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Friday's chamber banquet cancelled

In possibly the biggest surprise in its six decade existence, the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture has cancelled this weekend's annual banquet.

The action was taken during a meeting of the chamber's executive board Monday, June 27, after it was reported that to date only 30 tickets had been sold for the event, a 10th of their anticipated sales.

"Due to the lack of ticket sales, we will be postponing (the banquet) until further notice," the executive board announced. "Being the Fourth of July is a four-day weekend, lots of people are going to be out of town. (We're) hoping changing the date to a later day... will be more of (a) convenience to everybody."

This year's banquet already included a significant date change, moving the banquet from the end of March to the Independence Day weekend.

In a letter from

chamber president Scott Simon, the initial decision to move the date of the banquet was explained:

Today's economic environment reminds us very much of being on a roller coaster. Last year, our community was blessed with wonderful weather and plentiful water for the farming community. Their success had a direct impact

Due to the lack of ticket sales, we will be postponing (the banquet) until further notice

on the local business community.

Unfortunately, the current outlook for our local farmers is not as rosy. The farmers and ranchers in our area are facing a tough year with high heat and almost no moisture. These conditions are going to impact our community yet again with a low year.

In light of these conditions and the current economic state of the community, the chamber is working hard to conserve funds.

One way to do this is to combine some of the chamber-sponsored annual events held in the community. With this in mind, we have combined the chamber of commerce banquet, the Fourth of July activities, and the Mule Days rodeo into one weekend.

We are hoping that this will attract more people to the community for our weekend activities which will, in turn, help the local business economy.

Another benefit of combining some of our activities will be to save both the chamber and the local businesses money in sponsorship fees.

With the cancellation, or at least postponement, of the banquet, the evening's entertainment — a performance by Will Bannister and the Mulberry Band and the chamber's silent auction, will follow suit.

Other events planned for the weekend, including the chamber's first ranch rodeo is still

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Nature's fireworks

Thunderstorms threatened but no rain of consequence fell to the earth in Bailey County Monday night and early Tuesday, as area firefighters battled blazes that lit up the night skies south and east of Muleshoe.

Multiple fires raged between Circle Back and the Tolk Station, keeping firefighters and law enforcement officers busy through the early morning hours.

According to county officials, firefighters were back out fighting hot spots later Tuesday morning.

The potential for wildfires, supported by high winds and the continuing drought conditions that resulted in the disaster declaration banning the sale or purchase, and use or possession of fireworks in Bailey county, continue to be a serious threat for both urban and rural residents.

Pictured above, flames are viewed in the distance from Hwy. 84. Pictured below, the empty fire station bays indicate that Muleshoe's volunteer fire fighters are out in force.



Photographs by Rhea Gonzales

MAHD board ouster proceedings tabled

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The anticipated explosion over the ouster of Muleshoe Area Hospital District board member Bill Liles was postponed during Thursday's regular meeting by board president Chad Nickels, who requested and received a motion, second and vote to table the issue at the beginning of the meeting.

Before a room overflowing with apparent support for both sides of the issue, Nickels said further investigation was needed, apparently referring to whether the ouster proceedings detailed in the hospital district's by-laws were sufficient, prior to any board action being taken.

Last week, after the ouster proceedings detailed in the district's by-laws, which have been in place since the hospital district was initially formed, were initiated, Nickels said he had been contacted by both Dist. Attorney Kathryn Gurley and a representative



of the Texas State Attorney General's office, both of whom reportedly indicated the district's by-laws were insufficient for ouster.

However, according to Nickels at that time, the hospital district's attorney was researching the issue further.

With the ouster issue at least temporarily set aside, the district's board conducted its scheduled business; however, a second surprise arose at the end of the

meeting, when Maegan Chisholm, administrator of Park View Nursing Care Center, handed each of the board members a copy of her resignation.

The resignation, effective July 22, was formally accepted by the district's board during a brief special meeting held Monday, June 27, at noon.

In other business Thursday, the hospital board: -- Received a report from MAHD CEO David Burke in which he noted the district's assets had increased by about \$300,000, including the hospital's new roof, equipment and cash.

According to the information provided to the board members, the hospital's accounts receivable increased from \$1,157,998.01 in April to \$41,655,915.69 in May. While the nursing home increased from \$113,800.11 to \$117,831.55 during the same period.

The district's total cash balance is \$668,490.19. "Every day, every month, we're becoming

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Photograph by Larry Thornton

Pictured above, Chuck and Mary Reagan, and in the right corner, the Harrisons.

Something in the Kentucky water

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

It must be something in the Kentucky water... something that causes a wander lust via alternate means of transportation.

It started on Aug. 1, 2009, when Bill and Amarins Harrison, and their three children left Mt. Vernon, Ky., on a yellow five-seat bicycle,



and continued until this year, when Chuck and Mary Reagan left Crab Orchard, Ky., with a covered wagon, their mules Pearle and Pauline, and labrador Pete, on May 20, just under a year later.

For those who have yet to check out an online map site, the two communities are only 13.8 miles apart... a 20 minute drive up U.S. Hwy. 150, and while the Reagans haven't met the Harrisons, it's hard not to make a bit of a comparison between the blue grass travelers.

For example, both families desired to travel the United States, experiencing the country and

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Around Muleshoe...



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AARP driving course

There will be an AARP Safety Driving program offered on Wednesday, July 6, from 8 a.m. until noon at the Five Area Telephone training room.

This is a four-hour course for motorist 50 years of age and older who have years of driving experience and to take advantage of a discount on your vehicle insurance. The program must be renewed every three years.

The cost is \$12 if you are an AARP member or \$14 if you are not an AARP member. Checks should be made to AARP.

This program is taught by a trained volunteer. For more information and to pre-register call Charlene Treider at 272-5738. Class size is limited to 25.

