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## Muleshoe Residents Speak Out Local Doctors' Contracts Signed

**By Larry Thornton**  
Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District approved contracts with two local physicians Tuesday, Oct. 1, following a lengthy public forum, an hour-long executive session and a split vote on the issue.

contracts with local physicians Dr. Bruce Purdy and Dr. Tyson Purdy.

What resulted was a packed meeting room as local residents — for the most part supporting the physicians, faced off against hospital district employees extolling the administrative virtues of MAHD CEO David Burke.

**“There is no way we can repay our doctors for what they’ve done...”**

Concerned citizen Rhett Kerby, who spoke briefly at the Sept. 26 special meeting, noted that while the contracts with the doctors had reportedly been agreed upon, they had yet to be signed by the MAHD board, adding, “This procrastination is irresponsible and unacceptable.”

Following a posted agenda for the MAHD regular meeting that didn’t include a posted agenda, board president Herb Ramage called a special meeting for Tuesday, Oct. 1, to allow the public an opportunity to comment on the apparent problems that had arisen in negotiating

Kerby expressed the opinion of many in the community that without the support of the Purdy’s medical practice the local



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Bailey County residents and hospital employees filled the Muleshoe Area Hospital District’s meeting room Tuesday, Oct. 1, anxious to voice their opinions about the long-pending contracts with two local physicians.

hospital wouldn’t survive, and urged the board members not to adjourn Tuesday’s meeting without the contract being signed.

Others, such as Dale Griswold of Muleshoe,

spoke of the quality of the local physicians, and the impact the Purdy’s medical practice has had on their lives and the lives of family members.

From the other side of the issue Muleshoe Area Medical Center employees such as Diane Brunson, who said problems with the contracts have never been about the value of the two doctors to the

Muleshoe community, adding that it was the financial issues in question, presenting extrapolated figures that suggested the Purdys had received



### It Takes A Herd

Paraphrasing the vernacular of Washington, DC, from a few years ago, it “takes a herd,” to accomplish the task at hand. In this particular instance, it took two herds as Muleshoe’s Freshman Mules faced off against the Denver City Mustangs Thursday, Oct. 3, during a bye week for the Varsity Mules.

Pictured above part of the Mule herd wraps up a Denver City runner. More game photographs, and related story, are on B1.

Photograph by Gabby Perez.

### Nov. 5 Ballot Issues Listed

Several joint resolutions regarding proposed amendments to the Texas State Constitution are up for vote on the Nov. 5 election.

These proposed amendments, and the analysis provided by the State of Texas are as follows:

**Part 1**  
**Amendment No. 1 (HJR 62)** — Authorizes the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action.

**Analysis** — Section 1-b, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, provides various exemptions

from property (or “ad valorem”) taxation for residence homesteads and limitations on



certain property taxes imposed on those homesteads.

The constitutional amendment proposed by HJR 62 authorizes the legislature to grant the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action a property tax exemption for all or part

of the market value of the surviving spouse’s residence homestead if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the service member’s death.

The amendment also authorizes the legislature to provide that, if a surviving spouse who qualifies for and receives such an exemption subsequently qualifies a different property as a residence homestead, the surviving spouse is entitled to a property tax exemption on the new homestead in an amount equal to the amount of the exemption received for the first homestead in the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption for that homestead if the surviving spouse

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### ‘Stuff The Bus’ Totals Are Down

**By Larry Thornton**  
Editor

Muleshoe’s “Stuff the Bus” efforts dropped dramatically this year, compared to previous years, according to representatives of the Bailey County Food Pantry.

While the first such effort, held on Oct. 9, 2010, accumulated a tremendous amount

of food that would be distributed to local families in need — 30,000 pounds to be exact, followed by decreasing collections in 2011 and 2012, this year took a sharp drop. “We only collected a total of 5,700 pounds,” April Smith of the food pantry said about Saturday’s efforts. “That 5,700 pounds includes

2,575 cans collected from students at the Muleshoe Independent School District.

Although there will be additional totals added to this amount when the flour and sugar being collected by local churches on Sunday, Oct. 13, are tallied, it is expected to be the lowest amount donated to date.



Photograph by Rachel Mata

### Fun Run Held

Muleshoe students joined Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets for the annual “Fun Run” at Muleshoe’s new city park Saturday, Oct. 5. More on A3 and B2.

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## Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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### Muleshoe FFA Meal

On Friday, Oct. 11, the Muleshoe FFA students will be hosting a pre-game "Hamburger Supper" prior to the game against Friona. The cost of the meal is \$7.

As with most of the pre-game meals serving is expected to be from 5-7 p.m. for dine-in. Deliveries will be available from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. To place an order call 272-7305.

For tickets contact any FFA student or call the high school at 272-7303.

### Title 1 Program

The Muleshoe Independent School District will be hosting its annual Title 1 Fall program, "Families Raising Good Citizens," presented by Maria Adelina Pena, on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Kerry Moore Auditorium. The public is invited to attend, and childcare will be provided.

### Cookie Dough, Pies

The Junior Class of Muleshoe High School is selling cookie dough and pies just in time for Thanksgiving. If you would like to order either of these items, contact a Junior Class member or call the high school at 272-7303.

### Bailey County Office of Aging

The Health Insurance Marketplace is open. If you or anyone you know are not covered by any health insurance, you can make an appointment with Shelby Carpenter starting Oct. 2. She will be assisting residents in and around Bailey County with health insurance questions and concerns.

You can contact her at the Bailey County Office of Aging, 806-272-3647.

### Park View Trick Or Treat

The residents of Park View Nursing Care Center invite community children to visit the facility for "trick or treat" on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 6-7 p.m., to share their costumes with the residents and receive treats in the "Spook Room."

### Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare open enrollment is coming up quickly. Open enrollment begins on Oct. 15 and runs through Dec. 7. If you are needing to enroll or compare prescription drug coverage call Shelby Carpenter at the Bailey County Office of Aging to make an appointment.

Her office number is 806-272-3647. Medicaid and Social Security counseling will also be available.

