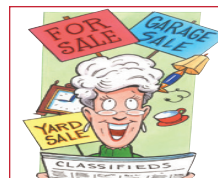




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Muleshoe to apply for more renovation grant funds

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

It's almost as if a popular television home renovation program was about to invade Muleshoe on a grand scale.

A couple of years ago, the City of Muleshoe received a federal home rehabilitation grant designed to replace the substandard homes of four local families with new dwellings.

While a bit of a delay ensued — no surprise when you're talking about federal grant dollars — everything eventually fell into place and the work as been ongoing.

And now, City Manager David Brunson said Monday that the city has an opportunity to help as many as five

additional families through the same program.

At Brunson's recommendation, the Muleshoe City Council authorized city officials to

apply for an additional \$450,000 non-competitive grant that would be used to rebuild five homes for qualified local residents.

Brunson explained that monies from the HOME program grant will be used to totally rebuild the residences, as is the case of the previously received grant, but that it would require a \$45,000 match on the part of city, most of which will be

"in kind" expenses such as leveling the existing homes and clearing off the property.

Brunson said he spoke with the municipal employees who would

echoed by the members of the city council.

In other business, the city council:

- Approved an ordinance adopting a budget for FY 2009-10. The budget for the upcoming fiscal year includes a \$2,652,308 general fund; an interest and sinking fund of \$303,305; and a water and sewer fund of \$1,387,632.

The ordinance also appropriates \$50,000 from the city's capital project fund for items related to the city's facility improvement projects, and \$2,075,000 from the fund generated by the city's sale of certificates of obligation in 2008 for capital outlay.

Also, funds totaling \$38,250 are

**If approved,
five more
families could
receive help!**

be directly involved in the grant process, and the subsequent building project if the grant is received, and said the staff "wholeheartedly" recommends applying for the additional grant.

"We believe there is a need for it," Brunson said, an opinion that was



Going up fast

The work on the new Muleshoe Police Department building has been moving along at a fast pace, and could be substantially complete by Sept. 26, according to city officials. Pictured above, a construction crew covers the exterior with a second coating of stucco.

City sales tax allocations are down for fifth straight month

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Mules may be putting up big numbers, but local cash registers haven't fared as well, according to sales tax figures from the Texas State Comptroller's office.

The City of Muleshoe's sales tax allocation for September showed a \$2,345.29 drop from the same period in 2008.

In fact, this is the fifth straight month in which Muleshoe's sales tax allocations have dropped.

April's .65 percent increase was the last gain for the year.

On a brighter note, Muleshoe is still second in the total sales taxes collected for the year, at \$409,098.09, following Littlefield's \$583,549.412, and staying ahead of Friona's \$239,855.76.

Dimmitt came in at the top of the area sales tax distributions for September with a 15.75 percent gain, reflecting

an increase of \$4,596.85. At the back of the pack for September is Earth with a 36.39 percent drop from last year's totals.

The state and local sales tax figures represent sales that occurred in

gas, construction and retail trade, continue to struggle," State Comptroller Susan Combs said in a recent press release.

"For fiscal 2009, which began in September

Sales Tax Results

City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$37,381.31	\$39,726.60	-5.90%
Dimmitt	\$33,774.46	\$29,117.61	15.75%
Morton	\$ 8,570.04	\$10,986.73	-21.99%
Littlefield	\$60,724.04	\$61,935.79	-1.95%
Olton	\$10,005.61	\$10,647.07	-6.02%
Sudan	\$ 3,397.78	\$ 3,360.15	1.11%
Earth	\$ 3,753.05	\$ 5,900.30	-36.39%
Farwell	\$ 6,973.33	\$ 7,740.83	-9.91%
Bovina	\$ 6,746.01	\$ 6,244.89	8.02%
Friona	\$26,610.15	\$28,273.8	-5.88%

July, and were reported to the state in August.

The state collected \$1.75 billion in sales tax in August, down 12.5 percent compared to a year ago.

"Monthly sales tax collections continue to decline as most major sectors of the economy, including oil and

2008, state sales tax collections totaled \$20.9 billion. Collections grew through January 2009, but monthly declines since that time resulted in overall collections dropping by 2.7 percent for the state fiscal year."

Local governments will receive \$428.3

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It's tough work stopping a Mule

Sometimes, it's best to just let go and let things take their course. Such was the lesson the Lubbock Cooper ankle bracelet pictured above probably learned Friday when he grabbed hold of Mule Isaac Baca.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

Commissioners' court approves new budget, tax rate

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners' Court adopted a budget and approved a tax rate increase for the 2010 fiscal year during Monday's regular meeting.

According to the estimates prepared by County Judge Sherri

Harrison, the new budget will increase the county's total property taxes by \$189,983.68, a 7.898917 percent increase, of which \$27,306.78 will be from new property that has been added to the county's tax roll in 2009.

As a result of the higher tax rate, the county taxes for maintenance and operations on a residence

valued at \$100,000 will increase by about \$16.70, according to the judge.

At the court's Aug. 20 meeting, it was noted that an average Bailey County home valued at \$55,112 will be assessed taxes of about \$411.80. In comparison, the FY2009 rate of .7305 imposed taxes of \$363.12 on an average home valued at

\$49,723.

The increase will bring the county's total tax rate up to .7472 per \$100 of assessed value, and includes a .1153 debt service tax rate, and the total for the general fund and Farm to Market fund to .6319.

All four of the county's commissioners — Butch Vandiver, C.E. Grant, Joey

Kindle and Juan Chavez, and Judge Harrison voted to approve the rate increase.

As for the budget, the members of the court had previously voiced concerns about what was described as a lean budget without an increase from the effective rate of .6925.

When the proposed

tax rate of .7472 was set, Harrison spoke of the decreased interest rate being received for the county's tax dollars, a decrease in the amount of revenue generated by housing out-of-county prisoners, and increased expenses for the maintenance and operation of Bailey

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Flores-Bara benefit tourney set

A benefit co-ed softball tournament for Maria Flores-Bara is set for Sept. 18-19 at the Rocky Flores Softball Field in Muleshoe.

There will be an entry fee of \$150 per team with a 12-player roster, consisting of six males and six females. Proceeds will benefit Maria Flores-Bara who is in need of a liver transplant.

For more information please contact Bridget Reyna at 806-891-0481 or Isaac Rodriguez at 806-777-7230

Top Shelf benefit set

Jack and Deb Stone of Top Shelf Ministries are gearing up for their first annual banquet, concert, and fund raiser on Saturday, Sept. 26, at 6 p.m., the Bailey County Coliseum.

The evening's entertainment will include Jack and Deb Stone, Crystal River of Lubbock, and Kit Ivey of Oklahoma.

The Stone's are raising funds with the hope of releasing a new CD before the end of the year. For additional information, call 806-241-5858, or go to www.topshelfministries.com.

Food pantry needs listed

The Bailey County Food Pantry is seeking nonperishable food items to meet the needs of local families.

Suggested donations include peanut butter, canned vegetables, meats, fruits and milk (either powdered or condensed), pasta oatmeal, rice, beans, instant potatoes and tomato sauce.

Donations may be left at the First Baptist Church or the First United Methodist Church, both of Muleshoe, or at the food pantry, located on N. American Blvd., on Saturday from 9-10:30 a.m. Individuals wishing to volunteer at the Bailey County Food Pantry should call and leave a message at 806-789-7423.