This program was developed in 1979 and has been updated every year. It is aimed at reminding older motorist of driving skills and techniques they have learned but perhaps fail to use regularly.

Members of NRTA should have received a free brochure for this class for June and July.

Patriotic program offered

A patriotic program is being offered on Sunday, July 3, at 8:30 p.m. on the St. John Lutheran Church lawn at Lariat.

Class of 1971 reunion

A 40th reunion for the Muleshoe Class of 1971 is being held on Saturday, July 30, from 5-11:30 p.m., at the 50 Yard Club, in Lubbock. The cost of the meal is \$25 per person, and their will be dancing afterwards at the country dance club. The cost of the dance and room is not included in the reunion's dinner fee.

Individuals wishing to attend should contact Debbie Aylesworth at daylesworth@hotmail.com by July 7.

Migrant assistance offered

South Plains Community Action of Bailey County is offering assistance for migrant and seasonal farm workers.

For eligibility and documentation requirements call 806-272-7537, or stop by the office at 804 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe.

Women's league softball sign up

Individuals interested in playing in a women's softball league should contact Rudy Perez at 806-729-2100.

Football sign up

The Muleshoe Football League will be holding sign ups on July 4 at United, and future dates. Age groups are: 4-5 flag, 6-7 flag, 8-10 tackle and 11-12 tackle.

AA meetings set

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA and Al-Anon meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Friday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. Second. Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.

"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

Proverbs 3:9-10, NIV



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'I survived the drought of 2011'

"I survived the drought of 2011."

With all of my heart, I hope that T-shirts emblazoned with that slogan are soon printed and available. At this point, though, one wonders if they ever will be.

I hate to whine. Well, that's probably not strictly true. Most whiners whine because they enjoy it, and while they're doing it, they don't have to do anything else — say, something constructive — but I digress as I whine. Back to the topic at hand...

It's less fun whining about the drought when I realize that folks in other states are also dealing with horrific weather woes. Your choice on the meteorological menu this year seems to boil down to three:

Would you rather be blown away by a tornado, washed away by a flood, or burnt to a crisp by 50 mph winds in 100-degree, bone dry, weather?

My part of the country is dealing with the latter. It's a matter for tears to see farmers working to put seed in parched earth knowing that they



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Curtis Shelburne

have to waste their time and that seed by planting just for insurance, all the while sure that nothing could possibly survive and grow. Not this year.

Last year was the kind of bumper crop a farmer waits a lifetime to see.

This year is the kind of disaster a farmer also hopes he has to wait a lifetime to see, and prays that he never does. The contrast is jarring to the max.

One thing's sure. I now know what the definition of a pretty day is. A pretty day is a day with very little wind. (The wind actually lay down for a couple of days last week, and though the ground was still dry as bug dust, life was better.)

An unimaginably beautiful day around here is any day when it rains. (Which it no longer does.) I never thought I'd hear a farmer say he'd even take the frozen stuff dropping from the sky if it would just promise to

eventually melt. But I've heard it now.

Along with the drought has come, of course, a siege of wildfires. It's amazing that we haven't had more, but we've had plenty. With this wind and those temperatures, a tiny spark easily becomes a conflagration.

Our land is not the only thing whose fuse has been shortened by the presently scorching drought. A good many of us living through this mess may also have noticed that our fuses are shorter than usual. It takes less to set us off as the earth is not the only thing parched by the unrelenting wind,

dust, and heat. Our souls become parched for joy.

During such times we are warned about not creating sparks that might enflame the dry land. Wisdom might indicate a little of the same prudence around dry spirits. We are, after all, in this mess together.

The God who created this land will one day water it. I think it's good to pray about that, and to remember that times like these remind us to be more thankful for times not like these. In all times, God is still God, and God is still good.

I'm sure ready for that t-shirt.

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Relationships are easy to sever, impossible to restore

It's easy to sever a relationship... it's impossible to restore it.

That may sound a bit strange, but I've thought on it and have seen and experienced a large number of broken and strained relationships. And even though I have observed and been a party to a goodly number who reestablished their broken relations, I have not yet seen one in which they really returned to their original status.

Whatever it was that caused the severance was never completely



removed.

Do I not understand or believe in repentance? Oh yes, of course I do. In fact there is instances when I stand ready to forgive and repent of any wrong or error I may have committed. I am perhaps as lenient in that way as any one I know.

Whatever I teach or profess to believe I am ready to discuss in public

at any time and with anyone.

This is not a challenge or a boast. It is just my way of saying I want only that which is right and true. If what I teach is wrong I would like to know it.

When I speak of working with people I don't necessarily mean physical or mental labor. I speak of a relation or

experience regardless of how minor or brief. For, as I have said, "there are no little things." I always valued those relations and friendships.

Like the old gentleman that used to come in to see me while I was working with the Aging Program. He nearly always had a need or a question of some kind. After we took care of that we would sit and visit for a while-sometimes for quite a while.

I had never thought about it the way he apparently had. For one day he told me he had been around a good while, and visited to some extent in a large number of offices with different kinds of people.

And he said that in every office he had ever been in, that after being there a while, not matter who it was, they would do something like picking up a pen or a paper, or perhaps a telephone — they would do something to let me know they were ready for me to leave.

And he said they were always nice, but I could tell "they were ready for me to go." And he also said "I have never seen anything like that with you." He said he had never felt like I wanted him to leave. And I told him I was glad he felt that way.

And I also explained that that was his office as well as it was mine. But the people had employed me to administer it, so he would always be welcome, unless or until I should receive a phone call, or if some one else

were to some in; in that event I would have other things to do, and my time would be needed elsewhere.

"But until then," so I said, "I want you to feel free to come in and see me anytime you so desire." And through the years I have extended that feeling from Oregon to Florida.

But if I had caused the old fellow to feel that he wasn't worthy of friendship in our office we probably would never have seen him there again.