### Senior Class Pre-Game Meal

On Friday, Oct. 18, the Muleshoe High School Senior class students will be hosting the pre-game "Mexican Pile-on" prior to the game against Bushland. The cost of that meal is \$7.

As with most of the pre-game meals serving is expected to be from 5-7 p.m. for dine-in. Deliveries will be available from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. To place an order call 272-7305.

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## 'Mea Culpas' Needed For Tax Rate Election

### Editorial

The most disturbing issue arising from last week's special meeting of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District wasn't the need for the hospital district and a couple of its physicians to reach an agreement, it was the "us and them" attitude that was readily apparent.

As individuals stepped forward to voice their opinion about the issue of the doctor's contracts, it was clear that for the most part the administration and employees of the hospital were at odds with the residents of Muleshoe and Bailey County.

At one point, one of the hospital employees even stood up and announced that she was glad she wasn't a resident of Muleshoe, while another employee — another non-county resident, questioned the intelligence level of this community.

Although the administration will

undoubtedly deny orchestrating the comments from the employees, that was how it appeared, and we wouldn't be the least bit surprised if that is how it will be remembered by local residents.

From our experience following government boards, the only instances in which we recall public employees reacting in this manner have been at the urging — gentle or otherwise, of their superiors.

The wording of the posted agenda, which precluded discussion with the board, and the answers those who appeared at September's regular meeting sought, and the unusual appearance of two attorney's representing the hospital board, probably didn't help matters.

And based upon the contracts these

attorney's apparently approved, which resulted in this mess in the first place, it's a reasonable question as to whether the attorneys were representing the hospital district board at the Oct. 8 meeting... or the administration.

In the end, it is our opinion that attorneys for the hospital district should be representing the interests of the district's constituents and not the board or the administration. But, since we weren't present in Tuesday's closed session, we can't say how that particular issue played out.

Even though the

doctors' contracts have been signed, the hospital district still faces a problem... at its May 23 regular meeting, the MAHD board voted to call an election in May 2014 with the removal of the district's tax rate cap on the ballot.

If the election was held this week, it would be as needless a waste of hospital district funds... it just wouldn't pass.

However, with the election still seven months away, there's a chance that with sufficient "mea culpas" the hospital district's administration, and its employees, can turn public feelings around. But they had better start now.

### Letter to the Editor

#### More On Pete's Move

**Letter to the Editor:** Please don't move Pete!! As Robin Atwood commented in the *Journal*, "It seems a 'poor' excuse," wanting to move Pete.

He has stood at the intersection of the Clovis Hwy, and Main St. for many years. And, yes, people do stop and see Pete at his present location.

I too believe if Pete was moved from his current location, tourists would not even know there is a "Main Street in Muleshoe."

Yes, I am an "out of town" resident, but Muleshoe is home to me.

And I also do not believe this would benefit my "hometown" to move Pete at all.

The Heritage Center is a great place to stop and visit. I have good memories of some of the homes there. But Pete belongs "right where he is" in my opinion.

And I also agree with Robin about a website for the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture. If you don't choose to use the web, then drop by the chamber office and leave a copy of your "suggestions and complaints!" You have a right to express your opinion.

Furthermore, I'd like to make a comment about Muleshoe celebrating the 100th birthday.

As we drove into town for our 60th class reunion, I saw "nothing" to indicate our beloved hometown was having a 100th birthday. Quite a disappointment I must say.

Still Muleshoe is our home, and we continue to stay in touch with many residents. But, please, people —

whoever you are — withdraw your request to move Pete. He looks very majestic right where he is!

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# MAHD Board Meeting...

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 a million dollars for their work at the clinic in the past year, but not commenting on the fact that such a figure meant the hospital district made \$800,000 from the clinic, not including hospital services such as lab work, x-rays, and admissions — according to the contract that was in place, during the same period. Eric Washington, who admitted being Tyson Purdy's brother-in-law, said later in the meeting, "It's not what they (the doctors) make, it's what they make for the community."

*"It's not what they make, it's what they make for the community."*

who said she was glad she wasn't a resident of the community. And Stacy Conner, PhD, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe, who "speaking on behalf of the ignorant in the room," following comments made by hospital employee

Bobby Turner, spoke of Bruce Purdy's 30 years of devotion to the patients of Muleshoe, and the need to keep both the doctors and the hospital. Conner urged the board members to get in a room, work something out, and bless the community." After listening to approximately 22 individuals, the board retired into closed session before returning an hour later to cast a vote 4-1 vote — with Ramage dissenting — authorizing the contract with the physicians to be signed.

When the problems with the doctors' contracts first arose in May, Dr. Bruce Purdy said they wanted a contract similar to previous contracts in which the hospital received 40 percent funds received to pay for the operation of the clinic, and the doctors received the remaining 60 percent of the amounts received.

At the time, it was also noted that the presented contract included various clauses the physicians described as an "employee contract," which didn't accurately portray their relationship with the hospital district.

Reportedly, those additional clauses had been removed from the contract approved Tuesday evening. "There is no way we can repay the doctors for what they've done," resident Cecil Wood said.

Others speaking included local resident Don Phelps, who reminded the board that Burke had brought the nursing home and hospital "out of the red."

"He has absolutely pulled the hospital up," a MAHD employee at the back of the room said about Burke.

Both sides alluded to inaccuracies and half-truths that have been bandied about the community in the last few weeks, and a large number of local residents took issue with a comment from one of the hospital employees

# It Was A Great Day For A Fun Run

Every year about this time, the Muleshoe Independent School District hosts the Muleshoe Fun Run.

All of the high school and junior high cross country teams compete on a two-mile course laid out at the West City Park.

Coach Jay Gorman, the Muleshoe High School Cross Country coach, organizes and runs off the event.

Every year, I challenge all of the runners in this race. Anyone who beats me in the two-mile run gets a certificate that says, "I beat Dr. Sheets!"

The race has become known as the "Beat Dr. Sheets" race.

There are a few adults and smaller children who also compete in the race. We hope next year

Super news from MISD

By Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets



to have more adults running in the race.

The Muleshoe Fun Run was a big success this year! The weather was nearly perfect. It was cool and not very much wind at all.

