muleshoe and Bailey County.

In the afternoon the video crew visited Muleshoe businesses, including the Dinner Bell, Williams' General Store and Higginbotham Bartlett. They photographed local



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merchants and citizens, and talked with Janet Claborn, director of the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation, and County

Judge Sherri Harrison. The video, to be completed in the fall of this

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**Eagle scout to be honored**

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Special guests will include the local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Eagle Scout candidates will also be recognized.

Mule-Putt will be open for golfing at its regular hours of 7-11 p.m. The general public and the scouts' families are invited to attend.

**ITV college classes offered**

The Muleshoe Extension Center, at 621 W. Second, has released its summer ITV class schedule.

Among the Monday-Thursday classes are courses in American history, mathematics, English and macroeconomics.

For additional information, including class details, admissions and online registration information contact 806-894-9611, ext. 2374, 2375 or 2372.

For distance education information, contact 806-894-9611, ext. 2340.

**Parade, vendor entry forms**

Individuals or groups wishing to enter the Muleshoe Independence Day parade can pick up entry forms at United Supermarkets or the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce office. The theme for this year's event is "Let Freedom Ring!"

Vendors wishing to set up booths at the July 4th celebration may pick up application forms at the same locations.

**AA meeting**

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

Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.

**Pancake breakfast to be held**

The Oneida Wagnon Senior Center will be serving a pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 30, beginning at 6:30 a.m. and serving until 11 a.m.

The breakfast is open to the public. The fee will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 10 years of age and younger.

The menu will be pancakes, sausage, bacon, syrup, orange juice, coffee, or milk.

**July 4th softball tourney**

There will be a Men and Women Softball Tournament July 3-4, at the Rocky Flores Softball Park.

There is a \$125 entry fee, and a registration deadline of June 30. It is a 3-2 pitch open class tournament with first through fourth place team trophies.

Contact Richard Orozco at (806)946-6063 or (806)272-3576, or J.C. Orozco or (806)946-7776 for additional information about the tournament.

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and third place will receive t-shirts.

Contact Richard Orozco at (806)946-6063 or (806)272-3576, or J.C. Orozco or (806)946-7776 for additional information about the tournament.

There will also be kiddie games in the east parking lot of the chamber office, beginning at 10:30 a.m., a homemade cobbler contest.

MulePutt golf will be open from 2-9 p.m., and there will be a Cowpatty Bingo game at 7:30 p.m.

Double D and the Phantom Band are scheduled to play from 7-10 p.m., followed by fireworks.

Other events scheduled through out the day include: Carolyn's Christmas Creations, which will be hosting a parking lot sale, food and refreshments, a return of the Mi Tierra Mariachi Band and Starbright the Clown.

Carolyn's will be hosting a limbo contest, starting at 1 p.m., with a \$100 cash prize;

And the Strong Arm Wrestling Championship, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

There are three divisions in the arm wrestling contest — Mens, Women and Juniors.

There will also be a stick horse race for the younger kids, following the arm wrestling.

At Williams' General Store, there will be a tent sale and Dummy roping for the kids, beginning at 11 a.m., with buckles and prizes for the winners.

There will be a muley and kiddie roping contest at the Good times Arena, located on Hwy. 214.

An antique tractor exhibit has been scheduled, but the location of the event has yet to be set. Contact Don Phelps for details.

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year, will be shown in conjunction with presentations at Golden Spread member cooperatives' annual meetings, civic organizations and other groups concerned with electricity and the economic health of West Texas residents and businesses.

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# 'Tito' Reyes... Continued from page 1

death with a hammer after kidnapping her on the evening of March 11, 1998, from Leal's Mexican Restaurant in Muleshoe, where she was employed as a waitress.

According to law enforcement officials at the

time, evidence collected from the parking lot at Leal's indicated Barraz had been forcibly abducted. Her 1996 Mitsubishi Eclipse was also missing.

Early in the morning of March 13, 1998, Barraz' body was recovered from

her car after it was discovered behind the Dollar General Store in Presidio, near the Mexican border.

It was later determined that she had been killed with a claw hammer that was recovered from the vehicle.

In the hours following Barraz' abduction, officials with the Muleshoe Police Department began an active search for her and her vehicle, along with Reyes, her estranged boyfriend, who previously had been arrested for pointing a firearm at her during an incident on Feb. 9, 1998, in Muleshoe.

Although Reyes wasn't apprehended in Presidio, he was questioned and released by U.S. Customs agents in Presidio prior to crossing the border on foot during the early morning hours of March 12.

Reyes was captured in Portales, N.M., three months later after he checked in to the Sands Motel. In July of that year, Reyes was extradited back to Texas to stand trial for murder of the 1997 Muleshoe High School graduate.

Reyes' trail began in January 2000, following the selection of a jury from a jury pool of 500 that gathered at the Bailey County Coliseum instead of the courthouse, under the direction of Dist. Judge Jack Young.

The prosecutor was Dist. Attorney Johnny Actkinson, and the defense attorney was David Martinez of Lubbock.

