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Muleshoe family suffers tragic loss

Child dies in garage fire

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

According to local law enforcement officials, a small child who died as a result of a fire in Muleshoe on Wednesday, Aug. 15, succumbed almost instantaneously to the heavy smoke of the fire.

Police Chief Brian Frieda said the autopsy that was performed following the fatal fire indicated four-year-old Sixialfredo Barrera Rodriguez's lungs were "heavy with soot," leading the medical examiner to list smoke inhalation as the primary cause of death, with thermal injuries being secondary.

Frieda said the initial call of the garage on fire behind a residence at the corner of West 6th and Ave. B came at about 1:45 p.m., and that the initial call also included the information that a small child may be trapped inside the burning building.

Firefighters, law enforcement and emergency medical personnel responded — most of whom didn't even take the time to don their protective gear before taking a fire hose in hand and assaulting the blaze.

According to Frieda, after the initial explosion, the child's mother, Maria

Rodriguez, reportedly heard Sixialfredo scream for help, "Mommy, I need you," but the mother's attempts to enter the structure were hindered by the same dense smoke and fire that apparently prevented the Sixialfredo from exiting on his own.

The child's mother reportedly suffered burns to her hands and arms in her attempts to reach her child.

After the fire was put out, the police chief said the child's body was located against the west wall of the garage, some four to five feet from the gas water heater, next to the washer and dryer located in the northwest corner of the building.

Frieda said the investigation at the scene indicated a gasoline can was either knocked over or its contents spilled, allowing the flammable liquid to be ignited by the heater's pilot light.

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Muleshoe firefighters and law enforcement officers joined to fight the deadly blaze Wednesday afternoon. More photographs on page 12. Photograph by Larry Thornton

Mule Days to include pumpkin projectiles

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Celebrants at this year's Mule Days will have something a little different to look forward to as this year's event will include some "flingin' of the orange."

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture has decided to postpone this year's Mule Days celebration until Saturday, Oct. 6, to avoid scheduling on top of other events already planned in the Bailey County area.

And, while there are some details that still must be ironed out for this year's celebration, there are already several things scheduled that will guarantee that Muleshoe will be the center of the area's excitement on the Oct. 6 weekend.

Included for the first time in this year's celebration will be a "pumpkin launching contest."

Chamber president Tad Young says he's already been contacted by individuals interested in building a "pumpkin launching" machine to enter in the competition.

Young said a second division, allowing contestants to "toss" a pumpkin rather than build a "mechanized" launching platform is being considered.

But no matter which division is entered, there is a strong likelihood that a field in the Muleshoe area is about to be decorated in orange.

Rules for the mechanized pumpkin launching will be available from the chamber office at a later date.

According to chamber officials, the following events have been scheduled, but may be joined later by other events. To date, the Mule Days Schedule is as follows:

- 7:30 - 9 a.m. — Jennyslipper's Pancake Breakfast, on the chamber deck.
- 9 a.m. — Muleshoe Golf Tournament.
- 9 a.m. - 12 noon — Various activities on Main Street.
- 12 noon — Jennyslipper's Hot Dog Cookout.
- 2 p.m. — Muleshoe

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New services considered at Park View

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Although the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of trustees continues to look at the possibility of selling Park View Nursing Care Center, the board is still interested in expanding its services to the current residents as well as the community of Muleshoe.

At Thursday's regular meeting, Sandy Sandlin, the administrator at Park View, noted in his report to the board that he had spoken

'We can't fathom the potential it could have for the hospital and the nursing home...'

— Wayne Pierson

with individuals who were interested in placing a dialysis center at Park View that would be available for both the nursing home's residents currently needing the service and community residents as well.

Sandlin said there are about 20 local residents who are having to travel to Lubbock for the service, and

that when combined with Park View residents could form a strong financial basis for the success of a dialysis center.

"We can't fathom the potential it could have for the hospital and the nursing home," board member Wayne Pierson.

Currently, when a Park View resident has to be sent

to Lubbock for dialysis, the patient must endure both procedure itself and the long road trip to and from Lubbock's center.

Sandlin pointed out that having a dialysis unit 200 feet away rather than 100 miles away could would undoubtedly attract nursing home residents in need of the service.

Sandlin also reported that he is looking at getting a speech, occupational and a

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Local Weather

Thursday

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Friday

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Saturday

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Sunday

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Monday

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Tuesday

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Sabrina Chavez modeling during the style show.

By Alice Liles

Fifteen girls from Muleshoe participated in Girls Gone Styled!, sponsored by the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation and a grant from Xcel Corporation on Aug. 14-15.

The program was open to seventh and eighth grade

girls who had a desire to learn more about nail, hair, and skin care, make-up, clothing accessories, and smart clothes shopping.