It was very pleasant conditions for a Fun Run.

The weather made it enjoyable for the



## New Officer Takes Oath

Muleshoe City Secretary LeAnn Gallman administered the oath of office to new police officer Don Baker during ceremonies at Muleshoe City Hall on Thursday, Oct. 3. Photograph by Larry Thornton

Gorman for making this event possible.

It's always fun to be with the kids, and it is especially fun to run with them on this Fun Run every year.

Also thanks to the adults who ran or came to show their support! We had a big crowd.

Maybe you can come out next year in October and run with us. We would love to have you enjoy a good time with us.

I love being with our students and seeing them compete and show great sportsmanship.

It's a great time to be a Mule!

Yes, some of those were junior high runners, but that's okay. I am glad they are running well.

I appreciate Coach

I was very fortunate this year to run a pretty good time in the race.

At my age, I never know if my body is going to cooperate or not.

One week I have a pulled muscle, and the next week I run without an injury.

It happened that this year I was pretty healthy. Only 20 kids were able to outrun me and earn a certificate!

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Dr. Gene Sheets... and some of his fitness followers take part in Saturday's Fun Run.



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By Laverne Winn

The Oneita Wagon Senior Center will be hosting an open house on Friday, Oct. 11. We invite all to come by the center on Friday to visit the center. We have been open for 10 years and we invite you to come by, have coffee, cookies, and see our center. There will be a silent auction on desserts. The ladies at the center will be baking cakes, pies, brownies, etc., for you to make a bid on. The bidding will begin at 10 a.m., and continue until 2 p.m. Make plans to come by and see what the ladies have made, make a bid and support the

center. On Wednesday, Oct. 16, the Senior Companion Group will be meeting for lunch at the center. We are always happy to have them meet with us. Tuesday, Oct. 15, will be Bunco playing day. Call a friend and come on in to play. The games began at 10 a.m. There is a lot of fun and fellowship and you even win prizes. Thursday, Oct. 17, is the birthday party day at the center. We invite all senior citizens 60 years of age and over to come, enjoy the fellowship, have lunch and let us honor you for another year. We appreciate

furnishing the cake. Thursday is also Bingo day at the center. We have a lot of fun. Our caller is someone from IntegraCare, and we appreciate her very much. You also win prizes.. There are really no words that can describe the thankfulness we feel for all the support we have received from everyone. Just remember, the center is for you to come enjoy good fellowship, food, and make your day a little better. Our prayers and love to all our friends who can not be with us. We miss you and hope you are back real soon. **Oct. 14-18 menus:** Monday, Oct. 14 — Baked chicken breast, au gratin potatoes, peas

and carrots, Waldorf salad, cornbread, and sliced banana in orange juice. Tuesday, Oct. 15 — Meatloaf with sauce, mashed potatoes, winter-blend vegetables, apple fluff, and a wheat roll. Wednesday, Oct. 16 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll, and fruit cobbler. Thursday, Oct. 17— Barbecue beef brisket, ranch-style beans, buttered carrots, cornbread, strawberries, and birthday cake. Friday, Oct. 18 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread, and fruit salad. All meals are served with milk, tea, coffee, or water.

# Club News SCAC

The Muleshoe High School's Student Community Action Club met on Sept. 16, at the Muleshoe Heritage Center. Club president Bailey Bales called the meeting to order with 17 members present. McKenna lead with prayer, and sponsor Chris Mardis opened with the topic of how to improve the club. The September Citizen of the Month was Annete Orozco, who was one of the original members. The members reviewed the duty the organization's officers, and planned on ho to reach the goals they've set. The members also discussed this year's

Tour De Muleshoe, which had many bikers and a good ending. Help came from Kellie, Blayne, and Bailey. The members also debated whether to participate in Volunteer Lubbock. McKenna will call for additional information. The SCAC members plan to decorate a Christmas tree in the future, and discussed the organization's finances. The club currently has \$1,471.37 in its treasury, and are considering donating it for a landscaping job. A committee will make the choice. Each member will pay \$10 dues and Adrienne will collect it, she also

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# Obituaries

## Eva 'Lorraine' Dearing

Eva "Lorraine" Kuehler Dearing arrived in heaven on Monday, Oct. 7, 2013.

Services to honor her memory and celebrate her life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 11, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe, with Father Leo Pahamtang officiating.

Interment will follow at the Muleshoe Memorial Park.

A rosary will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 6:30 p.m., at Ellis Funeral Home in Muleshoe.

Born on July 10, 1916, to George and Mary Kuehler in Groom, Lorraine was 97 years young at the time of her home-going.

On June 10, 1944, she married Bennet Alfred Dearing, and to this marriage, two children were born.

She is preceded in death by her husband; parents; and six siblings.

She is survived by a son — Lynn Dearing of Brooksville, Fla.,



along with his children — Sean Macy, Lauren Masem, and Scott Dearing, all of Florida; and her daughter and husband — Steve and Judy Patterson of Sachse, with their children — Jennifer Letchford and husband Nathanael of Austin, and Timothy Patterson and wife Brynna of Allen.

She is also survived by three sisters-in-law, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorial gifts to Meals on Wheels, 300 South 1st Street, Muleshoe, Texas, 79374.

Online memorials and condolences can be made at [www.ellisfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ellisfuneralhomes.com)

# Wisdom Is One of God's Favorite Tools

We often talk about how hard it is to know God's will for our lives, but let's get real.

Knowing God's will is rarely the hard part; what's hard is doing the part of God's will we already know but pretend that we don't.

And then, hurting ourselves and others, we ignore a hundred warning signs, step on the gas, and drive right over a cliff.

We've all done it. We say we want God's wisdom; then we ignore the ways he sends it.

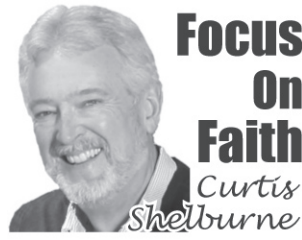
A few years ago I decided to build a shed. I had in mind a shed/greenhouse, 12 feet by 16 feet, rustic, an old "saltbox" style barn.