During testimony, it was noted that Barraz had been struck on the head with the hammer repeatedly, strangled and sexually assaulted at least twice during the brutal ordeal that followed her kidnapping.

In the story written by

Ronn Smith, and carried in the Feb. 6, 2000, issue of the *Bailey County Journal*, the *Muleshoe Journal's* sister publication at the time, Actkinson was quoted as saying Reyes "not only wanted to kill her but to humiliate her to show he was in control by sexually assaulting her as she died."

On Jan. 31, a Bailey County jury deliberated for about two hours before returning a guilty verdict, and on Feb. 2, after receiving additional testimony during the second "sentencing" phase of the trial, the jury returned to the Bailey County courtroom to recommend Reyes be given the death penalty.

Efforts to reach members of Barraz' family and officials concerning the March 8 execution order were unsuccessful.

In a news story published in March 1998, in the week's following the murder, the victim's aunt, Blanca Mora, talked about tragedy, and how they would eventually have to explain the details to Yvette Barraz' daughter, Selena, who was four at the time of the murder.

"...We can't let anger and hatred for him (Reyes) overwhelm us," she said in a story written by Teresa Stone of the *Journal*. We just want him to be caught and get what he deserves.

"We aren't looking for revenge because we know that he will eventually have to face what he did," Mora continued. "We know that he'll be judged for what he has done, for God sees all."

## Thanks for reading!

# Tour de Muleshoe... Continued from page 1

Preparations at the coliseum began Friday night, and board members breathed a sigh of relief when members of the Muleshoe High School Student Community Action Club members arrived at the coliseum and quickly began to set up tables and chairs for the spaghetti lunch to be served on Saturday.

The SCAC was organized in 1983 and is an honorary board member of the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation. SCAC members help with all activities at the Heritage Center, and on this night continued to work by helping fill sacks which were given to all who register.

Other SCAC members were back on Saturday to staff one of the rest stops at Sudan, which the club has done for 13 years.

It takes so many to make something like this venture a success, and the Heritage Foundation board members appreciate all who come to help.

Other rest stops were staffed by the Fabian Martinez family, the Jennyslippers — who have done this for years, the Kettner family, and the Interim Healthcare employees.

The Muleshoe Police Department, and the Bailey County Sheriff's Department, does a great job directing traffic, and SAG wagons

driven by local people also keep close tab on riders.

At 7 a.m. others such as Delton Wilhite, Ellen Ladd, Charles Mayhugh and Roger Buhrman came to help Joe Bob and Sheila Stevenson, who are board members, register those coming for the Ride.

New board member Jay Cage was initiated into all of this work, but he brought daughter Cassidy and son Christopher to assist with all of the activities.

Christy, Lonnie's daughter, began serving all of the riders and guests the delicious spaghetti lunch at 11 a.m.

Then came the real excitement when all of the riders were in, and the drawing for door prizes began.

Lonnie began this part by giving what he calls the Timmy Award of \$100 for someone who has been injured or ill and has recovered and is riding again.

The recipient this year was Bill Turnbow of Portales.

Everyone held their breath as the big prize, \$500, given by the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation was drawn for and won by Dianne Brown of Muleshoe. Great! Then other door prizes were drawn for and the city having the most winners was Lubbock, followed by Amarillo and then Muleshoe. Congratulations to all winners.

Something new this year

was the Kid's Bicycle Rodeo conducted to fulfill the X-Cel Corporation's arts and crafts grant for young people received earlier by the Heritage Foundation.

This activity was planned and coordinated by Alice Liles with Shelly Turnbow and Jo Pierson conducting the activity at the Coliseum on Saturday.

All participants, five years of age to 5th graders, received a free water bottle and winners received a ribbon. This was fun for those participating and for parents and guests observing these young athletes.

Then we have our center hostess, Dolores Harvey, who does a beautiful job of holding everything together, sending out letters about the ride, collecting supplies, cleaning and just being there for everyone. She is special.

We must mention two out-of-towners, Jenne Arrott of San Angelo and her granddaughter, who helped Cassidy draw for door prizes and Beth Askew, Littlefield who also assisted by selling t-shirts.

As we looked around, we saw a representative from both Channel 6 and the Muleshoe Journal busily taking pictures, and they stayed all day!

Yes, it takes so many to make something like the annual Muleshoe Tour such a tremendous success.

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# Obituaries

## Thomas Harper

A graveside service for Thomas Lee Harper, 84, of Sudan, was held on Monday, June 18, at the Sudan Cemetery with Terry Wilson officiating.

Harper died on Saturday, June 16, 2007, in the Harmonee House at Amherst. He was born on April 21, 1923, in Hall County to Ekford and Beulah Harper, and married Bethlene Middleton in the Friendship community of Lamb County on July 13, 1945.

Harper was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters — Margaret and Bonita; and three brothers — Buster, Jack and

Leaburn Harper.

Harper had been a resident of the Circle Back community near Sudan since 1932, moving from Hall County.