Class of 1959 reunion set

The Muleshoe High School Class of 1959 will be celebrating its 50th reunion Oct. 2-4. The class will meet in Amarillo, and Saturday's dinner will be at Lake Tanglewood. For additional information contact Sandra Allison Cox at 806-353-2535, Bonnie Wood Jackson at 806-355-4909, or Gwen Williams Splawn at 806-355-0868.

Class of 1999 reunion announced

Muleshoe High School Class of 1999 will be holding a reunion on Oct. 17, at 7 p.m., at the Muleshoe County Club. The \$20 per person registration fee includes dinner. A dance will follow.

Class members who have not sent as RSVP should contact Blair Saylor Oscarsson at alyssablair@hotmail.com or Jennifer Walls at jennifer.walls@ttu.edu for more information.

Alzheimer's group to meet

The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the second Thursday of each month in the Park View Nursing Care Center's conference room at 12 noon.

For more information, call Debbie Floyd, at the Bailey County Office of Aging, 272-3647, or Joy Stancell at Park View, 272-7578.

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Editorial

Casting the first congressional stone

First of all, let us join our voices with others in saying that Rep. Joe Wilson's outburst during the recent speech by Pres. Barack Obama, was disrespectful and distasteful.

However, those on Capitol Hill who have suggested his punishment should be the political equivalent of being drawn and quartered must do so while wearing suits of Teflon.

As I recall, long-time congressional veteran, and current Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi was even quoted as saying she had never witnessed such disrespect for a sitting President, which suggests that her memory has dimmed a bit in the last year or so.

As I recall, Ms. Pelosi shouldn't have to look back any further than the administration of Pres. George W. Bush for an instance when Democrats

"booed" a Presidential speech to a joint session of Congress.

What amazes us is that a possibly orchestrated, voiced disapproval of a speech — and the speaker, is somehow better than a spontaneous and emotional outburst.

Of course, history also reminds us that similar actions erupted from the other side of the aisle during a speech by former Pres. Bill Clinton.

All in all, office holders on either side probably need to take a step back, and consider their own attitudes and actions before they start casting stones.

For any elected official, at any level of government, to behave in such a manner is totally uncalled for.

...It starts out with angry words, devolves to physical confrontations, and ends up getting mistaken for a hockey game.

Hospital board approves budget for FY 2009-10

The Muleshoe Hospital District's board of directors approved its budget for FY 2009-10 during a special meeting on Monday, Sept. 14.

The hospital district's board also approved a tax rate that maintains the district at its current level of 40 cents per \$100 valuation.

Concerning the budget, MAHD CEO Jason Anglin described the budget presented for board consideration as "conservative," in part due to the hospital's lighter use during the past flu season, and diminished revenues due to issues such as MAHD's discontinued operation of the Farwell Clinic.

Anglin, who also serves as Muleshoe Area Medical Center's administrator, noted that the hospital's "charge master" review, which is intended to help adjust the hospital's prices in comparison to other facilities in the medical industry, is still in progress.

However, at the recommendation of the district's auditing firm — Parrish, Moody & Fikes, the new budget was based upon a 15-20 percent increase in prices for services.

One of the largest increases in the new budget, Anglin said, is a five percent or \$143,243 projected increase in salary expenses, which he said doesn't include merit raises.

At the recommendation of Chief Financial Officer David Burke, budget for Park View Nursing Care Center will initially use figures from its 2009 budget, which will require the board to make repeated adjustments in an effort to reduce the \$123,000 deficit under which it is operating.

In other business, the board approved a

\$14,000 change order in the renovation for the hospital's behavior unit project.

It was explained at the meeting that hospital's current system doesn't have the capacity needed.

With the additional work, the estimated cost of the renovation will increase to about \$26,000.

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Muleshoe ISD to receive \$300,000 technology grant

The Muleshoe Independent School District was given preliminary notification this week that we won the grant lottery (so to speak)!

The Texas Education Agency notified the school district that they have been awarded the Target Tech in Texas (T3) Collaborative Grant for 2009.

The application for the

School News By Dr. Gene Sheets

grant was made on behalf of a group of schools known as the FACT Consortium. The FACT Consortium is made up of five area schools that will split this \$1 million grant.

The five schools include Muleshoe ISD, Sudan ISD, Lazbuddie

ISD, Springlake-Earth ISD, and Olton ISD.

Jonathan Robertson with Sudan ISD was the lead grant writer for the FACT Consortium. Muleshoe ISD stands to receive a little more than \$300,000 as a result of winning this competitive grant.

There were 24 school districts in the state of Texas who were named to receive this award.

The purpose of this grant is to implement programs that use educational technology to improve both teaching and learning.

Grant funds will assist Muleshoe ISD in providing 21st century classrooms that use technology effectively

while preparing students to learn and work in high-tech environments.

Providing these students with necessary educational technology programs and practices, along with well-trained teachers, will enable innovative teaching strategies that are designed to engage students and promote critical thinking, problem solving, creativity, and college and career readiness.

Technology is a tool that we can use to better prepare our students for

the 21st century.

We are thankful that our school board has always aimed at supporting our efforts to provide cutting-edge technology for our students.

We are also very fortunate to have Five Area Telephone as one of our partners in the FACT Consortium. They have provided an enormous amount of infrastructure and support so that we could be able to utilize the latest advancements in technology for students these five communities.

Commissioners approve 2009-10 fiscal budget

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No one appeared to voice opposition about the proposed budget or tax rate at this year's public hearings.

While the county's revenues continue to be a concern of the courts, actions were taken during Monday's meeting to help offset the ambulance service's increased expenses.

At the recommendation of EMS director Jacky Wayne Burris, the court approved an increase in EMS fees.

"It won't increase the amount received from Medicare or Medicaid, but it should held with collections," Wayne said about what he described as the ambulance service's first rate increase in several years.

"We're not collecting, by any means, what we could charge," he said about the increase.

The new ambulance rates will go into effect Oct. 1, for the FY 2010 budget.

And while the court followed Sheriff Richard Wills' recommendation not to increase fees for his department, it was noted that the county jail's census did show an

increase in the number of out-of-county prisoners being boarded.

In other business, the court:

- Approved the selection of an engineer for a water project at Maple, at the recommendation of the Maple Water Supply Corporation.

Judge Harrison praised SPAG's administrative work on the \$250,000 grant which will be used to replace the existing water tower in the south Bailey County community.

"It's an important resource for fire protection," Kindle said about the project which is expected to take about 22 months to complete.

- Approved payment of county bills totaling \$269,924.91.

- Approved the July treasurer's report and received the August report for review.

- Approved the receipt of grant funds totaling \$3,006.90 that will be used to purchase law enforcement equipment.

Muleshoe city council acts...

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appropriated from the city's hotel/motel tax fund for payment of operating expenses.

Similarly, the ordinance appropriates \$872,761 from the city's economic development fund for payment of the cooperation's operating expenses and capital outlay.

Mayor Cliff Black expressed his appreciation for the city's administrators and department heads for the work they'd done on compiling the "conservative budget" for next fiscal year.

- Approved an ordinance adopting a total tax rate of .7573, which is slightly lower

than the effective tax rate. The total approved tax rate includes .6550 for maintenance and operation and .1023 for debt service.

- Approved the reappointment of Max King, Pat Angeley and Mark Morton to the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation.

