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School board splits on education priority

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Trustees of the Muleshoe Independent School District approved a resolution urging the state legislature to target public education last in next session's expected budget cuts.

However, Monday's

board action wasn't the picture of unity one would expect from a school board resolution entitled "Make Education a Priority," as the vote that followed discussion of the issue carried a 5-2c split, with board members Bruce Barrett and Carroll Precure

casting the dissenting votes.

Prior to the vote, Barrett explained his concerns with the resolution, which he felt urged the legislature to solve the problem of education funding at any expense, including raising taxes.

In previous board discussions, Barrett has stated his opposition to throwing tax dollars at a problem rather than seeking a true solution.

At Monday's meeting, Barrett said the legislature should take steps to grow the economy to solve the projected \$25 billion state

budget shortfall rather than rely just on budget cuts.

Barrett also expressed his concerns about nationalizing such things as education costs as it primarily means states with even greater budget problems would in effect be seeking a

solution to their own problems using Texas dollars.

On the other side of the board room, Precure expressed his concern that targeting education funding last could impact other unspecified state issues which have an even higher need than education.

Joining Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets, urging passage of the resolution, was board vice president Daniel Guzman, who didn't feel the resolution required more specific phrasing, and felt the legislature is ultimately going to "do what it wants to do."

In other business, the school board:

- Approved the district's three-year technology plan, which was presented by technology director Eric Craig.

During the discussion, the board also learned about the district's new Facebook page, along with its new telephone alert system.

"The school district sees a lot of benefits to the page," Sheets said, including the posting of school district notices that will be accessible to students and parents who link to the page.

- Were introduced to the district's new food service director for Aramark, Sharon Campbell, a former Muleshoe High School graduate.

MISD Business Manager Daniel Harper presented the district's

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Council receives drainage complaint

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Muleshoe's city council took no action regarding a complaint about the water drainage in the vicinity of Joliet Street during Monday's regular meeting, other than to assure the resident that the city would continue working to resolve the problem.

Bill Liles, who presented his complaint to the council and admitted

the property in question isn't platted within the City of Muleshoe, complained about the water that drains from property within the city onto his property as well as his neighbor, Jerry Killingsworth.

"Whether its part of the city or part of the county," Liles said, "I don't know."

He said the property in question was platted

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MAHD takes another step toward expanding clinic

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board of Directors took another step toward the expansion of its rural health clinic during Thursday's regular meeting, listening to a presentation

on construction management and approving an inter-local agreement that would allow them to participate in a related cooperative purchasing program.

Tina Boneta of Basic IDIQ addressed the

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Second thoughts on sharing

Sometimes, you have second thoughts about sharing. Such appears to be the case for the retriever Rebel, pictured above, with Cecil Haas of Albuquerque, who was hunting recently at Bamert Seed Farms.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

Muleshoe trio to face prosecution for rural copper wire thefts

Following indictments by a recent Bailey County grand jury, three Muleshoe-area residents have been charged with the theft of copper wire from sprinkler pivots in

Bailey County.

Julian Miguel Pena — who was one of the witnesses to testify in the murder prosecution of Daniel Mendoza in November, and Joseph

Alarcon Gonzalez stood before Dist. Judge Gordon Green last week to answer for two separate indictments that had been handed down for the theft of property

valued between \$1,500 and \$20,000.

In another indictment, Jose Francisco Sital stood before Judge Green on a similar charge related to the theft of copper wire

from a sprinkler pivot.

According to Bailey County Sheriff Richard Wills, additional copper wire thefts, involving additional suspects, are still under way.

Christmas Time

By Larry Thornton
Part 2

"It was like Bela Lugosi," Archer said as he described the incident in the store's monitoring room to the young associate who had taken his place at the entrance.

The "youngster," who was actually in his early 20s, looked at him with an expression of puzzlement. "Who?" he asked.

"Bela Lugosi..." Archer said, "the actor... Dracula. Like Boris Karloff's Frankenstein's monster and Lon Chaney Jr's Wolfman."

"Okay. I remember. The old horror movies that Count Gregore hosted," the associate said, referring to a character portrayed

by an Oklahoma City television movie host since 1958.

"Uh huh." "But what does that have to do with the kid?"

"You couldn't see Bela Lugosi... Dracula, in the mirror, and we couldn't see the kid on the monitor screen," Archer explained.

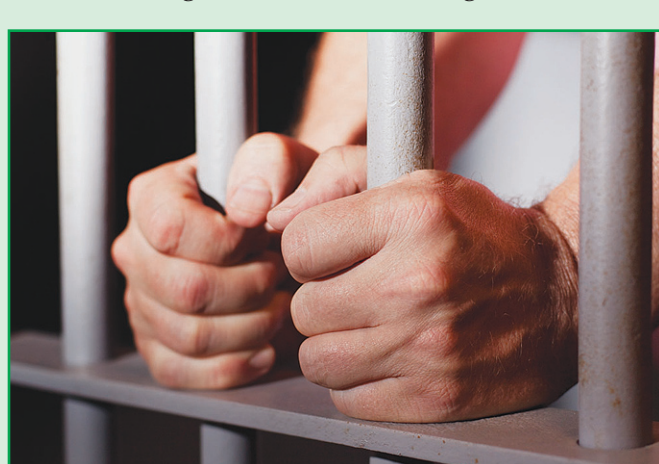
The associate's look of puzzlement switched to one of incredulity. "More likely the camera wasn't angled properly," he said.