The girls spent the day on Aug. 14 at the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation in the old Santa Fe Depot where they were first taught about

nail care by Sheree Hunt of Sheree's Attic.

Hunt took them through the steps of proper manicure techniques and general nail care guidelines for strong healthy nails.

Terrie Smith of the Honeycomb talked to the girls about hair products and appliances, hair styles to compliment face shapes, and types of hair.

After a lunch of pizza, socializing, and touring some of the buildings at the Heritage Center, the girls were instructed on skin care and make-up by Louvenia Garlington, assisted by Hellen Adrian.

Louvenia, who is a Beauti-Control consultant, demonstrated color analysis so the girls could see the colors that would

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Dominique Mata applying lipstick in preparation for the style show.



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MFL signup set

The Muleshoe Football League has scheduled tackle and flag football signups for Saturday, Aug. 25, from 1-3 p.m., at the Muleshoe Fire Department.

Children, ages 3 to 7, will be signing up for flag football, while children, ages 8 to 12, will be signing up for tackle football.

For additional information, call 272-5256.

Lazbuddie ISD to host cookout

The fourth annual community-wide "Back to School Cookout" has been set for Friday, Aug. 24, at 6 p.m., in the Lazbuddie School Cafeteria.

The annual event gives new staff members an opportunity meet other staff members and the friends and students of Lazbuddie ISD.

The evening's menu will include hamburgers, childdogs, chips and dessert.

Reserved seating tickets

Reserved seat tickets for the 2007 Muleshoe Mules football season will go on sale Monday, Aug. 6. The tickets are \$25 for five home games.

Persons who held reserved seat tickets for the 2006 football season may purchase their seating options at the School district's administration office, located at 514 W. Ave. G, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours.

Beginning Monday, Aug. 27, all remaining tickets will go on sale on a first come, first serve basis.

Any reserved seats remaining after the season starts will be available at a cost of \$6 per game and may be purchased at the administration office on game day.

If you have questions concerning the ticket sales, contact Dana Rasco at 272-7400.

Muleshoe Fine Arts Boosters to meet

The Muleshoe Fine Art Booster club are sceduled to meet at 7 p.m., on Aug. 27, in the band hall. Parents with children in band, choir, speech, art, and debate are invited to attend. Elections for the 2007-08 board positions will be held during the meeting.

WJH football scheduled changed

An addition needs to be made to the list of games scheduled for Watson Junior High, according to WJH officials.

On Oct. 25, the junior high football teams will be playing Canyon Junior High, at Canyon.

The seventh grade game is to begin at 5 p.m., and the eighth grade game will begin at 6:15 p.m.

Check out our website!

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Pre-game supper planned

The Senior Class of 2008 will be hosting the pre-game supper on Friday, Aug. 31, from 5-7 p.m.

The tickets are \$5, and the menu will include hamburgers, baked beans, chips, and "Best ever" chocolate cake.

Carryout orders are available from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

SPC-Muleshoe classes announced

The SPC-Muleshoe Extension Center will be registering students for its certified nurse aide and clinical classes. This is an 84 hour course of study with 8.4 CEUs.

The class will from Oct. 29 to Dec. 9.

Total tuition and fees are \$451.

Requirements to register include proof of immunization for Hepatitis B series, MMR, Tetanus, and a current negative TB test, photo ID, and social security card.

The Muleshoe will also be offering a basic phlebotomy course from Sept. 10 to Oct. 24.

This is a 42 hour course of study with 4.2 CEUs. Total tuition and fees are set at \$390.

For students who register for the course, a criminal background check will be performed for eligibility.

Requirements to register include proof of immunizations which includes Hepatitis B series, MMR since 1981, tetanus no older than eight years, and a current negative TB test no older than six months prior to the first day of class.

Registration for the classes is Thursday, Sept. 6, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the SPC-Muleshoe Extension Center, 621 W. 2nd.

Cotton field day planned

Texas Cooperative Extension Offices of Bailey and Parmer Counties are sponsoring a Cotton Field Day, on Tuesday, Aug. 28, beginning at 9 a.m.

The field day will be at the James Brown farm, nine miles northwest of Muleshoe.

The systems trial is a replicated large plot trial which evaluates cotton cultivars in a commercial production system. Other local applied research projects will be discussed.

Go to the website <http://bailey-tx.tamu.edu/> and click on "Cotton Field Day Map" or call the Bailey or Parmer County Extension office for directions to the trial site at 806-272-4583 or 806-481-3619. Two CEU's will be offered.

HPWD proposes tax rate decrease

Property owners within the 15-county High Plains Underground Water Conservation Dist. No. 1 service area could possibly pay less tax for operation and maintenance of the district in 2007.

Water District board members are proposing a reduced tax rate of \$.00794 per \$100 property valuation, or \$.00036 less than the 2006 adopted tax rate of \$.0083 per \$100 valuation.