- Approved a request for a \$760 reimbursement to the Muleshoe Rotary Club for advertising expenses related to the organization's recent team roping. The funds will come from the city's hotel/motel fund.

- Approved a reimbursement of up to \$560 for advertising related to the Comite

Patriotic's Sept. 16 celebration

- Approved a request for a \$1,395.36 reimbursement to the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation for advertising expenses related to the organization's Tour de Muleshoe. The funds will come from the city's hotel/motel fund.

- Approved an interlocal agreement with South Plains Association of Government regarding the provision of emergency 9-11 services.

Sales tax allocatons...

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million in monthly sales tax allocations on Monday, a 12.9 percent decrease compared to a year ago. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations are down 3.3 percent compared to the same period in 2008.

The comptroller's office will send monthly sales tax allocations of \$290.3 million to Texas cities, down 12.2 percent compared to last year. Texas counties will receive sales tax allocations of \$25.8 million, down 16.5 percent compared to a year ago.

The 152 special purpose taxing districts around the state are getting \$16.4 million in sales tax revenue, a decrease of 11.6 percent compared to a year ago. Ten Texas transit systems will get \$95.8 million in sales tax, down 14.4 percent compared to a year ago.

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10:30 a.m. Cattle Drive and Parade (9th & Broadway)
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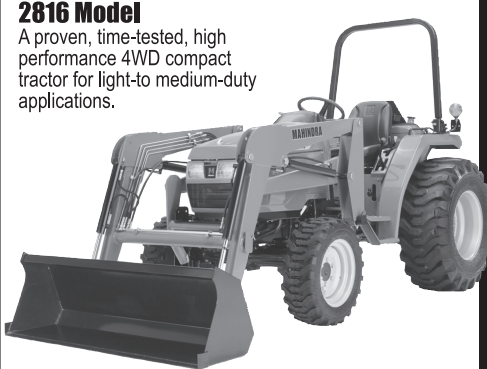

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn
It feels like fall is already here. We have had some great mornings and late afternoons for walking or just out visiting with friends.

We are saddened by the lose of one on our senior citizens. Our condolences go to the Bobby Hudson family. May God be with you.

We will miss him. There are several of our senior citizens in the hospital or recovering at home. We want them to know we miss them and are praying for them to get well and be back with us soon.

Tuesday, Sept. 22, will be senior dance night at the center. If you did not attend the last dance we had, you missed a very good time. There were 89 of our friends that enjoyed the night. Good music, good food, and

good fellowship you can not beat this for a night out in Muleshoe.

Remember our election is going on. So if you have not voted, please do so when you are at the center.

You need to vote for three of the citizens that are on the ballot. You can vote until Sept. 24.

As you all know the parking lot in the back of the building has been repaired. We ask for all of you to be real careful on the gravel.

It will be awhile before we can mark the parking places off, so just be careful when you park.

There has been quite a bit of activity going on around the block. We are proud to see the progress of the building for the police department.

The alley and streets have been quite busy with all the electrical,

telephone and water additions that have to be made. It is good to see progress in action.

Menu for Sept. 21-25:
Monday, Sept. 21 — Chicken enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, ranch style bean salad, chips, salsa, Jello™ and fruit.

Tuesday, Sept. 22 — Meatloaf, cheese potatoes, black eye peas, salad, cornbread and

pudding.

Wednesday, Sept. 23 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and cobbler.

Thursday, Sept. 24 — Beef tips, rice, oriental veggies, salad, wheat roll and baked apples.

Friday, Sept. 25 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.



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Obituaries

Bobby Hudson

Private graveside services for Bobby Hudson, 79, of Muleshoe were held on Monday, Sept. 14, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Hudson was born on July 20, 1930, in Bailey County to Bert and Rutiller Hudson. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Hudson died on Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, in Lubbock. He was born on July 20, 1930, in Bailey County, and married Dorene Hennington in Clovis, N.M., on June 1, 1949.

Hudson was a member of Trinity Baptist Church of Muleshoe, and was a lifetime resident of Bailey County.

He worked for



Bobby Hudson

Bailey County Electric Cooperative until his retirement.

Survivors include his wife — Dorene of Muleshoe; a son — Ricky Hudson of Dallas; a daughter — Judy Jacobs of Muleshoe, two sisters and one brother; two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, PO Box 292, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Verdie Gann

Funeral services for Verdie B. Gann, 97, of Sudan were held on Friday, Sept. 11, at the First Baptist Church of Sudan with Andy Melton and the Rev. Robert Roecker officiating.

Burial followed in Sudan Cemetery.

Gann died on Wednesday, Sept. 9, in Lubbock. She was born on Jan. 28, 1912, in Hollis, Okla., and married Delma Davis Gann in Clovis, N.M., on Aug. 7, 1929.

He preceded her in death in 1980. She was also preceded by her parents; a son — Mickey Gene Gann on June 12, 1940; and a son-in-law — J.C. Doty on June 22, 1995.

She was the youngest of her family, and the last survivor of three brothers and three sisters.

Gann moved to Sudan in 1926 from Hollis, Okla.



Verdie B. Gann

She was a homemaker, a member of Muleshoe Primitive Baptist Church, and a member of the Sudan Senior Citizens.

She received her 50 year pin from TOPS.

Survivors include a son and his wife — D.L. and Martha Gann of Fresno Calif.; a daughter — La Fern Doty of Sudan; seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Sudan Senior Citizens, 100 Main Street, or PO Box 153, Sudan, Texas 79371.

Alton Epting

Services for Alton Epting, 100, of Midland, and formerly of Muleshoe, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 17, at First Baptist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner.

Burial will follow in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Epting died on Saturday, Sept. 12, in Midland. He was born on Sept. 27, 1908, to Thomas Newton and Ida Epting, in Childress, and married Margaret Ellen Black in Muleshoe on Dec. 23, 1934.

Epting moved to Muleshoe in 1929 from Conway. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe, a Past Master

of the Muleshoe Masonic Lodge, and three times Past Dist. Deputy of the Masonic Lodge.

He was a Worthy Patron of the Muleshoe Eastern Star, and was a member of the Scottish Rite in Lubbock.

Survivors include his wife — Margaret of Midland; two sons — L. Dwain Epting of Midland and Michael Epting of Mansfield; a sister — Tommie Byrd of Hope, Ark., and two grandchildren.

