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Hospital maintenance supervisor Jerry Bruton pauses for a moment during the cleanup at Muleshoe Area Medical Center following Wednesday's high water. Courtesy photograph



Photograph by Rhea Gonzales

Area residents stop by the flood water-expanded Lake Muleshoe following Wednesday's storm.

It Rained And Rained, But Almost No One Complained

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

After almost three years of drought conditions in Muleshoe, it may have seemed as if the rainfall totals were going to be caught up in a single week as rain, and more rain deluged the Bailey County seat and surrounding area.

After rain totaling

almost two inches in some areas fell Monday evening, June 17, the clouds gathered Wednesday, June 19, covering the community with an estimated two inches of rain, along with a significant amount of small hail that was described as covering some yards like snow.

A smaller amount of rain, estimated at about a tenth of an inch followed on Thursday evening.

And while no significant storm-related damage was reported by city or area officials, there were reports of slight damage and clean up necessary due to flood waters.

At the Muleshoe Area Medical Center, employees and staff found themselves battling a large amount of rain water that flooded offices, hallways and supply rooms in the lower areas of the building.

Reportedly, the patients' rooms escaped the problem, and according to Assistant Administrator Heather Foley, no major damage was suffered at the facility.

According to Muleshoe Police Chief Roy Rice, there were areas of flood water that blocked travel on East First Street — as

well as the normal high water in the area of West American Blvd. and 12th Street.

But, according to City Manager David Brunson, the city didn't suffer any storm damage as a result of Thursday's storm.

However, the West City Park became a local tourist attraction for a day as the high waters significantly expanded Lake Muleshoe, flooding a large portion of the park.

At Muleshoe High School, according to Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets, the principal's and counselor's offices were flooded — partially from a leak and also from external high water.

Also, some flooding but no damage was noted Dillman Elementary, but everything has been cleaned up and dried out, according to the Superintendent.

Annual Celebration Is Just A Week Away

It's almost time! If you're thinking about entering a float in the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's Independence Day Parade, you only have a week as of Thursday, June 28, to design, build and submit your entry form to the chamber office.

As in previous years, the parade is set for 10 a.m., with participants lining up an hour earlier, 9 a.m., at the south end of Main Street.

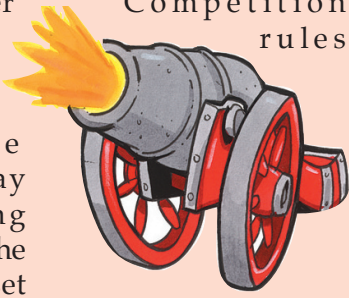
For additional information about the parade, and entry forms, contact the chamber office at 806-272-4248.

While a large number of the Independence Day events, including vendors throughout the day and fireworks set for 10 p.m., at the West City Park, there are some activities planned for other locations.

Immediately following the parade, the *Muleshoe Journal* will be holding its second

annual "hotdog eating contest" at the Bailey County Courthouse.

Competition rules



and entry forms are available at the *Journal* office. There is no cost to enter.

Also, the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center will be hosting a brisket lunch fund raiser, from

11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults, and \$5 for children.

The Muleshoe Heritage Center will be offering tours of the facility, and will be hosting an art show, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., Thursday, July 4, through Saturday, July 6.

A car show is going to be held on the parking lot of Trinity Christian Center, located on West American Blvd., and a tent sale and face painting will offered

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Journal Brings Home TPA Awards

The *Muleshoe Journal* returned from the Texas Press Association's summer convention with four awards from the state-wide Better Newspaper Contest.

Included in its list of achievements was a first place win for news photography in the contest's small weekly division.

"The photographer did a great job of showing the nasty stuff without getting too graphic. The real story is the looks on the children's faces, and they are wonderful," the category's judge said about the *Journal's* winning entries.

"The second picture is not nearly as strong, but is very pleasant and good community journalism," the judge added.

The local photographs

submitted in the category included the January 2012 photograph taken by Managing Editor Larry Thornton, entitled "Dairy Delivery," in which the birth of a

holstein calf was caught on the faces of youngsters at the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show.

The second entry was a photograph of an excited youngster fishing at Lake Muleshoe, which was taken by Rhea Gonzales of the *Journal*.

This was the *Journal's* third award for news photography since 2005.

The *Journal* also placed second in its division in its advertising design.

"Very finished

looking, Consistent throughout. Seems to represent the client's theme well," the judge said.

"Finished looking. Attention grabbing.



Not cluttered with unnecessary copy or graphics," the judge added.

This was the *Journal's* ninth win for advertising design since 2005.

And, the *Journal* received two third place awards:

• Editorial writing, on which the judge said, "Good commentary in

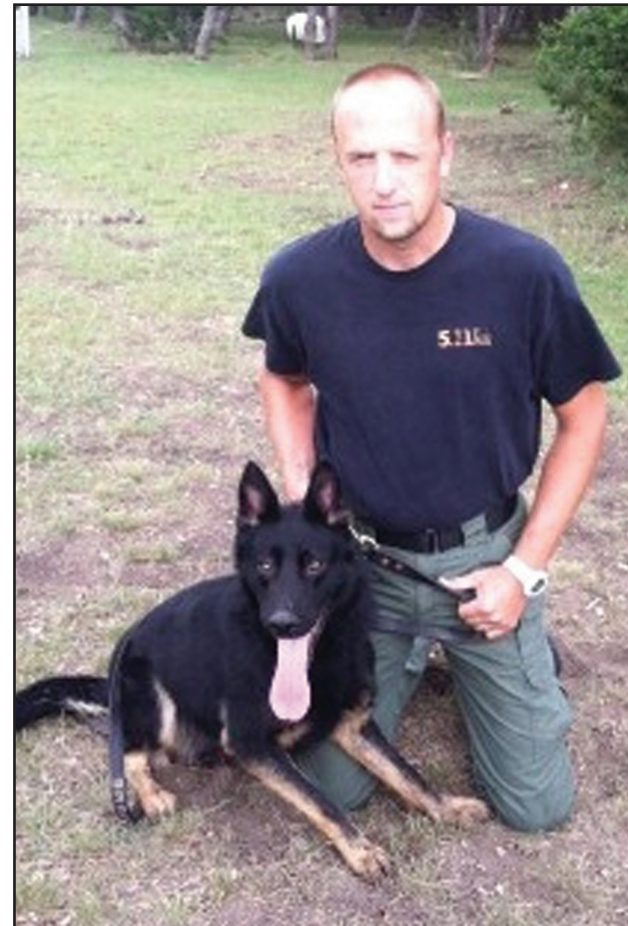
both editorials."

This was the *Journal's* 11th award for editorial writing received since 2005.

• Headline writing, which included submissions from Thornton's Spinning Rowels column, "Freedom of Scent Raises a Stench," and two news stories, "MISD School Board Complains About Poaching," about the practice of other area school districts picking up students from within Muleshoe.

The *Journal's* third headline entry was "Mulpedia Comes to Muleshoe," about the City of Muleshoe's interactive mapping on its website.

This was the *Journal's* eighth award for headline writing since 2005.



Getting Ready To Work

Muleshoe Police Department Det. Heath Edwards, and Kilo, pictured above have been in training, and will be ready to hit the streets in the very near future.

The Muleshoe City Council gave its initial approval of the drug dog program at its March meeting.

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OPINION

Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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

AA Group

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

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

Class of 1993 Reunion

The Muleshoe High School Class of 1993 will be celebrating their 20-year reunion on July 6. The Alums will meet at Leals at 6:45 p.m. and then continue the reunion at the Muleshoe Country Club. There will be a fee at the door: \$10 for a single or \$15 for a couple. All MHS alumni are welcome to join the class of 1993.

Independence Day...

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at Williams General Store.

Events, vendors and organizations that will be at the West City Park include a co-ed softball tournament, a variety of food vendors, a dunking booth, cow-patty bingo, the Lazbuddie Fire

Department's water slide, the Muleshoe Fire Department's water polo, and music.

Individuals or organizations wishing to place a vendor's booth at the park during the July 4 events should contact the chamber office at 272-4248.

RANDY'S ROUNDUP

UPDATE BY CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER

What Happened With Farm Bill?

Last week, the Farm Bill failed to pass the House of Representatives by a vote of 195-234.

Had it passed, we would have reduced government spending by \$40 billion over 10 years by improving farm programs and reforming nutrition assistance.

You may be wondering, what happened?

I think a good bill failed because it wasn't perfect.

Most Democrats didn't support it because they felt that \$20 billion was too much to cut from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program — or food stamps.

On the other hand, some Republicans didn't think we cut enough.

I think that view is short-sighted.

The way the law

stands, funding for food stamps will continue as is, regardless of whether or not we pass a farm bill.

So by voting against it, they voted against any reforms.

They decided not to cut \$20 billion from nutrition assistance, and to let spending continue to grow.

Meanwhile, American farmers and ranchers, who work hard to produce food for our table and clothes for our families, are now left wondering how to plan for next season.

Will they be able to protect themselves against shallow losses by purchasing crop insurance?

Frankly, at this moment, I don't have all of the answers, but I am going to keep working to ensure we get long-term farm policy in place as soon as possible.

'What You Can Do About Mental Illness'

Sitting on my desk is one of those book club cards I'm supposed to return if I do "not" want this month's selected book. Two books, actually. Book clubs like to bundle books together. A pernicious practice.

Anyway, one book they want me to buy this month evidently has to do with "What You Can Do About Mental Illness." I'm not sure what they have in mind (no pun), but I've got a stack of books waiting on me. I doubt I'll buy this one.

I do, though, have a reaction to the question regarding what we can do about mental illness: We can all do our best not to drive other people crazy. I don't mean to be flippant about a truly heartbreaking problem; I just mean to be practical on a little less serious but real level.

Some folks make a habit of driving other people crazy. A few of them are so good at it that your first thought when you see them coming is to duck behind a bush.

And I'm serious as a heart attack: I don't want to be one of those folks. I want people who see me heading their way to be glad I'm coming!

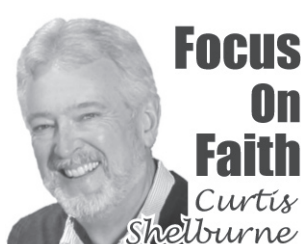
So I've been thinking about this.

For this discussion, may I just label "folks who drive people crazy" as "difficult people?" And would it help to propose a defining category or two?

Surely, a significant percentage of difficult people don't know they are difficult people — which is one reason they are. They don't realize what a "pass" most folks habitually give them.

I'm sure, if they weren't presently driving you crazy, you'd do well to feel sorry for folks who really don't know that people want to vanish when they see them coming.

Some real sympathy might also be due for some folks who are difficult, know they are difficult, and would really like "not" to be, but who honestly don't



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Curtis Shelburne

know how to be less difficult and happier.

(Again, it's easier to show sympathy to folks who've not just gutted you.)

I'm afraid we must also be realistic enough to say that some difficult people know they are difficult, like being difficult, and fully intend to continue being difficult as a method of controlling the people around them.