At its Aug. 14 meeting, board members said it would be appropriate to reduce the 2007 tax rate since property appraisal values have increased throughout the district.

The High Plains Water

District board members will vote on the proposed 2007 tax rate at their Sept. 11 meeting.

Commissioners' court set

The Bailey County Commissioners' Court will hold a special meeting on Thursday, Aug. 23, at 6 pm. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues.

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Letters to the Editor

Rebuttal made to High Plains Water District letter

To the Editor:

The minimum requirements for holding meetings under the law were probably met.

The district being divided into five precincts, and covering a large portion of the Texas panhandle, shouldn't there be a meeting in each precinct?

The letter also states the public had the opportunity to voice their opinion regarding the proposed changes.

This statement is only true in part, at the meeting the public was furnished a written copy of the rules that were to be repealed but was

not furnished a written copy of the proposed change. Therefore it was impossible to comment on what would be written into law.

The only reference to this was it would be incorporated into the water district by-laws and written after the board acted on July 17.

This is why I made the statement that you had a county board with no duties.

In this case the proposal was to repeal part of the rules of the district and amend the by-law to replace the repealed rules.

With no declared

amendment the repealed part of the proposal is the only action valid and you have an elected board with no duties until the by-laws were properly amended.

The period for written or oral comment was ended before the meeting of July 17, the amendment not being available for review, in the comment period, there should be another comment period opened and meetings held for public comment.

The letter also states the advisory committee duties reflect district administrative duty changes.

I have obtained a copy of these duties, after studying them, I have reached the conclusion we constituents have no local control.

The Lubbock office will answer your questions and guide your actions concerning water.

Your only recourse may well be the courts. I will furnish anyone interested a copy of the by-law changes and hope that water, the lifeblood of the high plains, will become a priority high on your list of concerns.

**Phil Garrett,
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Specifically, we are

looking for any photos of the former 1917 Bailey County Courthouse.

In addition we are looking for any information about what happened to that courthouse.

Was it damaged by weather or fire?

Was it demolished to build the current courthouse?

Any sources you could point us to to research

further would be greatly appreciated.

Also, any suggestions on story lines, such as famous trials or events at the courthouse, would be much appreciated.

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Mule Days plans...

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pitching contest, sponsored by the Jennyslippers.

• 3 p.m. — Pumpkin launching contest, and dunking booth.

• 4 p.m. — Stick-horse races, and jumping castles.

• 5 p.m. — Motorized and mule/donkey drawn parade with the theme "Hit the Trail," along with the parade contest.

• 5:30 p.m. — Hamburger cookout on the chamber deck, sponsored by the

Bailey County Office of Aging for Meals on Wheels.

• 6 -7 p.m. Pumpkin decorating contest and pumpkin carving contest.

• 7-8 p.m. — Pumpkin Pie Contest.

• 8 p.m. - 12 midnight — Boot Scooter Band Community Street Dance, and jumping castles.

There will be prizes awarded to the contest winners. Call the chamber office for additional details.



Spinning Rowels by **Larry Thornton**

Arkansas law could result in baby carriage brides

Several years ago, when my daughter was a child, I'd jokingly threaten to "take her to Arkansas, once she turned nine, and marry her off."

To be honest, this was said more as a comment about the State of Arkansas and the former political stomping grounds of then Pres. Bill Clinton, than it was about an actual desire to rid myself of my eldest child.

But, I must have said it once too often or too loud, because if you've listened to the news out of Little Rock, the Arkansas legislature pulled a whopper of a mistake lately that gave new meaning to the term "robbing the cradle," and no doubt stoked the fires of comedians wishing to snicker at the Razorback State for years to come.

And apparently, it all falls back on that "double negative" thing your English teachers tried to warn you about in the long-past years of primary and secondary education.

You see, through an error that wasn't caught until it was already in effect, an Arkansas law dealing with parental marriage consent added an extra "not" to a clause that changed the bill's meaning and allowed anyone to get married, with parental consent, no matter how young he or she was.

That's right, in Arkansas, instead of "throwing the baby out with the bath water," they can just throw rice at them.

Granted, there's been a lot of kidding about Ozark Mountain marriages over the years, but who would have thought the words "I do" would be preceded by "goo goo gah gah?"

Is the traditional wedding ceremony in Arkansas in danger of being changed to allow time for the teething ring to be fetched from the refrigerator?

But while we laugh at the situation the Razorback State has found itself in, what isn't funny is the valid fear many of Arkansas' leaders have that child predators will be flocking to their state in hopes of finding a gullible parent willing to sign the document that will allow such a marital travesty to occur.

Some Arkansas leaders say a special session may be needed to correct the problem. My question is "Why hasn't one already been called?"