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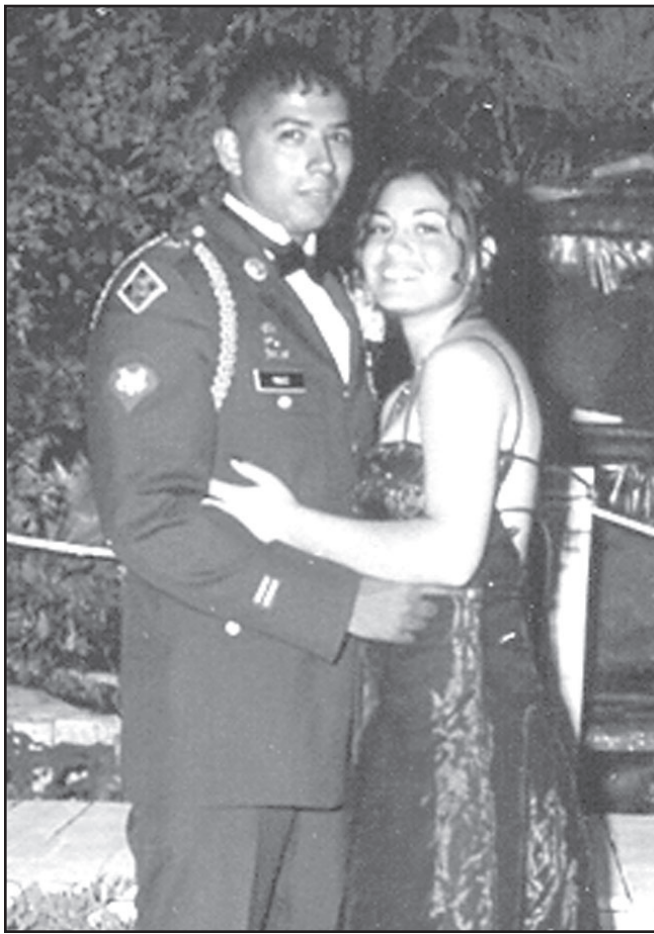
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Brenda Caraveo and Marselino Ruiz,

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The prospective bride is a 2005 graduate of Muleshoe High School, after which she attended Clovis Community College.

She is currently employed as secretary with C&G Sprinkler.

The prospective groom is the son Jeronimo and Marta Ruiz.

He is a 1999 graduate of Muleshoe High School, also attended Clovis

"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...."

Proverbs 1:8-9, NIV

Community College, and is currently employed as a crew leader with C&G Sprinkler.

The date of the wedding is set for Sept. 19, 2009, at 2 p.m., at the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

A reception will follow the ceremonies at the church.

Jennyslipper News

The Jennyslippers met in regular session recently, and voted to open the Mule-putt Golf Course for parties only.

The golf course will reopen for regular games about mid-May, 2010.

However, parties are welcomed and can be booked for any day, including weekends. Call June at 272-4920, Elaine 272-3165 or 3408 and Nelda at 272-4071.

The Arts and Crafts Bazaar was deemed a success and the Jennyslippers sincerely appreciate everyone who came out to shop with the vendors.

The karaoke music show moved inside the Bailey County Coliseum due to the chilly wind, and many turned out to sing.

Everyone enjoyed the entertainment and suggested we do this again soon.

Ruby Green's quilt show attracted many visitors. Her handiwork is beautiful.

The Muleshoe Art Association exhibited many lovely paintings. Nelda

Merriott's painting, "In the Cotton Patch," won People's Choice and brought back memories to many.

Visitors enjoyed the Muleshoe Heritage Center and viewed the new additions to the center.

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The next meeting of the Jennyslippers will be at noon at the Girl Scout Hut on Sept. 22.

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Sports

Mules scuttle the Lubbock Cooper Pirate's fleet

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules may have driven to Woodrow but once they arrived they scuttled the Lubbock Cooper Pirates' fleet in their home port. Time of possession and first downs may have been the only stats the Pirates won.

The Mules seemed more interested in making touchdowns than first downs and in the least amount of time possible. The Mule "bend but don't break defense" did its job again this week as the Pirates reached the Mules "red zone" —inside the 20-yard line — four times during the game and only scored once.

"Philosophically we would like to have more three-and-outs but 'bend but don't break' is all right with me, too," said Mule coach David Wood after the game. "We gave up some yards but the defense stiffened up when they needed to make a stop."

"We made some adjustments at the half and kept them from making so many catches in the second half. We grew up a little more tonight and the kids are getting better each game and that is what we ask of them. You can never take a win for granted and each one is appreciated," he added.

Wood said, "I tell the kids to cherish each win. Now we turn our attention to Crane and begin to prepare for



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Adrian Muniz makes a touchdown catch late in the Lubbock Cooper game.

them."

Jared Skipworth's first strike for a touchdown was to the Mule's big receiver, Cooper Washington, from 25 yards out. Forty-nine seconds before the half, Skipworth again hooked up with Washington from 71 yards away. The Mules led 14-0 at the half.

The Mules added two more TDs in the final quarter with Adrian Muniz catching a 17-yard toss from Skipworth and Juan Sanchez powered in from the four yard line.

The Pirates only touchdown came in the third quarter. The Mules improved to 3-0 with the 27-7 win over the Pirates.

Muniz intercepted a Lubbock Cooper pass two-yards deep in the Mule end zone to halt the Pirates final drive of the first quarter.

Muniz raced out of the end zone and was hit at

the Mule two. He spun away from the would-be tackler and raced on to the Mule 20 where he bounced off another tackler for another 12 yards.

Sanchez, Skipworth and Isaac Baca combined to move the Mules on the ground to the Pirate 22 as the first quarter ended. Skipworth was sacked on the Mule's first play of the second period.

Facing third and 12 at the Pirate 25, Skipworth located Washington open at the Pirate three and zipped him the ball. Washington backed into the end zone for the first tally of the game. The Pirates partially blocked the extra point kick and the Mules led 6-0 with 11:17 remaining in the

first half.

The Pirates' ensuing drive began on the Cooper 31. They converted on a fourth-and-one to drive to the Mule 23. Muniz blasted a Pirate receiver just as the ball arrived. He jarred the ball loose to set up a fourth-and-three.

The Mules blitzed and linebacker, Beau Avilla, punched the ball out of the Pirate quarterback's hands.

Adrian Chacon claimed the loose ball for the Mules at the Mule 30. Cooper held the Mules and got the ball back and drove to the Mule 28.

Ryan DeLeon hammered the intended Cooper receiver on fourth and three needed for a first. The ball popped out

and the Mules took over on their 28 with 1:51 left in the first half. Three plays later the Mules were in the end zone.

Skipworth kept up the middle for seven yards on first down. He recovered a fumble at the Mule 29 to maintain possession and extend the drive. The Mules needed eight yards for a first and set up in double twins.

Washington was on the line of scrimmage and set wide to the right. At the snap he stayed on the line of scrimmage and allowed the other receivers race down field before he ran toward the center of the field along the line of scrimmage. Skipworth tossed him the ball behind a screen of Mule blockers.

Washington turned up field as the Mules had split the Pirate defense like a machete through a green coconut. He cut up field and raced 71 yards through a gaping hole between the hash marks for the Mules' second TD.

The Mules went for the two point conversion. Skipworth found Muniz all alone in the end zone and fired him the ball. The Mules led 14-0 with 49 seconds left on the

clock in the first half.

John Keane rolled left and found Brett Salas open in the end zone for an eight-yard Pirate touchdown in the third period. The point after was good to cut the Mule lead to 14-7 with 4:43 remaining.

Near the eight-minute mark of the final period the Pirates punted the ball out of bounds on the Mule 40. Three plays later the Mules were in the end zone.

Following an incomplete pass Baca broke through the left side of the line for 43 yards to the Pirate 17.

Skipworth located Muniz open in the end zone with 7:02 left in the game. Skipworth's point after was good and the Mules led 21-7.

The Mule defense sniffed out a Pirate screen pass on fourth down and 18 need for a first. The pass fell to the turf and the Mules took over on Cooper's 46.

Skipworth faked to Sanchez up the middle to freeze the line backers and hit DeLeon running a slant over the middle. DeLeon scooted to the Pirate four for a 41-yard gain.

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Muleshoe's "12th man" was present and accounted for at Friday's game.