Simple. Nothing fancy.

Fine, but I couldn't keep it simple.

I bought books and perused plans, tacked together what I liked best, scribbled notes in a yellow pad.

Each time I got a section designed, I'd add to the "materials list" what I'd need to nail together the flagship of this pastor's attempts to impersonate a carpenter.



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I soon made the happy discovery that in addition to building materials, I'd need a few new tools.

The most important was one I could hardly wait to get my hands on: a framing nail gun.

A man's machine if there ever was one, it was without doubt the finest and most efficient tool of the project, which was finally completed and has become a shed/greenhouse/man-cave/magic castle for grandkids/sermon-factory all in one.

It boggles my mind to try to imagine the infinite and eternal Creator planning the world in which he would nestle and nurture his soon-to-be-created children.

Before the world was created and sets spinning, our mighty Creator planned its oceans and their boundaries.

Before he flung the stars across the sky, God knew where he

would sculpt the ocean canyons and call forth springs.

In his plan, God saw every particle of dust, every vast mountain range.

The greatest Architect of all, God, "marked out" the foundations of the earth.

But before God called into being even one molecule of this world, Proverbs 8 tells us that he "brought forth" the greatest "tool," the "wisdom" with which he would fashion all things.

Wisdom would not only be his tool for all of creation, wisdom would be the "craftsman" by his side completely delighting in his work and "rejoicing always before him."

When God created in his own image the human children he fashioned to be the

climax of creation and the objects of his deepest love, wisdom was there and "delighted in mankind."

When I was building my shed, one of my sons helped me raise its frame, and it was a joy to see him wield my favorite tool with real skill.

One of the most wonderful truths of Proverbs 8 is that God the Creator invites us, his children, to share in his joy as we seek, use, and are blessed by his favorite tool, wisdom.

God built the universe with that tool, and he promises his children that if we heed his instruction and trust his plan, we can always use the best of his tools, his wisdom, to build our lives.

If we refuse to use it and leave it in the box...

## MAA Check Presentation

The Muleshoe Art Association presented a check to the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation on Thursday, Oct. 3.

The Muleshoe Art Association displayed art at the Heritage Center this past July 4. Pictured above, from left to right, are Sandra Chancey, MAA treasurer, Dolores Harvey of the Heritage Center, and Ann Johnson, MAA president.



## SCAC Meeting...

Continued from A4 needs to work on the shirts.

An idea to paint the parking spots for \$20, Don Ann will speak to Principal Steve Myatt, and the school board.

SCAC currently has 23 members, but will accept more.

The application deadline is Oct. 18.

The next meeting will be held at Adrienne's house on Oct. 21.

Parent-teacher conferences are Oct. 8. Heritage Center

meeting and the fall festival are Oct. 26.

We then voted on the next citizen of the month.

Later during the meeting, the members debated whether statue of Pete the Mule should be moved from the Muleshoe Chamber office to the Heritage Center.

There was an unanimous vote for Pete to stay where he is.

Bailey adjourned the meeting at 7:47.

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# Spooky Costumes Aren't As Scary As Impaired Drivers

Halloween is a particularly deadly night due to the high number of drunk drivers on the road. In 2012, Texas lost 15 motorists from Friday, Oct. 28, through

Wednesday, Oct. 31. The Saturday prior to Halloween was a particularly deadly night, with 10 Texans losing their lives in alcohol-related crashes. Texaslawenforcement

officers remind drivers that they will be out in force looking for drunk drivers. If you do not drive sober, you will get pulled over. Young men are

particularly at risk of being involved in a traffic crash as a result of "buzzed" or drunk driving. "With drunk driving, there's no trick and there's no treat," said

Kathy Carr, AgriLife Extension agent for Bailey County. "We want all our residents to remember that Halloween is about kids and trick-or-treating — not about seeing how much alcohol they can drink."

lost wages due to time off from work. Plan ahead so that you don't turn the roads into a real-life horror show. If you are going to a party, plan a way to safely get home at the end of the night. For information on free alcohol awareness programs available through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Watch UR BAC program in College Station, go to [www.watchurbac.tamu.edu](http://www.watchurbac.tamu.edu), or call 979-862-1911.

## Marriage Is Marriage: Common Law Or Formal

Q. Does a common law wife have the same rights to her husband's property following death or divorce, as does a wife by a formal marriage?

A. As I have said many times before, a common law marriage basically is no different in legal effect than any other form of marriage. The parties to a common law marriage have the same rights as any other married couple. If your husband dies or you are divorced, the property will be divided in accordance with Texas community property laws.

Q. I came in to work and was told that the next day would be my last; I was no longer needed. Don't I have to get two weeks notice? Can I just be fired like this?

A. Unless you have an employment contract or a union agreement, employees in Texas work "at will." That means an employee can be fired, or quit, without any prior notice and for almost any reason. Many businesses give two weeks notice, but it is voluntary.

Q. I got in a political argument with my

boss, and was fired for speaking my mind. How can this happen in this country? What ever happened to freedom of speech? Can I sue my employer?

A. There seems to be a great deal of misunderstanding when it comes to the right of free speech guaranteed in our Constitution.

You often hear people say, "It's a free country, and I can say what I want." That is not exactly what the Constitution says.

The right of free speech guaranteed in the Constitution basically means that the government cannot restrict or punish an individual's speech.

It has nothing to do, however, with a private employer's right to discipline, or fire, an employee.

For example, if the government were to pass a law stating that you could not express your opinion on the recent election, arrest you for expressing an unpopular opinion, or try to limit newspapers

or television stations from publishing editorials, it would be an unconstitutional restriction on free speech.

On the other hand, a private employer may have a policy that prohibits its employees from discussing politics in the workplace, and could fire someone who expressed an opinion with which he disagreed.

Q. I was a week late paying rent. When I discovered my landlord had taken my television and stereo.

He left a note telling me I could get it back when I paid my rent. Is this legal?

A. It may be. In some cases, a landlord has the right to take a tenant's property when the tenant does not pay rent. This is called a "landlord's lien."