FYI

If your college student is graduating or has made the Dean's or President's List, in order for that information to appear in the *Muleshoe Journal*, we must receive notice from the respective educational institution. Your son or daughter must sign a release so the information can be sent to us. Have them visit their bursar's office to sign a form indicating they wish to share their good news! Once permission to share information has been granted, the college or university should send the info via email to: editor@fivearea.com.



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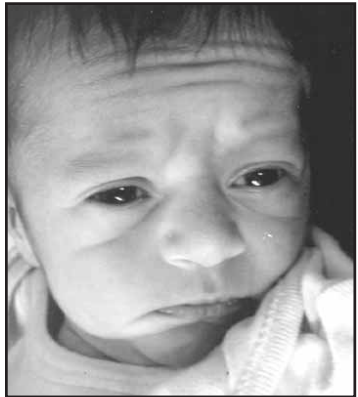
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Business of the Month announced

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently named Muleshoe Livestock Auction as its August 2007 Business of the Month. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Mandy Myers, Clay Myers, Brandi Angeley and Tracen Angeley, Clayton Myers, Tadd Young, Garrison, Thurman, Madison Myers, and Don Wood.

Births



DILAILA ADELA ESTRACA

Dilaila Estraca

Jonathan and Carmen Estraca of Muleshoe announce the birth of their daughter, Dilaila Adela Estraca, on Aug. 1, 2007, at 4:59 p.m., at Clovis, N.M.

Dilaila weighed five pounds, 3.4 ounces at birth and was 18-3/4 inches in length.

She has a sister, Mycaela, 3, and a brother, Malakai, 1.

Her grandparents are Adela and Ray Estraca of Clovis, N.M., and Delma and Santiago Gonzalez of Muleshoe.



Employee of the Month...

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently named Jim Ella Clemmons of the First Bank of Muleshoe as the August 2007 Employee of the Month. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Cheryl Puckett, Jim Ella Clemmons and Shorty Flores.

Pre-game supper planned for Aug. 31

The Senior Class of 2008 will be hosting the pre-game supper on Friday, Aug. 31, from 5-7 p.m.

The tickets are \$5, and the menu will include hamburgers, baked beans, chips, and "Best ever" chocolate cake.

Carryout orders are available from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Golf Assn. News

The Muleshoe Ladies Golf Association met on Wednesday, Aug. 15, at the Muleshoe Country Club.

Club president Marlene Martin called the meeting to order, and Pat Kirk led us in prayer.

Treena Matthews read the minutes and called roll. There were 18 members present. The treasurer's report was given by Kirk.

Playday chairperson Judy Wilbanks announced Matthews as the winner of cards for Aug. 1 and Aug. 8.

Sheryl Engelking reported that seven members competed in the August High Plains Tournament at Clovis Chapperal with five winning points. This places the Muleshoe Ladies Golf Association in second place.

The next tournament will be held at Dimmitt on Wednesday, Sept. 5.

In the championship



Anita Black, Kay Field, Helen Templeton and Claudine Elliott.

flight, Jeanetta Precure won low putts. Jonnessa Brockmann won low gross in the first flight. In the second flight, Irene Mason won low gross. Kirk won low gross in the the third flight.

In the fourth flight, Deborah Noble won low putts. Helen Templeton and Engelking competed in their flights.

The Muleshoe Ladies Golf Association hosted the Jennyslipper Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 18.

Claudine Elliott was the door prize winner, drawn by Matthews.

The ladies divided into five teams with the winning team being Anita Black, Kay Field, Templeton and Elliott scoring 68.

Muleshoe grad receives TLF scholarship

Jamie Francis Hall, a graduate of Muleshoe High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Hall received an Abell-Hanger Foundation Scholarship, in the amount of \$4,000 payable \$2,000 each of the first two years of higher education.

The Abell-Hanger Foundation awarded 27 scholarships to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have

compiled an outstanding record of academic and extra curricular achievement.

One Abell-Hanger Foundation scholarship was awarded to a student who plans to major in nursing.

This year the TILF awarded 377 new awards and will renew approximately 275 awards for a total of more than 600 scholarships for 2007-08. Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Hall competed in ready

writing at the 2007 UIL Academic State Meet.

She also participated in UIL solo and ensemble, One Act Play, social studies and tennis throughout her high school career.

She is the daughter of Brandon and Lori Hall.

Hall plans to attend Angelo State University and major in music education.

Have a story or photo ideas? Let us know!

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The County of Bailey conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the

County of Bailey

from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 5.15 percent on August 23, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. and August 27, 2007 at 10:00 A.M.

The Bailey County Commissioners Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 10, 2007, 10:00 A.M. at Bailey County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom 300 South First Street, Muleshoe, Texas

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The City of Muleshoe conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the

City of Muleshoe

from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.87 percent on August 23, 2007 at 5:30 P.M. and August 30, 2007 at 5:30 P.M.

