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Photograph by Larry Thornton

Proposed Contracts Indicate Possible MAHD Problem

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

While Muleshoe area physicians and the hospital district's board of trustees presented an image of unity at its May 22 special meeting, such was not the case during another special meeting on Thursday, June 13.

With a single agenda item: Procurement of medical staff services for the hospital district, the board met with Dr. Bruce Purdy who also serves as Muleshoe Area Medical Center's chief of staff, and Dr. Tyson Purdy to both the recruitment of

another physician — the primary topic of the May 22 meeting, and contracts the hospital administration had presented to the doctors for their consideration.

And, while possible recruitment efforts included the news that one of the part-time physicians currently working in MAMC's emergency room was interested in moving to the community, the feelings rising over the contracts were an indication the hospital district may have a new problem on the horizon.

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Touring Town And Country

Saturday was a great day for touring Muleshoe and the surrounding area, with the morning's cooler temperatures. Although this year's Tour de Muleshoe didn't reach last year's numbers, the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation's 19th annual fund raiser was a success,

attracting 236 registered participants, according to event officials.

Pictured above, part of the pedalling herd begin Saturday's ride, and try out some of the new asphalt on West American Blvd.

Are You Hungry For More Hot Dogs?

Are you ready for a hot dog... or for a series of them, consumed in as little time as possible?

Such is the case for one of the events during this year's Independence Day Celebration in Muleshoe, as contestants take part in the second annual Muleshoe Journal Hot Dog Eating Contest.

The contest, which will be held at 11 a.m.,



after the July 4 parade, in the parking lot of the Bailey County

Courthouse, will pit adults — 16 years of age and above, and juveniles between the ages of 10 and 15 years, against each other in a gastronomic frenzy for the title and trophy of Hot Dog Eating champion.

Last year, Bailey County Deputy Hugo Rivera took just one minute and 56 seconds, to capture the adult

division title, while the juvenile division title was won in two minutes and 30 seconds by then-14 year old Draven Devenport.

"It was a neat event," Muleshoe Mayor Pro Tem Irene Mason said after the event, obviously not referring to the contestants' table manners.

Registration forms for the hotdog eating

contest are available at the Muleshoe Journal office, 201 W. Ave. C.

There is no charge to enter the contest.

Some of the long established events at the Muleshoe Independence Day celebration, such as the Jennyslippers' muleshoe pitching tournament will held as well.

As in previous years,

there will be singles and doubles competition, at the Mule-Putt Golf Course — located east of the Bailey County Coliseum, beginning at 2 p.m. on July 4.

And, individuals, organizations and businesses wishing to enter the Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's Independence Day

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Youngsters Turn Out To Fish At Muleshoe Competition

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Although the numbers were down slightly, Saturday's



second annual Youth Fishing Day at Lake Muleshoe was another great success.

According to city officials, 88 youngsters participated in this year's event, sponsored by the City of Muleshoe and Texas Junior Anglers.

Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel returned this year, as well, providing an opportunity for youngsters who wanted to take a break from

fishing to learn about gun safety, and try their marksmanship on air rifle range.

And, for those interested in eating a hotdog rather than using them for catfish bait, representatives from the Texas Wild Turkey Federation provided them hot from the grill.

This year, Preston Dooley took the grand prize for his angling efforts with a 21 inch channel cat.



Photographs by Larry Thornton

Youngsters seek a little "bankside enlightenment" during Saturday's second annual kids fishing derby. Additional photographs on A8.

Muleshoe Remains In Middle Of Municipal Sales Tax Pack

Sales Tax Results

City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$42,744.20	39,118.59	9.26%
Dimmitt	\$27,490.18	30,870.14	-10.94%
Morton	\$10,398.22	9,126.09	13.93%
Littlefield	\$97,333.01	72,434.77	34.37%
Earth	\$ 2,768.07	4,894.80	-43.44%
Olton	\$10,775.99	5,673.88	89.92%
Sudan	\$ 4,928.79	4,662.81	5.70%
Farwell	\$ 7,888.56	7,982.71	-1.17%
Bovina	\$ 8,428.27	6,246.50	34.92%
Friona	\$29,428.28	29,493.96	-0.22%

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

While the City of Muleshoe found itself in the middle of the pack, according to the latest sales tax allocation report released by the Texas State Comptroller's office, a community to the east suffered a hard fall to last place.

According to the allocation number released last week, Earth took last place

in all three categories monitored by the Muleshoe Journal: the percentage of sales tax increase, the year-to-date percentage of increase, and the actual year-to-date dollars received.

Earth suffered a 43.44 percent drop in its June sales tax allocation compared to the same period last year, representing \$2,126.73 fewer tax dollars collected.

June's allocation represents the sales tax collected by local merchants in April and reported to the state in May.

In it's year-to-date total, Earth shows a 22.29 percent drop, \$32,226.29 from this period in 2012 compared to \$25,042.56 for 2013.

And, Earth's actual dollars received — \$25,042.56, is also at the bottom of the 10 area communities.

At the top of this month's allocations is Olton with an 89.92 percent increase. Last month, Olton had a 9.16 percent drop.

Bovina took second place with a 34.92 percent increase, representing an increase of \$2,181.77, and narrowly nudging out Littlefield with a 34.37 percent increase.

Muleshoe was in fifth place with a \$3,625.61 increase.

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OPINION

Being Critical Of Others Is A Poisonous Pleasure



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

In an old issue of *Leadership Journal*, Haddon Robinson retells the story of a talented young musician who was crestfallen as he sat reading the critics' stinging reviews of his recent concert.

But an older and much more accomplished musician, the famous Finnish composer Jean Sibelius, comforted the young man by patting him on the back, "Remember, son, there is no city in the world where they have erected a statue to a critic."

That's at least part of what Jesus was saying in these verses from the Sermon on the Mount: "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" (Matthew 7:1-3).

J.B. Phillips, in his paraphrase, puts it this way: "Don't criticize people, and you will not be criticized."

That's both very hard and very freeing. And it's something we very

School Board Meets, Takes No Action

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District's board of trustees met in closed session Monday, June 17, but took no action upon their return to open session.

The only agenda item listed was to "consider emergency operations procedures and security devices."

This agenda item has been appearing often during recent months, and apparently includes discussion of security measures — such as whether to allow certain school district personnel to carry concealed weapons on campus and at school district sports events, and the possible installation of security equipment at each campus location.

Although state law normally requires board actions to be handled in open session, according to Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets it's possible the school board will be able to take action on the related security issues without disclosing what is actually being voted upon to the public.

Remember! Letters to the editor must be signed and include a contact telephone number or email address for verification to be considered for publication in the Journal.

much need to hear. We're all familiar with Jesus' words, but we easily push them to the backs of our minds when we take up the role of self-appointed judges, critics, of our neighbor next door, or our co-worker on the job, or the lady sitting on the other side of the pew.

Criticism, you see, is the most common form of judging. But Jesus makes fun of judges like us: "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and fail to notice the 2 X 4 plank in your own?"

It's one thing to offer kindly and wise advice, the sort bought only by long experience, to someone we're charged to teach or train or mentor.

It's another thing entirely to spend all of our time giving others the "stink eye" and appraising them from a jaundiced perspective.

The eye, Jesus says, is "the window of the body." If I'm looking at the world through dark glasses, I shouldn't be surprised if the whole world takes on a dark

hue. It's frighteningly easy for me to become the self-appointed judge of everything and everyone around me. Is it in the reviewing stand watching the world go by and mentally taking notes of the marks I award to each person who parades by for my inspection.

Without the benefit of a court or presidential appointment, and certainly with no divine mandate, I ascend to the cardboard bench of my own making and judge while the world goes by.

And don't do much else, of course. The most severe critics, the most harsh and unrelenting, are always those who

actually do the least to foster improvement.

When we're looking through the wrong end of the telescope, we don't want things to improve because, if they did, we'd have to be happy, and, when we're in this mode, being happy is the last thing we want. We might have to stop criticizing.

Allowing myself to harbor a judgmental spirit is an amazingly effective way to chase away the happiness of myself and others. Jesus simply says, "Don't do it."

For most of us, judging ourselves is task enough. And if I really care about receiving mercy, I'd better be very busy indeed giving it.

Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

To post an announcement send an email to editor@muleshojournal.com

Muleshoe Water Park

The Muleshoe Water Park opened Tuesday, June 4, at 1 p.m., for the 2013 season. The hours of operation are Sunday through Thursday, from 1-6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, from 1-8 p.m.