"I know. But the whole thing seems strange," Archer said.

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Mike and Louie Little circled the convenience store for the fourth time in the last half hour. They'd been planning on hitting this particular store for about a week, figuring

the haul would be best on Friday evening, prior to shift change, when the register would be fullest and the clerk would be concentrating more on



finishing her shift than who was coming in or exiting.

Earlier that week, they'd hit a similar store a couple of counties to the east, but that money had already been used... with the majority being

used to pay for drugs they'd been fronted.

This time, they needed more, and times were getting desperate. No one owed Big Mike for too

long before a painful bill came due.

Leroy Thompson's call to the Oklahoma Police Department wasn't very helpful. He'd first asked to talk to Det. Theodore Archer, but

the connection was lost during the transfer. In the second call from the bus station he was told there wasn't an extension for Archer listed, so he decided to walk the few blocks separating the station from the police department building, and asked in person.

As he walked through downtown Oklahoma City, to the police department, he noticed enjoyed the Christmas decorations in the store windows and the tinsel ornamentation hanging from the street lights.

"This is what it should look like everywhere, at Christmas," he thought to himself.

The young officer at the reception desk wasn't much help either... at first. He'd told Thompson he wasn't acquainted

with a Det. Archer, and was about to turn his attention to another person when an older officer, a sergeant, walked by.

"Wait a second," the officer said. "Hey, Sarge?"

The sergeant stopped, looking briefly at Thompson before looking over at the desk officer. "Whatcha need?" he asked.

"This man is looking for an officer from a couple of decades ago... a Det. Archer. Theodore Archer."

The sergeant looked at Thompson again. "What do you need him for?"

"I met him on a case he was working a while back, and thought I'd talk to him about

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Around Muleshoe...



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Candlelight services

Several local churches will be hosting candlelight and special services during the next couple of weeks. These churches include:

- Trinity Baptist Church, which invites the public to worship during a candlelight service on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. Featured singers will include Emily Patterson of Muleshoe and Paula Sterrett from By All Means Drama and Music Ministry of Cleburne. A fellowship and refreshments will follow the evening service. Sterrett will also be the quest soloist in the church's morning worship.

- First United Methodist Church will be holding a Christmas Eve candlelight service on Friday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m.

- First Baptist Church of Muleshoe will be presenting a Christmas cantata during its morning worship service on Sunday, Dec. 19. It will be holding a candlelight service that evening at 6 p.m.

AA meetings set

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

City council meets...

Continued from page 1 Mayor Cliff Black as part of the city at one time, but was later unplatted.

Liles also said that after butting heads with City Manager David Brunson over the issue he requested the issue be placed on the city council's agenda, which it was... but not as an "action item," which meant the council would hear and discuss the complaint, but no official action would be forthcoming from Monday's meeting.

"I know you can't fight city Hall, and water doesn't flow uphill," Liles said, "but they built a dam," referring to city workers who had been hauling dirt to the site in an apparent effort to redirect the flow of the drainage water.

"It's a problem, and the city built this dam, and made it a worse problem," he added.

Additional dirt work was done in recent weeks, Liles said, but it didn't improve the situation. "What they did was put lipstick on a pig," he said.

The city manager told the council drainage in the area has been a problem for years, and admitted that to date the city's efforts to resolve the problem haven't been successful.

agreed with Liles about the porcine problem, noting that he'd previously discussed the problem with Brunson when Liles' neighbor, Killingsworth, had complained.

"You can put lipstick on a pig, but you've still got the pig," the mayor said, adding that he didn't know what to do about the problem.

"We can't fix it because we don't know how to run the equipment needed to fix the problem," councilman Gary Parker said.

"The perfect solution is to pave the street, but I don't know where we'd get the quarter of a million dollars needed to fix the problem," the mayor said.

"If you come up with an answer," Brunson said, "we're interested."

In other business Monday, the city council:

- Joined with other communities in approving a resolution denying Southwestern Public Service's proposed rate increase, in effect sending the issue to negotiations.

- Reappointed councilman Eric McElroy to serve on the Bailey County Appraisal District board.

Jailer terminated; charges pending

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Various administrative steps are being taken by the Bailey County Sheriff following an investigation into allegations that one of his department's jailers engaged in sexual relations with a female inmate at the Bailey County Law Enforcement Center.

According to Sheriff Richard Wills, his staff will be taking part in "in-house" training conducted by a representative of the Texas Association of Counties, and he is also looking into the installation of additional video cameras in the facility.

After learning of the allegations against the jailer — who has yet to be identified, the sheriff placed the county employee on leave pending the result of an investigation by the Texas Rangers.

"We just want to be sure it's investigated properly and that we don't interfere," Wills said in a news release received by the Muleshoe Journal after its press deadline.

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employee Mandy Myers.

"She's doing an excellent job," Harrison said. "We're getting all the information we need, and in a timely manner."

- Authorized the county judge to sign the TCDRS plan for 2011.

- Approved the October county treasurer's report, and received the November report for review.

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Food pantry help needed

The Bailey County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry was open Saturday, Dec. 11, to distribute Christmas boxes.

The food pantry will not be open any other Saturday in the month of December.

The food pantry is also in need of volunteers to work from 9-10:30 a.m., one Saturday a month, distributing food, starting in January.