The Muleshoe City Council is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 10, 2007, 5:30 P.M. at Muleshoe City Hall, 215 South First Street, Muleshoe, Texas

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Fire Fighters Keep Us Safe!
 Everyone likes to talk to fire fighters about their jobs. It's fun to visit the firehouse or have a fire fighter come and talk at school. They like to talk about preventing fires and to show pieces of their equipment. When they talk about fire safety they tell students:
 • Get out of the house quickly if there is a fire.
 • Call the fire department from a neighbor's house.
 • If your clothes catch on fire remember to **STOP, DROP AND ROLL!**

Family Checklist

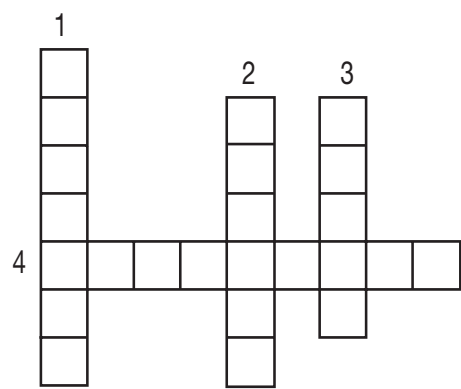
Cut out this checklist. Talk to your family about these ideas. Put the list on the refrigerator or bulletin board for everyone to see.

- Only cook in the kitchen when an adult is helping you.
- Do not touch matches or cigarette lighters or candles. They are for adult use only.
- Do you have smoke detectors on every level of your home? Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- Do you know two or more ways out of the house?
- Never use elevators (stairs are much safer) if there is a fire.
- Smoke rises, so if there is a fire, stay low, crawl under the smoke.
- Have you picked a place to meet the rest of your family once you are all out of the house?
- Once you are out of the house, **stay out** of the house.

Why do you think fire fighters need to keep in good physical shape?
 Because they:

- climb _____
- carry _____
- fight _____
- use heavy _____

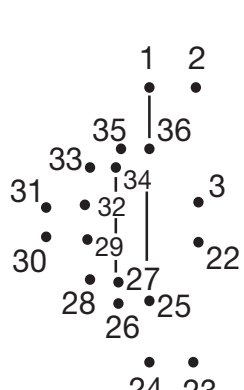
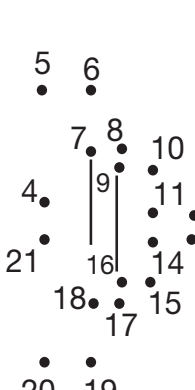
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To stay strong, we like to work out lifting these:

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This is a lot heavier than it looks.

How do fire fighters stay in top physical condition?
 They:

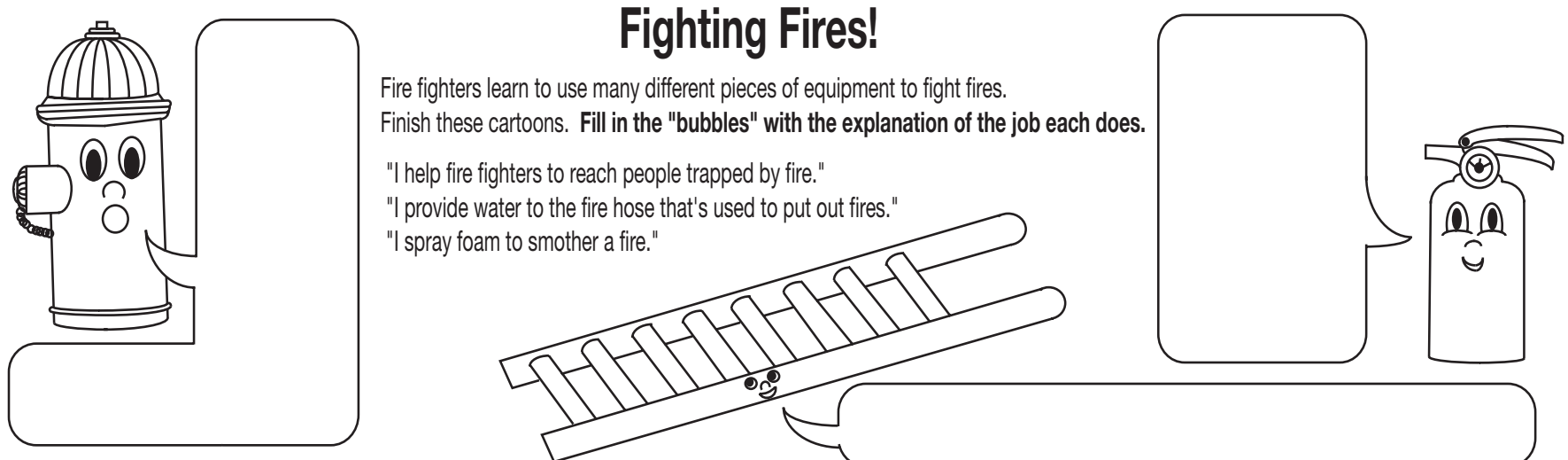
- get enough _____
- _____ every day
- _____ right

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 "I provide water to the fire hose that's used to put out fires."
 "I spray foam to smother a fire."