Additional opportunities to enjoy the water park include special swimming times for "Moms and Toddlers," on Monday evenings, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; "Ladies Only" on Tuesday evenings, from 6:30 - 8 p.m.; and "Teen Night" on Friday evening, 8:30 - 10 p.m.

The admission is \$3 per person.

Swimming lessons will also be offered this summer by certified life guards.

Adult Education Courses

Literacy, adult basic education, and English as a Second Language classes are available at Workforce Solutions, on Main Street in Muleshoe.

Classes are on Mondays and Tuesdays during June, July and August, from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Contact Alison Broughton at 817-504-0189 for additional information.

Class of 1953

The Muleshoe High School class of 1953 will be celebrating a 60th class reunion in Muleshoe July 4-6.

Among the events set for the reunion will be a celebration of Muleshoe's 100th birthday.

On July 4 plans are under way for a 1953 class float in the Independence Day parade, and tours of the newly remodeled high school, and a visit to the Muleshoe Heritage Center with its newly refurbished Yellow Jacket Inn.

On July 5, the class will be joining the hometown folks at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center for lunch at noon.

The reunion class' main event will be meeting at the senior center. Cafe 21 will be catering the evening meal. Reservations are required, and should be made as early as possible.

On July 6 there will be visiting and more sightseeing, following breakfast at the Dinner Bell.

AA Group

The Rule 62 AA Group has moved, and is now meeting at the Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship, 710 E. American Blvd., on Friday at 7 p.m.

The program is open to individuals with problems from alcoholism and drug addiction. Contact 946-7929 for additional information.

Independence Day...

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parade should contact the chamber at 272-4248, about registering for the event.

Participants will begin lining up at 9 a.m., on the south end of Main Street for the parade, which is set to begin at 10 a.m.

According to chamber officials, there is still time for vendors to sign up for space in the West City Park.

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MAHD Contracts... Continued From A1

The doctors described the new contracts they had received as being insulting and disrespectful, adding that the wording sounded more like a contract with an employee of the district instead of a physician contracting services with the district.

"We're not employees, we're practicing physicians," Dr. Bruce Purdy said.

In response to the comments about the wording of the contracts, MAHD CEO David Burke apologized, and said it wasn't the administration's intent to offend the doctors.

Thursday's meeting was the first known instance in which the local physicians contracts have been publicly discussed.

Previously, Dr. Purdy pointed out during a discussion of his history with the hospital and the hospital district, the physicians have been under a contract that compensated the two parties with roughly a 60-40 split of the revenue received through the rural health clinic.

"Pretty much, at the end of the day, that's what we want," he said.

Purdy explained that when the hospital first came to him about providing support for the Muleshoe Family Medical Center, his

clinic had its own lab and x-ray services "in-house," and that under the initial contract and subsequent contracts, the lab and x-ray services were provided through the hospital.

"I don't know what's wrong with the old contracts," Dr. Tyson Purdy said, referring to the old contracts as "performance-based."

According to Bruce Purdy, the hospital's billing for those services last year totaled more than \$700,000 — which added to the 40 percent of revenue received was what the district received from the clinic.

However, board president Herb Ramage disagreed with the physicians' suggestion that the previous contract percentages should remain as they have been for years.

Ramage said the hospital's expenses were "out of sight," and the 60-40 split wouldn't cover the expenses due in large part to the reductions in federal reimbursements — due to Obamacare, and payments from insurance companies.

However, Ramage's statement apparently didn't take into consideration information from previous hospital board reports that noted physicians were facing the same issue.

"We're not employees, we're practicing physicians..."

"We've talked about it, and 40 percent won't work for the hospital," Ramage said, apparently referring to non-public discussions with either the hospital administration or board members.

In response, Purdy suggested a change in the contract percentages may result in the Purdys opening a separate clinic and once again providing its own lab and x-ray services.

"The most important thing a doctor can do for a community is to 'be there,'" Purdy said.

Responding to the discussion about the contracts and the

reduction of revenue both the hospital district and the physicians expected as a result of Obamacare, board member Allen Smyer said he was also concerned.

"We're sitting here right now, and we need to make some plans," he said.

"The community needs the hospital as much as it needs the schools," he added, "because when we closed that year... people died."

In regards to the possibility of recruiting another physician, Bruce Purdy said he'd learned a physician who

has been working in the local emergency room with Dr. Kyle Sheet's ER staffing company was interested in joining them at the rural health clinic.

Purdy said the doctor liked what he saw of the community and enjoyed working with the hospital's "efficient nursing staff."

He said it was something the hospital board might want to pursue, and after brief discussion about updating the offices that formerly housed Dr. Lansang's practice, Purdy said the ER doctor in question would probably be better off at the clinic.

It was suggested that additional exam room space could be found if the clinic's billing staff were moved over to the

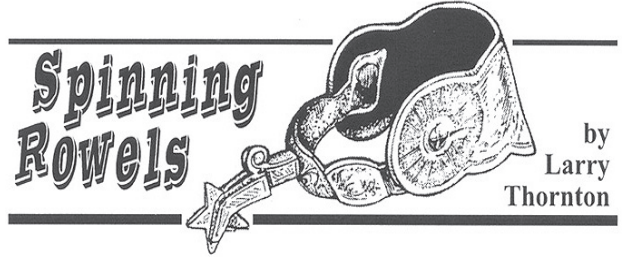
hospital. "It would help the community, and it would help the hospital, if you didn't have to build a building," he said, referring to the district's future plans to expand the rural health clinic.

"It sounds like a wonderful opportunity," board member Zona Gatewood said.

Regarding the possible recruitment of another physician, Burke said he needed board direction in the matter on how to proceed.

"I like Dr. Purdy's idea," Smyer said prior to a board vote authorizing Burke to talk with the physician. "I don't want to miss the opportunity we have here at this time."

Gray Government Action Are Always Dangerous



To say that I dislike secretive government actions is at best an understatement.

I'm not talking about a government agency's actions directed at specific investigations. I understand that some things have to be kept quiet in order for a law enforcement agency to accomplish its task.

If the police are conducting a drug investigation it's understandable that certain information is best kept under wraps

until the work is done and the case presented to the district attorney.

But some types of government actions conducted in the shadows are simply disgusting, no matter if they are at the federal, state or local level.

Of late the world

has been watching the actions of Edward Snowden following his release of information concerning the National Security Agency's intelligence gathering efforts.

It doesn't matter if top-level government officials, whether elected or appointed, have declared the actions to be "legal." It doesn't matter if federal judges and the White House have given their blessings to the actions... the whole issue and practice as described by Snowden — and admitted to be government officials, is ugly.

Congressional leaders might have known what was happening from the beginning, and they may have passed legislation that allows and reportedly controls how the information is gathered and used.

However, at best, they can only hope adequate safeguards that have been set in place to protect the citizens of this nation do in fact protect those citizens.

Similar safeguards were supposed to be in place within the Internal Revenue Service, and recent news stories have showed how effective they have been.

In the early years of this nation, political leaders pushed through legislation called the Alien and Sedition Act that made certain acts which violated the individual rights of citizens "legal."

In a similar manner, although our nation's great documents of independence declared all men to be free and equal, this country's laws allowed men, women and children to be bought, sold and possessed... because it was "legal."

In the eyes of the Sanhedrin, the arrest, trial and crucifixion of our Lord and Savior was "legal," even if there was more than a

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Sales Tax Allocations Released

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In the Y-T-D totals, Bovina hit the top of the list with a 26.32 percent increase, representing \$2,181.77 additional sales tax dollars collected compared to the same period in 2012.

Muleshoe had a .79 percent increase in its Y-T-D totals.

As for the actual sales tax dollars received — a position dominated by Littlefield with its larger tax base, and higher sales

tax rate — Littlefield's \$583,642.77 was followed by Muleshoe, which dominates the second position with \$276,611.55.

This month, however, it was a close race for third place between Dimmitt and Friona, with the Castro County seat, at \$195,251.67, narrowing beating its competition by \$38.07.

As previously noted, Earth took last place, immediately following

Sudan, which received an allocation of \$27,465.46.

According to the recent release from Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, the state sales tax revenue in May was \$2.26 billion, up 7.9 percent compared to May 2012.

"Growth in state sales tax revenue was led by collections from the information services and construction sectors," Combs said.

"Restaurants also showed notable growth, while oil and natural gas-related activity remains a major source of strength," she added.

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their June local sales tax allocations totaling \$556.8 million, up 8.3 percent compared to June 2012.

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Senior Citizen News

By Susan Skipworth

We are so thankful for the moisture that we have received! There have been reports of over two inches in lots of places.