For additional information, contact Donna Jay at 806-272-4224.

News office closed Dec. 24

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something," Thompson said.

"I didn't find a listing for Theodore or Teddy Archer," the young officer added, "but I thought you might remember him."

The officer continued studying Thompson's face for a bit before replying. "That's because he's not listed under his first name," the sergeant said. "He's referring to the lieutenant."

"Which lieutenant?"

"T. Timothy..."

The clarification was obviously unhelpful to the young officer, however, Thompson nodded his head in understanding.

"He retired from the police department before you graduated from the academy," the sergeant said.

"Do you know how I could reach him?" Thompson asked.

"Haven't talked to him in years," the sergeant said. "I know he worked for a county sheriff's department for a while, but I couldn't tell you where that was, or even if he should still be there."

After a thoughtful pause, Thompson thanked the officers and left.

After he'd left, the sergeant picked up the phone in his office and dialed the extension for robbery/homicide. "This is Sgt. Drake at the front desk. Is Hamilton in?"

He listened to the voice at the other end before continuing. "No, don't radio him, but asked him to give me a call when he gets back in."

Archer was tired, and still frustrated by the time he left Wal-Mart for the evening, forgetting to

purchase a soft drink in the process, so in an after thought, he pulled into the convenience store at the intersection of Arlington and Mississippi.

Inside, he walked to the cooler instead of the fountain, and carried his choice to the front counter.

"Anything else?" the clerk asked.

Archer shook his head, handed the clerk a bill, and accepted his change.

"Have a good evening," the clerk said.

"You, too," Archer said as he turned to leave. Pausing for just a second as movement to his right caught his eye.

Two young men had entered the store as Archer approached the front counter. Now, one of them was at the magazine stand, thumbing through a magazine, while the other had moved to the back of the store looking through the glass in one of the cooler doors.

As Archer took a step toward the door, he noticed in the corner of his eye that both young men were watching as he left... and the gray hackles on the back of his neck rose.

Continuing out through the door, Archer thought to himself, "Sure wish I still had a portable radio."

Sitting his drink on top of a trash can, he slipped his hand into his pocket, pulled out a quarter that he dropped into the pay phone on the exterior of the building, and punched in the number to the police department. He recognized the voice on the other end.

"Hey, Mickey, this is T. Timothy, you'd better

send a car to Johnny's at Arlington and Mississippi... I think some guys are about to hit it. ...Uh huh, I'll stick around."

Sitting the receiver down for a moment instead of hanging up, Archer stepped over to his pickup, quickly unlocked the door, slipped his Remington 870 pump shotgun out of its concealed seat scabbard, and chambered a round.

From his position on the driver's side, he was able to see a what was happening at the store's register without anyone inside being able to see him. "With a little luck," he muttered, "they'll get here in time."

Unfortunately, luck wasn't being served up this night at Johnny's. Archer watched as the robbers approached the clerk. One pulled a handgun, and demanded the cash.

He also watched as the foolish clerk opened the register and started to hand the man with the gun the cash. Then, when the robber started to take the money, Archer watched as the clerk grabbed at the revolver, struggled for a moment, and was shot by the other robber with a handgun that had been concealed.

"Lord, help us," Archer said as he darted around the front of the pickup.

While he might have waited for the arrival of the commissioned officers to confront robbers outside, where it would have been safest for the clerk, he was now dealing with "shooters," and his experience told him their leaving would only endanger other lives

elsewhere.

Neither of the Littles were expecting to be faced by an elderly man with a police shotgun as they exited the convenience store. They were so shocked, they didn't even notice that the "badge" he was wearing on the left side of his vest was white instead of silver or gold.

But they weren't shocked enough to realize he had the drop on them.

"Put 'em down, slowly," Archer growled, and when they did, he silently thanked God.

Leroy Thompson spent the night in a "cheap" hotel that was within walking distance of the bus station. It may have been cheap compared to the other hotels in Oklahoma City, but the cost still took a hefty bit of his cash. Prices of food weren't the only thing that had gone up since he'd stepped into a cell at "Big Mac," the state's highest security prison.

With nothing else to

do but watch television, read the Gideon's Bible in the drawer and thumb through the large telephone book next to the Bible, Thompson thought about the events of the day, and eventually pulled the packet of unmailed letters from his suitcase.

"Where do I go from here?" he thought. About midnight, he drifted off to sleep.

The next morning, the hotel's desk clerk pointed him to a nearby café that was within his budget, and he was drinking his second cup of coffee, thumbing through the copy of The Daily Oklahoman, that someone had left in the seat of the booth.

The story was in the left top corner of the fourth page... a retired police officer in Ponotoc County, had single-handedly captured two armed robbers who had shot a convenience store clerk.

"Old habits never die," Thompson said with a smile.

T. Timothy Archer finished his breakfast, and refilled his coffee cup. Although it was normally difficult to get off so close to Christmas, the events of the previous evening were enough for the store's manager to grant him a little time.

From his years of experience, the arrest at Johnny's wasn't more than an adrenalin surge that had eased away at the police department as he wrote out a statement, visited with the responding officers and shared a pot of coffee.

It was something that happened after the Ada police officers arrived and handcuffed the suspects as they lay across the cold concrete.