It's an approach to life that is as hellish as it is tempting. And that is literally where it leads.

I'm tempted to say that we all are difficult sometimes. True. But it is not true to say that all of us are habitually difficult. That's what we really want to avoid. But how?

I'm out of space, which makes me feel crotchety and difficult, but I'd offer a few suggestions:

- Leave judging to God and let him be God. He can handle it.
- Don't mistake your standards for God's standards or vice versa.
- Relax occasionally, and let folks around you breathe. Even if they don't always breathe in ways you like, they'll appreciate the fresh

air.
• Let molehills stay molehills.
• Your nose is for helping your laugh resonate; it is not for looking down. Laugh often and deeply.

• Try to change your mind's default setting from "criticism" to mercy and grace. That is surprisingly difficult. But people who are

serious about trying are rarely difficult. Folks like to see them coming.

I really don't want to be a difficult person. Those slots are more than filled. But if I start turning into one, you folks will tell me, right? And not just start hiding behind bushes when you see me coming? Thank you.

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Don't forget your photographs

Do you have any blank spots in your photo albums? Have some photos "walked" away?

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

Never Leave Your Child Alone in a Car

During the hot Texas summer, the danger of children dying from being left unattended in vehicles increases, warns Kathy Carr, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent for Bailey County.

Safe Kids USA has launched a new campaign titled, ACT. ACT stands for: Avoid heat stroke-related injury, Create reminders, and Take action.

The campaign is designed to link together these simple heat stroke prevention steps.

The problem is that temperatures in parked vehicles rise very quickly. According to figures from San Francisco State University's Department of Geosciences, in just 10 minutes, the temperature inside of a vehicle can increase by almost 20 degrees.

A child's body temperature rises three to five times faster than an adult's, making children more vulnerable to a deadly condition known as hyperthermia, or heat stroke.

Heat stroke can occur at body temperatures above 104 degrees. Even mild outside temperatures can pose a threat, but with Texas temperatures climbing into the upper 90s each day, the danger becomes even greater.

Statistics from San Francisco State University show that Texas leads the nation with the highest number of vehicle hyperthermia deaths during the years 1998-2011, with 80 deaths during that time.

Nationally, there have already been four hyperthermia deaths so far in 2012, with one having occurred in Texas.

Last year in Texas, there were nine vehicle heat-related deaths.

Nationally, there were 33, according to the National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration (NHTSA).

In more than half of the cases during that time period, the death was due to the child being 'forgotten' by the caregiver.

Such deaths are preventable when parents take precautions to make sure that children are not left alone in vehicles and cannot gain access to unlocked vehicles.

According to Safe Kids, one-third of the heat-related deaths in 2000 were due to children becoming trapped in a vehicle into which they had crawled.

Although many parents may think that this will never happen to them, it is a tragedy that can and has happened to many families.

It is important that parents talk to their babysitters, grandparents, and others who care for their children to make them aware of the dangers of hyperthermia deaths.

For parents with iPhones, check out the free iPhone application called "Baby Reminder."

This program allows you to set the days and time intervals in which you usually drive with your children and provides for an alert to be sent to you reminding you not to forget your baby in the car.

It can be downloaded via iTunes at <http://itunes.apple.com/il/app/baby-reminder/id468332744?mt=8>

Of course, no phone app can guarantee your child's safety.

Look for the ACT and Never Leave Your Child Alone in a Car campaign promotions, and follow these safety tips from National Safe Kids:

- Avoid heat stroke-related injury and death.
- Never leave your child alone in the car, even for a minute.
- Consistently lock unattended vehicle doors and trunks.

• Create reminders and habits that give you and your child's caregiver a safety net.

• Establish a peace-of-mind plan.

When you drop off your child, make a habit of calling or texting all other caregivers, so all of you know where your child is at all times.

• Place a purse, briefcase, gym bag, cell phone, or another item in a back seat that will be needed at your next stop.

• Set the alarm on your cell phone or computer calendar as a reminder to drop your child off at childcare.

Take action if you see an unattended child in a vehicle.

Dial 911 immediately, and follow the instructions that emergency personnel provide — they are

trained to determine if a child is in danger.

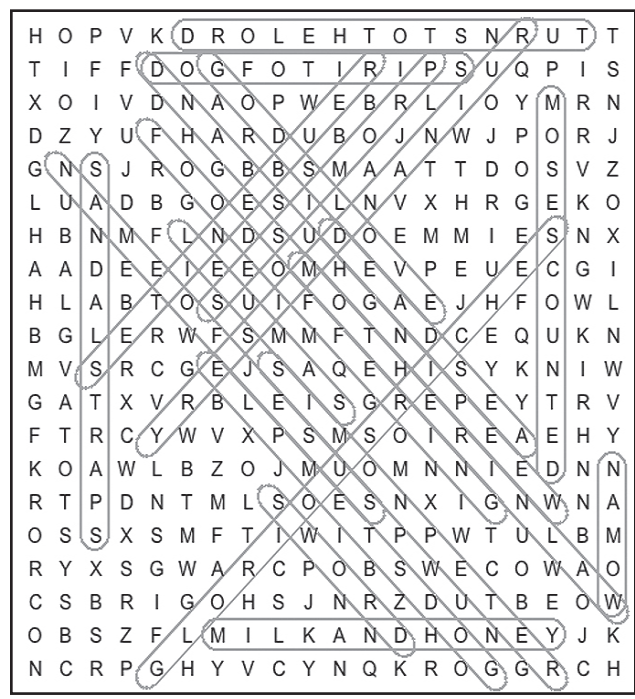
Remember, children should never be left alone around cars.