It is such a blessing to see this country turning green again! After almost three years of nothing but brown dirt, we can see how beautiful this area can truly be.

On Monday, June 24, Stacy Marchand will be here through the lunch hour to give us a program on "Fall Prevention."

Please come and hear what she has to say about this much needed prevention. Sometimes just the smallest safety step taken, can prevent a major tragedy.

We all need to be

more aware of our circumstances and our surroundings. Not only for our safety, but also for the safety of our loved ones.

Kathy Carr will be here on Wednesday, June 26, to bring us our nutritional information for the month.

Kathy always brings something that is very informative and fun!

Come join us and visit with Kathy.

We do want to express our appreciation to Brady for being our Bingo and Bunco caller for such a long time.

We will miss him very much, but know that he will be a blessing to his new job, as he has been to us.

Best of luck to you, Brady! We will continue to have Bingo on

Thursdays at 1:30 p.m., and Bunco on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.. Come join in on the fun.

Please join us in wishing these special Seniors, R.L Scott, John Perry, David Gray, Helen Cook, Buck Johnson and Billy Saylor a very happy birthday the last week of June.

Happiest of all birthdays to all our June birthdays.

Pray for rain.

June 24-28 menus:

Monday, June 24, — Macaroni beef and tomatoes, lima beans, fruit and oatmeal bar, wheat roll.

Tuesday, June 25 — Pork roast, mashed sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, whole wheat roll, and

tropical fruit mix.

Wednesday, June 27 — Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin squares.

Thursday, June 28 — Char broiled hamburgers with tomato, pickle and onion, herbed potato fries, berry cobbler, wheat bun.

Friday, June 28 — Fish or chicken strips, beans, green peas, tossed vegetable salad, low calorie French dressing, whole wheat roll.

We serve lunch from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

All meals are served with low fat milk, coffee, tea or water.

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Death notices will be published free of charge in the *Muleshoe Journal*.

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Obituaries

Marvin Nieman

Graveside services for Marvin Nieman, 91, of Muleshoe were held on Monday, June 17, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with his grandchildren officiating, and under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Marvin died on June 14, 2013 in Lubbock. He was born on Aug. 12, 1921, to Henry J. and Bertha (Huebner) Nieman in Wilson, married Mable Reynolds in Lamesa on Aug. 19, 1942.

Marvin Nieman was an amazing man, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and great-great grandfather. He was a wonderful friend and would give the shirt off his back to help others.

He was a veteran of the US Army serving during World War II.

He was married to Mable Nieman for almost 72 years. They had lived in Muleshoe since 1948.

Marvin spent his life as a farmer, cotton ginner, and for most of the later part of his life, he was a carpenter and handyman.

He helped lots of



people and especially widows in and around Muleshoe.

He never met a stranger. People naturally loved "our Popie!" "He was always the Rock of our family. We will dearly miss him!"

He is survived by his wife — Mable, 89; his son — George Nieman of Muleshoe and wife Dianne; his four grandchildren — Shannon Buchanan, Deborah Hailey, Shawn Nieman and Charles Riegel; his eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Memorials may be sent to the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, 104 East Ave. C, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

Online condolences may be made at ellisfuneralhomes.com

Linda McGonagill

Linda McGonagill, 65, of Muleshoe passed away on June 5, 2013, at Covenant Medical Hospital in Lubbock. She was born on Dec. 17, 1948, and married the love of her life, Pat McGonagill on Dec. 31, 1992.

Linda was a loving wife and mother. She was a homemaker and lived most of her life in Muleshoe.

Linda loved the Lord and had given her life to him at an early age.

She is survived by her husband — Pat McGonagill of Muleshoe; two sons — Michael Swint and wife Felicity of Phoenix, Ariz, and Austin Swint and wife Karey of San Diego, Calif.; a stepson — Cody McGonagill of Fritch; a stepdaughter — Stacy Hillard and husband Michael of Stinett; five grandchildren — Savannah, Willow,



Orrin and Jacob Swint; and three step-grandchildren — McKayla, Christopher and Tyler Hillard.

Linda was preceded in death by her mother and stepfather — Juanita and Cliff Griffiths; a sister — Carolyn Own; a brother — Dwight Potts, and a nephew — Brad Own.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service is being planned at a later date.

Arrangements are under the care of Steed Todd Funeral Home and Crematory of Clovis, N.M.

Nan Johnson

Nan Johnson, 72, of Friona, formerly of Muleshoe, died Friday, June 14, 2013 in Friona.

Funeral Services were held on Monday June 17, at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona with the Rev. Bobby Brouhgton officiating, under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Nan was born on July 21, 1940, in Hagerman, N.M., to Oscar and Sammy McKinstry Allison.

She was a longtime Muleshoe resident.

Nan graduated from Muleshoe High School, received her masters degree and became a school teacher.

She married LT Johnson in 1986. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe.

Nan is preceded in death by her parents,



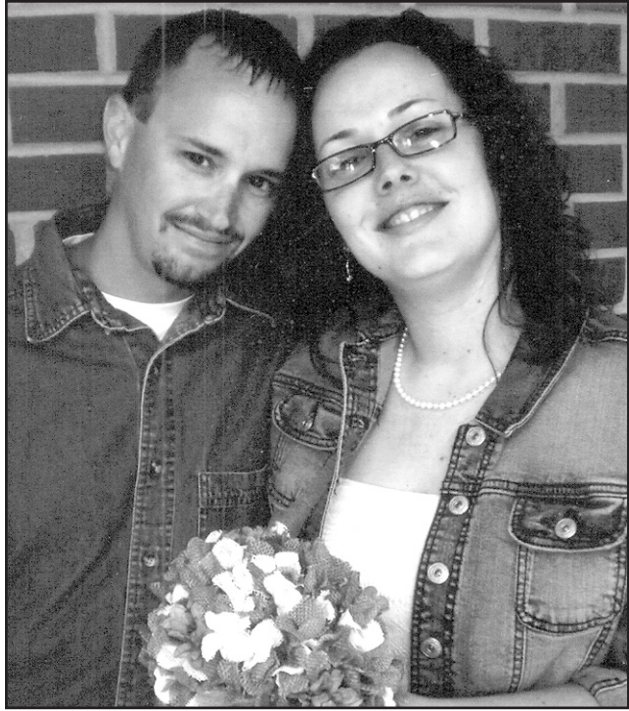
and her husband.

Survivors include a daughter — Alison Broughton and husband Bobby of Muleshoe; a son — Greg Pool of Plainview; two brothers — Sam Allison and wife Kathy of Amarillo, and Mack Allison and wife Kay of Enid, Okla.; and a sister — Susan Black of Dumas.

Memorials can be made to the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation, 2200 U.S. Hwy. 84, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, 319 S. Main, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

You may sign the online register at www.blackwellmullins.com.

Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. Jared Pierce

Benedict, Pierce Exchange Vows

Kendra Michelle Benedict and Jared Wesley Pierce were united in matrimony in a double-ring ceremony held at the courthouse in Cheyenne, Okla., by the honorable Judge F. Pat VerSteeg on June 3, 2013.

The bride is the daughter of Mark Benedict of Blair, Okla., and Vickie Benedict of Quanah, and the granddaughter of Kathryn Coffey and the late Troy Coffey of Woodward, Okla., and the late Victor and Marjorie Benedict of Muleshoe.

The groom is the son of Wesley Pierce of Berlin, Okla., and Susan Pierce of Clinton, Okla., and the grandson of Cleo Pierce and the late Lester Pierce of Cheyenne, and Karl and Sue Pierce, also of Cheyenne.

Given in marriage by her father and mother, Kendra's something old were a pair of pearl earrings given to her by her grandfather, the late Victor Benedict, when she was a little girl. She also carried a photo of her late grandparents, Vic and Ece Benedict, on their wedding day, and which Vic carried with him in his pocket while serving in World War II.

Something new was her wedding dress; something borrowed was a pair of diamond earring belonging to her mother; and something blue was her bridal bouquet, which was made by her sister April Benedict of Vernon.

Kendra is a 2000 graduate of Vernon High School. She graduated from MCMurry University with a bachelor of arts degree in vocal performance with a minor in theater.

She continued her education and graduated with an associates in science in nursing from Vernon College, and is a registered nurse. She is currently working on her bachelors of science in nursing through UT Arlington.

Jared graduated from Cheyenne High School in 1999. He is a measurement technician for Enogex.

The honeymoon and wedding reception will be held at a later date.