He was a 1941 graduate of Sudan High School and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was also a farmer and a member of the Sudan Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife — Bethlene; a son and his wife — Craig and Mary Ann Harper of Sudan; and two grandsons.

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

## Louise Roark

A graveside service for Louise Roark, 94, of Friona, formerly of Clovis and Bailey County, was held on Saturday, June 16, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Glenn Harlin officiating.

Roark died on Wednesday, June 13, 2007, in BSA Hospice of Amarillo. She was born on Sept. 11, 1912, in Jacksboro to R.A. Nichols and Leona Nichols, and married Charles Everett Roark in Shamrock in 1928. He preceded her in death on July 15, 1980.

She was also preceded in death by two sons — Joe and Roy Allen Roark; a daughter — Lola May Donaldson; and four brothers — R.A. Jr., Theo,

T.A. and Jack.

Roark and her family were early settlers in the West Camp community of Bailey County, where she was a member of the West Camp Baptist Church and the West Camp Demonstration Club.

She was a homemaker. She was also a former resident of Clovis, N.M., and Friona.

Survivors include a son — Charles Roark of Amarillo; 11 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

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MELISSA SHELTON AND LELAND BROCKMAN

## Shelton feted at bridal shower

A wedding shower honoring Melissa Shelton, the prospective bride of Leland Brockman, was held on June 9 in the home of Ginger Trimble.

Hostesses for the occasion were Vickie Burch, Louise Engelking, Sheryl Engelking, Paulette Foster, Ellen Gallman, Terri Hahn, Brenda Jesko, Liz Jesko, Coleta Langford, Nellie Martin and Joann McDonald.

Also Pamela Miller, Vicki Morris, Mary Jo Schacher,

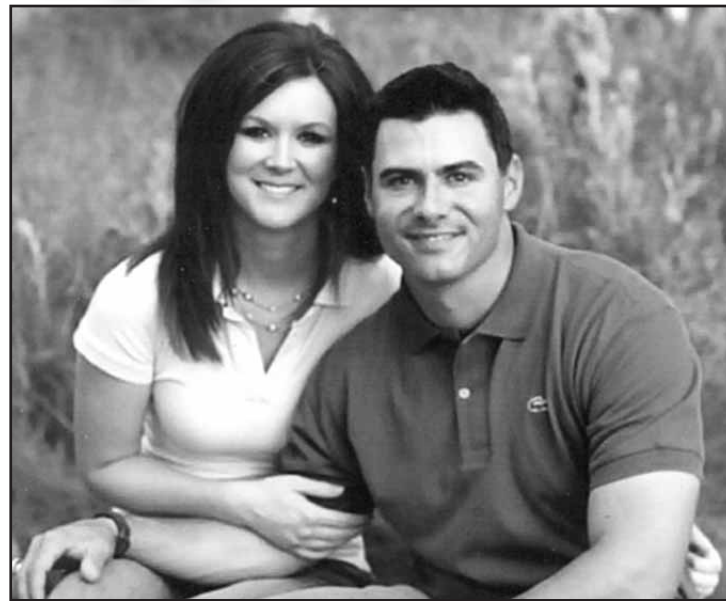
Vernie Schacher, Edna Rae Schilling, Sabina Schilling, Tami Schilling, Terry Thomas, Ginger Trimble, and Cinda Walkup.

The hostess gift was a large bronze wall clock.

Special guests included Mary McCormick, Judy Brockman, Peggy Soucy, Tensie McCormick, Mildred Walker, and Pat Boedeker, along with Jonessa Brockman.

After an August wedding, the couple will make their home in Lubbock.

## Engagements



KRYSTAL HEATHINGTON AND GRANT MARTIN

## Heathington, Martin to wed

Don and Dani Heathington of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their daughter, Krystal Heathington of Abilene, to Grant Martin, also of Abilene.

The prospective bride is a special education teacher at Abilene Wylie.

The prospective groom is the son of Sharon and Jeff Scott, and Ben Martin. He is a teacher and coach at

Abilene Wylie.

The wedding has been set for July 7, at 7:30 p.m., at Burkburnett.

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As chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, I recently invited academics, business leaders and my fellow senators to a roundtable discussion to examine the challenges facing our health care system.

We all agreed that to address our health care crisis and reduce costs, consumers must have the freedom and ability to make informed choices.

Americans are smart shoppers — we make dozens of economic choices every day, on everything from cars to cereal.

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Unfortunately, the same information is not always available when shopping for health care, and often consumers are not afforded a real choice.

For too long, breaking the code to insurance pricing has been a near mystery to most people. Consumers need this information as they compare and choose between available health plans.

As a result of an executive order, health insurance providers are now making detailed pricing information available to their customers.

Such transparency helps Americans make informed decisions and select options that lower their health care



## Capitol Comment

By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

costs.

Many Americans are forced to visit only doctors covered by their health plans or are barred from important treatments not approved by their insurance company.

I championed the creation of Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) to give Americans more freedom in managing their health care expenses.

Instead of simply paying a traditional insurance premium, HSA participants contribute to a tax deductible savings account reserved for health-related expenses.