In order for the landlord's contractual lien to be enforceable, there must be a provision in the lease, written in conspicuous bold print or underlined.

## Ask A Lawyer...

By Richard Alderman

If the landlord has a lien, he may enter your apartment and take certain property.

The law, however, protects essential property, such as furniture, wearing apparel, food, toys, books, and photos.

The landlord is not allowed to take these items. Televisions and stereos, however, are not protected from the lien, and may be taken.

If a landlord takes your property, he must leave a note explaining what he took and what you need to do to get it back.

If you do not pay what you owe, the landlord has the right to sell the property and apply the proceeds to your debt.

If you feel your landlord has wrongfully taken your property, I suggest you speak with him and ask for it to be returned.

A landlord who violates the lien law could be liable for whatever damages you suffer, plus one month's rent or \$500, whichever is greater.

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# The Sudan Buzz

## Sudan Has A 'Monstrous Night' Against Smyer

By Cheri Sain  
Sudan Correspondent

Sudan's Barry Johnson had another monstrous night on offense with 17 carries for 187 yards as the Sudan Hornets beat the Smyer Bobcats on the road Friday night, Oct. 4, for their last non-district game of the season with a score of 38-6.

It was also a stellar night for quarterback Stephen Schovajsa with over 100 yards passing and Tanner Fisher with 57 yards receiving.

Even though Sudan dominated the rest of the game, it was a tough beginning for the Hornets.

Smyer took an early lead with a quick scoring drive in the first when Tye Lozano connected with Brennan Fowler on a seven-yard pass.

It capped a five play, 49 yard drive with only 2:45 off the clock. The point after kick by TJ Escobedo was no good.

This would be the only time the Bobcats saw the end zone for the rest of the game.

Late in the first quarter, Sudan's Schovajsa found Fisher in the middle of the field on a slant run that took Fisher in to the end zone.

The PAT was good by Edgar Nunez giving the Hornets the one point lead.

In the second quarter, Johnson ran 67 yards for the Hornet touchdown. The scoring drive consisted of two plays for 73 yards and only 56 seconds off the clock. The PAT was good.

Late in the second quarter, Schovajsa found Xavier Trillo within the red zone.

Trillo dragged three defenders with him into the end zone giving the Hornets the half time lead of 21-6, after the PAT was good by Nunez.

The third quarter saw both sides coming out on defense and having key turnovers and penalties.

Finally, late in the third quarter, Schovajsa connected with Ty Shaw for a seven-yard run to finish off a four-play,

16-yard scoring drive, after a fumble recovery by Ethan Herrera.

The PAT was good giving the Hornets the third quarter lead with a score of 28-6.

Johnson scored his last touchdown run of the night on a two-yard touchdown run.

The points on the board came from a time consuming 14 play, 59 yard drive. The Pat was good by Nunez.

The last score of the drive came with 2:56 left in the game Nunez would score a three-point field goal from the 27 yard line.

The Hornets' total offense for the night was impressive with 43 plays and 394 yards.

Smyer won the time of possession with 34:46 of total time on the field; however, the Hornets scored their points with only 17:53 of total time.

"We had 394 yards of offense to 107 for Smyer," Coach Gordon Martin said.

"We are still committing too many penalties especially those that let our



Photograph by Cheri Sain

Sudan quarterback Stephen Schovajsa runs for a first down against Smyer.

opponents have a first down instead of punting the ball away to us," he added.

Leading rushers for Sudan were Johnson, Reece Harper with two carries for 42 yards, and Marcos Gonzales with five carries for 18 yards.

Leading receivers were Fisher, Ty Shaw with two carries for 19 yards, and Harris Chester with one carry for 12 yards.

On defense, Luke Tiller had an outstanding night with

three solo tackles and seven assisted tackles. Ethan Herrera had two assisted and eight unassisted tackles. Uriel Delgado had eight tackles and a sack.

"Overall, I am very pleased with the progress of the team,"

Coach Martin said." All of the teams have really come around in recent weeks."

Sudan will have their open date next week and will begin district play in two weeks against Springlake Earth at Wolverine Stadium.

## Bold Gold Places At Tumbleweed Festival

By Cheri Sain  
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Bold Gold Band competed at the Tumbleweed Marching Band Festival on Saturday, Oct. 5, where they won the 1A division and a first place trophy for the band hall.

New band director

Nick Stephenson said that the band is coming along nicely. "I'm excited about the possibilities of this group," Stephenson said.

The band competed against 1A through 5A from Texas and New Mexico.

Sudan placed 12th overall and scored

above five local bands.

The top 10 bands advanced to finals, and no 1A schools made it to the finals. The top 10 finalists were Frenship, Clovis, Monterey, Cooper, Pecos, Hobbs, and Brownfield.

The results from preliminaries are as follows: Frenship, first; Bovina, second; Monterey, third; Cooper, fourth; Hobbs, fifth; Brownfield, sixth; Pecos, seventh; Levelland, eighth; Lovington, ninth; Shallowater, 10th; Seminole, 11th; Sudan, 12th; Portales, 13th; Smyer, 14th; Roswell, 15th; Estacado, 16th; Seagraves, 17th; Plains, 18th; and Bovina, 19th.

Frenship won

the contest followed by Clovis, Monterey, Cooper, Pecos, Hobbs, and Brownfield.

"The festival was well worth it," Stephenson said. "We got lots of great comments and a few neat ideas to try."

The band's next contest is at Lowery Field in Lubbock at the Lubbock Music Festival.

The band will perform at 4:45 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 12.

The following week, on Oct. 19, will be the regional contest at the same field.



## Speech Team Competes

Sudan High School's Speech Team — Trae Smith, Rance Johnson, Marcos Gonzales, and Kendon Drennan attended the Muleshoe Speech Tournament this past weekend.

Drennan placed third in Lincoln Douglas Debate.

Thank you for reading!

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## SPORTS NEWS

## Freshmen Mules Remain Undefeated

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Freshmen Mules stayed undefeated Thursday, Oct. 3, by trouncing the Denver City Mustangs for the second time this season.