The couple will make their home in Berlin, Okla.

Adult Education Courses Available

Literacy, adult basic education, and English as a Second Language classes are available at Workforce Solutions, on Main Street in Muleshoe.

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Contact Alison Broughton at 817-504-0189 for additional information.

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Bridal Shower



Rachel Stanfield

Stanfield Honored

Rachel Stanfield, the prospective bride of Will Worley, was honored with a bridad shower on June 8, in the home of Cindy Barrett of Muleshoe.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Donna Stanfield of Plainview, and Wes Stanfield-Wagonner of Oklahoma.

The prospective groom is the son of

Richard and Tracey Tepera of Belton, and Billy and Gerri Worley of Midland

Hostesses for the event included Cindy Barrett, Tracy Been, Brenda Black, Beckye Conklin, Charissa Conner, Debbie Conner, JoEllen Cowart, Debbie Gallman, Karen Harris, Diana Harrison, Dani Heathington, Darlene Henry, Debbi Hutto, Connie Kenmore, Darla Myatt, Kimberly Nickels, Karie Preston, Brenda Robison, Nelda Wilhite and Jody Wood.

The hostess gift was a KitchenAid™ mixer.

Special guests included Donna Stanfield, Elizabeth McGrew, Beka Giacomazzi, Robin Stanfield, Annie Parks of Ft. Worth, Mary McCormick of Bellevue, Boo Nemir of Sweetwater and Hilary Brennan, also of Sweetwater.

Births

Jason Garcia

Jesselin Garcia of Muleshoe gave birth to a son, Jason Daniel Garcia, on June 14, 2013, at 6:10 p.m., at Lamb Healthcare Center of Littlefield.

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

His grandparents are Maria Castillo and Jesus Garcia.

Death Notices

Richard Foltyn

Muleshoe resident Richard Foltyn, 55, died June 13, 2013, in Lubbock. A memorial services w was held on Monday, June 17, at the Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship.

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Bamert Seed Employees Honored For Years Of Service

Bamert Seed Company of Muleshoe recently honored two employees for more than 35 years of hard work, services, and dedication to the company.

"We are proud to recognize the commitment and service of two very special individuals," Nick Bamert said.

"José Almanza and Carolyn Harris have both been with the company for 35 or more years. They are both very important players on the team," he added.

Almanza, who has been with the company for 37 years, was described as a "go-



José Almanza



Carolyn Harris

getter, who leads while working right alongside his co-workers making sure that seed is blended, bagged, and shipped."

"His leadership has inspired many to be like him in his dedication to his hard work and willingness to help whenever the need arises," Bamert said.

Harris, who has been with the company for

35 years, was described as a "key player in the assurance of customer satisfaction."

"Her inviting personality, hard work, and willingness to help makes working with her a pleasure," said Bamert.

"She offers constant support on the sales team and a lively personality to boost," he said.

Farm Bill Action Expected This Week

This week, the House of Representatives will consider H.R. 1947, the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013 on the Floor. This bill is the product of years of work.

The House Agriculture Committee held dozens of hearings to gather input on which programs are working, which need reform, and which are redundant.

The result is a bipartisan bill that reduces spending by \$40 billion over ten years, repeals or consolidates more than 100 programs, and moves to a market-based system of crop support.

I'm looking forward to debating this on the House floor, and working to include more common sense SNAP reforms.

Border Security Must Come First

Last week, the Senate began debate on immigration reform. More than 1,000 pages long, S. 744, the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, is a massive bill to overhaul our immigration system.

It has four major components: revamping our visa system to make it more responsive to our economic needs, requiring employers to use E-Verify to improve interior enforcement, improving border security, and creating a path to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants already in the U.S.

These last two issues are where things get difficult.

Too often, it seems like Washington politicians pay lip service to border control so they can push their other priorities.

I'm concerned that the Senate bill, as written right now, is doing the same thing. As Texans, we know firsthand the importance of border control.

But this isn't just a local issue — it affects national security. Illegal immigrants are only

part of the problem with an unsecured border — even more troubling are weapons, drugs, and people being trafficked into our country.

That's why border security and interior enforcement can't be an afterthought — they must be the cornerstone of any immigration proposal.

I'm also concerned that if we don't strengthen our border security, 10 years from now we'll be right back where we are today — dealing with millions of undocumented workers.

I also have some concerns with the path to citizenship in the Senate bill. America was founded on a set of common principles and respect for the laws that bind us together.

While we are a land of immigrants, what makes us all American is our pledge to abide by our shared principles.

Granting citizenship to people who have

broken the law is unfair to all of those who have abided by the rules and waited their turn.

I've shared my priorities for immigration reform with you before, and they remain the same.

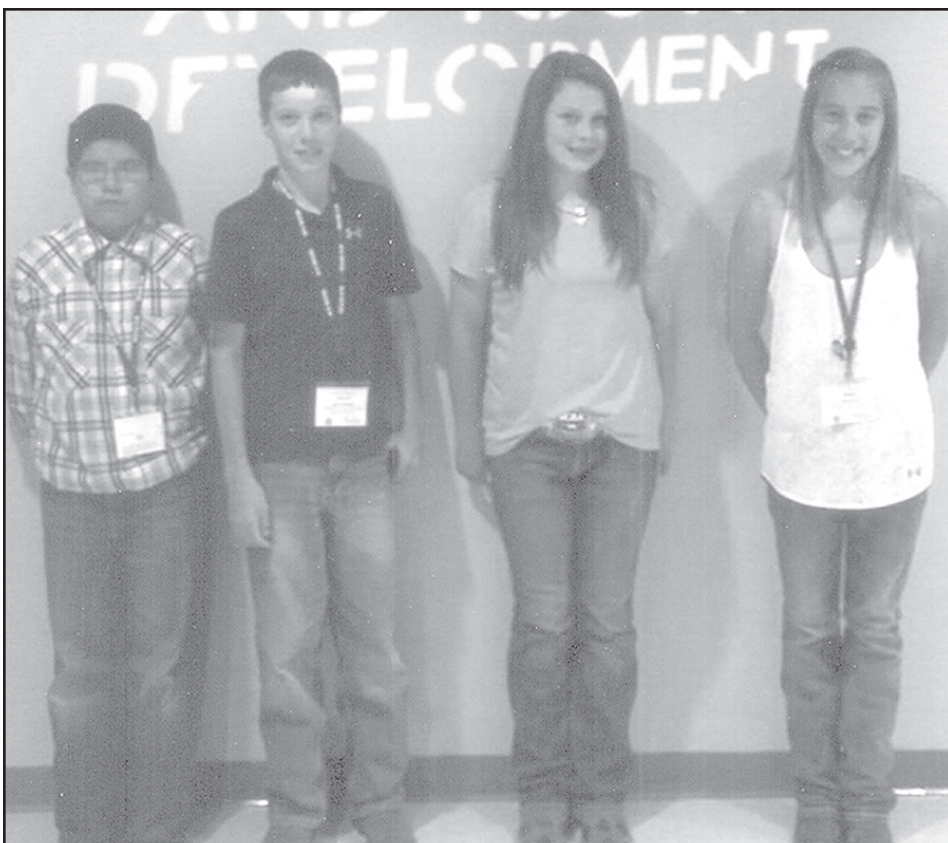
Before I could consider supporting any bill, I must be sure it addresses these issues: strengthening border security, reforming the lottery system, developing an effective guest worker program, and honoring the laws of our country.

I'll keep you posted on the progress of this legislation, and I'll continue to fight for your interests when it comes to immigration reform.

Protecting Unborn Babies

In April, I wrote to you about an abortion provider on trial for horrific late-term abortions.

Kermit Gosnell's crimes highlighted the need to protect women



Bailey County 4-H Place In Swine Bowl

Bailey County 4-H members — Jose Quintana, Jacob Kettner, Marki Streamer and Haley Hunt, pictured above, placed third in the Swine Quiz Bowl at the Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station on June 11.

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and unborn babies from the horrific practices of doctors that perform these dangerous procedures.

This week, the House of Representatives will be voting on a bill that protects women from people like Gosnell and helps prevent horrendous abortions like this.

H.R. 1797, the District of Columbia Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, stops dangerous and

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MULESHOE JOURNAL HOT DOG EATING CONTEST

July 4th
11:00 PM
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~General Rules~:

- No purchase required to enter.
- THERE ARE TWO DIVISIONS:
Adult (16 yrs and above) * Juvenile (10 - 15 yrs.)
- This contest is not open to staff or family members of the event sponsor, the Muleshoe Journal, or its affiliates.
- Contest division first place winners will receive a trophy.