In addition to heat risks, there are other safety concerns with children in and around cars including back-overs, the risk of children releasing the gear shift or engaging electric windows, or becoming trapped inside vehicles or trunks.

For more information, visit the National Safe Kids website at <http://www.safekids.org/safety-basics/safety-guide/kids-in-and-around-cars/never-leave-your-child-alone.html>.

Thank you for reading the Journal!

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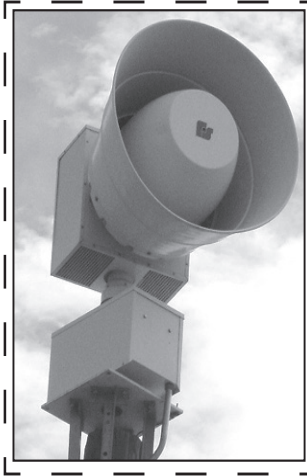
Thirteen years ago, the Muleshoe ISD Board of Trustees authorized the creation of the Muleshoe Opportunity Scholarship Trust (M.O.S.T.). This local scholarship fund was established to ensure that every Muleshoe High School graduate would receive a scholarship that would allow him or her to begin a course of study in higher education. At the end of May, the Muleshoe community had donated a total of \$20,021.00. That enabled us to make sure EVERY Muleshoe High School graduate received a \$500 scholarship to attend a university, college, or trade school.

We want to thank the community of Muleshoe and friends of the school that gave so generously to support this worthy cause. We appreciate the Muleshoe School Board for its leadership in allowing us to pursue this goal. We want to say thank you to the volunteers and students that made posters and donated services and did hundreds of other details that were necessary to complete this project. This truly is an investment in the future of our children and the future of our community. We can all be proud to live in a community that gives so generously to support its youth.

Contributions or memorials for the M.O.S.T. Scholarship fund are accepted year-round and can be given by contacting the school at 272-7404. Donations to the M.O.S.T. scholarship fund during the 2012-2013 school year were made by the following individuals and businesses:

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

My how time goes by. Here it is the year is half over. It is time for all our entertaining and good times for the Fourth of July.

The Oneita Wagon Senior Center will be open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 4.

We invite all our friends, in town and out of town to come by and visit us.

Just have a cup of coffee, tea or water, see our center and visit with long time friends.

We will have copies of the "Honoring Our Area Pioneers" available for any of you who have family history in the book.

This is a very good story of our early settlers in Muleshoe

and surrounding area.

The books will sell for \$35. We invite all out-of-town family members to come by and see the information on our walls and what is in the books.

Make plans to come to the center and watch the parade at 10 a.m. and stay for lunch.

We will serve a brisket lunch from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The cost is an \$8 donation for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

We invite all who enjoy a good time to come by and join in the fun and fellowship.

The Class of 1953 will be meeting at the senior center on Friday, July 5, from 4-10 p.m. They invite any of the other friends to come by to say hello and visit.

The center is selling tickets for a chance to win a 42-inch plasma screen television, and a seven-inch Kindle Fire™. Tickets are \$10 for one or three for \$25.

If you don't win the television, you still have a chance for the Kindle™.

Come by and get your tickets now, time is running out. We will

be having the drawing at 1 p.m., on July 4.

Tuesday, July 2, will be Bunco day. Call a friend and come on in by 10 a.m., and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

We have several of our senior friends who are under the weather. Our prayers are with you. We miss you and hope you are back with us soon.

July 1-5 menus:

Monday, July 1 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian vegetables, broccoli, autumn Jello™, and garlic toast.

Tuesday, July 2 — Pork chops, black-eye peas, spinach, baked apple, and cornbread.

Wednesday, July 3 — Grilled steak, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, tossed vegetable salad, low

calorie French dressing, cornbread, and tropical fruit.

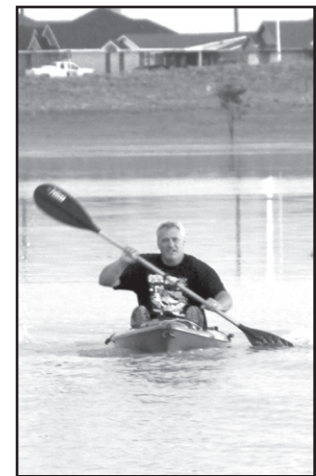
Thursday, July 4 — Brisket lunch, everyone welcome. 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Adults, \$8, children, \$5.

Friday, July 5 — Fish or chicken strips, borracho beans, green peas, tossed vegetable salad, low calorie French dressing, and a whole wheat roll.



Water Fun

The old saying, that "if life gives you lemons, make lemonade" holds true, even in Muleshoe. It's not everyday you can break out the kayak in Muleshoe, but Coaches David Wood and Josh Woolbright did just that after last week's heavy rain flooded the West City Park.



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In July 1969, Neil Armstrong, with Michael Collins and Buzz Aldrin, left the planet Earth aboard Apollo 11 and journeyed to the surface of the moon.

On July 21, Armstrong became the first astronaut to walk on the moon's surface, and uttered the words for which he was famous, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

What an amazing voyage they must have had.

In Luke, chapter 23, the Bible tells of a journey taken by three other men that has also drawn the attention of people around the world.

Men who weren't astronauts, but are still remembered for the things they did and said when their feet weren't touching the earth.

In these scriptures, the Bible tells us that our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Son of God was

Lamplight By Larry Thornton

crucified for our sins.

And it tells us that at his side were two criminals... dregs of society who had reached their own individual crosses through their own merits.