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Varsity football... Continued from page 6

Sanchez blasted in from the four and the point after failed.

Skipworth connected on 17 of 28 passes for 245 yards and three TDs and rushed six times for 12 yards.

Sanchez led all rushers with 10 carries for 89 yards and one touchdown. He caught four passes for 12 yards. Baca carried four times for 55 yards.

Washington led all receivers with seven

catches for 142 yards and two TDs. DeLeon made two receptions for 50 yards and Muniz had two grabs for 26 yards and a touchdown.

Justin Griswold and Jonathan Garcia made one catch each for eight and seven yards respectively.

The Mule defense held Cooper to 186 yards passing and 132 rushing for a total of 318 yards and one touchdown. The Mules intercepted two

passes and recovered one fumble.

Sanchez led the Mules with 10 tackles.

DeLeon had nine tackles and two big hits. Chacon made nine stops, had two quarterback hurries, a fumble recovery and pass break up.

Muniz had nine stops, an interception, two pass break ups and a big hit. Damien Snell record eight tackles with one being for a loss. Juan Gonzales made eight tackles.

The Mules travel to Denver City Friday night to tangle with the highly ranked Crane Golden Cranes.

The Mules are the home team and their fans will sit in the west stands. The Muleshoe Athletic Boosters will be selling programs.

Football Contest Results

By Terry Brewster

The Muleshoe Journal football contest is gaining yards. We had several new players this week trying take home the weekly prize.

Although I found no perfect scores in this week's contest, there were 10 contestants who guessed nine games correctly.

The Houston Cougars upset the Oklahoma State Cowboys and left some of this week's contestants shy of the perfect score.

Devnie Orozco guessed nine games correctly and had the closest guess on the tie breaker game, and will take the \$25 weekly prize.

The Mules score of 27 sank the pirate ship, leaving Lubbock Cooper with only seven points. The other contestants with nine correct guesses were Alene Bryant, Damion Toscano, Gabriel Acevedo, Gerald Bond, Claire Brown, David Lutz, Rudy Gonzales, Charlotte Field and Jaden Herrera.

This week, one of the top 10 contestants failed to give a tie breaker score.

So be sure to mark every game and put in a guess for the tiebreaker game, it could mean win or lose.

Remember, playing every week increases your chances of winning the \$200 grand prize.

The contestants with the most number of correct guesses at the end of the contest will win the \$200 grand prize.

The standings for most correct guesses are as follows: Gabe Toscano, Terry Field, 27; Alene Bryant, Charlotte Field, Damion Toscano, Rene Valle, 26; Lindsey Kitchens, Rudy Gonzales, Sherri Harrison, 25; Butch Green, Debbie Weir, Joe Abeyta, Ruben Mata, Shonda Black, Travis Bessire, Troy Moore, 24.

Challenge your friends, family and neighbors to see if they know football. Will you have bragging rights or will they? We want this to be fun for everyone. Just a reminder, anyone over the age of 12 can play our weekly contest. You can take home the \$25 weekly prize.

If you enter every week, you could still win the \$200 grand prize at the end of this season.

Remember this contest is free to enter. Entries can be mailed to us at: Football Contest, P. O. Box 449, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

You need not have an original copy of the contest to enter.

They must be received at the Journal office no later than 4 p.m. on Friday prior to that week's games or be postmarked on that date.

You can also put your entries in the mailbox on the wall outside, fax your entries to 806-272-3567, or emailed them to adsales@muleshoejournal.com, also.

Put "football contest" in the subject line of your email. The emailed entries must be shown sent by 4 p.m. on Friday prior to that week's game.

Just remember that absolutely no late entries will be accepted.

We will publish the top 10 results and current standings each week.

JV falls to the Pirates

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mule varsity team has four sophomores on the roster and that fact alone makes it tough on the JV Mule squad.

The JV Mules faced a super-sized passel of Pirates from Lubbock Cooper Thursday evening.

The Pirates kept the Mules bottled up on their end of the field most of

the night. Cooper scored 20 points in the first half. Defensive adjustments by the Mules held the Pirates to only six points in the final two periods. The Mules fell to the Pirates 26-0.

The Mule defense made it difficult for the Pirates to score their first touchdown after reaching the Mule 10. Joey Guerra, Robert Brewster

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New York vs. Dallas

JV Mules... Continued from page 7

Brewster and Pilar Campos halted the Pirate quarterback for a single yard on first and goal.

Brewster made the stop on second down after just four yards. The Pirates scored on third down with 3:26 left in the opening frame. Cooper led 7-0 following the point-after kick.

It was three and out for the Mules and they were forced to punt. Alfredo Sanchez and Matthew Ambriz made the stop three-yards behind the line on the final play

of the first period. A completed pass by the Pirates and a 14-yard TD run put Cooper up 13-0 early in the second quarter.

Following another three-and-out for the Mules gave the Pirates good field position. The Pirates scored on just two plays to take a 20-0 lead over the Mules.

Devon Cantrell grabbed a leg and hung on for a stop on first down. A holding call against the Pirates set them back 10 yards.

Guerra halted the Pirate quarterback for a yard gain before Cantrell sacked him for an 18-yard loss.

Offsetting penalties on the Pirate punt negated the Mules' run back for a touchdown. That was the Mules only trip to pay dirt.

The half ended with the Mules trailing 20-0.

The Mule defense turned up the heat in the second half. Guerra kicked off to start the second half and Aldo Mendoza raced down field for the tackle on the Cooper 28. The Mules halted the Pirates on Cooper's 37. Mendoza, Cantrell and Sanchez hammered the quarterback for no gain on third and 13.

Ambriz made the stop

for no gain on fourth-and-one to force the Pirates to relinquish the ball to the Mules.

Steven Durben connected with Eric Orozco in the right flat for a first down on the Mule 30. Sanchez spun through the hole in the middle of the line for nine yards.

Durben's pass was intercepted and Pirates returned the ball to the Mule 20. It took the Pirates seven attempts to break into the end zone for the final time.

The Mules will become road warriors as they will travel to Denver City Thursday to meet the Crane Golden Cranes. The following Thursday they will make another road trip to Borger to battle the Bulldogs.

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Class members who have not sent an RSVP should contact Blair Saylor Oscarsson at alyssablair@hotmail.com or Jennifer Walls at jennifer.walls@ttu.edu for more information.

The leader of the talks in Philadelphia... ...was General George Washington.

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Our Constitution 222 Years Old!

The first three words of the U.S. Constitution tell who is behind the making of our government. **Fill in the puzzle below and the first three words will be spelled out under the arrow.**

- the General at the meeting who became our first President
- men were sent (doctors, lawyers, businessmen, etc.)
- some people were afraid this would take power away from the states
- _____ men who helped to write the Constitution
- number of branches the new government would have
- where the meetings took place to write the Constitution
- number of states in 1787
- checks and balances keep each branch from becoming too _____
- Constitution was signed on the 17th of this month
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George Washington

So this is how it was formed!

I read that there are 4,543 words in the Constitution.