Consumers spend only what they need from these accounts, and do not waste money on insurance benefits they may never require.

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HSAs are coupled with high-deductible insurance policies that provide a safety net in case of catastrophic injury or illness.

These and other consumer-driven options give consumers ownership of their health budgets, and follow the person, not the job.

I also strongly support the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit, which uses a market-driven approach to deliver great savings for seniors and the federal government.

The program gives

seniors many more options because it allows providers to design a wide array of benefit plans. Participants can then compare plans and make their choices based on price and the type of medicine covered.

As a result, over 80 percent of Medicare Part D enrollees report that they are satisfied with the program, and participants are saving an average of \$1,200 per year on their drug expenses.

These programs have been successful because they give Americans the power and information to choose the health care options that are right for their families and right for their pocketbooks.

However, more can be done to increase consumer choice. For example, Americans who choose to purchase their own health insurance should enjoy the same tax benefits that are available to businesses that purchase insurance for their employees.

Increased transparency and more consumer choice will further reduce health care costs, and I will continue to support health care options and the savings that they represent for your family and business.

## Milk production numbers are released

Texas milk production totaled 649 million pounds during May, down slightly from last year's production of 651 million pounds. April 2007 production totaled 645 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during May averaged 347,000 head, up 14,000 head from last year and the same as the April 2007 number. Production per cow averaged 1,870 pounds during May, 85 pounds less than last year.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 14.9 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from production in these same states in May 2006.

April revised production, at 14.5 billion pounds, was up 1.7 percent from April 2006.

Production per cow during May averaged 1,795 pounds, 13 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.28 million head, 26,000 head more than last year and 3,000 head more than April 2007.

## Library News

By Dyan Dunagan

The Muleshoe Area Public Library started the Summer Reading Program on June 1. It will last until July 31.

Prizes for the program are:

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20 books — second sticker for pirate flag.

30 books — third sticker for pirate flag.

40 books — fourth and last sticker for pirate flag.

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60 books — Preschool through second grade, a Wacky Pack from Sonic; third grade through fifth grade, a personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut.

70 books — a movie rental from Movie Gallery.

Grand prizes for the most read books:

Preschool — a party from McDonalds for 10 people.

Kindergarten through second grade — a Mickey Mouse phone from Five Area.

Third through fifth grade — an MP3 player from Radio Shack and the Muleshoe Area Public Library

The Muleshoe Area Public Library has Storytime from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday.

June 20

Preschool through second grade — Island sailing.

The children will be reading books, singing songs and watching a movie about fish, whales and sharks!

Third grade and older — The big blue ocean.

These kids will be the book "The Sea King's Daughter; A Russian Legend," the craft project is "An Ocean in a Bottle." They will be taking home their own ocean to look at everyday!

June 27

Preschool through second grade — Sailing in your very own bathtub.

The children will be read stories about taking a bath and they will learn how important it is to brush your teeth.

Third grade and older — Splish splash splish.

We will be reading the book "Evil Under the Sea", making "Goop" and doing a science experiment.

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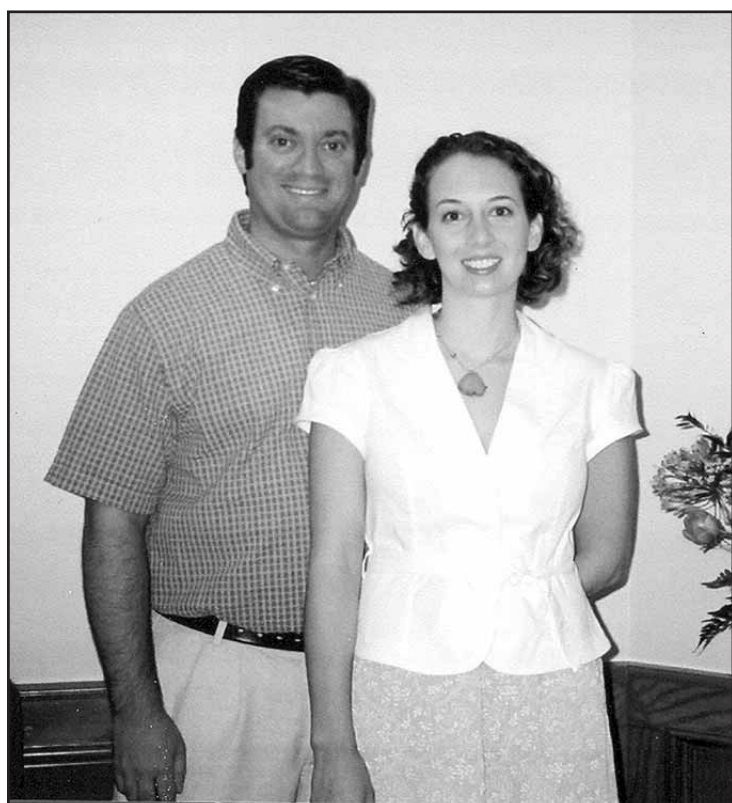
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## Wedding Showers



JESSICA LITTLE AND MASON CONKLIN

### Little, Conklin shower held

Jessica Little, the prospective bride of Mason Conklin, was honored with a wedding shower on Saturday, June 16, in the fellowship hall of Muleshoe's First Baptist Church.