So I think it is better to avoid a broken relationship, even though we might have serious differences. And that applies not only from person to person, but within a family, family to family and from nation to nation — to all of us.

For it is unwritten law of life that, "we shall

meet again."

I believe that true friendship is the highest relation that people can hold for each other and I'm afraid there is only few that can hold and practice it.

But I witnessed that in the election of 1962 while I was running for reelection. I was handing out cards over in the north part of the city when I came to a little run down looking house and knocked on the door.

An elderly man came to the door and invited me in. I had known him for many years, and he told me he had already voted-that he had voted absentee. He said the other candidate-that was running against me -had been there and had arranged for him to vote absentee.

I could tell he was somewhat at a loss as to

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Pearle and Pauline, and the Reagans travel past Bailey County Electric's new office building on Thursday afternoon. Photographs by Larry Thornton

Travels of Pearle and Pauline...

Continued from page 1 and its people, and following a dream.

And like the Harrisons, who have already written a book about their bicycle journey to Alaska, the Reagans are also planning a book, or rather a series of childrens books... about the travels of their

mule team, Pearle and Pauline — along with their humans, Chuck and Mary, on their journey to Butte County, Calif.

Due to heavy traffic on American Blvd., when they arrived in Muleshoe on June 23, they didn't cross to introduce Pearle and Pauline to Muleshoe's

Pete at the local chamber office, but continued down the road to the Dusty Rhodes arena, where the mules had bales of alfalfa from the Muleshoe Feedbarn awaiting them.

The Reagan's travels may be followed at www.americafoundbestofthefreelife.com.

The Harrisons are still at www.pedouins.org. They've started another journey, this time in an old bus.

MAHD board meeting...

Continued from page 1 financially more stable," Burke said. He later said, "The entity as a whole is a lot stronger than it was a year ago."

Burke also spoke about the hospital's work to implement the federally mandated software that is being installed by Healthland. He said the hospital is still on target with the installation, which will allow the hospital district to be reimbursed for much of the installation expense, but added that it hasn't been an easy process, describing it as "a hair raising, hair pulling situation."

Burke commended the hospital's department heads and employees for their efforts.

However, he also reported that the hospital's cash flow was down slightly because of problems encountered in billing due to the software conversion.

In her report regarding Park View, Chisholm said all the deficiencies at the nursing home have been resolved, but that the fines are still pending.

Chamber...

Continued from page 2 always fun to watch.

The fun continues after the rodeo with live music, performed in the arena by Daron Norwood.

Norwood, a Texas native is a multi-talented musician, singer and songwriter who has been performing fund raising concerts in the area.

He will end the night with a show for all ages.

For more information call the chamber office at 272-4248.

Discussed the problems with the air conditioning system during which the need for a resolution declaring the situation an emergency, and waiving some of the bidding requirements for the project.

On Monday, the hospital board passed such a resolution. At that time, Burke estimated that \$100,000 would be needed to pay for the needed repairs.

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Truitt Adair was born in Phoenix, Arizona. Biblical training was received at Sunset International Bible Institute and Sunset School of Missions. Additional studies were done at Lubbock Christian University and he has an undergraduate degree from Abilene Christian University and a graduate degree from Theological University of America. He has served as pulpit minister in Texas and Arizona. Mission works include teaching in India; the establishment of Lagos School of Preaching in Lagos, Nigeria for which he served as director (73-76); and domestic mission work in Arizona (79-89) which resulted in the establishment of a congregation in the Phoenix area. In 1989 Truitt returned to Sunset to serve as a faculty member and since 1993 has served as its President.
Truitt is married to Sandra Kay (Troy) and they have four children, all of whom are faithful and active Christians and eleven grandchildren who are a joy to their lives.
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Senior Citizen News

By Katrina Scott

Please continue to pray for the much needed rain. And remember all of the firefighters and law enforcement as they fight the fires.

Also, remember Saturday, July 2. The Oneita Wagnon Senior Center will be open at 8 a.m. Come in early for coffee and watch the parade at 10 a.m. Then stay for the brisket lunch beginning at 11 a.m. The lunch will be served until 2 p.m. The center will be open until 4 p.m. So come join us for a cool July 2.

Time is running out to purchase a ticket for the 42" television that will be given away on July 2, at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10. for one or \$25 for three.

The center will be closed Monday, July 4.

Tuesday, July 5, come to the senior center and

enjoy a game of Bunco starting at 10: a.m. enjoy fun, fellowship, prizes and stay for lunch. Karen Jones with Integra Care will host the games.

On Thursday, July 7, bring a friend for lunch and stay for a game of Bingo starting at 1:30 p.m. We appreciate everyone who has provided the great refreshments for the Bingo games. Karen Jones with Integra Care will host Bingo.

Menu for July 4-8:

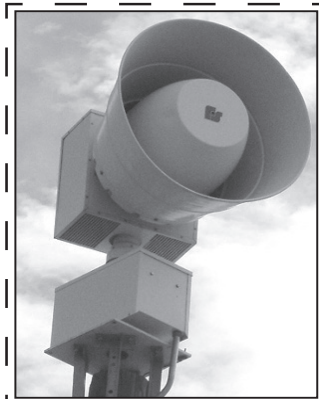
Monday, July 4 — The center will be closed.

Tuesday, July 5 — Taco salad, pinto beans, rice, chips, salsa, cookies and fruit.

Wednesday, July 6 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat rolls and peach cobbler.

Thursday, July 7 — Cheese burgers, ranch beans, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles and pudding.

Friday, July 8 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.



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Something worth saying...

Continued from page 3 what to say. But he told me the Mr. _____, the other candidate had brought him an absentee ballot, and he had already voted and mailed it in.

And he also said "I have known you as a friend for a long time, so I voted for you. I didn't want to vote against you."

Now, you might ask if I believed that. Yes I do. I have no question about it. Why, what makes me believe him?

The first thing: he is that kind of person, and had had no obligation to tell me he had already voted.