Heritage Foundation News

By Jean Allison

Sometimes it takes years to accomplish a dream.

On Tuesday, Aug. 14, Ray and Donna West Day, was a celebration of a dream.

After years, since 1982, when a few area citizens and 10 Muleshoe High School senior students decided it was possible to save the Muleshoe Santa Fe Depot, the beautiful Muleshoe Heritage Center reached one of its dreams.

From the beginning, the biggest disadvantage for the center was the need for highway frontage.

Early board members dreamed of acquiring the land where Sain Irrigation was located directly south of the center which had highway frontage.

In fact, almost two decades ago, the leaders of the Heritage Foundation approached the owners of this land and made an effort to purchase it after Mr. Sain retired.

This venture was unsuccessful, but in December of this year Mr. Sain decided to close his business and the frontage land became available.

Again Heritage Center leaders dreamed of acquiring the land.

The board realized there was no money to buy the land and no viable method to raise the necessary money before the land possibly could be sold to someone else.

Then as Board member Ann McElroy states, "Enter Jim Allison."

Jim graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1954, along with Ray West, and they maintained a long-distance friendship.

Jim, when retiring as an electrical engineer with America's space program, moved with wife Renee to the Muleshoe area, his former hometown.

While living here he became interested in the Muleshoe Heritage Center, and for two years served as president of the Heritage Foundation.

He knew that the center needed more highway frontage, and he heard that old classmate Ray West had donated to the Muleshoe School of Nursing.

With some encouragement from Ann, he contacted Ray and interested him in the Heritage Center.

Ray decided to give back to the town that had given so much to him.

Jim helped convince him how valuable the Heritage Center is to the area so Ray worked with the Gene Lowe family to negotiate a deal to acquire the property.

There was one stipulation to this deal and that was that the land be named the Theron and Leatha West Addition to honoring his mom and dad.

The board was delighted to honor this request.

The land will be used to expand the facilities and direct attention to the beautiful historic village that

has been created here in the past 25 years.

With the help of the community, the SCAC students and generous people like Ray West, the Heritage Foundation will be able to transform the new property into an attractive facility that will benefit the entire area.

This celebration day, Tuesday, Aug. 14, began at the Muleshoe Heritage center when Ray and Donna arrived and a reception of welcome and a tour of the center were conducted.

At the previous board meeting, board president Joe Bob Stevenson appointed board member Ann McElroy as activity chairman for this event, and she spent many hours coordinating everything.

Ann, along with other board members, center hostess Dolores Harvey and special guests were there to greet the Wests.

Old classmate Jim Allison, wife Renee and brother Larry Allison of Lamesa were there for this occasion.

Jim and Renee came the previous day from Huntsville, Ala., where Jim is again working in the space program.

Other special guests present were R.A. Bradley and his wife Marie.

R. A. was a former president of the board before moving to Lubbock and Marie was a former manager of the Heritage Thrift Shop.

Sammie Simpson, another board member took great pleasure in showing the Wests the recently restored Figure 4 Ranch House and the Virginia City Hotel.

This restoration was completed under the direction of Sammie and

husband Ted.

The Wests were highly impressed with the beauty of the center and were especially pleased with the new sign for the center which was being erected at the time they arrived.

At noon, the Wests were special guests of the Muleshoe Rotary Club.

Ray spoke in a humorous way to the Rotarians about his experiences in the oil business where he has made a name for himself.

Here it was noted that the mayor of Muleshoe and county commissioners had named the day Ray and Donna West Day.

At 3 p.m., the Wests toured the Muleshoe School of Nursing soon to be started where earlier they had donated \$100,000.

The Muleshoe Santa Fe Depot was the scene at 5:30 p.m. for the formal presentation of the \$100,000 from the Wests to the Heritage Foundation.

Joe Bob Stevenson presided at this occasion and asked Jim Allison to introduce Ray West, his former classmate.

Jim told of some friendly competition between the two of them and then concluded, "Ray, you win!"

Ray spoke shortly about how he was happy to give the money to the beautiful center and how great the center is for the Muleshoe area.

He said he was especially proud because it helps him honor his parents, Theron and Leatha West.

Ray's wife Donna asked if she could say a few words. She said, "I want to thank the town of Muleshoe, the Muleshoe School System and everyone who helped make Ray the very special

person he has turned out to be."