Hostesses were Cindy Barrett, Nancy Barrier, Virginia Bowers, Vickie Burch, JoEllen Cowart, Carol Cox, Jan Crawford, Lona Embry, Joy Glover, Fran Hamilton, Debbi Hutto, Karen Harris and Sue Holt.

Also Coralynn Jarman, Connie Kenmore, Brenda Robison, Lindy Schuster, Gwen Sinclair, Joy Stancell, Pat Watson and Marilyn Young.

The hostess gift included several pieces of the couple's dinnerware.

Special guests included Julie Little, Beckye Conklin, Norris Conklin, Lauranette Mason, Kay Hagler, Susan Conklin, Sondra Mason, Linda Dunn, and Janet and Tiffany Hagler.

## Engagement



KRYSTA RINARD AND TOBIN CECIL

### Rinard, Cecil to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Rinard announce the engagement of their daughter, Krysta Jan Rinard of Lubbock, to Tobin Randal Cecil of Richardson.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Cooper High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in health, exercise and sports sciences and a masters degree in education, and is employed with Lubbock ISD as an elementary physical education teacher. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jinks of

Muleshoe. The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Cecil of Murphy, Texas.

He graduated from Burkner High School and received a bachelor of business degree from Texas Tech University. He is employed as a financial analyst with Plains Capital Bank of Lubbock.

The wedding ceremony has been set for July 2, 2007, at 7 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Lubbock, with a reception following at the Texas Tech University stadium Club.



CHRISTINA OROZCO

### Orozco, Thompson shower held

Christina Orozco, the daughter of Dale and Shonia Smith of Arkansas, and Antonio and Amelia Orozco of Roswell, New Mexico, and the prospective bride of Christopher Thompson, was honored with a bridal shower on June 10, at the Trinity Christian Center Church in Muleshoe.

The prospective groom is the son of Terry and Karen Sue Mullins of Littlefield, and Gary and Michelle Thompson of Amarillo.

Hostesses for the event included Esmeralda Campolla, Lorissa Mason, Stephanie Jesko, Michele Barton, Ruth Ann Kitchens, Leann Wills, Kayla Nickels, Jane Reeder, Kay Lepard, Janice Pacheco, Monica Posadas, Mary Lopez, Toni King, Jackie Smith, Vonda Nelson, Rama Smalling, Laura Rainey, Angela Morris, Jan Lawrence, Linda Flores, Robin Smith, Janet Hall, Erika Perez and Rose Vargas.

The hostess gifts included a 15-piece Member's Mark cookware set, a 20-piece stainless prep and storage kit, and a 15-piece Chicago Cutlery set.

The special guests attending were Shonia and Kaylee Smith of Arkansas,

Amelia Orozco of Roswell, Karen Sue Mullins and Ophelia Kerby of Littlefield, Michelle Thompson of Amarillo, and Shirley Carpenter, Flora Orozco, Amanda Clifton, Bonnie and Eva Dale Carpenter, all of Muleshoe.

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## What Kind of Lord Likes Ordinary People?

God loves ordinary people, and that is one of the most amazing and hope-filled truths of the Christian faith.

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It is a truth that no one more in love with do-it-yourself religion than a warm relationship with the God of all love, power, and grace can afford to consider. God loves ordinary people.

gentleman who, when he learned that Jesus turned water into wine, said, "Well, the Bible says he did, and so I believe it, but I'd have thought more of him if he hadn't."

Similarly, I suppose we can make allowances for Christ's choice of companions. One party the Pharisees pointed to took place when Jesus was "calling" Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle. He had to go where Matthew was, right? Even if he wasn't comfortable there, right?

Well, yes. So the Lord has a good excuse. We can be okay with Christ eating and drinking with "sinners" as long as he doesn't enjoy it, right?

I could be wrong, but I'm afraid the truth is far more scandalous than that. I'm afraid the Pharisees, wrong as they were, were right: God not only loves ordinary folks, he likes them! He actually prefers their company to that of the "high and holy." What kind of God is that?!

If that is true, and if God is completely good, then genuine "goodness" is not the cold and scrupulous, thin and sterile, thing folks, religious and not, have often thought it to be.

Maybe real goodness is not all about "Do this, but don't do this," the kind of rules that keep religious folks feeling religious and non-religious folks glad they aren't religious.

Maybe the real purity and holiness God wants is something far deeper than either group thinks. Maybe real goodness is deep and full and rich, filled to the brim with joy and life, the very life of God, and a person truly in love with God is filled up with his joy in a way that folks truly in love either with their "religion" or their own earthly appetites and desires, can never be.

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



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

That frightening truth was Exhibit A in the Pharisees' case against Jesus. Pharisees are hard people to make happy. As Jesus noted, "John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and "sinners"'" (Matthew 11:18-19).