After the Declaration of Independence was signed, the states in America were "united" by a weak central government. Each state had its own strong government which created many problems among the states. In 1787 almost all of the 13 states sent their wisest men to Philadelphia for a meeting. They were to work out the problems with trade, taxes and other matters. In Independence Hall they studied, argued, talked, voted and wrote. They were laying the groundwork for a strong central government. Some wanted no part of this. Wasn't this like the British rule they had just broken away from? The central government was to be headed by a leader (President) chosen and elected by the people. There was to be a court of law (Supreme Court) and a body to make laws (Senate and House of Representatives). All of these ideas formed the Constitution of the United States. It has worked well for 222 years! It is still used by courts to uphold laws and the rights of people. You can see the Constitution in the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Constitution State

Which state is known as the "Constitution State?" It has its nickname printed on its license plates. **To find out, color in the puzzle using the color key. Then find 11 letters and unscramble them to spell the name of the "Constitution State."** A dot (•) is in the upper left corner of each letter. Use only the letters that are all one color.

Benjamin Franklin, 81 years old, was the oldest member at the meetings to work on the Constitution. Did you know that he also invented a pair of glasses called "bifocals" that help people see near and far too?

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The Constitution Quiz

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- The Constitution is the weakest law of the United States. T F
- It tells us the way our government works. T F
- Our country's written constitution is the world's longest and newest. T F
- Some people wanted basic rights to protect individuals added to the Constitution. So, 10 statements called the "Bill of Rights" were added. T F
- Additions, called "Amendments," protect freedom of religion, speech, voting rights, etc. T F
- We have 3 branches of government, formed to balance each other in power. T F
- The first is the Legislative Branch that
 - makes the laws by writing bills and voting on them. T F
 - includes our Senate and Congress. T F
- The second is the Executive Branch that
 - upholds the laws to make them work. T F
 - lets the President serve a 7-year term. T F
- The third is the Judicial Branch that
 - says our Supreme Court, the highest in the country, needs to have 27 judges. T F
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The Sudan Buzz

Sudan celebrates homecoming 2009

Sudan celebrated homecoming this past week.

The Sudan homecoming began with free hotdogs on Thursday night.

The bonfire was held behind the school with a live band playing before the bonfire.

Sudan High School had their football homecoming on Friday.

On Saturday, the Sudan community enjoyed a full day of celebration beginning with the parade led by Gary Fields and family serving as color guard, followed by the Sudan Marching Band.

The Sudan Fire Department carried the cheerleaders along the main street.

Antique cars, trucks, ATVs, Sudan EMS, police department and horse riders joined in the fun of the parade.

The parade ended at the school and everyone

was invited to enjoy the morning's activities.

There were games for the young children including the blow up slide and obstacle course, hornet race, sand dig and trike race.

The fire department held a water polo contest. Other activities included booths for shopping and food.

Greg Lance, Sudan Homecoming representative said, "Overall I thought the day went great. We got rained on a little before 2 p.m., and that thinned the crowd, but we started the ping pong tournament at 4 p.m., the booster club began feeding the evening meal at 5 p.m. and the gospel singing began at 6 p.m."

There were good crowds for each of these events.

The dance was moved to the fire department's new building and began a little after 8 p.m.

Three bands with local ties and members played.

The first band was Abandoned Minds. They entertained for about an hour and played classic rock.

Their lead singer's voice and style is really suited for this type of music and the crowd really appreciated their set.

Diamond Jack took the stage for the second set and played country music for about an hour.

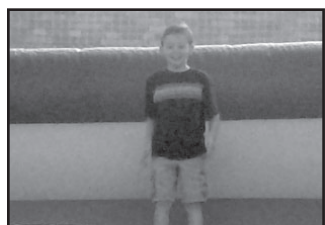
They had Waylon Jennings grandson, Way Jennings, go up and sing a few of Waylon's classic hits.

He did a great job and the crowd loved him.

Larry Dial, lead singer for Diamond Jack, contributed extremely strong vocals on both classic and current country hits.

Amenaza played the third set and really wowed the crowd. Their lead singer and Sudan native Rosendo Alcaraz's enthusiasm for playing in his home town along with Amenaza's musical talent transferred to the crowd for an electrifying concert.

The dance finished up a little before midnight and put an exclamation point on a great homecoming celebration.



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# Freshmen succumb to Pirates

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The freshman Mules hung tough with the much larger Lubbock Cooper Pirates Thursday afternoon in Benny Douglas Stadium.

The Mules gave as good as they got in the first half and were tied 28-28 with the Pirates at the intermission.

The second half was a different tale as the two platoon Pirates began to take a toll on the Mules. The Mules could not match up in the second half and fell to the Pirates 62-28.

The Mules held the Pirates on their first drive and forced them to punt. The ball rolled dead at mid field.

The Mules lost two yards on their first play before Junior Baca broke loose up the middle of the field.

He cut back behind his downfield blockers and raced 52 yards for the first score of the game. The two-point conversion failed and the Mules led 6-0 with 4:10 left in the first quarter.

Ryan Johnson and Shawn Atwood set the Pirates back four yards on first down. An incomplete pass and an Alex Vidana stop of the Pirate quarterback for no gain forced the Pirates to punt.

Two sacks on the Mules next series forced the Mules to appear ready to punt.

Ray Martinez faked the punt and raced up field. He was stopped one-yard short of the 23-

yards needed for a first down.

Cooper took over on the Mule 38. The short field gave the Pirates a scoring opportunity and they converted with a 38-yard pass and run to tie the score at 6-6. The extra point kick gave the Pirates a one-point advantage with 10 seconds left in the first quarter.

Martinez received the Pirated kickoff at the Mule 20 and raced up the middle of the field. He quickly covered the 80-yards for a touchdown and put the Mules back on top as the period ended.

Osmar Diaz connected with Davon Gonzales for the two-point conversion and a 14-7 Mule lead.

The Pirates returned the favor with a 75-yard return and booted the point after to tie the game at 14-14.

Cooper booted the ball to the Mule 15 on the ensuing kickoff and Baca raced 85 yards to pay dirt. Marquise Trevino is the freshman Mules version of 'The Refrigerator' and he powered up the middle for the two-point conversion. The Mules led 22-14 with 9:36 left in the half.

The two teams had combined to score 23 points in just 36 seconds.

The Pirates scored on a fluke when Johnson tipped a pass away from the intended receiver but it fell in the hands of another Pirate and he raced into the end zone. The two-point conversion

knotted the score at 22-22 with 6:23 left in the half.

The Pirates held the Mules on their next possession and forced them to punt. Cooper scored on one-play drive that covered 58 yards. The point after was no good and the Pirates claimed a 28-22 lead over the Mules with 4:31 left in the half.

The Mules started their final drive of the half on their 25. Baca gained seven yards on first down and Diaz connected with Lupe Campos for 12 more. Diaz hit Caleb Wood on a slant for 11 yards to mid field.

Baca broke into Pirate territory with a four-yard blast to the Pirate 46. The Mules set up a screen pass to Baca on the right side and he took full advantage of his down field blocking as he weaved his way through the defense for a 46-yard pass and run TD. That again knotted the game at 28-28. The half ended with the score tied.

All the scoring in the second half belonged to the Pirates. They put 34 points on the board in the last two periods.

The young Mules had their game with Farwell cancelled for Thursday. Instead they will play Stratford at Canyon Jr. High School (the old high school) at 6:00 p.m.