But more importantly, I had had to fine him for DWI not a great while before then. That was the supreme test.

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Births

Gilberto Dominguez

Gilberto Villalpando and Noemi Dominguez of Muleshoe announce the birth of their son, Gilberto Villalpando Dominguez, on June 18, 2011, at 11:11 p.m., at Lamb Healthcare Center, Littlefield.

Gilberto weighed seven pounds, seven ounces at birth and was

20 inches in length. His grandparents are Margarita and Justino Dominguez and Victor and Luz Villalpando.

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Obituaries

James P. Wedel

A celebration of the life of James Powell Wedel, 92, of Muleshoe will be held on Saturday, July 2, at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Monty Leavell officiating.

Burial will be in Muleshoe Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Family visitation will be from 7-8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

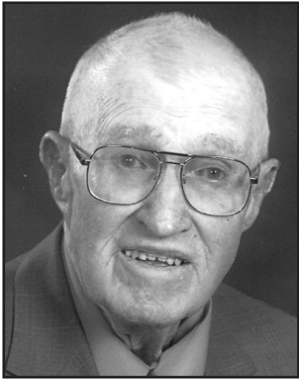
James was taken by the Lord on Saturday, June 25, 2011. He was born on May 1, 1919, in Hayden, Ariz., to Alton Frederick and Mary Fern Wedel, and married Doris Eleanor Kauffman on Sept. 19, 1942, in Muskogee, Okla.

She preceded him in death on Oct. 6, 2001. He was also preceded in death by all of his siblings — Harold and Gerold Wedel, Alta Fern Bock, June Free, and an infant, Nancy.

James graduated from Littlefield High School in 1937, and attended Texas Tech, before joining the Cavalry and later the Army Air Corps. He was assigned to the 417th Bomber Group of the Army Air Corps and flew more than 60 missions in the Pacific. He moved from Littlefield to Muleshoe in 1948 and established his farming operation in the West Camp area.

He helped establish the local Farm Bureau, and was a leader in the Progress Methodist church, holding virtually every official position, and later served on various committees of the First United Methodist church in Muleshoe where he was a dedicated member of the Willing Workers Sunday School class.

Throughout his lifetime in Muleshoe, some of his awards



and service include: Blackwater Valley SWCD, Outstanding Conservation Farmer, Soil & Water Conservation Dist. of Texas, Region 1, Resident Conservation Farmer Award. He also served on the FMHA Loan Committee, and the High Plains Research Foundation.

But, he will be remembered most for his example of ceaseless generosity in every aspect of his life, from his years of service to his church and community to Meals on Wheels and volunteer work at the nursing home.

James will also be remembered for his sense of humor, his gracious acts of kindness, his outstanding moral character, and his dedication to his Christian faith.

Survivors include his six children — Mary Ellen Stanton of Grand Prairie, Jane Layton of Albuquerque, N.M., Wanda Jennings of Boise, Idaho, Carolyn Patrick of La Place, La., Charlotte Davis of Memphis, Tenn., and Jimmy Wedel of Muleshoe; 10 grandchildren — Christa Mahler, Aaron Stanton, Chuck Lence, Richard Lence, Eric Patrick, Alicia Cardillo, Shelli Richard, T.J. Davis, Jami Moubry and Brant Wedel; eight great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe or the Muleshoe Meals on Wheels.

George Davis

Funeral services for George W. Davis, 88, of Shamrock were held on Thursday, June 23, in the First Baptist Church of Shamrock with the Rev. Joe G. Jernigan officiating.

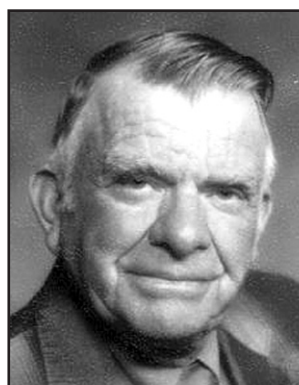
Burial followed in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors.

George Willie Davis was born on Aug. 14, 1922, in Perryville, Ark., to George David and Lurlie Leah Tarvin. He died on June 20, 2011, in McLean

He married Hazel Tinsley on May 21, 1944, in Shamrock.

Davis had been a resident of Wheeler County for 85 years. He worked at the Carbon Plant for 33 years and was a rancher and a farmer.

He served in the US Army during World War II, he was a Mason, a member of the First Baptist Church, the American Legion and



TCRA.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife — Hazel Davis of Shamrock; a daughter — Pat Angeley of Muleshoe; a son — Sterling Davis of Weatherford; eight grandchildren — Curtis Reynolds, Krystal Bennett, Tiffany Boehning, Gage Angeley, Misty Shaw, Sara Matthews, Steven Davis and La Donna Williams; and 18 great-grandchildren.

An online guestbook is available at www.wrightfuneralfirectors.com.

Frances Purdy

Memorial services for Frances Purdy, 82, will be held on Saturday, July 2, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel of Muleshoe with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating.

Mrs. Purdy died on Sunday, June 19, 2011, in Muleshoe. She was born on Dec. 17, 1928, near Ralls to George and Edna Caldonia (Scott) Waxler, and married John L. Purdy on Nov. 17, 1947, in Littlefield. They moved to Muleshoe where she was involved in the PTA and the Boy Scouts while her sons were growing up.

Her greatest love was for her family and especially her grandchildren.

She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed gardening, bowling, dancing and playing cards with her girlfriends.