Maybe we still find the Lord's choice of friends a bit troubling. We worry about his reputation. We shouldn't.

I don't believe Christ was a glutton. But I'm glad he evidently enjoyed good food as one of God's excellent gifts.

I don't believe he was a drunkard, but I'm glad that when the time came to make wine, Christ made the best and shared it as a good gift from God.

I doubt it's the Almighty who is in question when we catch ourselves being "nicer" or more scrupulous than God. Did you hear about the old

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Pick us, "peas!"

Have you ever been to a farmers' market? The farmers' market is a place where farmers bring, set up and sell their fruits, vegetables, potted plants and home-baked goods. Most of these markets are held once a week, often at fairgrounds or in parking lots. Some people like to go to the market because they enjoy talking with other shoppers and asking farmers about their products. Others enjoy being outside where their children can play a little and help to choose and buy items.

Free Sheet of Stickers!

Once you have signed up to join the free reading club you will find out how to send for your free sheet of stickers.

There are many sights at the farmers' market:

1. green and yellow \_\_\_\_\_ piled high
2. home-baked \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ for weighing food
4. straw \_\_\_\_\_ for cooling heads
5. \_\_\_\_\_ giving shade
6. \_\_\_\_\_ talking and selling
7. freshly cut \_\_\_\_\_
8. samples of juicy \_\_\_\_\_ to try
9. dried \_\_\_\_\_ hanging
10. \_\_\_\_\_ laden with foods and potted plants
11. \_\_\_\_\_ listing prices
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As the seasons change, so do your choices at the farmers' market. Summer turns into autumn! The days have cooler temperatures and get shorter. At this time, the growing season ends in some areas of the country. They are the days when farmers will harvest and get ready for winter.

1. Draw a line through the 5 items that are "Disappearing" from the market in late summer!
2. Circle the 5 items that are at the market in the fall or are "Appearing."
3. Mark an "X" on the 4 items that can be sold all year long.

I love a juicy peach!



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# Cotton Market Weekly

In a week of higher trading, cotton futures prices on the New York Board of Trade settled at a three-month high Thursday on speculative fund buying and rumors that China, the world's premier cotton consumer, was booking or would soon place orders for sizeable amounts of U.S. cotton.

Although there still has been no official confirmation of sales to China, the issuance of important quotas for over five million bales of imported cotton allows those mills that have been buying hand-to-mouth to step up their coverage.

"The market put in another strong performance this week as bullish technical signals and new signs of life out of China led to active speculative and trade buying," an analyst explained.

Traders also were anxious to view the data contained in USDA's supply/demand report released this week.

New crop numbers were friendly as the department

now predicts the gap between global production and consumption at 11.52 million bales for the upcoming season.

World consumption is estimated to reach 127.4 million bales in 2007-08, approximately five million bales more than the current season.

"If this consumption number would materialize, and recent economic activity around the globe suggests that the consumer is indeed alive and well, it would take a record world crop to keep up with this pace," a market observer noted.

"The largest crop ever produced was in 2004-05 when global output reached 120 million bales, but it would take an even bigger crop to stay in step with this optimistic consumption outlook."

Meanwhile, USDA reported net export sales of 139,700 bales in the week ended June 7. The figure was 35 percent less than the previous week and 52 percent lower than the four-

week average.

Primary buyers included China, Turkey, Indonesia, and Pakistan.

Sales of 38,000 bales for delivery in 2007-08 were primarily to South America and Turkey.

Export shipments reached a marketing year high of 438,600 bales, 11 percent higher than the previous week and 31 percent more than the four-week average.

Major destinations were China, Turkey, Pakistan, and Indonesia.

"The shipment total was more in line with what is needed to reach the current USDA estimate," an analyst said.

"This is a figure that should continue to be as heavy, if not heavier, in the weeks ahead. I believe mill buyers in China are just now starting to realize that the hand-to-mouth buying style that has served them so well for the past four years is no longer a viable procurement practice," he said.

In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers

in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas totaled 15,188 bales in the week ended June 14 compared to 4,267 bales the previous week.

Average prices received by producers ranged from 47.00 to 51.12 cents per pound compared to 50.02 to 51.37 cents per pound the previous week.

The trade still is monitoring the development of the U.S. cotton crop quite closely. While it still is early in the season, USDA's weekly crop condition report reflected quite a mundane cotton crop situation.

The 15-state average of planting was 92 percent complete compared to the average for this date of 93 percent.

Oklahoma, with planting 19 points behind its typical 88 percent complete, was the only state with a double-digit departure from its norm.

Despite a good portion of Texas being "waterlogged," planting was 86 percent completed compared to its 87 percent standard for this date.

## Don't forget your photographs...

The *Muleshoe Journal* publishes a large number of photographs — from wedding announcements to obituaries — along with related news stories. Sadly, many of these important photographs are never picked up from the news office. If you would like to retrieve a photograph that you've left with the newspaper, stop by during normal office hours.