~Contest Eating Rules~:

This event will be a speed-eating contest, with the following rules in effect:

- Food items may be separated, but the entire item must be consumed. (The wrapper shouldn't be eaten.)
- A bottle of water will be supplied for each contestant; however, dunking or dousing the food items before consumption is not allowed.
- Condiments will be provided at contestant's request, but must be applied after the contest starts.
- Contestants will be given five wrapped hot dogs and buns. At the signal to start, the contestant will unwrap and consume their hot dogs. Once the food items are consumed, and the contestant's mouth is cleared of food, the individual contestant must shout to show their mouth is empty.
- Remember, talking with your mouth full will be deemed "picnic violation," as will failure to properly phrase the statement.
- An eating judge will identify a successful contestant. The winner will be determined by the event judge. The event will be recorded on video for broadcast, and may be utilized by the event judge to resolve any questions concerning the competition.
- Should a contestant be observed hiding his or her hot dogs, dropping them in part or in whole under the table, or placing them on another contestant's plate the guilty contestant will be deemed in performance of a "picnic violation," as determined by an eating judge, and receive an additional hot dog for consumption.
- Contestants who are unable to retain their food items will be disqualified.
- In such an event, contestants are encouraged to use the provided buckets for non-retention.
- In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the consumption of a second set of five hot dogs.
- Creative participation is encouraged, but good sportsmanship is required.
- Obviously, most rules of normal table etiquette, except for "picnic violations," are out the window.
- The decisions of the eating judges and the event judge are final.
- The winners of the two divisions will receive a trophy to commemorate their achievement.

~Registration~:

The event is limited the first 20 participants to register. Contestants may register prior to the event during regular business hours at the Muleshoe Journal news office. Unfilled slots will be open for registration on the morning of July 4, 2013, but registration will close 30 minutes prior to the contest's official time. All contestants are required to check in 15 minutes prior to the contest's official time.



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Immigration Bill Needs 'Results'

In its current form, the Gang of Eight's immigration bill grants permanent legal status to millions of undocumented immigrants without any guarantee of a secure border.

Those eligible include already-deported immigrants and others here illegally who have been convicted of serious crimes such as domestic violence, child abuse and drunken driving.

Meanwhile, the bill weakens our biometric exit requirements, which are designed to prevent visa overstays, and it hinders information sharing among law enforcement officials.

My amendment — the "Results" amendment — fixes these problems.

First, it requires the Department of Homeland Security



(DHS) to gain complete situational awareness and full operational control of the entire U.S.-Mexico border (with "operational control" defined as a 90 percent apprehension rate of illegal border crossers).

It requires the use of a biometric exit system at all air and sea ports of entry with a Customs and Border Protection presence.

And it requires nationwide implementation of E-Verify.

Under the Results amendment, illegal immigrants do not become eligible for permanent legal status until each of these four benchmarks — situational awareness, operational control,

biometric requirements and nationwide E-Verify — has been achieved.

Violent criminals are not eligible for legalization, and law enforcement agencies have access to critical intelligence about public safety and national security threats.

Washington has vowed to secure America's borders for more than a quarter-century, but its repeated promises have not led to real results.

Indeed, as of 2011, the federal government had operational control of less than 45 percent of the southern border.

A porous border encourages drug traffickers, sex traffickers and other criminals who prey

on the weak and the vulnerable.

The Results amendment increases penalties on the transnational gangs and human smugglers who have exploited our border. It also upgrades security and infrastructure at U.S.-Mexico land ports of entry, slashing wait times and expediting legitimate travel and commerce.

The only way we will ever gain full operational control of our borders is by demanding results.

Under the Gang of Eight's bill, the border-security "trigger" is phony: DHS is required to write a strategy, not to achieve actual results.

By contrast, my amendment guarantees the results that Washington has long promised but never delivered.

Barrett 'Potato Field Day' Set For July 24 At Springlake

The annual Texas A&M Potato Breeding and Variety Development Field Day, hosted by cooperator Bruce Barrett, will be held July 24 near Springlake.

Those planning to attend should assemble at 10 a.m. at Springlake Potato Sales, located between Littlefield, 12.5 miles north, and Springlake, 8.5 miles south, on State Highway 385, according to Dr. Creighton Miller, Texas A&M AgriLife Research potato breeder in College Station.

The program will be on the Barrett Farm,

where Miller has 144 different potato varieties for viewing at the field day.

He said side-by-side plantings of each variety allows digging of one row of tubers during the field day, while leaving the second row for plant canopy observation.

A field book will be provided with necessary information growers might want for each variety.

Miller will discuss the potato breeding program and recent developments in zebra chip research.

He and his colleagues have planted about 18,000 offspring plants representing 183 different parental combinations at the Springlake site, and have a larger set of trials planted near Dalhart.

"Most people don't realize in Texas we produce potatoes and have a breeding program to develop new varieties," Miller said.

"This program has been ongoing for more than 30 years," he added.

Variety testing, such as that at Barrett's, is done in cooperation with the Southwestern Regional Potato Improvement Group, which includes Texas, Colorado and California.

Additionally, the three

states participate in the Western Regional Trials with Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

"As we develop promising selections, we enter them into the Southwestern Regional Trials," Miller said.

"And then if they do well there, we enter them into the Western Regional Trials. We hope we find something that is superior in yield and/or disease-resistance that producers are looking for," he said.

Miller said three of the Texas selections collectively rank fourth in total seed approved for certification and produced in the U.S. in 2012.

"We are breeding for and to help our Texas producers, but Texas varieties are also produced throughout the western U.S.," Miller said.

"We are breeding

for improved russets, known as bakers; reds, used primarily for potato salad and boiling; and more common now are specialty potato varieties such as Yukon Gold, a yellow-flesh variety, and baby potatoes which cook fast," Miller said.

"That's one thing the modern home wants is fast meal preparation and the baby potatoes lend themselves to that," he added.

Miller said there are several new things happening in the potato world, and the Texas breeding program is at the forefront with its recently released variety called Sierra Rose, a red-skin, yellow-flesh variety.

For more information on the AgriLife Research potato breeding program, contact Miller at 979-845-3828 or cmiller@ag.tamu.edu.

Randy's Roundup...

Continued from A6 unethical abortions that not only endanger women, but also take the life of babies near birth and cause them tremendous physical pain in the process.

I've co-sponsored this legislation because I feel strongly that we must protect these innocent lives. I've also worked to keep abortion providers out of public schools by introducing the Pro-Life Act.

As your Representative, I'll never stop serving as a voice for the unborn who cannot speak for themselves.

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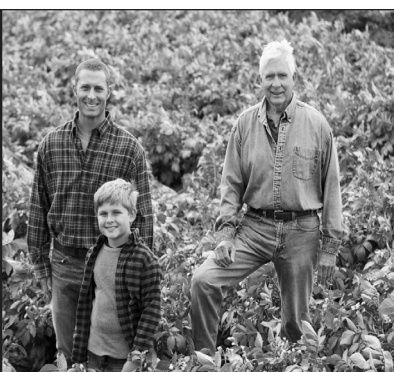
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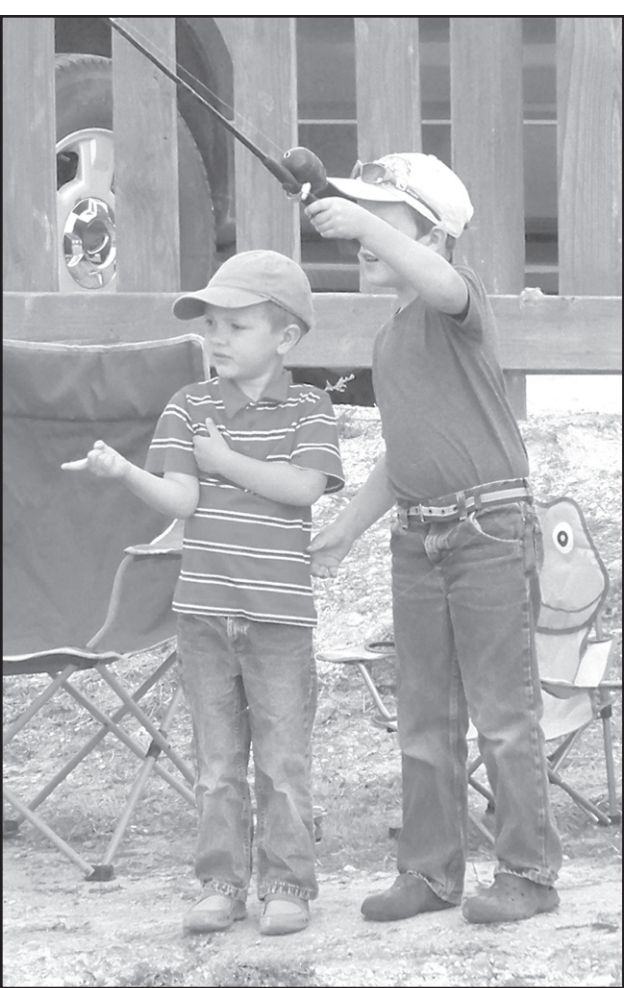
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MISD Vice President Attends Leadership Conference

Daniel Guzman, vice president of the Muleshoe Independent School District's board of trustees, joined local trustees from across the state at the Texas Association of School Boards' Summer Leadership Institute June 6-8 in San Antonio.