Everyone applauded loudly. Among the welcoming committee for this special occasion were members of the MHS Student-Community Action Club (SCAC) that has served as an honorary board member of the Heritage Found since 1983 when the club was organized.

Two of the original 10 MHS seniors who wanted to "save the depot" were present and were introduced by Joe Bob. They were Laura Leal of Clovis, N.M., and Todd Holt of Lubbock.

In 1983 both the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation and SCAC were organized never dreaming that such a beautiful center would evolve.

Jay Cage, present board member, was among the MHS students who organized the SCAC in 1983 and was on this day there to welcome the Wests.


Representing this year's SCAC was new president Kelsey Tipps, vice president Garret Riley, secretary Courtney Mardis, reporter Colt Ellis and a number of other members. Gina and Chris Mardis, present sponsors were also there to welcome the Wests.

On Wednesday, Aug. 15, the Wests enjoyed an informal breakfast at the Dinner Bell hosted by the board members. At 10 a.m., they visited Heritage Thrift Shop where board member and manager of the Thrift Shop greeted them and showed them around.

A final activity was


attending the style show by "Girls Gone Styled" at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center.

Before leaving, the Wests noted how honored they had been by our wonderful community.



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Tourney winners announced

The winning flights at the recent Jennyslippers Golf Tournament, pictured above from left to right, were: Back row — Championship flight, Sabra Srader and Sherri Johnson; middle row — first flight, Jonessa Brockman and Susan Miller (not pictured), and second flight, Irita Colson and Judy Bowe; and front row — third flight, Charolotte Brown and Geraldine Davis, and fourth flight, Betty Hodge and Pat Mason.

The Bara family would like to thank everyone for your prayers, food and flowers sent during the loss of our loved one, Ray Bara. He was a wonderful man and he will be missed greatly.
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Weddings

Rinard, Cecil exchange wedding vows

Krysta Jan Rinard of Lubbock and Toby Randal Cecil of Richardson were united in matrimony on July 7, 2007, at the First United Methodist Church Town of Lubbock.

Dr. Jay Horton officiated at the ceremony, and harpist Gail Barber, soloist Kendra Elliott and organist Christopher Betts provided music.

Jennifer Loper was the matron of honor, and the bridesmaids were Stephanie Pearce, Ashley Ritchie, Candice Galloway, Jennifer Grissom, LaToya Daniels and Melissa Kirk.

Todd Cecil, the brother of the groom, served as best man. The groomsmen were Casey Keek, Rex Richards, Tory Stephens and David Fillmore.

The bride is the daughter of Zac and Jan Rinard of Lubbock. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jinks of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Lane Larence of Wichita Falls, and Mrs. Jeanie Richard, also of Wichita Falls.

The groom is the son of Randy and Neva Cecil of Murphy.

The bride wore a gown from Priscilla of Boston, designed by Melissa Sweet.

The white silk satin strapless gown featured a modified sweetheart neckline customized for the bride, and a low back neckline. The gown was tight-fitted over the hips and



MRS. TOBY RANDAL CECIL

full at the hem. The low hip had a sash which wrapped around to the center back of the dress and fell to the hem, featuring a chapel-length train.

The dress was adorned with beaded appliques and silver embroidery; crystals and pearls cascaded down the gown from the neckline, but became more scattered as it moved towards the hem. An elegant fingertip veil and crystal and pearl headpiece finished the bridal look.

Following wedding tradition, she carried an "old"

Chi Omega hankie; wore a "new" gown; wore a "borrowed" dinner ring from her maternal grandmother; and wore a "blue" garter.

The groom wore a black formal tuxedo with a white satin vest and tie.

Other members of the wedding party included scripture reader — Joanne Baumgardner; flower girls — Rykhr Grissom and Campbell Sanders; ushers — Patrick Lindsey, Chance Witt, Austin Jinks, Seth Jinks, Jason May, and Jay Holland; and house party — Mary Elice Ritchie, Amanda Witt, Adrian Smith and Taylor Ellison.

Following the ceremonies, a reception was held at the Texas Tech University Stadium Club of Lubbock, with music provided by Music to the Maxx, hosted by the bride's parents.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at the Lubbock Country Club.

They honeymooned in St. Lucia.

The bride has a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech, and a master's degree from Wayland Baptist University. She is currently employed by the Lubbock Independent School District at Roy Roberts Elementary as a physical education instructor.

The groom has a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech. He is employed by Plains Capital Bank.



Nursing students at Muleshoe

Wykina Burks, Jessica Carpenter and Loretta Roland will be the first nursing school students at the SPC Muleshoe Center. The students received a scholarship from the Ray and Donna West Scholarship Fund through the Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation.