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# Watching 80 years of US presidential history

These are the Presidents who have served during the active years of my life, and the party to which they belonged:

Herbert Hoover (Rep); Harry Truman (Dem); John F. Kennedy (Dem); Richard Nixon (Rep); Jimmy Carter (Dem); George H. W. Bush (Rep); George W. Bush (Rep); Franklin Roosevelt (Dem); Dwight Eisenhower (Rep); Lyndon Johnson (Dem); Gerald Ford (Rep); Ronald Reagan (Rep); Bill Clinton (Dem); Barak Obama (Dem). A total of 14, seven Republicans and seven Democrats.

Each of them was elected at least one time, except Pres. Ford. He was serving as vice-president under Nixon. And when he resigned, Ford became President. He ran for president one time, but lost to Jimmy Carter.

Carter ran for a second term, but lost to Ronald Reagan, who served two terms. His vice president, the older George Bush, was elected one time and ran for a second term but lost

*Something worth saying...*  
By Glen Williams

to Bill Clinton.

Clinton served two terms and was followed by the younger George Bush. He served two terms, and in the election of 2008 Barak Obama was elected and he is of course is serving as President, and hopefully, he will serve the next four years.

Pres. Kennedy was elected one time but was assassinated before his term was out. So his vice president, Lyndon Johnson, became president and served that term out. Then he was elected one time.

Herbert Hoover served one term and ran for a second term but lost to Roosevelt. He was elected four times, but died during his fourth term. So Harry Truman, the vice president became president. He served that term out and was elected one time.

Eisenhower served two terms and his vice president,

Richard Nixon was elected two times. But he resigned during his second term and that's when and how Ford became President.

This spans a period of a little more than 80 years. And those years have been quite interesting, and I hope to speak more about them in a short while.

But for now, this Thursday afternoon, my wife has gone to the beauty shop, so I am left here alone.

I am reading a little book "Common Sense" by Glenn Beck. He speaks of a writing of more than 200 years about "Out of Control Government," by Thomas Paine.

I don't think our government is out of control. And I have some very nice things to say about it, especially when we speak of Richard Nixon, as one that served during my life time.

But I do think we have suffered a decline or a falling away from the high moral values that seemed to exist during most of those years. And it casts a shadow of weakness and lack of good will over those that serve us today. I regret that. For until we manage to correct it our government will not function as it should regardless of who is president or which party "controls" the congress.

One of the nation's leading news men said on television today that "We do not have the quality of leadership that we had in the years gone by."

I listened to the President speak last night, and I thought he did well. By that, I mean he explained how his plan for medical coverage would work in the different situations that would receive coverage under it.

I'm not saying it is good or it is bad, for I do not know, but I thought it was well presented and deserves consideration.

But I do regret the quick temper and shallow thinking of the Congressman who called the President a liar. And I deeply regret the ugly display of people — no matter who they are — that interrupt the proceedings in some meeting designed to discuss the medical care proposals.

That is not the way to get things done.

Of equal or even worse conduct was the man who threw shoes at the Pres. Bush at one of his meetings, I understand he was removed from the meeting, filed on and convicted of a criminal offense.

I say that we a people are better than that. And the fact is those who engage

themselves in such actions hurt themselves and the cause the "work" for more than those they try to hurt.

Alexander Campbell once said, "Facts are the most cogent reasons and stubborn arguments in the world."

## Imagining the very best news of all

Call the shot. If you could just "wish" it into existence, and the sky's the limit, what's the very best "good news" you could imagine?

At first, I admit, my own sights might be set a tad low, but I'm just reporting some things that jump into my mind.

I fire up the computer, and the news splashed across the Internet is this: "IRS Abolished! National Sales Tax Levels Playing Field! Citizens No Longer Waste Untold Hours Working for the Government / Politicians Forced to Look Harder for Ways to Polarize Rich & Poor."

Or, less political, I suddenly get word that someone has slipped into my garage, cleaned it completely, and I've been given hours to spend just as I like in the garage, the shed, or other suitable man cave.

Or... someone's slipped into my closet in my study at church and done a similar cleaning. It's completely organized, and I didn't do a thing.

Or... here's a week to take off on the motorcycle and just ride in beautiful weather and watch the leaves turn.

Or... two weeks straight at my grandparents' old place at Robert Lee, just reading good books, feeding the birds, and several of those days enjoying my brothers, and several of those days in quiet not saying a word at all, except to God. No cell phone!

Or — hey, I said shoot for the moon — a couple of weeks on a cruise ship anywhere, just my wife and me at sea.

Or, and I'm raising my sights here, some great days with granddaughters, Brylan and Brenley!

Or, along that line, some great days with the whole bunch, sons and daughters-in-law, and the little beauties, and even the granddogs, and nowhere to need to go or be or do for days except play cards, watch movies, cook out, and eat!

But let's raise our sights some more! Amazingly good news! What would it be?

That some dear friends dealing with cancer or chronic illness or disability are suddenly completely



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healed.

Or, just as hard and just as beautiful, that some relationships gone sour are suddenly healthy and joyful again.

And let's raise our sights even higher. Amazingly good news, so good that we can hardly imagine it...

We suddenly hear a trumpet blast, and angels sing, and we see our Lord coming back and

then beginning to unfold before us richer, deeper, more beautiful than we could ever dream, the new heavens and the new earth, and we find ourselves truly home for the very first time.

One look into the eyes of the One we love who knows and loves us completely, and we know that the best story of all will never end, nor will we ever cease to drink in the deepest of all joy.

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# Fall Home Improvement

## Siding choice that helps homeowners go green

(NAPSI) – It's easier than ever to spruce up the exterior of a home using sustainable materials.

One siding material that has long been touted for its green attributes is fiber cement.

For instance, WeatherBoards Fiber-Cement Siding from CertainTeed contains more than 30 percent recycled material, ultimately diverting more than 50,000 tons of material from landfills each year.

And, using fiber cement



siding contributes to Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) and other green building certifications.

Fiber cement also features a wood-like

appearance, exceptional performance and its palette of rich colors and textures provides for stunning curb appeal.

Better yet, it comes backed with excellent

warranties, is noncombustible, and unlike wood, won't rot and is naturally resistant to wood-boring insects, salt spray and UV rays.

And, to top it all off, fiber cement is considered a smart investment to make to your home.

According to the 2008 Cost vs. Value Remodeling Study, homeowners who replace their existing siding with fiber cement returned more than 86 percent of project costs upon resale.

Homeowners interested in cladding their homes with fiber cement should work with a quality contractor to ensure the siding is installed to specification.

To find a reputable contractor, look for those who are accredited with the Better Business Bureau or find references on consumer-driven Web sites.

It's also a good idea to talk with a few of the contractor's previous

customers.

For more information about fiber cement siding, or to find a local contractor, call CertainTeed Corporation at (800) 782-8777 or visit [www.certainteed.com](http://www.certainteed.com).

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Rhino Roofing specializes in Decra Metal Roofing Systems, Metal Roofing (R-panel, U-Panel) Wood shingles, Composition, PVC, and TPO.

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(NAPSI) – As more people take on do-it-yourself auto repair and home improvement projects to help save money, tools are experiencing more wear and tear.

Here are a few tips about ways you can preserve and protect the valuable tools and equipment that help you get the job done right.

**Refurbish old tools**  
Tools can be fragile and cost a fortune to replace. You can extend the life of your old tools by cleaning them with mineral spirits and steel wool. In a well-ventilated area, dip the steel wool in mineral spirits, rub liberally and watch your tools come back to life.

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Fertilizers and chemicals can quickly corrode the metal on your gardening tools, so make sure you regularly rinse equipment with soap and water, and then dry it off with a rag.