The Mules exploded for 26 points in the opening period and then cruised to a 46-0 win.

The Mules kicked off to the Mustangs to start the game. The Mule defense halted the Mustangs on the first three plays and the subsequent Mustang punt only went seven yards to the Denver City 11.

Beto Diaz tossed an eleven-yard touchdown pass to Javy Perez. Tre Villa ran the two-point conversion in for an 8-0 Mule lead with eight minutes remaining in the opening period.

Diaz stepped in front of a Mustang pass near midfield and returned to the Denver City 25.

Jessie Leal carried for five yards on first down. Diaz rolled to his right on second down for a 20-yard touchdown.

The point after failed and the Mules led 14-0 with 5:33 on the clock in the first quarter.

The Mule defense forced the Mustangs to punt for the second time in the opening period and the Mules allowed the punt to roll dead on the Mustang 38.

Diaz connected with J. Perez coming out of the backfield for five yards.

Diaz ran through a huge hole in the center of the Mustang defense for 23 yards and a first and goal at the Denver City 10.

Diaz then connected with Leal at the goal line for a 10-yard touchdown.

The Mules led 20-0 with just over three minutes left in the first period.

Tim Perez kicked off to the Mustang four and Denver City returned to the Mustang 33.

Denver City picked up a 12 yards on first down. Mario Flores and Blake Parker teamed up for a stop and a one-yard loss.

Francisco Saucedo crashed into the Mustang running back and jarred the ball loose and Flores covered it for the Mules at the Denver City 28.

The Mustang defense was in the neutral zone on second down to give the Mules a second and five at the Denver City 23.

An inside-screen pass from Diaz to Villa went for six yards.

Diaz rolled around the left side for a 17-yard score to put the Mules on top 26-0 with just under a minute remaining in the first



Photograph by Gabby Perez

The Freshmen Mules prepare to "gently" lay down Denver City's runner during Thursday's game.

period.

Dominic Hasley got in the Denver City backfield for a stop and three-yard loss on the first play of the second quarter.

J. Perez leaped high in the air to snatch a Mustang pass at the Mustang 44 and raced to the Denver City 28 before being stopped.

Diaz hit Jason Florez running a slant over the middle and he went to the Mustang nine.

Florez then made a finger-tip catch in the end zone with 8:43 remaining in the first half.

Villa hop scotched his way up the middle for the two-point conversion and a 34-0 Mule lead.

Evan Paez and Donovan Gutierrez teamed up to stop the Mustang running back on first down for a six-yard loss.

Villa then intercepted a Mustang pass at the Mule 42 and for the first time in the game the Mules started a drive in Muleshoe territory.

The Mules could not move the ball and returned the ball to the Mustangs on the Mule end of the field.

The Mustangs used up the final four and half minutes of the half and reached just inside the Mule 20.

Florez broke up a Mustang pass to end

the first half with the Mules leading 34-0.

Denver City kicked off to begin the second half and Villa returned the ball 11 yards to the Mule 31.

Diaz hung the ball just over the shoulder of Florez streaking down the field on a fly pattern at the Mustang 48.

He raced to the end zone to increase the Mules' lead to 40-0 twenty three seconds into the second half.

The clock was allowed to run continuously after the Mule TD.

The Mustangs only crossed midfield once in the second half before Mario DeHoyas picked off a pass at the Mule 30 and returned to the 36.

The Mules gave the ball back on downs as the final period began on the Denver City 26.

Saucedo chased down the Mustang quarterback for a 15-yard sack on first down.

He then got in the Denver City backfield and made the stop for a five-yard loss.

The Mustang punt from the Mustang 6 rolled dead on the Denver City 28.

J. Perez caught a Diaz pass that went for seven yards and then he tacked on eight yards with a run up the middle.

Paez took over in the backfield as the running

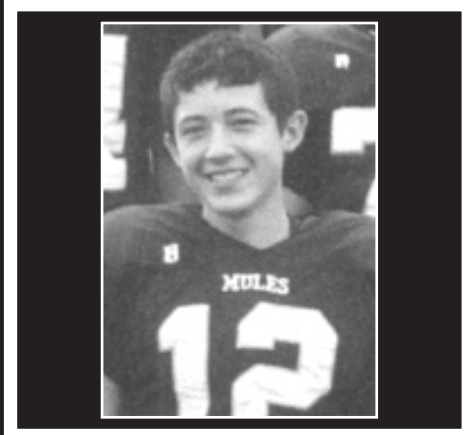
back and spun out of a tackle in the Mule backfield and raced 12 yards to the Mustang one.

The Mules lost three yards on first down before Diaz hit Paez coming out of the backfield for a four-yard pass and run for the final points of the game.

The Mules are open Thursday, Oct. 10, as Friona does not have a freshmen team.

The Mules will travel to Bushland to face the Falcons on Oct. 17 and will return home to host the Dimmitt Bobcats on Oct. 24.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> • Friona @ 7:30 (Home)

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> • Bushland @ 7:30 (Home)

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> • Dimmitt @ 7:30 (Away)



Thanks  
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# SPORTS NEWS

## '60-Year-Old Man Should Know Better Than To Do This'

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

Approximately 200 Muleshoe High School and Watson Junior High cross-country runners gathered in the New City Park for the annual 'Beat Dr. Sheets Fun Run' Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

"The Fun Run was a big success," said Muleshoe cross-country coach Jay Gorman. "The weather cooperated with as the field of about 200 challenged Dr. Gene Sheets, Muleshoe ISD superintendent, to a two mile run."

"As every year, you have to run a great time to beat Dr. Sheets and this year was no different," continued Gorman.

"Only 20 kids were able to outrun Dr. Sheets and earn a certificate. A big thanks to Dr. Sheets for making this wonderful event possible. Also thanks to the adults who ran or came to show their

support. We had a big crowd," Gorman said.

Sheets had arrived at the park early to do his stretching exercises and warm up routine.

"What was I thinking," ask Sheets. "A 60 year old man should know better than to do this."

"Beat Dr. Sheets!" Was the rally cry of the challengers just prior to the start of the race.