We don't know much about these criminals. Life was cheap in the days of Rome, and punishment for someone who wasn't a Roman citizen was often swift and cruel.

The Bible tells us more about Jesus. He was born of Mary, through the action of the Holy Spirit.

He preached, healed, fed the hungry, comforted the mourning, raised people from the dead and loved people.

He called disciples to him, chastised the

irreverent and brought hope and eternal life to all who believed.

When we think about the life of the first criminal and his attitude as he hung there dying, next to Jesus, we can easily picture his bitterness and cynicism.

"Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" his words are recorded in Luke 23:39, NIV.

The robber cried out for help, but there wasn't belief in his heart.

The first thief knew he was evil, and apparently saw the rest of the world in the same light.

We don't know why the first thief was bitter. Modern sociologists would probably blame it on his upbringing or his home.

But how he got there doesn't matter. What does is that he turned down the only route out of his bitterness and death.

The second thief arrived at death with justice and vision.

This man recognized justice. He knew he was guilty, and recognized the man hanging at his side was guilty of nothing.

Maybe he had been among the crowds listening to Jesus teach?

What we do know, is that he was open to the work of the Holy

Spirit. He recognized something in Jesus the chief priests and Pilate didn't, and because of that he asked Jesus to remember him when Christ came into his kingdom.

Imagine that... a thief in paradise? Should we be surprised? Doesn't the Bible tell us that people such as he won't make it to heaven?

The truth is, he might have been a thief and a liar when he was nailed to the cross and raised at the side of Jesus, but when the time came for his body to be removed, all God the Father could see was another of his children covered with the blood of his only begotten Son.

Why should we be surprised? Isn't that what Christ has done for all who call him Lord and Savior?

A robber with the Son of God in paradise... When I was asked about this passage a few months ago, the person seeking information said, "Paradise can mean anything. It doesn't necessarily mean the robber went to heaven with Christ."

What he didn't understand was that "in paradise" aren't the key words about this robber's eternal fate.

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Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Dominguez

Casanova, Dominguez Exchange Wedding Vows

Marisela Nicole Casanova and Stephen James Dominguez, both of Muleshoe, were united in matrimony on June 24, 2013, at the Muleshoe Heritage Center with a reception following at the same location.

Ruben Acevedo officiated at the ceremony, and Eddie Alvarado, Sr., provided music for the wedding and the reception that followed.

Melissa Nicole Casanova served as maid of honor, assisted by bridesmaids Sarah Ruthardt, Jasmine Mendoza, Samantha Sayas, Andrea Solano and Elizabeth Salamanca.

DJ Dominguez served as best man, assisted by groomsmen Cesar Lopez, John Mendoza, Luis Sayas, Alex Garcia

and Julio Bustillos.

Hosts and servers at the reception included Sylvia and David Dominguez, Fernando Casanova, Rhonda Toscano, Gina Hodges, Gabby Barrera Reyes, Stephane Paza and Gloria Salazar.

The bride is the daughter of Diana and Fernando Casanova of Muleshoe. She is a 2010 graduate of Muleshoe High School, and is employed with Lowe's Supermarket.

The groom is the son of Sylvia and David Dominguez of Muleshoe.

He is a 2008 graduate of Muleshoe High School, and is employed with the Minsa Corporation.

The couple honeymooned in Georgia, and will reside in Muleshoe.

SISD Changes Announced

Sudan ISD has welcomed the new staff members who were hired this spring to replace instructors who have retired or moved to another place of employment.

Dean Edwards will be teaching elementary physical education, and his wife Jennifer Edwards will be the new high school science teacher.

Benny Lockhart will also teach elementary physical education.

Melanie Harper will be the new high school math teacher after Kim Taylor has moved to the Austin area.

Leslie Johnson will move from the fifth through seventh grade math position to the second and third grade reading teacher.

Replacing her is Staci Lockhart who will teach junior high math.

After Susan Baker retired in December, the position has now been filled by Cindy Martin who will teach fourth grade.

Husband and wife duo of Mikayla Stephenson and Nicholas Stephenson have been hired to replace Byron and Karol Morgan in the music department.

Mikayla will teach elementary music while Nicholas will be the overall band director.

Guthry Edwards has moved from his position as one of the junior high science instructors to the business teacher at Sudan High School.

Bridgette Wall will now teach junior high science.

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County Committee Nominations Are Under Way

Bailey County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Kim Hanlin, announced that county committee election nominations began on June 17. Farmers, ranchers and landowners are encouraged to nominate candidates to serve on their local FSA county committee by the Aug. 1 deadline.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity and price support programs, as

well as other important federal farm program issues.

County committees are comprised of three to 11 members.

"County Committees are unique to FSA and are instrumental in all aspects of federal farm program implementation at the local level," said Hanlin.

Producers may nominate themselves or others as candidates.

Organizations that represent minority and women farmers and ranchers may also nominate candidates.

Nominees must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area (LAA) in which the person is a candidate.

To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A.

The form and more information about county committee elections are available online at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

"It is important that county committees are

comprised of members who fairly represent the diverse demographics of production agriculture for their community," said Hanlin.

"All producers, including women, minority and beginning farmers and ranchers are encouraged to participate in the nomination and election process," he added.

Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2013.

FSA will mail ballots to eligible voters

beginning Nov. 4. The ballots are due back in the local county office by mail or in person no later than Dec. 2.

All newly elected county committee members and alternates

will take office Jan. 1, 2014.