She is survived by a son — Dr. Bruce Purdy and wife Cindy of Muleshoe; three



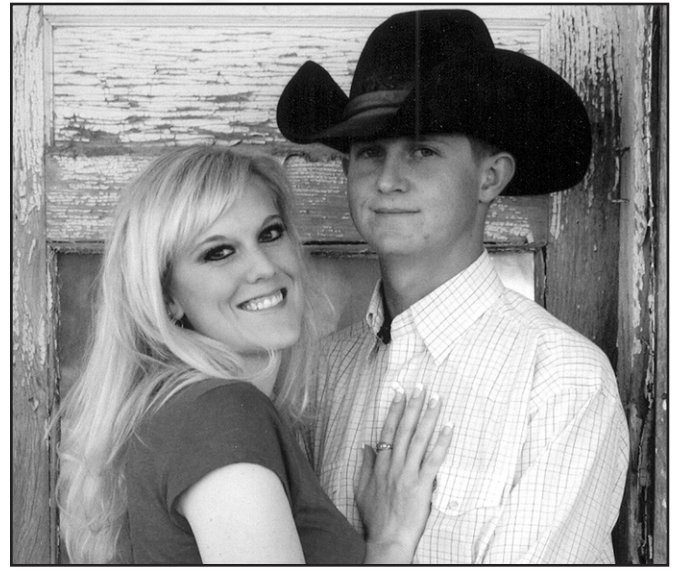
John and Frances Purdy

grandsons — Dr. Aaron Purdy and wife Samantha of Olney, Dr. Tyson Purdy and wife Kayla of Muleshoe, and Derek Purdy of Phoenix, Ariz.; and two great-grandchildren — Rylan Charles Purdy and Sophia Belle Purdy

She was preceded in death by her parents — George Waxler and Callie Waxler Brown; her husband — John L. Purdy; a son — Cary Purdy; a sister — Doris Hanna; and a brother — Donald Waxler.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Parkview Nursing Home, 1100 West Ave. J, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Engagements



Adams, Mimms to wed

Michael and Leatrice Adams of Stanton announce the engagement of their daughter, Misty Dawn Adams, also of Stanton, to Brett Carson Mimms of Putnam, Okla.

The prospective bride is a 2002 graduate of Stanton High School, and a 2006 graduate of Lubbock Christian University with a bachelor degree in agriculture science

She is currently

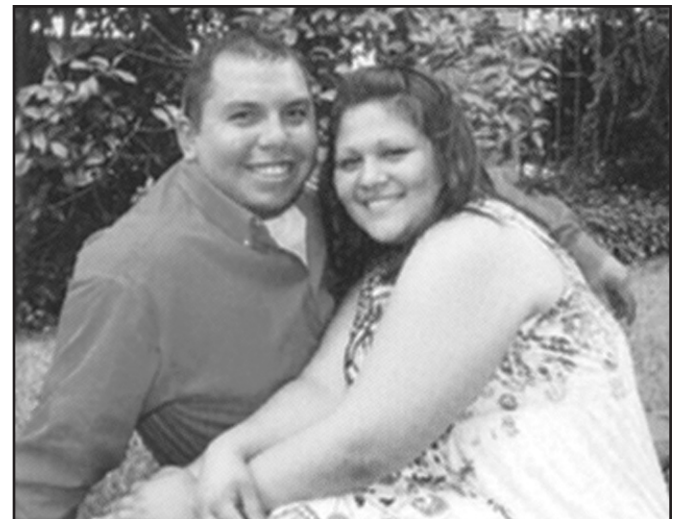
employed with Rusty's Oilfield in Stanton.

The prospective groom is the son of Clay and Reta Mimms of Ima, N.M., formerly of Lazbuddie.

He is a 2005 graduate of Lazbuddie High School, after which he attended South Plains College.

He is employed with WWP Cattle Company in Putnam, Okla.

The wedding ceremony has been set for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011, at 7 p.m., at Starlight Canyon at Amarillo.



Bett, Mendoza to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Manriquez announce the engagement of their daughter, Atalie Bett of Sardis to Jacob Mendoza of Muleshoe.

The prospective bride is a 2011 graduate of Waxahachie High School.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Mendoza. He is a 2006 graduate of Muleshoe High School.



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Wedding Showers

Wykoff shower held

Sara Benham Wykoff, the bride of Owen Wykoff, was honored with a wedding shower on Saturday, June 25 in the home of Dani Heathington.

Hostesses for the event included Connie Alanis, Nancy Barrier, Brenda Black, Tammy Black, Vicki Black, Terry Bohler, Lana Bomer, Claire Brown, LeAnn Gallman, Gayla Gear, Kami Groetken, Dani Heathington, Donna Jay, Debbie Jo Kemp, Jan King, Brenda Lackey, Linda Lee, Debbie Magby, Gina Mardis, Terry Marricle, Donna Mason, Rhonda Roberts, Susan Sudduth and Lisa Whalin.

Among the gifts prepared was a set of cookware and money.

Special guests



attending included Cassie Jean Benham, Anna Ann Robertson, Karen Robertson, Sandra Blair, LaVelle Hawkins and Dylanne Wykoff.

The bride is the daughter of Jack and Nancy Benham of Muleshoe. The groom is the son of Dudley Wykoff of Indiana.

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Muleshoe Country Club Ladies Association

Kirk wins 2011 Memorial Tournament

The Muleshoe Country Club Ladies Association Memorial Tournament is a tradition that 41 years strong.

In May, 1970, the tradition was started by a group of women golfers who held a golf tournament in memory of their friends who had passed away.

The tournament, which started with the title Naomi Marie Memorial Tournament, was started to memorialize Naomi St. Clair and Marie White.

It is a handicap format tournament, making it possible for any player to win.

The tournament is a sentimental event to the members, and a reception

is held after play to honor the new winner.

The winner is awarded a gift, and has her name added to the list of earlier winners.

Over the years, many more of the association's members have passed, and the current members voted to honor all of the past members by renaming the tournament.

The past members now being memorialized include Naomi St. Clair, Marie White, Marlene St. Clair, Mildred Lambert, Jeanine Gunstream, Martha Young, Cookie Bamert, Melzine Elliott, Ruby Hart, Mary Frances Holt, Argilee Milan, Dorothy St. Clair, Ruth

Malone, Eunice Evans, Lois Lenau and Inez Bobo.