The runners were scattered across about a 30-yard wide starting area and then were rapidly funneled down to the walking track.

The runners ran the short loop on the east end of park before making the run around the park.

Sheets is a disciplined runner and soon set a comfortable pace for himself rather than getting caught up in the heat of the moment and attempting to lead the pack.

Sheets crossed the bridge in 26th place after

the short loop as the pack began to scatter out on the track.

Sheets stuck to his pace and finished 21st.

Jesus Manzanares crossed the finish line first with a time of twelve minutes and 23 seconds.

Manzanares had started the race with a burrito in one hand and a drink in the other. He also stopped for a drink of water after the short loop.

Noah Del Toro was second with a 12:36 and Mario Flores took third with a 12:45.

It was not reported exactly what Sheets time was but only 20 runners crossed the finish line in front of him.

Adrienne Precure, a Lady Mule cross-country team member, walked up to Dr. Sheets after finishing the run with tears in her eyes.

Precure apologized for the tears and said, "I just realized this is the final time I will get to do this."

"I am really glad you are going to graduate because you have beaten

me the last four years," replied Sheets.

"It was a really good day for this and the extra warm up time seemed to have really help me today," said Sheets.

"I really do feel good and it is great to see so many kids out running this morning as well as community members out watching and cheering for them. I think a good time was had by all," he said.

The results of the Smyer Cross-Country Meet finally became available this week.

The Lady Mules finished fifth out of 21 teams and a total of 162 runners competed in the varsity girls' division.

The Lady Mules got back their two seniors for the Smyer meet but their two fastest freshmen were out with illness or injured.

It is only two weeks before the district meet.

Noemi Hernera led the Lady Mules with a 30th place finish with a time of 13:45 around the two mile course.

Precure was 39th

with a 13:58, Aimee Rosas took 43rd with a 13:59 and Carolina Franco finished 47th with a 14:02.

Miranda Acevedo placed 75th with a 14:32 and Zoe Apodaca crossed the line in 101st with a 15:06.

The Mules finished eighth out of 12 teams and 92 runners competed in the varsity boys division.

Manzanares led the Mules with a 19th place finish with a time of 18:16 on the three-mile course.

Louis Herrera finished 39th with a time of 19:09 and Evan Paez was 47th with a 19:24.

Noah Del Toro took 53rd with a time of 19:50 and Raul Trevino finished in 89th with a 23:48.

Team results were not available for the JV Lady Mules but Ruby Andrade finished 13th with a time of 14:28 and Jasmine Garza took 14th with a 14:30.

Keidi Salas finished 19th with a time of 14:43, Blanca Ramirez ran 26th with a 14:49

and Brooklyn Beall was 47th with a 15:30.

Dessiree Guterrez finished 58th with a 15:43 and Emily Precure was 61st with a 15:46.

Kayla Preston took 79th with a 16:09 and Jazmin Arellano crossed the line in 110th place with a 17:00.

Two of the Muleshoe Junior High runners received medals at the Smyer Meet.

Seventh graders Jose Nava finished 10th and Liliana Martinez placed 18th to bring home individual medals.

Muleshoe Junior High cross-country coach said, "We do not have accurate results for our kids that competed in the Smyer Meet except for our medal winners. There was a ton of competitors and our kids have competed well this year. They always work hard to get better and I am very proud of them."

All the Muleshoe cross-country teams will travel to Plainview Saturday and will travel to Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock for the district meet on Oct. 22.



### Football Contest 2013 by Rhea Gonzales

I hope the Mules enjoyed their bye week and are ready for the game against Friona this week!

Last week in the Muleshoe Journal Football Contest, we had six contestants choose five out of the five games correctly:

Terry Field, Sally Bustillos, Shelbi Harrison, Terry Thobe, Ricky Rodriguez and Debbie Weir. The tie-breaker score was used to determine the winner, Sudan 38 vs. Smyer 6, total score 44.

Ricky Rodriguez combined score was 45, beating out Terry F. 35, Shelbi 49, Terry T. 38, Sally 85 and Debbie 60.

Congrat's again to Ricky in winning the contest this week. You may come and pick up your \$25 on or after Wednesday, Oct. 9.

These are the current leaders: Leading is Shonda Black, 24; Terry Field, 22; Freddy Santos, Butch Green, Ricky Rodriguez, Debbie Weir, 20; Devnie Orozco, Terry Thobe, 19; Jan Smith, Diana Rodriguez, Anna Lopez, Josh Garza, Steven Madrigal, Felipe Gonzales, John Paul Garza, Rene Valle, 18.

You don't have to be a football expert to play this game, the odds of guessing correct on each of the games are 50/50, so we encourage you, your family and friends to participate each week for the \$25 weekly prize.

It is free to play and free to enter.

Your score for the week will be the amount of games you guessed correctly.

The person who has the most correct guesses at the end of the contest will win \$200.

So please play every week to increase your chances of winning the grand prize.

There are lots of ways to enter the football contest. You can come by the office and drop off your entry (201 W. ave. C), our hours of business are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday 8 a.m. until noon.

You can send an e-mail to: [adsales@muleshoejournal.com](mailto:adsales@muleshoejournal.com) (Please indicate Football Contest Entry) with your picks for the winners and for the tie breaker game.

You can send a fax to 806-272-3567 or you can mail your entry to the Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Tx 79347 (Entries must be postmarked by Friday) or if we are not here, you can put it in the black contest entry box on the front of the building. Just make sure it is here by noon on Friday.

As always, please make sure your name and picks are legible.

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used on Constitutional Amendment Election, November 5, 2013, will be tested on Thursday, October 17, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 West American Blvd., Muleshoe, Texas.

Anyone wishing to observe the testing is welcome.

Robin Dickerson, Bailey County Clerk

### A VISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por 10 presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en la Eleccion del 5 de Noviembre de 2013 sobre las Enmiendas Constitucionales. Se probara el Jueves, 17 de Octubre, alas 8:30 a.m. en el Coliseum del Condado Bailey, 2206 West American Blvd., Muleshoe, Texas.

Bienvenidos al quien les guste observar.