Approximately 1,800 new and veteran education leaders received in-depth training on critical issues facing local districts and discussed best practices for effective board governance and cost-

efficient programs. Craig Kielburger, Thursday's keynote speaker, cofounded the world's leading youth-driven charity, Free The Children, when he was 12.

It has grown to a program with more than 1.7 million young people involved.

Along with his brother, he also cofounded "Me to We," an innovative social enterprise that harnesses philanthropic resources to provide socially conscious products and experiences for today's

youth. At Friday's general session, Robyn Benincasa shared her ideas about building high performance teams and the "followership" skills necessary for dynamic role shifting and true teamwork.

A *New York Times* best-selling author and world champion athlete, she also is the founder of a nonprofit foundation dedicated to helping women who have faced medical challenges achieve their athletic dreams.

A popular feature

was a discussion that followed the viewing of "Strangers No More," an Academy Award winning documentary.

The film focuses on a school in Tel Aviv, where children from 48 different countries and diverse, often troubled backgrounds, come together to learn.

With tremendous dedication, the school provides the support these children need to recover from the past. In addition, attendees participated in another successful can drive to make a difference in the

lives of children in the local community.

Another highlight was a book study discussion of "Seeking Common Ground: Public School in a Diverse Society," by David Tyack.

The book, mailed to participants in advance, explores some of the recurrent and interactive themes of unity, diversity, and democracy and the critical role public schools have to play in the free common school system.

Among key topics discussed during the institute were

legal issues in school bullying, school safety and firearms, trends and opportunities in the Texas labor market, board member use of electronic communications and social media, current and future demographic changes, and college-career readiness.

A number of sessions examined the specific needs of small and rural school districts. Sessions for newly elected trustees and board presidents offered a combination of both breakout and in-depth formats on all facets of board governance.

Landowner Not Liable For Injury To Trespasser

Q. I own a large vacant lot, near a residential development.

Because the lot is fairly level and doesn't have any holes or trees, local children often play there.

I have put up "no trespassing" signs, but it doesn't seem to matter.

I am concerned that I may be sued if someone is hurt while playing there. What is my possible liability?

A. As a general rule, a landowner is not liable for injuries that occur on his property unless the owner was negligent, and did something that caused the injury.

When it comes to people who trespass, however, the law is even stricter.

As owner of land does not owe a duty of care to a trespasser on the land and is not liable for any injury to a trespasser on the land, unless the owner injured the trespasser willfully, wantonly, or through gross negligence.

In other words, you should have no liability if a trespassing child gets hurt playing on your property, unless you injury him or her.

Q. I co-signed for my brother when he bought his car.

He has been paying the note on time for over three years and has now established pretty good credit.

I want to buy a house and it is hurting my credit to be a co-signer

on his note.

What can I do to have my name removed?

A. The only way to have a co-signer removed is for the creditor to agree to remove him, or for him to refinance and pay-off the debt.

The creditor is under no legal obligation to remove a co-signer, even if there is no longer any need for one.

I suggest you talk with the creditor to see if it will agree to refinance the note in only your brother's name, or see if someone else will refinance the car for him.

Q. I inherited some property. It is owned jointly with my brother and sister.

I no longer want to own a share of the property, and they will not buy me out. What are my options?

A. You cannot "force them" to buy you out, but you may be able to make them see that is the best option.

Under the law, you have the right to go to court and get the court to order the sale of the property.

It would then be sold, and the proceeds divided between you and your sisters. A court ordered sale, however, usually is not in anyone's best interest.

Bringing a legal

proceeding to force the sale of the property will involve the time and expense of a lawsuit, and will probably not result in the highest price.

In my opinion, both you all stand to lose money from a forced sale.

A better solution is to speak with your brother and sister to see if you can work things out, without hiring a lawyer and involving the courts.

My guess is that once they realize you are serious and understand the options, they will either buy out your share or agree that you should all sell the property and divide the proceeds.

Q. My bank account was just garnished for a credit card debt. I thought there was no garnishment in Texas?

A. The Texas Constitution generally prohibits wage garnishment in Texas.

In other words, a credit card company cannot garnish your wages through your employer, even if it sues and gets a judgment against you.

Garnishing the money in a bank account, however, is not considered wage garnishment.

Even though the money in the account

Ask A Lawyer...

By Richard Alderman

probably is from your paycheck, creditors can garnish a bank checking or savings account.


Once you are sued and a judgment is entered against you, you need to be careful about keeping a large balance in a checking or savings account.

The best way to avoid this type of garnishment is to contact the creditor's attorney and work out a payment plan.


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However, if a longer write-up is desired, it may be placed in purchased space.

For anniversaries, the space will be free for anniversaries of 50 years or 75, specifically, and will be limited to a single photograph. A fee will be charged for other anniversaries.

Birth announcements with one-column photos are run free of charge with the names of the immediate family, including grandparents. Great-grandparents, etc., will not be included.

The permission of both parents is required for a birth announcement to

be published.

Small stories describing showers are run free of charge after the fact and may include the names of the principals, the hostess gift, the names of special or out-of-town guests, and a one-column photograph of the honoree.

It is the responsibility of the party providing the information to provide all of the information.

News releases in which names were left out by the party providing the information will not be re-published free of charge.

A deadline of three months after an event will be the rule for free publication.

Information must be received by Monday noon. Publication cannot be guaranteed in the week it is provided.

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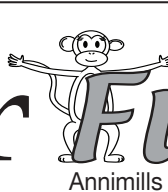
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On our visit, Dad wants to take a...

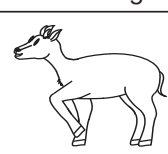


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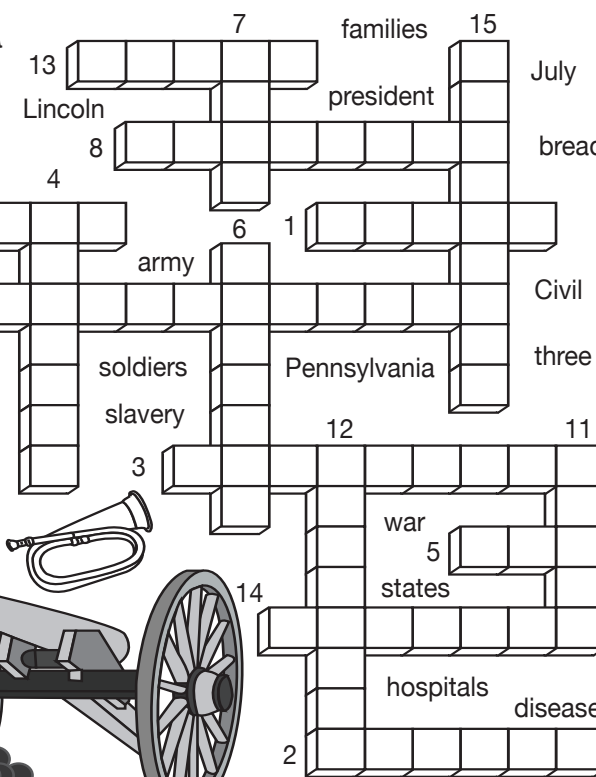
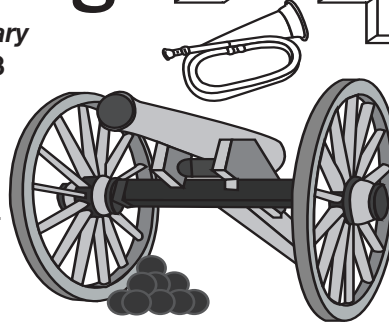