After the prisoners had been secured in the patrol units, Archer cleared the chamber of his shotgun and was turning toward his pickup when he saw someone standing under a streetlight at the corner... a kid wearing a plaid coat.

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

If you missed the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center's Christmas party Saturday, you missed a great time and very good snacks.

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the great time provided for all.

Remember the Mule Buck drawing, Thursday at noon at the center. Come have lunch and see if you are the lucky winner.

Tuesday, Dec. 21, is Bunco playing day. If you know of someone who would like to play, give

them a call and invite them to come join in the fun.

Come early to have coffee and be ready to play at 10 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 23, the United Blood Bank will be in the center from 2-8 p.m.

There is a drastic need for all types of blood, so if you can give this would be a very good time to give a good gift to someone that needs help.

Friday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, the center will be closed. This will give the wonderful help some time with their families.

The center will open on Monday, Dec. 27, at

8 a.m.

Menu for Dec. 20-24: Monday, Dec. 20 — Ham, black eye peas, macaroni and cheese, salad, cornbread and surprise desert.

Tuesday, Dec. 21 — Lasagna, sweet pea salad, French bread and banana pudding.

Wednesday, Dec. 22 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and apple cobbler.

Thursday, Dec. 23 — Taco salad, beans, rice, salad, cheese, onions, peppers, salsa, chips, pineapple and cottage cheese.

Friday, Dec. 24 — Closed! Christmas Eve gift.

Births

Jina Guerra

Wally and Ana Guerra of Muleshoe announce the birth of their daughter, Jina Jade Guerra, on Nov. 18, 2010, at 12:14 p.m., at Presbyterian Hospital of Clovis, N.M.

At the time of her birth, Jina weighed six pounds, six ounces, and was 18 inches in length.

She has two siblings — Joey, 16, and Jasmyn, 13. Her grandparents are



Carlos and Maria Guerra, and Victor and Mary Ann Arzola.

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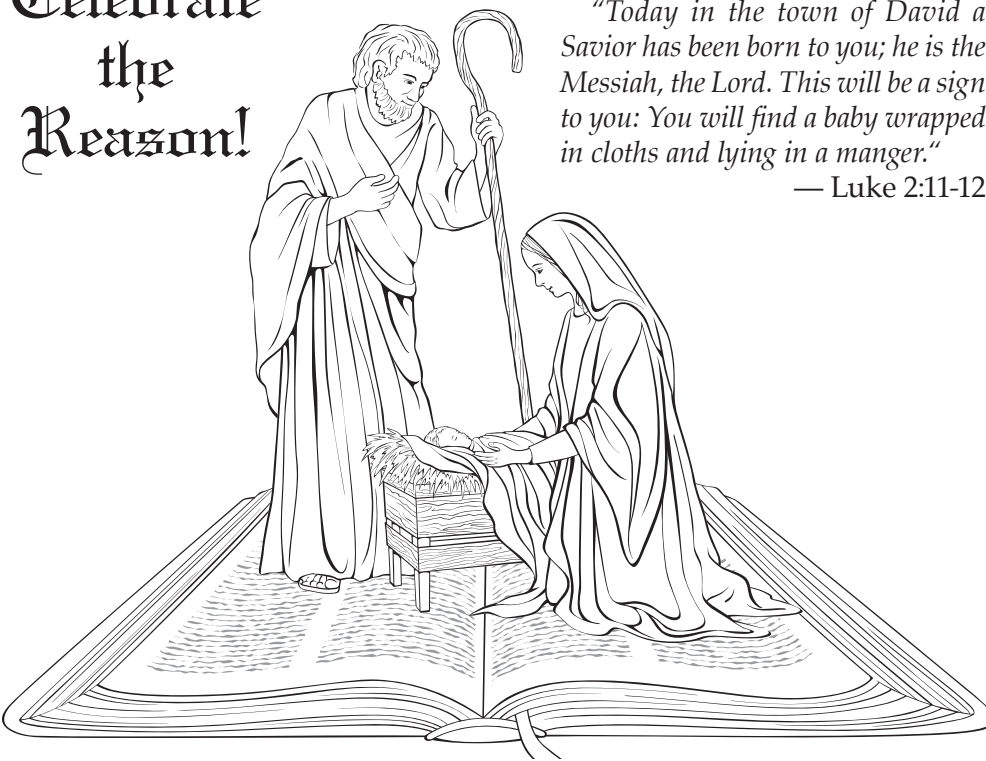
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Obituaries

Pilar Mario Lopez, Jr.

Graveside services for Pilar Mario Lopez, Jr., 73, of Friona were held on Friday, Dec. 10, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Sergio Leal of Muleshoe officiating.

He died on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2010, in Friona. He was born on April 16, 1937, in Brownsville, to Pilar and Eloisa Rodriguez Lopez, Sr.

Mr. Lopez was a retired Farmer. He married Augustina Yruegas on Dec. 7, 1972, in Muleshoe, and had lived in Friona for the past eight years moving from Muleshoe. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by two sons — Joe Lopez, on Nov. 21, 2001, and Robert Lopez, on Jan. 31, 2004; and a daughter — Ninfa Lopez, on Aug. 10, 2008.

Survivors include his wife — Augustina Lopez; a son — Ruben



Pilar Mario Lopez, Jr.