Robin Dickerson, Bailey County Clerk

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Deadline is Monday at noon to place a classified ad. Call 272-4536.

## HELP WANTED

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• VERY NICE CUSTOM BUILT 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 car garage home, at edge of town on 80 acres!! Geothermal heat & air conditioning, approx. 2544' main lv. area plus 625 finished basement w/safe & storage, spktr system, beautiful trees and landscaping, circle spktr, 5 wire barbwire fence, 36' x 48' metal insulated bldg w/2 12' doors!! MUCH MORE!!  
• 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!! \$155,000!! \$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!!!!  
• 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!! \$69,500!!  
• 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Mobile Home (1998 Skyline), approx. 2280' lv. area, Cent. air&heat, built-ins, FP, metal roof, auto spktr., 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!!  
• STEGALL 3-2-2 Austin Stone Home on 3.67 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, gas log FP, approx. 3064' living area, workshop/storage, 24'x36' metal shed, MORE!! \$125K!!

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• 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 1004' tract w/ 1000' Bldg.!! \$20K!!  
• 2.95 acre tract with 2100' office + 17000' & 3465' ware houses 4 miles east on U.S. 70 - \$430K!!! \$99K!!  
• CASTRO CO. / FM 303 - Approx. 440 acres, 6 subs, 1 turbine, 2 valley & 1 Zimmatic circle!! \$1750 per acre!!  
• NICE OFFICE/SHOP/WAREHOUSE on approx. .7 acre tract, metal bldg. one 1/2 bath & one 3/4 bath, cent. A&H, city water, insulated \$85K REDUCED - \$50K!!

**LENAU • COUNTRY CLUB**  
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# Nov. 5 Ballot Proposed Amendments... Continued From A1

has not remarried since the service member's death.

The proposed amendment applies only to a tax year beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2014.

**Amendment No.2 (HJR 79)** — Eliminates an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational.

**Analysis** — This amendment carries out a decades-old recommendation by the Sunset Advisory Commission and the Legislative Budget Board to repeal a now-obsolete constitutional provision added in 1952 that required the legislature to create a State Medical Education Board, establish a fund, and make appropriations to that fund to be used by that board to provide grants, loans, or scholarships directly to medical students who agree to practice medicine in rural areas of this state.

The board was not created until 1973, and once created, was largely ineffective in serving its purpose of attracting physicians to serve in medically underserved communities.

Due to its ineffectiveness, the board has not received state appropriations or issued new loans for more than 20 years, and the legislature has since enacted more effective methods of attracting

physicians to serve in rural Texas.

**Amendment No.3 (HJR 133)** — Authorizes a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption.

**Analysis** — Amends Section 1-j, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, to authorize the governing body of a political subdivision (such as a municipality, county, or school district) to extend the date by which aircraft parts held by a business in Texas that are exempt from property taxation as "freeport goods" must be transported outside the state in order to retain tax-exempt status.

Under the proposed amendment, a governing body could extend the date that such aircraft parts must be exported to not later than the 730th day (the second year) after the date the taxpayer acquired or imported the aircraft parts in this state instead of the 175th day as is currently required by law.

The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to provide the manner by which a governing body could extend the period. In addition, the proposed amendment provides that an

extension would apply only to the exemption from property taxation by the political subdivision adopting the extension. The proposed amendment would apply only to a tax year beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2014.

**Amendment No.4 (HJR 24)** — Authorizes the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization.

**Analysis** — Permits the legislature to authorize a new exemption from property (or "ad valorem") taxation of a percentage of the market value of a partially disabled veteran's residence homestead equal to the percentage of the veteran's disability if the residence homestead was donated at no cost to the veteran by a charitable organization.

The proposed amendment authorizes the legislature to provide additional eligibility requirements for the new exemption and to grant the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran, if the veteran died after qualifying for the new exemption, a property tax exemption for the same portion of the

market value of the same property to which the disabled veteran's exemption applied if the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment states that limitations and restrictions on certain other property tax exemptions for disabled veterans do not apply to the new exemption.

**Amendment No.5 (SJR 18)** — Authorizes the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements

in connection with a reverse mortgage loan.

**Analysis** — Amends Section 50(k), Article XVI, Texas Constitution, to authorize advances under a reverse mortgage for the purchase of homestead property that the borrower will occupy as a principal residence and to expand the conditions under which a lender may require repayment of this type of reverse mortgage to include the borrower's failure to timely occupy the homestead property within the period specified in the loan agreement.

The proposed amendment also would prohibit the making of a reverse mortgage unless both the prospective borrower and the prospective borrower's

spouse receive counseling regarding the advisability and availability of reverse mortgages and other financial alternatives that is completed within a prescribed period before the closing date of the loan.

In addition, the proposed amendment would replace the constitutionally required written notice provided by lenders to borrowers of a reverse mortgage with a separate written notice containing detailed language related to reverse mortgages, including the grounds for which the lender may foreclose the reverse mortgage.

The remaining proposed amendments will be included in next week's issue.

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Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery Board Members would like to invite the public to see the changes that have been made to the cemetery.

Thanks in part to all the donations and memorials that have been received.

**Sunday**  
**October 13, 2013**  
**from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED TRES AMIGAS TRANSMISSION 345KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT**

Tres Amigas plans to construct approximately 68 miles of new transmission lines to connect the new Tres Amigas Superstation in New Mexico to the Tolk Substation located in Lamb County Texas. The preliminary proposed routes cross the following counties: Bailey, Lamb, and Parmer.

Tres Amigas invites you to attend its open house meeting to learn more about the proposed transmission line project. Comments received from the public are important and Tres Amigas is interested in learning more about people's interests and priorities as they relate to this transmission line project. Tres Amigas is committed to working with landowners, elected officials, cities, counties, state and federal agencies, and other interested parties to find the optimal route for the line. Company representatives will be on-hand at the open house meetings to provide information and answer questions.

**Open House Location and Information:**

Wednesday, October 16, 2013 • 4:00-7:00PM  
Bailey County Electric Cooperative  
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Muleshoe, Texas 79347

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