What do **you** know about the **Battle of Gettysburg**? It was a major turning point of the Civil War. Hmm, where was it on my map? Gettysburg National Military Park contains the battlefield and the Soldiers' National Cemetery. **Read my clues to learn about the battle and to fill in the puzzle.**



Battle of Gettysburg

150th Anniversary
July 1863-2013



- The Battle of Gettysburg was the largest battle fought during America's _____ War (1861-1865).
- The Civil War started after southern _____ began to leave the union of the United States of America.
- These states called themselves "Confederate States of America" and elected their own _____, Jefferson Davis.
- Abraham _____ was just becoming the new president of the United States – and he did not want these states to break away.
- Lincoln declared _____ to try to keep the union together.
- He also wanted to put an end to _____.
- The Confederates raised an _____ to fight for their way of life, which included slavery.
- The northern army fought the Confederate army; members of some _____ had to choose sides, and former friends sometimes had to fight one another on the battlefield.
- The Battle of Gettysburg was fought in and around the small town of Gettysburg, _____.
- On the first day of _____ 1863, in Gettysburg, Confederate soldiers under General Robert E. Lee began fighting with Union soldiers led by Major General George Meade.
- They fought for _____ days. By July 4th, General Lee was withdrawing his army.
- At the end of the fighting more than 50,000 _____ were dead, wounded, captured or missing.
- Even with the battle raging around the town, only one townspeople, Mary Virginia Wade, was killed while baking _____ for Union soldiers – by a bullet that came through the door of her sister's house.
- The town was filled with wounded and sick people. People were afraid that _____ would spread.
- Homes, churches and other buildings became _____. Volunteers buried the dead. Horses and mules that had been killed had to be burned.

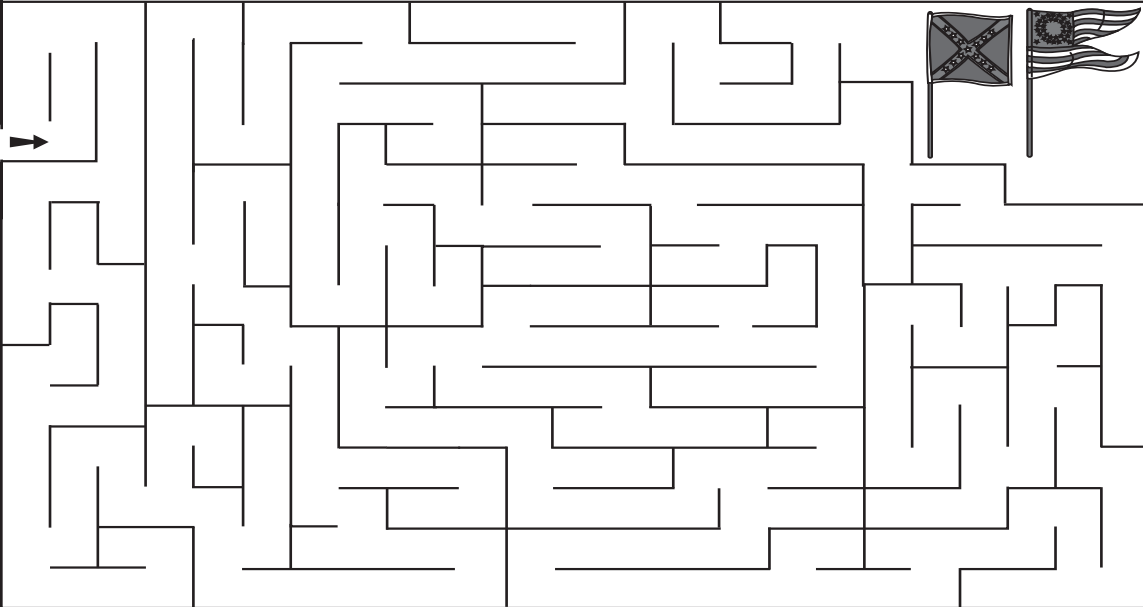
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Visiting Gettysburg



Soldiers from the North and South carried their own units' flags into battle at Gettysburg. The flag on the left below, carried by the 26th North Carolina, was shot down 14 times on the first day of fighting. The flag on the right was carried by the 125th Regiment NY Volunteer Infantry. It had 34 gold stars.



The Visitor's Center will give you information:

- like maps/guides and recordings to listen to as you drive a route to see and learn about the war
- on the hundreds of statues, cannons and the battle
- to find the train station where President Lincoln arrived to give his Gettysburg Address
- to watch a movie about the soldiers, their struggles, their days at Gettysburg and after
- on reenactments of the camps and the battle
- for biking, horseback riding and camping fun

Can you find your way from the visitor's center to two of the flags carried into the battle?

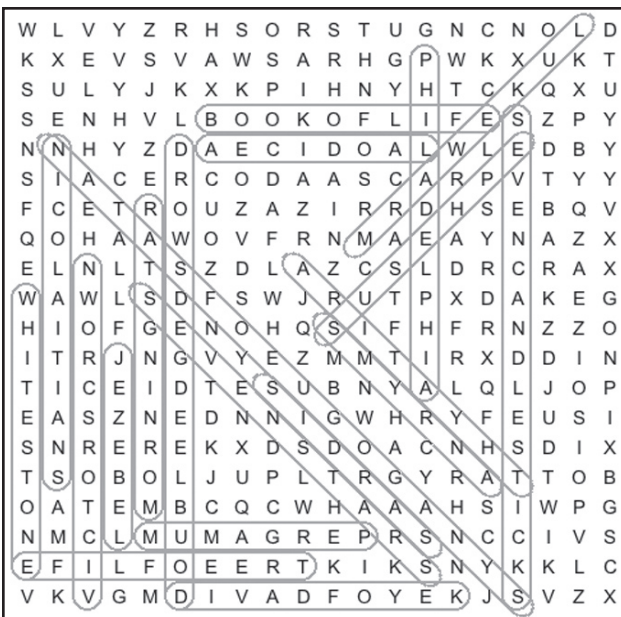
Don't Forget Your Photographs

Do you have any blank spots in your photo albums?

Photographs that have been submitted for publication in the Muleshoe Journal may be picked up during regular business hours.

At this time, a large number of photographs have been accumulated, and may include your missing photographs.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The MULESHOE ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM 06/27/2013 in MISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 514 W AVE G, MULESHOE, TEXAS. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.310000 /\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	3.660000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Debt service	0.260000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	2.860000% (increase) or	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$355,687,331	\$350,974,574
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$2,469,926	\$5,683,723
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$265,968,717	\$262,050,979
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$2,366,883	\$5,560,813

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness: \$20,845,000

* Outstanding principal

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.310000*	\$1.350000	\$2,536	\$6,394
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.044240	\$0.342000*	\$1.386240	\$2,589	\$6,854
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.310000*	\$1.350000	\$2,554	\$6,840

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$61,739	\$61,992
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$47,314	\$47,607
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.350000	\$1.350000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$638.73	\$642.69
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.00	\$3.96

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.358000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.358000.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$300,000

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vehicles and road equipment for a period of time beginning September 1, 2013, and ending August 31, 2014. 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 19, 2013, and June 26, 2013.*

The City of Muleshoe is accepting proposals for janitorial service for City Hall, Police Department, Library and Fire Department. A proposal form can be picked up at City Hall, 215 South First, Muleshoe, TX. the deadline for proposals is July 8, 2013. EOE, ADA. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal June 20, 2013 and June 27, 2013.*

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- Sudan** - Sudan Country home 3BR,2BA needs some work, can include land 5-15 acres. \$55,000.00
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- 3-1.5-1 carport Home, Cent. A&H, stove thermal windows, "AS IS", MAKE OFFER!! \$47K!!!
- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage Home on corner lot, wall furnace heat, win. refrig. air, stove, refrigerator, ceiling fans w/lights, large wkshop in garage, fenced yd., stor. bldg., includes 1 bdrm. rental unit!! \$81,795!!
- 5-3-2+2 carport home, Cent. Air & Heat, approx. 3124' lv. area, FP in den, WB stove in lv. area, 2 large workshops, stor. bldgs., +1 bdrm aptmt., corner lot, MUCH MORE!! \$140,000!!
- VERY NICE - 3 - 2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, WB stove, nice flooring, utility, thermal win. & doors, fans, fence yd., stor. bldg.!! \$99K!!
- 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 1 Car Detached Garage, Cent Air & Heat, Built-ins, den or 3rd Bedroom, fenced yd., approx. 1408' lv. area!! \$58K!! \$49K!!