Lopez of Farwell; four daughters — Elizabeth Gonzales, Rita Lopez, and Margarita Lopez, all of Friona, and Janie Rodriguez of Hereford; a step-daughter — Josie Villareal of Friona; three sisters — Manutla Rivas of Los Fresnos, Lupe Munoz of Brownsville, and Felicitas Munoz of Mango, Fla.; four brothers — Felix Munoz of Lawn, Cleofus Lopez of Tampa, Fla., Cruz Munoz of Parrish, Fla., and Virginio Munoz of Chicago, Ill.; 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

A Christmas gift from my mother

I received a nice Christmas present this morning that was truly a surprise: a letter from my mom.

One glance at the envelope told me who it was from. No reading required. My mother's handwriting was the most beautiful I have ever seen. She could have written the book on perfect cursive and impeccable penmanship.

Since Mom passed away in 1992, getting a letter from her was nothing I expected this Christmas.

Well, okay, actually the letter wasn't written to me, it was just kindly handed to me by my friend Van McCormick. And it wasn't written recently.

Mom wrote it to my folks' dear friends, Van's parents, Leonard and Tennie McCormick, on "Saturday, Jan. 31, 1981." Mom was replying to the note the McCormicks had sent in a Christmas card.

What Mom wrote brought back a warm flow of memories.

My oldest brother and sister-in-law had just



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returned from twenty years of missionary work in Malawi, Africa, and were moving into their new Stateside home in Houston.

Mom wrote about the beautiful weather they were having in Houston and told of her joy in being able to get back to her yard work. She was a gardening artist and the yard was her canvas. She describes in the letter "lots of azaleas, a few roses, narcissus, pansies, Johnny Jump-ups" and red pyracantha berries "keeping us and the birds happy."

"G. B. [my dad]," Mom wrote, had recently been "somewhere in Mexico doing mission work. . . He enjoyed it and feels there is much promise there for a fruitful work." Understated is the deep relief I hear in her words as she says that "he has no plans to become deeply involved, such as any move in that direction." But her words remind me again of how Dad loved to teach the Bible in Spanish (and long enjoyed teaching a weekly Bible class in Spanish).

Mom writes, "I'm just praying [for] God to help us know where he wants us to spend our remaining little day of life." I know now how that prayer was long ago answered.

Mom wrote on about

a visit she and Dad had enjoyed with the McCormicks. She just wished it could have been longer.

She wrote about my 89-year-old grandmother's failing health, and expressed her sympathy for Tennie's recent loss of a brother. She waxed philosophic about some "loneliness that can never be cured on this earth." But she said, "We wouldn't want to remain here on this [present] earth forever."

Yes, this letter from

my mom was quite a nice and unexpected gift this Christmas. In two little half-pages of her beautiful hand, she talks about what really is important in life, the joy and beauty God gives us right here, and our confident hope that God has in mind something far better that will never end.

The most important gifts my mother gave me still bless me every day. But it surely was nice this Christmas to get to open up this new one.



School News

By Dr. Gene Sheets, Superintendent, MISD

Over the last few years, Muleshoe ISD has initiated several new ways to communicate to parents and community members.

We've installed a billboard on the west side of town (on our Transportation Facility property), electronic signs at Dillman Elementary and United Supermarket (with more to come at the other three campuses), a superintendent email distribution list (call 272-7404 to be included on the list), Gradebook Parent Portal (parents can keep up with grades and homework assignments of their child), and the Muleshoe ISD Facebook page.

We are now launching another way to communicate to parents. Muleshoe ISD has partnered with SchoolReach Instant Parent Contact to provide a parent communications system that will allow the school to instantly communicate with parents by telephone.

When we have school closings due to bad weather, the school will be able to telephone all parents instantly with an automated recorded phone call.

If we have a schedule change or special event, we can make one phone call and instantly notify

every parent in the school. We may also eventually be able to text or email parents with the system.

When parents receive a call from the SchoolReach Instant Parent Contact system, the parent's caller ID will display the phone number for the school.

After the parents answer "hello," there is a short pause before the recorded message begins. Parents may listen to the message again at the end of the message when the "press any key" prompt comes on.

If the SchoolReach system encounters a busy, no answer, or failed condition (bad number or line), the system will typically retry that number twice more in 15 minute increments.

The school needs current phone numbers for the system to work properly.

Parents should call the campus secretary at their student's school if their contact phone number changes.

In addition to the SchoolReach Instant Parent Contact system, we will also use the regular television and radio stations as in the past when we need to contact parents about starting school late or cancelling school for the day because of bad

weather.

SchoolReach will just provide us with another way to communicate the information to parents and school employees on those days.

We tested the system last week. We used the system to get the word out about last week's early release day on Wednesday.

We let out school at noon because of Muleshoe hosting the UIL Elementary Academic Contest at DeShazo Elementary.

We had already notified parents about the early release day in writing, but we used the early release day as an opportunity to test the new notification system by instantly telephoning all parents the day before to remind them of the change.

We realize it is extremely important to have good communication between the school, parents, and community, so we will use whatever technology is available to us to improve that communication.

We want to make this new communication system as effective as possible. If you have any trouble with the new system, please call the office at your child's campus.

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Sports

Varsity Mules pluck Eagle feathers through three periods

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules jumped on the Lubbock Roosevelt Eagles early and continued to pluck out tail feathers as the game progressed through three periods.

The Mules backed off in the final period and the Eagles made up a little ground.