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## Emergency farm loan applications being accepted

Applications for Emergency Farm loans for losses caused by hail high winds and tornadoes that occurred on April 21, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency, according to loan manager Jim McCrary.

On June 11, the FSA declared Lamb County as a major disaster, and seven additional Texas counties as contiguous counties.

Those counties — Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Hale, Hockley, Lubbock and Parmer — are eligible for

loans to cover part of the production losses caused by the hail, high winds and tornadoes that occurred on April 21.

McCrary said, "This designation makes family-sized farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from the FSA."

"The FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available,

repayment ability and other eligibility requirements," he said.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Feb. 12, 2008, for severe physical losses only, but farmers should apply as soon as possible.

"Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly carryover into the new farming season," McCrary said.

The FSA is a credit agency of the U.S.

Department of Agriculture.

It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living.

Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens, and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The Muleshoe FSA office is located at 111 E. Ave. D, and is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



I've seen some great rodeo performances over the years, each deserving of the belt buckles, spurs and saddles awarded to these men and women who take part in what has been described as the "most dangerous sport." And I don't want to belittle any of their accomplishments.

But the events of early June in Paw Paw, Mich., tend to dwarf even the best action on the West Texas rodeo circuit.

If you don't remember, earlier this month, Ben Carpenter of Paw Paw took the ride of his life when the handles of his wheelchair became lodged in the grill of a semi-tractor trailer, providing Carpenter with what can only be described as "the ride of his life."

Having a boring day? Why not strap a Mack truck to your backside, and go thundering down the highway at 50 miles per hour?

Many years ago, a movie character portrayed by Slim

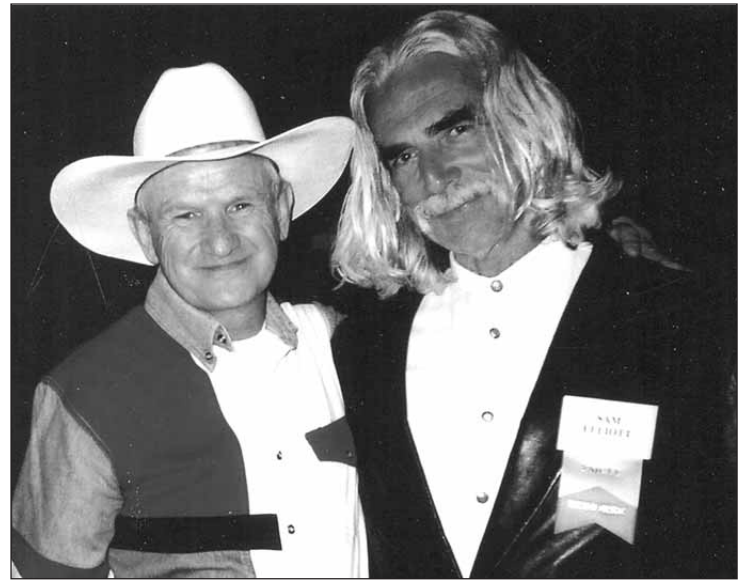
Pickens found himself hurtling earthward on an atomic bomb, screaming "yeehaaw," at the top of his lungs.

I don't know if Carpenter was vocalizing during his two-mile ride as the rubber from his wheelchair was peeling off, and to be quite honest I couldn't blame him if he did.

But either way, he's deserving of a belt buckle, at the very least.

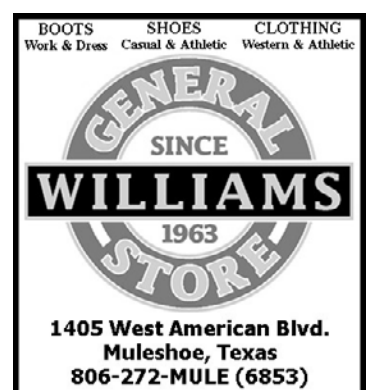
And who knows, someone might get the idea hold some kind of a mechanized rodeo.

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## Heritage awards attended

Former Muleshoe resident Leon Watson, pictured above on the left, poses with actor Sam Elliott at the Western Heritage Awards ceremonies held recently at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Okla. Elliott received the Great Western Performers Award. Watson, a 1966 graduate of Lazzbuddie High School, does fund raising for the Cowboy Cancer Crusade, which is associated with the American Cancer Society.







## BCEC announces 2007 scholarship recipients

The Bailey County electric Co-Op's Board of Directors has announced winners of four \$600 scholarships through Bailey County Electric Cooperative Association and the Muleshoe State Bank.

Also, Bailey County Electric awarded eight additional scholarships of \$600 each.

The recipients, and the high school, from which each graduated, are Brandy Smith of Dimmitt, Amanda Martin of Farwell, Addie Treider of Lazbuddie, Blake

Demel of Littlefield, Lynn McBane of Muleshoe.

Also, Madison Myers of Muleshoe, Matthew Richards of Muleshoe, Jameson Skipworth of Muleshoe, Amberlee Steinbock of Muleshoe, Montana Steinbock of Sudan, Julie Patterson of Whiteface and Brianna Richardson, also of Whiteface.