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- VERY NICE 3-2.5-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2749' lv.area, lots of storage, nice courtyard & landscaping, workshop/storage/fenced yd., Much More!! Reduced-\$170K!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home on corner lot, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, remodeled bathrooms, nice carpet & tile, sunroom, fenced yd., auto. spkrl., approx. 2216' liv area!!! \$125K!!
- 2-1 Home, wall furnace heat, window evap. air!! \$30,000!!!
- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1 car garage Brick Home, Approx. 1844' lv. area, total elec., new Cent. A&H. built-ins, fenced yd., storage/workshop, MORE!!! \$89K!! REDUCED \$79,500!! MAKE OFFER!!
- 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 2 CAR GARAGE, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fans, storm windows, & doors, auto. spkrl., fenced yd., cov. patio, stor.bldg.!! \$89K!!

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- 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, 2 carport, Cent A&H, Dishwasher, WB Stove, approx. 2156' lv. area, \$60K!!

RURAL

- VERY NICE CUSTOM BUILT 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 car garage home, at edge of town on 80 acres!! Geothermal heat & air, built-ins, FP, ash cabinets, approx. 2544' main lv. area plus 625' finished basement w/safe & storage, spkrl system, beautiful trees and landscaping, circle spkrl, 5 wire barbwire fence, 36' x 48' metal insulated bldg w/2 12' doors!! MUCH MORE!!
- 3-1 1/2-1 Home on 8 acres, approx. 1664' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, sunroom, storm shelter, stor. room, 2 CP, RV port, 1440' metal bldg.!! MORE!! \$110K!!!
- NICE 4.8 acre homesites, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!
- NICE 3-2-2 Home on 11 acres at edge of town, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, freshly painted interior, thermal windows & doors, plus 1 bdrm house, workshop, storage, greenhouse, plus 3 garages, barns & outbuildings!! ~~\$455,000!!~~ \$135,000!!
- FM 1760 @ edge of town, nice 3-2-2 carport home on 3 acres, cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2253' lv area, fenced, horse barn w/corrals, hay & tack room!! \$105K!!!!
- VERY NICE 4-3 doublewide (2006) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2140' metal bldg., septic system, domestic well, on pavement close to town!! **PRICE REDUCED!! MAKE OFFER!**
- FM 303-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Det. Garage, 2 acre tract, Par. Cent. A&H, Dw, disposal, thermal windows, storm doors, fans, stor. bldg.!! \$89!! \$74,000!!
- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Mobile Home (1998 Skyline), approx. 2280' lv. area, Cent. air&heat, built-ins, FP, metal roof, auto spkrl., 40' x 80' insulated metal building, w/office, 1/2 bath, workshop, loft storage, 220 electric, 14.68 acres on Hwy.84 close to town!! MUCH MORE!! \$157,900!!

LAND & COMMERCIAL

- Approx. 1080' metal bldg. w/off. & 3 bay garage/workshop area plus chain link fenced area!! \$39,500!!
- GREAT BUSINESS LOCATION - 13000' Bldg., 7000' paved parking, corner lot, Hwy. 84 & Main. A&H, \$100,000!! **Price Reduced \$80,000!!**
- 101.8 acres, edge of town, pasture & farm land, 1 irrig. well!! \$122,244!!
- FOR LEASE - 2100' office space + 20,500' warehouse area!!
- 308 W. 2nd - 2856' bldg. - former Odd Fellows Lodge, PRICED TO SELL!! \$31,500
- 1020 S. Main - 200' x 104' tract w/ 1000' Bldg.!! \$20K!!
- 70 acres NE of Muleshoe - \$450 per acre!!
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Texas' Last Frontier Celebration To Be Held In Morton

Saturday, June 29, is "Kids' Day" in Morton at the 10th Annual Texas' Last Frontier Celebration and Buffalo Soldier Encampment.

The fun begins with a downtown parade at 10 a.m. in Morton sponsored by the Cochran County Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club.

The parade theme is "The Buffalo Soldiers," who will be the grand marshals for the parade. Church, school, vacation bible school, youth organizations, and riding clubs are invited to join in the parade.

Just line up with the rest of the parade entrants at 9:30 a.m. at Strickland Park, located at Garfield Avenue and Third Street, in Morton.

This year's parade also features a Lions Club "Decorate Your Bike" contest. To enter the contest, kids with bikes should gather at the Missionary Baptist Church parking lot at East Taylor and Main, where they will join the parade.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three contestants. And, for those who want to just sit on the sidelines and enjoy the parade, come prepared to take plenty of photos and catch the candy and other treats being thrown



Lions Club "Decorate Your Bike" Contest, Texas' Last Frontier Heritage Celebration, Morton. Photo courtesy of Lu Ann Aday

from parade floats and entries.

Follow the crowds to the Cochran County Park and tour an authentic Texas Buffalo Soldier camp — brought to you by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Buffalo Soldier Living History Program.

Try your hand at some of the skills used by the earliest inhabitants of the Texas High Plains, including archery competition, arrow head and tool making, cane pole fishing, and animal tracking, among others.

At 1 p.m., join youth re-enactors in retracing the route taken through the Cochran County Park by the 1877 Buffalo Soldier Expedition. Mount your horses or join in on foot.

And, at 1:30 p.m. girls up to 18 years of age are invited to enjoy a chuckwagon-catered tea, just like the ladies on the western frontier.

You have plenty of

opportunity to show off your talents as well. A 11:15 a.m. talent show and a 4 p.m. musical entertainment event will feature "Open Mic" times when interested participants are invited to join in with their favorite songs or stories.

The whole family could try their luck at a Bingo game sponsored by St. Ann's Catholic Church, Morton, starting at 2 p.m. in the County Park.

MYR Kids' young riders organization is sponsoring "The 2013 Last Frontier Braggin' Rights Brisket Cookoff Benefitting MYR Kids."

The entry fee for the cookoff is \$50 with the participants providing their own brisket.

The entry fees could be mailed to Lisa Timmons-Rice, 546 CR 45, Morton, Texas 79346. Fees must be received by June 21.

Teams competing in

the cookoff may begin setting up their cooking stations at the county park after noon on Friday, June 28. Briskets must be cooked at the park to qualify.

Finished briskets to be judged must be turned in by 11:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

Winners will be announced at 1:15 p.m. followed by an auction of whole cooked briskets and other items to benefit MYR Kids.

And, Saturday night mosey on over to the Cochran County Rodeo Arena for an exciting MYR Kids Play Day, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Participants for the June 29 play day do not have to be a member of MYR Kids to enter the events.

Entry fees are \$3 for each non-roping event, \$4 for roping events, and \$5 for the team roping.

Youth up to 19 years of age who wish to enter the Play Day events

may sign up at the Cochran County Park throughout the day on Saturday or beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday at the Cochran County Rodeo Arena.

For more information on the MYR Play Day or Brisket Cookoff, call Lisa at 806-927-5385 or 806-893-5602 or Jake Timmons at 806-638-5108.

On Saturday, June 29th, a Mexican Plate Dinner (\$10.00) will be served at noon and a Mexican Stack Supper (\$7.00) at 5:30 p.m., at the Cochran County Park, catered by the Oasis Worship Center of Morton.

On Sunday morning,

June 30, at 11 a.m., you are invited to attend an outdoor community worship service at the park and then enjoy a barbecue and soul food dinner (\$10.00-adults; \$5.00-children), catered by Katherine Joyce, JJ's Barbeque of Morton, at the Morton School Cafeteria.

Event sponsors, the Cochran County Historical Commission and Texas' Last Frontier Historical Museum in Morton, extend a special invitation to join in the fun throughout the weekend. There is no overall admission fee and a \$1 fee at the gate for the MYR Kids Play Day.

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Storm Cleanup

Monday evening's storm brought much needed rain to the Muleshoe area, with reports of almost two inches received. However, the strong winds also required city workers to clear roadways of tree limbs. Pictured above, municipal employees clear a large branch that blocked the road at Third and Ave. E.

Spinning Rowels

Continued from A3 bit of gray attached to the actions.

Just because the majority of elected officials have voted to allow a government action is a far cry from making it right.

While many of the individuals connected to the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the United States have been either killed or imprisoned, there can be little doubt that the other side has won.

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Government actions we wouldn't have

considered allowing prior to 2001 are becoming common place at all levels of government.

Actions that touch on security issues are now shrouded, hidden from the people the actions purport to defend.

Anytime the actions that were previously forced into the light of public knowledge by government statutes are allowed to cloak themselves in gray shadows of legalese the rights of the people suffer.

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