The Mules led 16-10 after one period and had back-to-back 21 point quarters to lead 58-22 with one stanza left to play.

The Mules defeated the Eagles 67-39.

Cooper Washington turned to the baseline

and scored the Mules opening bucket of the game. He scored a second basket before the quarter ended.

Tyson Turnbow scored on a fast break and picked an Eagle's pocket and drove the floor for his second basket of the quarter.

Isaias Guerra made a pair of free throws after being fouled while shooting and he added a basket.

Beau Avila let a shot fly from behind the arc and knocked the bottom of the net for a trey.

Jonathan Perez chipped in a free throw. The Mules had opened a 16-10 lead

over the Eagles in the first quarter.

Zack Toscano finished a fast break for the Mules' first basket in the second quarter. He added a second bucket with an athletic move in the lane.

Nick Hurtado heated up from behind the arc and made a pair of 3-pointers.

Turnbow also drained a pair of treys and Matthew Martinez also hit from behind the arc.

Washington took a drop step and popped in a short jumper as the Mules held the Eagles to nine points.

The Mules led 37-19 at

the intermission.

Toscano opened the second half with one of his two buckets in the period.

Turnbow took over the floor and dropped in a 3-pointer, made a short jumper and finished with back-to-back old fashion three-point plays for eight points in the quarter.

Washington made two baskets in the paint and Perez added a deuce. The Mules had held Roosevelt to three points in the period while pumping in 21 points.

The Mules had increased their advantage to 58-22 with eight minutes left to play.

Juan Sanchez made his first basket of the game in the final period. Guerra, Hurtado and Avila also made buckets in the quarter. Perez chipped in a free throw.

The Eagles made three treys in the final period to make up eight points on the Mules.

Turnbow led the charge for the Mules with 21 points. Washington also finished in double digits with 10 points and Toscano and Hurtado dropped in eight each.

Guerra added six points, Avila had five and Perez made four. Martinez scored three points and Sanchez

chipped in two.

The Mules hit the road and were in Lubbock to meet the Lubbock Christian Eagles Tuesday night and are off to Portales Friday.

The Mules will travel to Tulia to meet the Hornets in the two teams only district game of 2010 before the Christmas break.

The Mules will play themselves back into shape Dec. 28, 29 and 30, in the Littlefield Holiday Tournament.

The Mules jump back to district competition Jan. 4 when they host the Dimmitt Bobcats.

Lady Mules wrap up non-district season with a win



Lady Mule Alejandra Gomez makes a shot over two Brownfield defenders. Photograph by Stacy Conner

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules wrapped up their non-district season at 6-7 with a run-away win over the Brownfield Lady Cubs Friday night.

Brownfield managed to stay close in the opening quarter but never got close after that point.

The Lady Mules owned a 26-15 advantage at the half. Brownfield struggled against the full court pressure of the Lady Mules in the third quarter and only scored a free throw.

The Lady Mules hung 13 on the board in the third period and 12 in the final quarter for a 51-29 win.

Yvonne Gardea nailed a 3-pointer from the top of the key for the first Lady Mule points. She added a second basket before the period ended.

Jandy Gomez found the range early and sank a pair of buckets and Ariel Castorena made one from the free throw line.

The Lady Mules led 10-7 after one quarter.

Gardea stayed hot and made two baskets in the second period and made three-of-four from the charity line for seven points. Dominique Mata heated up in the second period and sandwiched a free throw between a pair of baskets.

Gomez dropped in two more baskets to help push the Lady Mule lead to 26-15 at the half.

Gomez led off the third period for the Lady Mules with a bucket from near the baseline. Alyssa Leal found her shot after the half and pumped in a couple of baskets.

Gardea began the quarter with a hoop, made three-of-three from the line and dropped in another hoop before the quarter ended.

The Lady Mules had extended their advantage to 39-16 with eight minutes left to play.

Gomez opened the final frame with a bucket for the Lady Mules. She added a second as the game came to a close. Samantha Reyna jumped in the scoring column with two baskets.

Baylee Bessire and Carly Krug each made a free throw and Gardea closed out the night with two from the line.

Gardea led the Lady Mules in scoring with 21 points. Gomez dropped in 14 points, Mata made five and Leal and Reyna finished with four each. Bessire, Castorena and Krug chipped in a point apiece.

The Lady Mules opened district competition in Abernathy against the Lady Lopes Tuesday night.

Their Friday night game with Idalou has been moved up to four in the afternoon to accommodate the Lady Cats since Idalou will play for the state championship in football.

JV ladies destroy Brownfield

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules scored six points in the first 30 seconds of the third period. They led 30-8 at the intermission and picked where they left off with the rapid fire scoring run.

The Lady Mules

shellacked the Brownfield Lady Cubs 63-28 in their final non-district game.

Cheyenne Meadors opened the game with a hoop in the paint to crank the Lady Mule offense. She added a second basket before the quarter ended.

Linda Sanchez also

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Sports

JV Lady Mules... Continued from page 6

dropped in a pair of buckets. Brittany Prater, Adrienne Precure, Marissa Cortez and Liliana Vasquez each added a basket.

The Lady Mules led 16-8 after one quarter.

McKenna Dunham scored in the paint to open the second period and added a pair of free throws later in the quarter. Precure also hit a basket and two charity tosses. Gisela Perez and Meadors made a basket each and Prater

and Vasquez chipped in a free throw each.