Brandy Smith is the daughter of Dwayne and Shelly Smith of Muleshoe. She plans to attend Texas Tech University and start her

studies in the medical field.

Amanda Martin is the daughter of William and Sheranette Martin of Farwell. She plans to attend Wayland Baptist University and major in accounting.

Addie Treider is the daughter of Brad and Debbie Treider of Lazbuddie. She plans to attend WTA&M University and begin her studies in foreign language.

Blake Demel is the son of DeEnna Brown and Dale Demel of Littlefield. He plans to attend Angelo State

University or Eastern New Mexico and eventually become a football coach.

Lynn McBane is the daughter of Everett and Suzie McBane of Muleshoe. She plans to attend WTA&M University and work towards a soil conservation degree.

Madison Myers is the daughter of Thurman and Rhonda Myers of Muleshoe. She plans to attend Texas A&M University and receive an agricultural degree.

Matthew Richards is the son of Michael and Maria Richards of Muleshoe. He plans to attend Spartan College of Aeronautics & Technology where he will study to build and maintain commercial aircraft.

Jameson Skipworth is the son of Jeff and Diane Skipworth of Muleshoe. He plans to attend South Plains College and receive a degree in landscaping architecture.

Amberlee Steinbock is the daughter of Dennis and Tanya Steinbock of Muleshoe. She plans to attend WTA&M University and to receive a degree in elementary education.

Montana Steinbock is the daughter of Charleson and Belinda Steinbock of Muleshoe. She plans to attend Texas State University and study in the fields of accounting, business and education.

Julie Patterson is the daughter of Mike Angela Patterson of Whiteface. Julie plans to attend Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College and major in child psychology.

Brianna Richardson is the daughter of Donnye and Roxanne Richardson of Morton. She plans to attend South Plains College and receive her associate degree in geriatric physical therapy and minor in gerontology.

## 2007 ASE certification test dates set

South Plains College will be offering certification tests by the National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence July 17 through Aug. 22.

The computer-based ASE certification exams are offered at SPC's ACT Center, located at the Reese Technology Center, 105 Davis Drive, Building 4, room 452.

To register for the exams, call ASE's toll-free number (800)525-6929 between July 10 and Aug. 15.

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## 'Sounds of Texas' outdoor concert series to be held

The Levelland Main Street Program and the Levelland Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce the 2007 music event to be held June 21 and 28.

The event will take place on the Hockley County Courthouse Square beginning at 7:30 p.m. and ending around 9 p.m.

"The Sound of Texas" presents "The Midnight Cowboy Band," featuring John Hartin and Lonnie Joe Howell.

The tradition will continue with the band playing classic country and classic rock music.

The free concert will highlight local talent and live music coordinated by John Hartin with Texas Digital Video & Music.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and listen to wonderful Texas melodies under the stars.

Local food vendors will be selling refreshments during each event. Door prizes will be given away each evening, and everyone registered must be present to win.

*"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck...."*  
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## Addresses for charitable giving

- Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Center, P.O. Box 201, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, (806) 272-4429 or 5873.
  - American Cancer Society/Bailey County Relay For Life, c/o Kim Cook, 201 E. Fir, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
  - MOST Scholarship (given to all graduating MISD seniors yearly), c/o Superintendent Gene Sheets, 514 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
  - Oneita Wagon Senior Center, P.O. Box 292, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
  - Hope Chest, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347
  - Muleshoe Hospital Auxiliary, c/o Muleshoe Area Medical Center.
  - Bailey County Food Pantry, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
  - Meals on Wheels, 300 1st St., Muleshoe, TX 79347
  - 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.
  - Muleshoe Masonic Lodge No. 1237, P.O. Box 521, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
  - 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.
- For a complete list of local and national agencies, contact the Muleshoe Community Foundation; Gary Sirkel, 272-4710 or Kay Mardis, 272-3349.



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A deadline of four months after an event will be the rule for free publication. Information must be received by Monday noon. However, publication cannot be guaranteed in the week it is provided.

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- **Parade - 10 AM**, theme "Let Freedom Ring!"
- **Homemade Cobbler Contest** - Call chamber for details - 272-4248.
- **Softball Tournament** - July 3rd and 4th, City Park
- **Kiddie Games** - 10:30 AM, East Chamber Parking Lot
- **Muley & Kiddie Roping at the Good Times Arena** - 2 PM, sponsored by Gary Morris
- **Cow Patty Bingo Fund-raiser** - 7:30 PM, City Park - Call chamber for details.
- **Entertainment by Double D & The Phantom Band** - 7 PM till 10 PM
- **Fireworks Display** - 10 PM, sponsored by Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture and the Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department
- **Carolyn's Christmas Creations - 106 E. American Blvd.**  
Parking Lot Sale - June 30th thru July 4th  
Food & Refreshments - July 2nd thru 4th  
Red, White & Blue Savings - July 4th All Day  
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- **Williams General Store - 1405 W. American Blvd.**  
Tent Sale - June 30th thru July 4th (lots of cool savings inside, too!)  
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