For more information about county committees, please contact the Bailey County FSA office at 806 272 4538 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

FSA NAP Coverage Is Available

Texas Farm Service Agency will offer Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for 2014 crops that are planted annually and used for livestock feed or fodder, according to Kim Hanlin, Bailey County USDA FSA executive director.

The Risk Management Agency (FSA) recently announced a pilot program that offers a CAT level Rainfall Index-Annual Forage Insurance Plan to producers in Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South

Dakota.

Because there is limited time for producers in these states to transition from NAP to the new RMA pilot program, an exception was made that will allow the states to continue offering NAP coverage for 2014.

However, NAP coverage will not be available for 2015 annual forage crops.

Eligible producers can apply for 2014 NAP coverage at the Bailey County FSA Office using form CCC-471, *Application for Coverage*.

Producers must file the application and

service fee by the Sept. 1, deadline.

The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

Producers who meet the definition of a limited resource farmer or rancher can request a waiver of the service fee.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to

normal disasters.

"The easiest way for producers to protect their investment is to purchase an insurance policy," said Hanlin.

"The past few years have proved that natural disasters are unavoidable, and producers can recover if they take the necessary precautions to mitigate risks," he added.

For more information about NAP, contact the Bailey County FSA office at 806-272-4538 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

Push America Expected July 6

A team of cyclists participating in Journey of Hope, presented by KRG Capital, will arrive in Muleshoe as a stop on their 4,000-mile cycling event across the country to raise funds and awareness for people with disabilities Saturday, July 6.

The team will arrive at Muleshoe Jennyslippers at 1 p.m. for lunch. Dinner will also be provided to the team by the Jennyslippers at 6 p.m.

Journey of Hope is a program of Push America, the national philanthropy of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, which raises funds and awareness for people with disabilities.

The Journey of Hope team consists of men from Pi Kappa Phi chapters across the country.

The team will cycle an average of 75 miles per day, a total of 4,000 miles, beginning in San Francisco (June 9) and Seattle (June 5) and ending in Washington, DC, on Aug. 1.

For the team, the real journey will not be on a bike, but spending time with the people for whom they are riding.

The Journey of Hope team members will have spent every afternoon with people with disabilities in many different community events and activities.

These men are striving for community inclusion of people



with disabilities and are helping to break the barriers of society that keep people of all abilities from living life to the fullest.

This year Push America celebrates its founding in 1977 with its 36th anniversary and the 26th anniversary of the Journey of Hope.

Push America's goal has always

been committing its members to enhance the lives of people with disabilities.

With the combined efforts of sponsors and individual team members, this year's Journey of Hope will raise more than \$500,000 on behalf of people with disabilities.

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~Contest Eating Rules~:

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

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

The decisions of the eating judges and the event judge are final.

- The winners of the two divisions will receive a trophy to commemorate their achievement.

~Registration~:

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



The Sudan Buzz

Sudan FCCLA Attends Summer Summit

Region I members of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) of Texas met at the Education Service Center in Lubbock on June 24, to attend the FCCLA Summer Summit.



Attendees participated in a day of unique opportunities that challenged, informed, and motivated the FCCLA members, and their chapter advisors explored opportunities available through FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience.

The meeting was intended to increase youth awareness about such areas as leadership skills, chapter management, marketing and social media, and integrating FCCLA programs in to their program of work.

building, competitive events, and professional dress and etiquette.

FCCLA, after the visionary committee developed and began implementing the course work that was presented to the chapters.

will take part in this training during the week.

through Family and Consumer Sciences education.

They examined new ways to help them succeed in their chapters, region, and state.

Also, information was shared on team

Nine of the Region I FCCLA officers were among the 54 members who attended the meeting.

FCCLA chapters, advisers, and members from across the region and at other service centers around the state

Sudan FCCLA members who attended the one day training included Dex Baker, Chesanie Brantley, Sydnie Brantley, Sydney Goen, and Kristina Thorn.

FCCLA has more than 200,000 members and over 6,500 chapters from 50 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than 10 million youth since its founding in 1945.

Medrano Plays In Greenbelt Bowl

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The first Greenbelt Bowl game was played Aug. 11, 1950.



Sudan Hornet Cesar Medrano was selected and earned the right to play in the 2013 Greenbelt Bowl Game in Childress last weekend.

The bowl features athletes from smaller schools who would like to showcase their talents in hopes of college scholarship money or for playing one last time.

their time and expertise to ensure that the event is successful.

and queen sponsorship as well as companies advertising in the program.

Other chapters in attendance were Lubbock Cooper, Springlake Earth, Anton, Shallowater, Guthrie, Lubbock Roosevelt, Hale Center, Crosbyton, Denver City, and Dawson.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical in-school student organization with the family as its central focus.

This is the 64th annual bowl game that the Childress Rotary Club has sponsored.

In the 64 years of the game, more than 3,500 football players will have played in the bowl game.

Funds are raised through the athlete

Medrano plans on attending South Plains College in the fall and begin his degree in engineering.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues

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Ray Lee Equipment Renews Commitment To Customer Satisfaction

In an ever-changing, and at times, uncertain economy, it is easy to be consumed by concerns and negativity. In these uncertain times, Ray Lee Equipment has stood as a testament to the “never quit” attitude that West Texans share.

Ray Lee, the man, started working with John Deere in 1963, and after some time, in 1986, Ray Lee Equipment Company was established. The organization rapidly expanded, and was quickly known for its reputation of taking care of the customer. With Ray’s ultimate retirement fast approaching, Ray’s sons, Aaron and Mark, stepped up to assist in the management of the company.