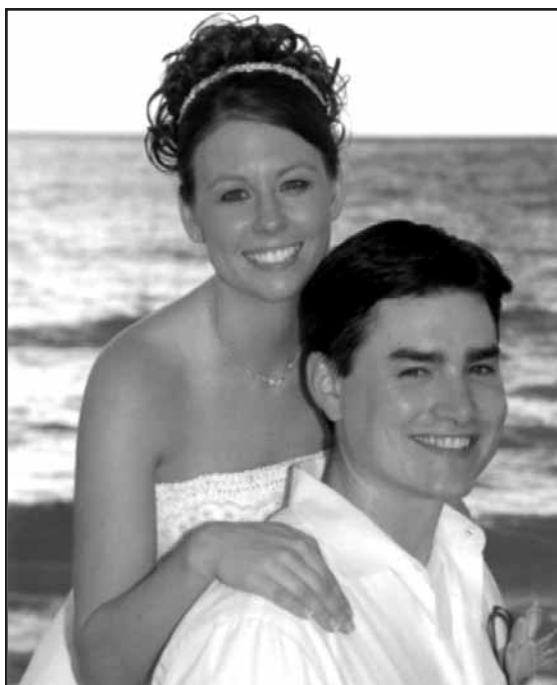
Kenmore, Thomas united in matrimony

Ronnie and Connie Kenmore are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Kendra to David Thomas. They were married on a romantic beach at Couples Swept Away Resort in Negril, Jamaica at 4:00 in the afternoon on Monday, August 13, 2007.

Kendra is the daughter of Ronnie and Connie Kenmore, the granddaughter of Dorothy Ray Harlan of Lubbock and the late Dub Harlan and Darrell and Nell Kenmore of Lubbock.

David is the son of Jim and Mary Jane Thomas of Llano, the grandson of Fern Thomas of McGregor and the late W. Hilton Thomas, and the late Vivian Titus Sydnes, of Llano and Floyd J. Titus, Sr.

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Fatal fire...

Continued from page 1
 According to the police chief, the initial explosion also ruptured the gas line to the water heater, adding even more fuel to the fire until it could be shut off. Frieda said the Rodriguez family had only lived in the residence for a couple of weeks, and hadn't been aware the gas can was in the garage. A memorial fund has been set up at Muleshoe State Bank to assist the

family in dealing with the financial burden of the tragedy. The police chief cautions other parents about the dangers of storing flammable liquids in the vicinity of open flames and urges parents to keep such items out of the reach of small children. Funeral services for Sixalfredo were held on Monday, Aug. 20, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Tip Your Hat

The community of Muleshoe suffered a terrible tragedy Wednesday afternoon as one of its shining stars, a child with a bright and shining future, fell to earth. The horror of such an afternoon is difficult to deal with, by the family, and by the rescuers who responded. But even though a life was lost in this instance, there was something about the rescue effort in which we felt the entire community should know and take heart. It was something like a mini Murrah Building, or a tiny Twin Towers, Muleshoe style, where rescue workers from the different departments — both law enforcement and firefighters, joined together to fight the blaze. It didn't matter which uniform they had on... what did matter is that they knew how to handle a fire hose. Yes, healing is needed after this particular fire, and our hearts go out to the ones who suffered this loss, but we also can't help but smile at the way our public servants showed themselves to be true servants of the public. And for that, they deserve a big "tip of the hat."



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Have a story or photo ideas? Let us know! 272-4536

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"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."
 — John 1:14



The Jayci Joy Nickels benefit luncheon was a HUGE success!!
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Muleshoe Softball League Results

ABOVE - "Lighting" coached by Jose Diaz, were the first place winners (Sponsor was Eddie Alvarado). Players were Erika Diaz, Claudia Reyes, Kit Diaz, Angelica Olivas, Valeria Olivas, Diana Cassanova, Ashley Dickson, Tori Alvarado, Marisela Cassanova, Mandy Garner, Rachel Olivas and Michelle Flores.
 RIGHT - "Littlefield Lady Members" were the second place winners. They were coached by Willie Bell and their sponsors were Ruben Davila Tire Sevices and LHC Family Clinic. Players were Michelle McDowell, Rosalinda Martinez, Chavela Trevino, Val Coronado, Heather Ramirez, Louisa Martinez, Maria Hernandez, Jennifer Amaya, Jeanette Perez, Brandi Gonzales. Not pictured: Cassie Wagner, Lupe Davila and Marian Marquez.
 Third place winners were the "Wild Things" coached by Joey Chancey (Sponsor was Ace Satellite). Players were Jennifer Gable, Diane Moore, Julie DeBruin, Stephanie Moore, Crystal Hasley, Yvette Garcia, Bridget Reyna, Stormy Kitchens, Erin Dean, Sherrie Harrison, Monica Tyson, Chia Chancey, Rachel Gutierrez, Beth Warren, Brittany Ambriz and Morgan Smith.
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