Before putting tools into storage, make sure they're completely dry to prevent handle rot and rust, and use linseed oil on tool handles to help prevent them from drying out and splintering.

Don't let rust and corrosion ruin your valuable tools and equipment.

Many people keep their tools in high-humidity areas such as garages or basements. Instead, try storing your equipment in a cabinet or cupboard inside the house.

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# Fall Home Improvement

## An easy way to a 'new' driveway suggested

(NAPSI) — From making the garden picture perfect to selecting the ideal front door color, today's homeowners are recognizing the importance of curb appeal, and are putting in the time to make the outside of their homes look great.

But even the most "curb conscious" homeowners often ignore one of the largest and most visible areas of their property—the driveway.

A worn, old driveway can be an eyesore, ruining the curb appeal of any home. But it's easy to give your driveway a like-new look thanks to a few new products and a little advice from the experts at Rust-Oleum. Here's how:

Resurface and rejuvenate your driveway in one easy step. The trick to keeping asphalt and blacktop driveways looking great for years is to seal them with a blacktop sealer.

Unfortunately, most traditional blacktop sealers can be smelly, messy and difficult to apply. In fact, many homeowners will hire contractors to do the job. But now there's an easy way to do it yourself while saving a bundle of cash with Epoxy Shield Blacktop Coating.

The jet-black coating resurfaces and rejuvenates worn driveways to make them look like new. Low odor and easy to apply—rolls on just like paint—it lasts

longer and requires less frequent reapplication than traditional driveway sealers.

If your driveway has cracks or holes, try using Epoxy Shield Blacktop Patch & Crack Filler before applying Blacktop Coating. Mix the two-in-one powder with water to create a paste to fill larger holes or a liquid for small cracks.

Here's a tip for better-looking results: Use a cleaner and degreaser to get rid of ugly, tough stains such as grease and oil before applying a driveway sealer. It'll make the coating last longer and look better.

Don't forget the garage. In many suburban homes, the garage is used as the front door, so make sure

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## Why not take a sleep test?

You spend more time on your bed than any other piece of furniture in your home. That is the reason it is so important to find the mattress that is right for you.

To determine the mattress that is best for you, we invite you to take sleep test. Lie down on different mattresses while paying attention to comfort, support, durability and mattress size.

A mattress does not have to be stiff-as-a-board to be good for you. Recent studies suggest that a medium-firm mattress is more likely to improve back pain than a firm mattress.

Today's top quality mattress/foundation ensembles combine luxurious new cushioning materials and extra soft surface treatments to create a more plush, comfortable feel.

Correct support is the essential ingredient for a healthy body. The only way to find out if the support is right is to lie

down and give it a try.

Don't rely on product labels to tell which mattress will give you the right support. You need to find a mattress and foundation that will gently support your body at all points and keep your spine in alignment.

You should pay special attention to how your shoulders, hips and lower back feel. Too little support can cause back pain, while a mattress that is too hard can cause uncomfortable pressure.

Durability is determined by the quality of the material used and how they're put together. That will determine how long a mattress and foundation will provide proper comfort and support.

The best assurance of good performance over a long period of time is to buy the highest quality sleep set you can afford. The warranty protects you from product defects, not against gradual loss of comfort and support.

So keep in mind that

while your mattress and foundation may still be usable after many years, it's probably not giving you the good night's sleep you deserve.

Mattress size is also an important factor because a healthy sleeper moves anywhere from 40-60 times a night, including some dozen full body turns.

Remember that you need freedom of motion while you sleep and to help you relax while you are falling asleep. You need to choose a queen or king size bed, if you sleep with a partner. They are wider and are several inches longer than a standard "double" full size, without being cramped.

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## Fireplace safety tips offered

(NAPSI) — When temperatures drop, few things top nestling in front of the fireplace to keep warm and cozy. But experts caution fireplace owners to take a few safety steps before stoking the flames:

**Get ready...**  
A wood-burning chimney should be inspected every year and swept clean if it has built-up soot deposits. Look for cracks in the mortar or crumbling cement. This is a warning sign that the chimney may need

repairs. Keep the top of your chimney clear of tree limbs and debris to avoid any problems. Consider installing a chimney cap to keep animals and leaves out.

Examine the flue to make sure it is clear. To ensure proper ventilation, check that the damper is working properly. When open during fires, it should allow the smoke to get out.

When there's no fire, the damper should be tightly closed to keep the warmth

in and cold out.

**Choosing firewood...**  
"Well-seasoned firewood" is wood that has been thoroughly dried for a minimum of six months and stored properly. It generally has darkened ends with visible cracks or splits and is relatively lightweight.

"Green" wood has high levels of moisture in it, making it difficult to start. It's also less efficient to burn than seasoned wood because it smolders.

**Buying firewood...**

Hardwoods are recommended as the best wood for burning in fireplaces. However, they can harbor insects, such as the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB), which lives in and feeds on hardwood trees.

Because of these bugs, it's important that you not move firewood. Purchase it close to where you plan to use it and make sure that it's from local resources.

Don't carry it across county or state lines, because the ALB, its larvae or eggs may be inside and can infest healthy trees wherever you take it.

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## Aucutt's: Your paint experts

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Aucutt's paint experts will come to your home to review your project, and will help you choose the right color, brand, and style to best complete your project within your tastes and budget all at "no charge!"

And, this week only, Aucutt's has its Big Paint Sale that has discounts up to 40 percent off regular prices.

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Stylish Hunter Douglas window treatments including wood blinds are marked down during this special event as well.

As the sale ends, the Ugly Bedroom contest begins. Residents may bring a photo of their ugly bedroom into Aucutt's Paint Store and submit for a new make-over!

The winner will receive newly painted walls, new Hunter Douglas window treatments, new bedding, new ceiling fan and accessories.

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Entries will be narrowed down to a few of the best ugly bedrooms,

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|  | <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Our Best Seller!</p> <p style="font-weight: bold;">Premium Commercial Coating<br/>Interior Latex Eggshell Finish</p> | <p>Reg \$26.19 a gallon</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: red;">\$10 OFF</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red;">SALE \$16.19 a gallon!</p>      |
|  | <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">One Coat Coverage!</p> <p style="font-weight: bold;">Regal Premium<br/>Interior 100% Acrylic Eggshell Finish</p>     | <p>Reg \$39.59 a gallon</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: red;">\$14 OFF</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red;">SALE \$25.59 a gallon!</p>      |
|  | <p style="font-weight: bold;">Super Spec Exterior<br/>100% Acrylic Flat</p>                                                                                    | <p>Reg \$25.39 a gallon</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: red;">\$9 OFF</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red;">SALE \$16.39 a gallon!</p>       |
|  | <p style="font-weight: bold;">Premium Exterior<br/>Moorglo Soft Gloss<br/>Lifetime Warranty!</p>                                                               | <p>Reg \$46.69 a gallon</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: red;">\$15 OFF</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red;">SALE \$31.69 a gallon!</p>      |
|  | <p style="font-weight: bold;">For Pipe Fences/Industrial Coatings<br/>High Gloss Alkyd Enamel<br/>White &amp; Pastel Colors</p>                                | <p>Reg \$188.09/ 5 gallon</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; font-weight: bold; color: red;">\$70 OFF</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red;">SALE \$118.09 a 5 gallon!</p> |

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