Ray Lee Equipment has made significant changes to help bring the local John Deere dealership to a new level; a new brand and identity, a new vision and mission, a new general manager, new goals, new direction, and most importantly, a renewed commitment to customer satisfaction.

Continuing on this trend of advancement and improvement, in 2013, with doing whatever it takes to keep customers satisfied at the forefront of their minds, the Lee’s named Tim Hardage the General Manager of the company.

Tim has a steadfast dedication to “doing whatever it takes” to make the customer happy. That commitment to the customer is felt throughout the organization. It doesn’t take much time spent with Ray Lee Equipment personnel to discover a rekindled push for customer satisfaction.

Shortly after Tim was named GM, through collaboration with the Lee’s, a new vision and mission was put into place to guide the actions and future direction of Ray Lee Equipment.

The new vision: “Achieve excellence in the minds of our customers, team members, and John Deere,” has been posted throughout the six stores in the organization. It reminds everyone within Ray Lee Equipment that anything short of achieving excellence is an opportunity for improvement.

And customers have noticed. Since the change, Ray Lee Equipment has improved customer satisfaction, increased its community outreach, and recommitted to creating a John Deere dealership that is the embodiment of what farmers, producers, land owners, and backyard gardeners have come to expect from John Deere.

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Tim Hardage also wants to let everyone in our local area know that he welcomes direct feedback. If you have an issue, Tim wants to know about it. You may send Tim feedback via the Ray Lee Equipment website by visiting www.rlec.com/feedback-th.

In short, Ray Lee Equipment wants your business, and is willing to do whatever it takes to earn it.

Ray Lee Equipment has six stores in West Texas and New Mexico at: Clovis, Dimmitt, Floydada, Muleshoe, Olton, and Plainview. You may also visit them on the web at www.RayLeeEquipment.com.



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My name is Gina Wilkerson. I am the president of the Chamber of Commerce. I am married to Ronnie Wilkerson, my children are Kolby and Brittini, Kallan, Berklea Wilkerson.

As the chamber, we are here to make Muleshoe a better place to live and work. A place where people passing through can learn about Muleshoe. I take pride in being a part of the chamber and plan to do whatever I can for the community. I hope businesses in town as well as our dairies, feedyards, fertilizer and sprinkler businesses, vets, etc. just keep growing.

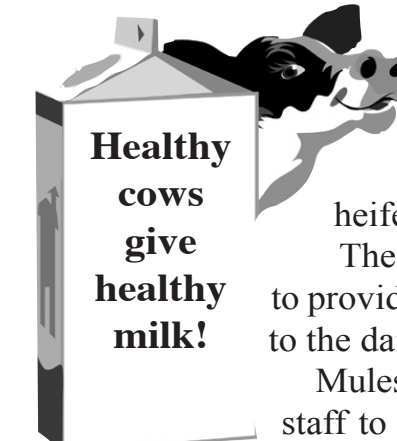
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*Gina Wilkerson,
Chamber President*

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Muleshoe Animal Clinic is a mixed animal practice that originated in 1960 in Muleshoe. MAC serves an area in the Texas Panhandle and Eastern New Mexico that extends to more than an 80 mile radius around Muleshoe.



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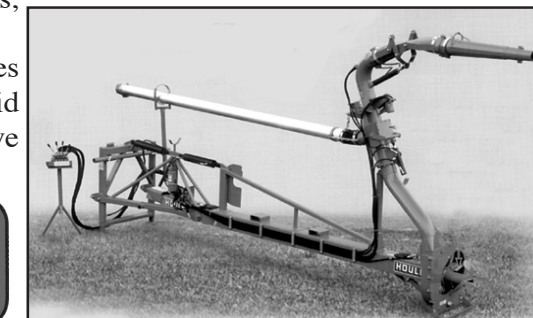
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Facts About Dairy Farming In The Lone Star State Noted

The Texas Association of Dairymen offer the following facts about their contributions to the Lone Star State:

- Texas dairy farmers contribute to the economy. Texas has 473 Grade A dairies. In October 2012, the state's estimated 353,917 milk cows produced more than 768 million pounds of milk.

- An average dairy farm has 909 cows, produces 16.1 million pounds of milk per year and annually contributes \$3.2 million directly and \$8.1 million overall to the state's economy.

- Combined, the milk production and processing sectors yield a value added to the Texas economy of \$1.59 billion.

- This vibrant and growing industry continues to boost the

rural job base and economy in Texas.

- For every 100 cows, a dairy farm creates 4.1 jobs, both direct and indirect.

- Texas dairy farmers contribute to water quality. Dairy farmers follow strict national, state and local water quality guidelines and are regulated and permitted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB).

- Operating requirements include lined lagoon systems to contain on-farm water, manure management programs, continuous water testing, regular inspections and a site-specific nutrient management plan.

- Texas dairy farmers contribute

to air quality. Dairy farmers work with university researchers, government, industry and other experts to invest in and develop new technologies to protect the environment and conserve natural resources.

- Texas dairy farmers contribute to reduced water usage. Water used on the farm is recycled multiple times – it is used to cool milk in the milking process, to clean equipment and the milking facility and then to irrigate the farm's cropland.

Dairy farmers are guided on water conservation practices, including modernized water storage and delivery systems, by government agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, TSSWCB and TCEQ.