The Lady Mules had built a 30-8 lead by the intermission.

Dunham fired the opening salvo in the Lady Mules' six-point run that opened the second half. Sanchez went on a scoring rampage and pumped in four buckets in the third quarter.

Cortez was close behind with three baskets. Vasquez and Prater each hit a hoop and Perez chipped in a

free throw.

The Lady Mules out scored the Lady Cubs 21-3 to lead 51-19 with eight minutes left to play.

Marissa Hernandez made two baskets in the final quarter and Adriana Guerra dropped in a pair of free throws and hit a deuce. Prater and Precure both added baskets in the final quarter.

Sanchez led the balanced Lady Mule attack with 12 points.

Freshmen Mules unable to overcome lead

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The freshmen Mules spotted the Littlefield Wildcats a 41-16 lead in the first three quarters Monday night.

The Mules were not able to make up the difference in the final period despite out scoring Littlefield 16-8 in the last quarter.

The Wildcats held on to defeat the Mules 49-32.

Austin Ross scored twice in the opening

quarter and Trevor McCall added a bucket. The Mules trailed 9-6 after one quarter.

Jaxiel Lopez dropped in a bucket 30 seconds after the second period began.

A technical foul was called on Littlefield and Matthew Barron made one from the charity line to tie the game at 9-9.

McCall drove the baseline for a lay up and Barron added a bucket. The Wildcats led 21-13 at the intermission.

Lupe Campos drained a 3-pointer for the Mules only points of the third quarter. Littlefield poured in 20 to take a 41-16 advantage into the final period.

Campos made three baskets in the final quarter for six points. McCall exploded with three baskets and three free throws and Lopez chipped in one from the charity line.

The Mules had made 16 points in the final quarter.

Precure and Cortez dropped in eight points each and Prater made seven. Meadors and Dunham dropped in six points each, Vasquez had five, Hernandez and Guerra added four apiece and Perez chipped in three.

The Lady Mules traveled to Abernathy Tuesday to open district against the Lady Lopes.

The Lady Mules return home on Friday for their district home opener with the Idalou Lady Cats.

McCall led the Mules in scoring with 13 points. Campos made all nine of his points in the second half and Ross finished with four. Lopez and Barron added three points apiece.

The Mules were not in action Monday as Floydada does not have a freshmen team. They may travel to Portales Friday to play the Rams.

The Mules will return home Jan. 17 when the Idalou Wildcats come for a visit.

Eighth-grade Mules' early tie is not enough

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth-grade Mules battled back from a 13-4 first quarter deficit Monday to tie the game at 17-17 early in the third quarter.

The Mules briefly took the lead before the Littlefield Wildcats over took and defeated the Mules 39-29.

JJ Gandara scored the Mules first basket late in the opening period. Saul Sanchez finished a

fast break for the Mules only other points of the period.

The Wildcats led 13-4 after one quarter.

Blayne Shipman ran through the back door to get the Mules started in the second quarter. Shipman made the Mules only other basket of the second quarter and added a free throw. Sanchez and Israel Rubio each chipped in a free throw.

The Mules had turned up the heat on defense

and held the Wildcats to four points. The Mules had trimmed the Littlefield lead to 17-13 at the intermission.

Gandara scored the Mules first three buckets of the third period. He cut the lead to two points, tied the game and gave the Mules a two-point advantage.

Shipman stuck back a rebound and Sanchez put the Mules back in the lead.

Roman Franco and

Grey Johnson each made baskets as the Mules out ran Littlefield's lead to 28-27.

The Wildcats took over the final period and Rubio made the Mules' only bucket.

Gandara led the Mules with 10 points. Shipman dropped in seven points and Sanchez finished with five. Rubio added three points and Johnson and Franco chipped in two points each.

The Mules hosted the Floydada Whirlwinds Monday before taking the Christmas break.

The Mules will not be home again until Jan. 17 when the Idalou Wildcats will visit the Mules.

Strong offense cuts Littlefield lead

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Simone Chavez made the seventh-grade Mules' first bucket of the final quarter and Tony Castillo added a free throw that cut the Littlefield lead to a single point.

Castillo made the Mules final basket of the game but the Wildcats went on a scoring run to put the Mules away 31-20.

Castillo broke the Mules scoring drought in the opening period with a bucket just over half way through the quarter.

Danny Campos hit a basket and Brandon Chavez added a free throw.

The Mule defense held Littlefield to eight points in the quarter and the Mules trailed 8-5.

S. Chavez made the Mules only bucket of the second period but the Mule defense stepped up to stop Littlefield and held them to three points.

The Mules trailed 11-7 at the intermission.

The Mules cranked up the offense in the third quarter and dropped in eight points.

Castillo stuck back a rebound for two points and B. Chavez added a basket. The Mules ran an in-bound play and Eli Guerra put the ball up and in for a score.

Library News

The library has a question for its patrons. "Would you be interested in having a 'Lady's Day/Night' at the Library?"

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Spiritual adoption into the Kingdom of God discussed

I suppose it is fair to say I feel a bit downcast this morning as I begin trying to write a piece for the paper. It's not that any one has mistreated me for they haven't — that I know of.

For some reason, or maybe for no good reason that I know of I have thought of former Dist. Judge E.A. Bills the last few days. He, in my judgement, was a good man, a good lawyer and a good judge. But of course he has been deceased for several years.