Pat Kirk

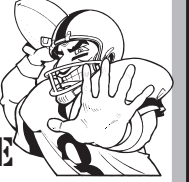
This year Pat Kirk was the winner of the Memorial Tournament. She won with a net score of 67, with a field of 12 players.

MULESHOE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The 1st sign-up for Muleshoe Football League will be held on July 4th at United Supermarket. Watch for future announcements concerning dates in the Muleshoe Journal and on Channel 6.

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1 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and U.S. Department of Agriculture. Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2010. 7th Edition, Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, January 2011.
2 U.S. Department of Agriculture, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion. Choose MyPlate. 2011. Internet: http://www.choosemyplate.gov/foodgroups/dairy_counts.html. (accessed 2 June 2011)

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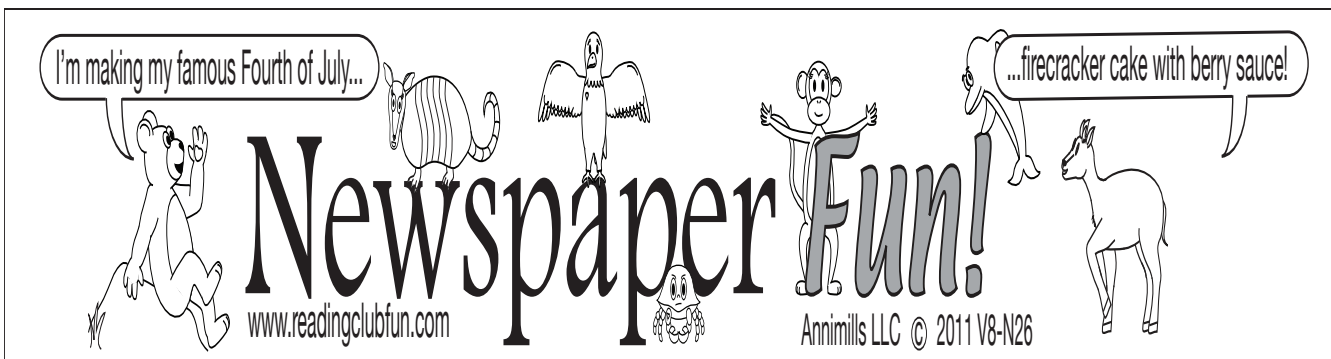
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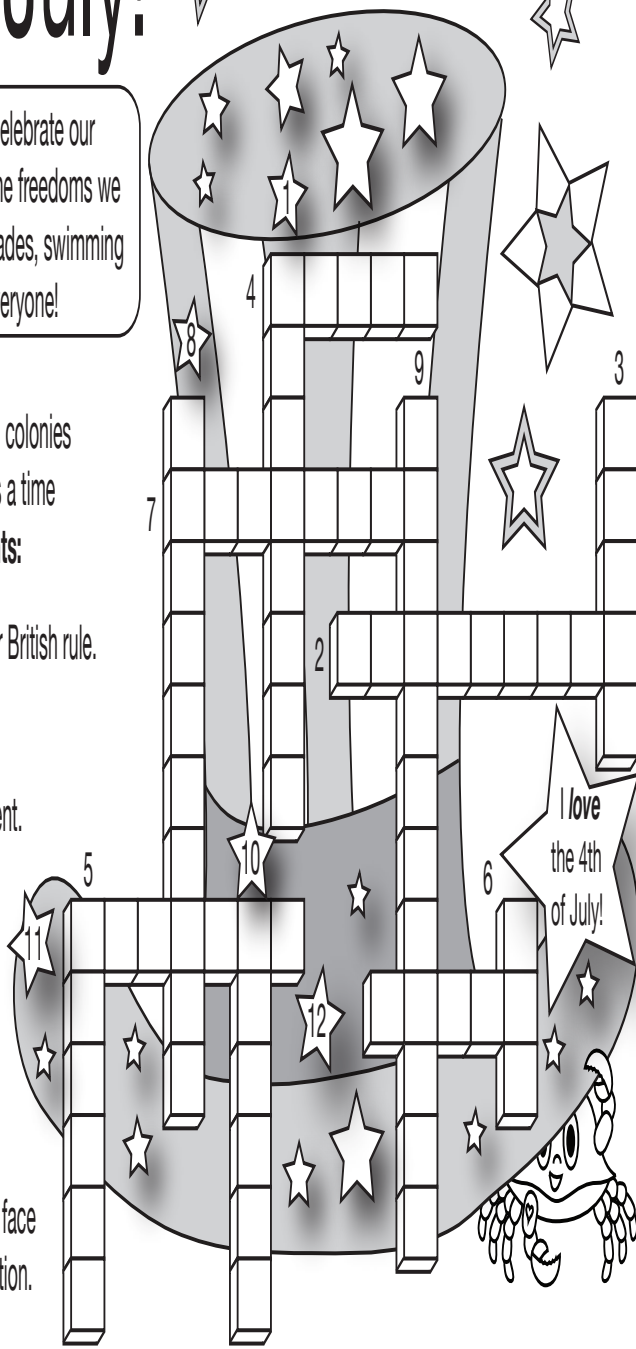
Individuals wishing to attend should contact Debbie Aylesworth at daylesworth@hotmail.com by July 7.

Fourth of July!

The Fourth of July is our day to celebrate our country's independence and all of the freedoms we enjoy. It's a day for picnics, parades, swimming and fireworks. Have a ton of fun, everyone!