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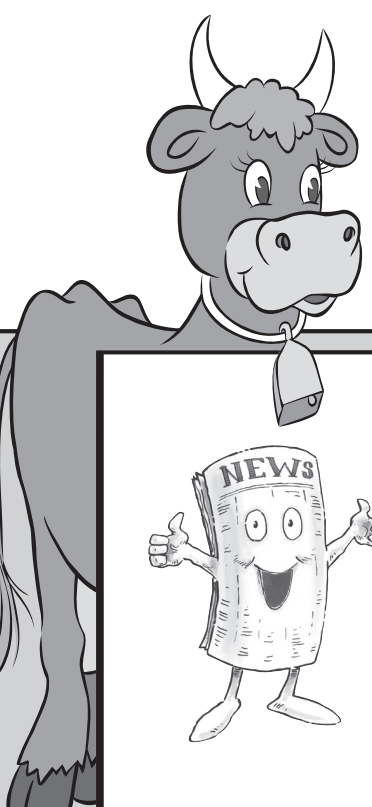
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(NAPS) — Drink milk to your good health. A few facts can help you and your family enjoy the many great nutrients and health benefits that milk can offer while customizing your milk choice.

- Milk's been a part of the American diet since the 1600s. The first dairy cow arrived on the East Coast in the Jamestown Colony around 1611 and priests brought cows to the West Coast via Baja, California, around 1679.

- Today, milk goes from cow to dairy aisle in just about two days, which means getting the freshest possible beverage is as easy as a trip to the grocery store.

- Milk helps build strong bones and scientists now say it also helps reduce blood pressure, boost immunity, ward against diabetes, protect against certain types of cancer and can even help you lose weight.

- One cup of milk costs about 25 cents and is loaded with vitamins and nutrients like calcium, vitamin D, protein and potassium.

- To get the same calcium in a glass of milk, you'd have to eat 12 servings of whole grains, 10 cups of raw spinach or six servings of beans (legumes), so raise a glass!

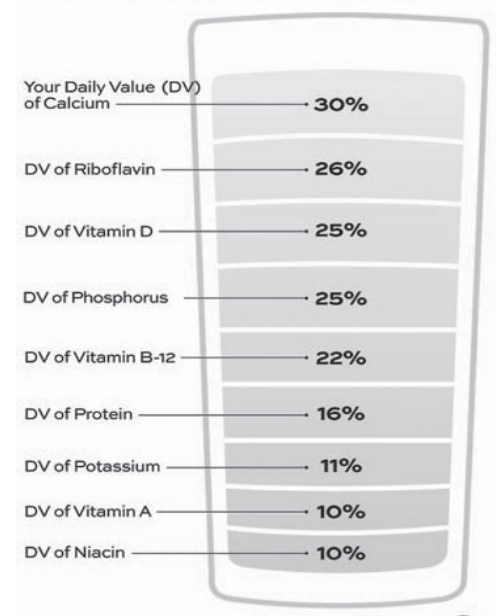
- Lactose-free milk is a great option for people who have lactose intolerance.

They may also be able to tolerate foods cooked with milk or eat cheese and yogurt.

- Pediatricians recommend that kids drink whole or reduced-fat milk between the ages of 1 and 2.

At this age, children need fat in their diets for nerve and brain development and milk is a good

One cup of milk—whether whole, low-fat or fat-free—provides:



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source, plus it's one that most kids like.

- Most Americans fall below the three cups of milk a day recommended by the USDA — but there are many easy and enjoyable ways to serve milk: glasses with dinner, cream soups, lattes, pudding for dessert, even hot cocoa to start your day or wind down your night.

For example, here's one great way to enjoy milk:

Chocorazz Smoothie

- 1 medium banana, sliced and frozen
- 1 cup fat-free chocolate milk
- ½ cup raspberry low-fat yogurt

Place banana, chocolate milk and yogurt in blender. Cover and blend until smooth. Pour into two glasses. Serve immediately.

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Some additional "cool" facts:
• The first ice cream parlor in America opened in New York City in 1776.

• It takes 12 gallons of milk to make one gallon of ice cream.

• The most popular flavors are vanilla, chocolate, butter pecan, strawberry and Neapolitan, followed closely by chocolate chip and French vanilla.

• Cherry is the No. 1 popsicle flavor. Twin popsicles were invented during the Depression so two children could

share one treat.

Remember to make the ice cream aisle your last stop, keep your frozen purchases in a separate section of the cart and pack your ice cream in an additional brown paper bag for the ride home.

To make an easy, elegant dessert for family and friends, try a simple sauce over ice cream.

Ice Cream with Raspberry Sauce

1/2 gallon vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt

12 oz. (11/2 cups) frozen raspberries

1 tablespoon cornstarch

2 tablespoons lemon juice

1/3 cup sugar

Fresh raspberries and mint (for garnish)

For sauce, combine raspberries, cornstarch, lemon juice and sugar in

small saucepan and bring to boil over medium-high heat. Cook until berries have broken down (about 5 minutes). Remove from heat and cool. To serve, place three large scoops of ice cream in each dish and top with raspberry Sauce, a few fresh raspberries and mint leaf. Serves six.

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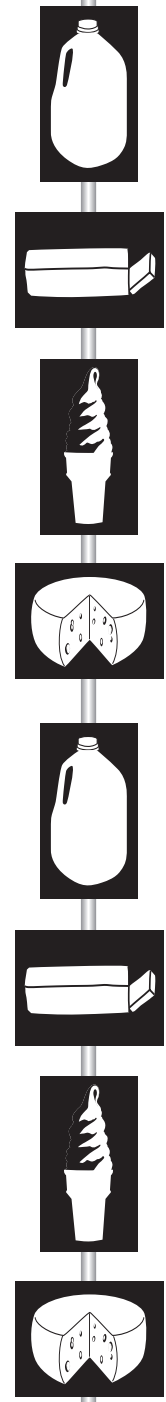
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