Do you know about the events that led up to the American colonies making a declaration to break away from British rule to be independent? It was a time of unrest and war, then peace and freedom. **Fill in this puzzle about key events:**

- Before the American Revolution the _____ colonies in America were under British rule.
- King George the III was only _____ years old when he claimed his throne.
- King George wanted to raise some _____.
- He placed too many _____ on the colonies, which had no vote in Parliament.
- One day, angry colonists threw rocks and other items at British soldiers. The soldiers shot into the crowd, killing some people and wounding others. This event is called "The _____ Massacre." (1770)
- Next, the King insisted that people pay their taxes on tea. Angry colonists dressed up like Native Americans boarded the British ships. They threw the tea into the harbor. This event is called the Boston _____ Party. (1773)
- In 1775, the people of Lexington and Concord, Mass., gathered with guns to face arriving British soldiers. These clashes were the first of the _____ Revolution.
- George _____ became the leader of the American armed forces.
- The colonies of America declared themselves free from British rule on July 4, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of _____.
- The colonies became the United _____ of America.
- The _____ surrendered to George Washington in October 1781, at Yorktown, VA.
- A _____ treaty between America and Britain was finally signed in September 1787!



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The Sudan Buzz

Sudan's volunteer firefighters battle Monday's wildfires

By Savannah Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Fire Department faced a tremendous task Monday night when a thunderstorm passed through Sudan.

Lightening caused several fires to break out around the Sudan area. Fires surrounded Sudan on all sides at one point during the night.

The fire department and all of its trucks and

firemen were called out shortly after 11 p.m. Fires near Jay Carr's house and just west of Wix Gaston's house flared up and the golden haze of flames could be seen from town.

Then a huge grass fire caused by lightening could be seen west of town. Off in the distance close to Tolk Station, smoke and fire could be seen from town. An emergency call went out

to Tolk Station to help protect the facility. Fires due south of town were small and managed by the fire department.

Around midnight, another fire broke out just north of town near the Sudan Co-op and the city dump.

The fire department had to divide forces in order to accommodate

all of the fires. All through the night, the fire department fought large grassfires and small flare-ups.

Hwy. 303 was buzzing with activity all night as the firefighters rushed to the hot spots, bringing maintainers out to stop the spread of the grassfires, and to fill up their trucks with water.

SHS field house open house a success

By Savannah Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Independent School District hosted an Open House event for its new field house and science lab on June 21.

Members of the school board, administration, faculty, and coaching staff were on hand to show the new facilities for the community. Several people attended and were pleased with the results.

The new field house will accommodate the needs of several sports, coaching staff, weightlifting equipment, and locker areas.

Included in the new facility are two locker rooms for the high school and junior high boys. Each locker room has its own storage rooms for equipment for various sports.

The media room will be used for films and instruction. The training room is large enough to take care of many athletes



at once and includes the soaking whirlpool baths for injured athletes.

There is a laundry room facility next to the training room. A third of the building is dedicated to weightlifting activities.

The new science lab in the elementary was also

completed this summer.

The much-needed facility will enable the elementary and junior high students to better prepare for the end of course test and provide another facility for the entire science department.

Kenneth Richards and

Mark Scisson completed most of the cabinet work in the new facilities.

The workmanship is "top notch" and was designed specifically to meet the needs of the facility.

Kenneth Carr will make the new "Hornet" letters for the building.

At the open house, it was mentioned how great it was for the new facility's first head coach to be a former Sudan High School graduate.

Gordon Martin, the new athletic director and head football coach, graduated from Sudan High School in 1986.

Martin has stated how important it is to him to carry on the tradition of excellence in Sudan High School sports and wants to build a strong program from this tradition.

Local students visit Washington, DC

Four area youths attended the 46th annual Government in Action Youth Tour sponsored by the Texas Electric Cooperatives.

For Bailey County Electric Cooperative, Landrie Daniel from Earth and Jenna Whitworth from Muleshoe were selected as their representatives while Savannah Sain from Sudan and Shelby Wallace from Littlefield represented the Lamb County Electric Cooperative.

During this eight-day excursion, these representatives visited many famous landmarks and historical shrines in the Washington, DC area.

These places testified to the greatness of those who have helped build this country into what it is today. They also

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Countywide garage sale set for July 9

By Savannah Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Chuckwagon Restaurant will be hosting a garage sale again this year. The event will take place in the Chuckwagon Restaurant parking lot on July 9, beginning at 7 a.m., in Sudan.

If anyone is interested in having a booth at the garage sale, contact Doug Ames at 227-2116 or 806-317-6588.

The booths are free,

but you must make arrangements with Ames in advance to participate in the garage sale. Also on that day, coffee is free inside the restaurant.

During the garage sale, the Chuckwagon Restaurant will be open serving breakfast and lunch on that day. They will also be holding a raffle.

The prizes that will be raffled are a window air conditioning unit, a mountain bike, and a \$25

gift certificate.

In order to receive a raffle ticket, purchase a meal anytime before and on July 9. The drawings will take place that Saturday at 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 12 noon. Present your ticket in order to claim the prize.

Later on this month on July 16, the Chuckwagon Restaurant will be hosting a free pancake day. And, most Thursday nights the Chuckwagon Restaurant hosts Spaghetti Night.

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Sudan student at Washington, DC... Continued from page 8

visited the US Senate and House of Representatives, the Supreme Court, and other places where government is at work. One of the highlights of the trip is to visit Randy Neugebauer in his office at the Capital. After visiting with Neugebauer, the students were supposed to go on a tour of the Capital; however, a bomb scare forced these students to stay in his office until the

secrete service cleared the threat! Their trip began on Thursday, June 9, as they met in Dallas to go through orientation. The next day they started their Washington, DC experience after landing at Reagan National Airport at noon. They visited the Air and Space Museum and the Kennedy Center. On Saturday, June 11, the entire Texas delegation

visited the Arlington Cemetery and witnessed the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They also visited the Newseum where they saw pieces of the Berlin Wall, the Twin Towers, and the Unabombers cabin. They had dinner in Old Alexandria. On Sunday, many of the students attended Sunday service before going to Mount Vernon.

That night the students boarded a huge cruise ship for a Potomac boat cruise and dance. On Monday, June 13, was the national meeting for Rural Youth Day. Most of the 50 states were in attendance at this event. After their meeting, the students took their group picture in front of the White House and toured the Smithsonian Museums the rest of the day.

They had dinner at the Old Post Office Building. That night, the students toured the Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Jefferson Memorials. On Tuesday, June 14th, the students were given the opportunity to meet with their congressmen, tour the capital, and visit the Supreme Court and Library of Congress. They spent the remainder of the day at the Sunset Parade at Iwo

Jima as they had a picnic and watched the Marines perform their marching drills and listened to the Marine Corp band. On Wednesday, June 15th, the students toured the Fords Theater, the National Mall, and all of the memorials surrounding the National Mall including the Lincoln Memorial, World War II Memorial, Vietnam and Korean

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CLASSIFIEDS

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LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS The Bailey County Commissioners Court will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m., Monday, July 11, 2011, for gasoline and diesel fuel to be used in all Bailey County vehicles and road equipment for a period of time beginning September 1, 2011, and ending August 31, 2012. Specifications may be obtained, and bids must be submitted to: County Judge's Office, 300 South 1st, Muleshoe, TX 79347, prior to the above date and time. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal June 30, 2011.*

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Wildfire defeated by multi-agency effort

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

A large number of local and regional agencies battled two wildfires that blazed across portions of Bailey and Lamb Counties Tuesday, ultimately destroying an estimated 5,721 acres.

According to Muleshoe Police Chief Brian Frieda, the smoke observed during the fires indicated that structures and equipment were also destroyed, but the extent of the damage wasn't known as of Tuesday night.

According to local authorities, firefighters, law enforcement officers and maintainer operators were already battling a blaze extending west from the area of the Tolk Station in the direction of Muleshoe's municipal airport when a shift in wind directions sent the flames toward Hwy. 70 and Boehning Dairy.

These same winds were apparently instrumental in fanning a blaze from Monday night, southeast of Muleshoe in the vicinity of FM 746 and Fairview, to new life Tuesday, shortly before 4 p.m., and sending it toward Hwy. 84, where



Road maintainers move into position during Tuesday's fire.

Photograph by Larry Thornton

it endangered Track Dairy.

Although flames made it into the median of Hwy. 84, local officials said, fire crews were successful in beating back the fire, preventing that fire from joining with the earlier blaze and sweeping across the grasslands to endanger the Tolk Station in the distance.

After the "Tolk fire" was under control, firefighters and equipment were

moved to battle the "Wiseman fire," so named because it was believed to have been rekindled on property belonging to Muleshoe-area resident Calvin Wiseman, according to local officials.

For several hours, Hwy. 84 between Muleshoe and Sudan was closed due to dense smoke and firefighting equipment in the roadway.

In all, the Tolk fire destroyed an estimated

1,860 acres, while the total for the Wiseman fire was 3,861.

This does not include damage from the fires Monday night.

While area firefighters, and county and state maintainer operators battled from the ground, air tankers from Midland were also called into use.

By around 10:30 p.m., local firefighters were

battling hotspots, and the assisting agencies had been released.

Among the list of agencies that participated in Tuesday's efforts were: Volunteer Fire Departments from Muleshoe, Amherst, Morton, Farwell (Parmer County), Earth, Sudan, Lazbuddie, Levelland, the US Forest Service, and US Fish and Wildlife. Law enforcement efforts were provided by Bailey County Sheriff's Department,

the Muleshoe Police Department, the Texas Department of Public Safety and Lamb County Sheriff's Department.

Maintainer operators from Bailey County Precincts #1, 2 and 4, and the Texas Department of Transportation were also important participants.

EMS agencies on standby at the fires included Bailey County EMS and West Carlisle EMS, and the Salvation Army.

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USDA-FSA to host webinars on Hispanic and women farmer, rancher claims process

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Juan M. Garcia has announced four webinars (internet-based virtual meeting) to discuss the USDA Hispanic and Women Farmer and Rancher Settlement Claims Process and current FSA loan programs.

These webinars are scheduled for June 30, July 14, July 28 and Aug. 11, at 7 p.m.

On Feb. 25, it was announced a process created to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who assert they faced discrimination when

seeking USDA farm loans during certain periods between years 1981 and 2000.

The optional claims process offers a streamlined alternative to litigation and provides at least \$1.33 billion in compensation, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers.

The interactive webinars will provide an overview of the USDA Hispanic and Women Farmer and Rancher Claims Process as well as FSA farm loan program updates.

Farm loan program topics to be discussed

include interest rates, terms, and eligibility and security requirements.

"I encourage producers who want more information about the claims process or about FSA farm loan programs to register for one of these webinars," said Garcia. "The webinars are free and open to the first 100 participants who register," he said.

Garcia emphasizes that these webinars are intended as forums to discuss the general plan for the claims process and FSA webinar hosts will not be able to discuss the details of any individual claim during the course of the webinars.

To view the webinar schedule and register, please go to www.fsa.usda.gov/internet/fas/file/tx_hwwebinar_2011.pdf.

For more information regarding the USDA Hispanic and Women Farmer and Rancher Claims Process and FSA Lending Program webinars, contact Eddie Trevino in the Texas State FSA Office at (979) 680-5221.

Sudan trip

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Memorial, and the Washington Monument.

The students had a farewell dinner and dance before heading back to Dallas for their farewell dinner and dance.

The Government In Action Youth Tour was in response to Senator Lyndon Johnson's address to the NRECA annual meeting in Chicago in 1957 asking for students to learn more about the government.

The three main objectives of the Youth Tour is to educate youths on all aspects of rural electrification in order to promote a better understanding of the value of rural electric cooperatives, to provide an opportunity for youth to visit Washington, DC, in order to become familiar with the historical and political environment of their nation's capital, and to provide an opportunity for youth to meet elected officials in order to better understand how their federal government works.

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