Judge Bills was a man of faith, and he would make an "off the cuff" remark that indicated that now and then. He lived in Littlefield and during his tenure in office that judicial district was composed of Lamb, Bailey and Parmer counties.

So the judge spent a good bit of the time here in Muleshoe. One evening he was leaving a little early because he said they

Something worth saying...
By Glen Williams

were having a church meeting, an important one, and he wanted to attend it.

But he had a bad sick spell, and was off the bench for about a year. When he finally mended up and came to hear a case I saw him near the end on the day and asked how he was feeling, "was he getting along pretty well?"

He said, "I'm doing pretty good. I am bothered with things, but Paul had some kind of an old thorn in the flesh." Some kind of an old thorn in the flesh — that is the only time I ever heard that put that way.

Now, with further reference to the Bible doctrine of predestination, as we mentioned in the last article, Paul, as you will recall. Spoke of our

being predestinated unto the adoption of children.

The adoption of children does not mean in a natural legal sense, but in a spiritual sense.

He therefore did not refer to spiritually dead children, but rather to children that were spiritually alive, but without a good home, or place to live, in a spiritual sense.

To make a long story short they were admitted into the New Testament church.

Another statement along this line is Romans, Chapter eight, verse 29, "for whom he did foreknow of his son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

Now, another question: what is meant by the word Brethren? Webster defines

is as "many members of a brotherhood."

Is it not reasonable to believe that being predestinated by God through the labors of Christ, suggests being adopted into a brotherhood of believers which was and is the Kingdom of God that John the Baptist said was at hand — and that Christ and the apostles

went forth teaching?

I think so. In fact I can come to no other conclusion. But let me say too, that when I set down to type this article I had not the least idea of any more writing on predestination.

But it is a worthy subject and one that perhaps we might study more carefully.

But with the best wishes, I remain a friend, and I am at your services. My one prayer is that God will lead and guide us, as a people, through the times that lay ahead.

My health seems to be holding up, and I look forward to better days ahead. And I thank you kindly for your love and support.

Club News

Girl Scouts

Muleshoe's Girl Scouts were delighted to be in the parade on Dec. 4. They had planned to walk and hand out Candy Canes with poems attached, but due to the extreme cold decided to ride in a pickup truck.

Instead, they tossed out the canes and the West Texas wind helped distribute them along the parade route.

The girl scouts will meet Thursday, Dec. 16,

at 5 p.m., at the Scout Hut, 815 W. 2nd, and then at 5:30 p.m., will go to the Park View Nursing Care Center to take the Christmas table decorations they have made.

The girl scouts will entertain the residents with Christmas carols

before returning to the Little Hut for their Christmas party.

Visitors and prospective members are welcome.

Future plans include a field trip to the Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge to see the sandhill cranes come in for the night.

Christmas is coming and we are busy...     ...decorating, baking, and hiding gifts!

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- _____ and hiding gifts
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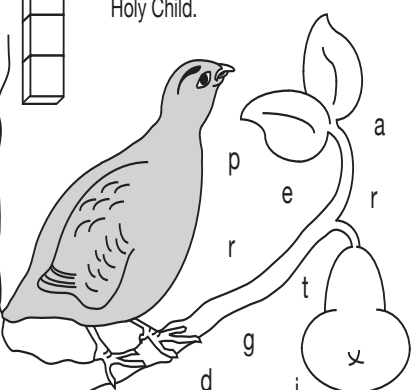
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HIGH SCHOOL AREA

- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2336' lv. area, auto. spklr, fenced yd, MORE!! \$125K!!
- VERY NICE 3-3-2 CP Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2653' lv. area, covered deck & patio, workshop/store cellar!! Auto. spklr. (front yd.) \$140,000!!
- NICE 3-2-2 Home, corner lot, built-ins, Cent. A&H, workshop/storage plus storage building!! 1974' lvg. area!! \$96K!!
- Very Nice 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, nicely remodeled, Anderson windows, fans, utility, lots of storage, fenced yd., RV hookups in back!! \$95,000!!

LENAU ADDITION

- 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, 2 carport, Cent A&H, Dishwasher, WB Stove, approx. 2156' lv. area, 217 E. Elm. \$60K!!

RICHLAND HILLS • PARKRIDGE • HIGHLAND

- NICE 2-1-3 Carport Home, carpet, tile, fans, fenced yd., storage bldg. MORE!! \$45K!! REDUCED TO \$35K!!
- 2 NICELY REMODELED DUPLEX UNITS & 1 NEW Duplex unit!! PRICED TO SELL!!
- NICELY REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick, new Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 3125' lv. area, spklr. sys., fenced yard, MORE!! REDUCED \$195K!! MAKE OFFER!!
- 4 bedroom, 5.5 bath, 2 car garage, geothermal (cent. A&H), built-ins, FP, approx. 5100', loads of storage, workshop/storage, RV port, auto. spklr., REDUCED TO \$485K \$470!! \$160K!!
- VERY NICE 3-1 3/4-2 Brick home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fireplace, thermal windows & doors, metal trim, workshop/storage, fenced yd., MUCH MORE!! \$139,500!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 brick home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, corner lot, MUST SEE!! \$130K!!
- NICE 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1 car garage w/opener, New Cent. A&H, dishwasher, stove, approx. 1844' lv. area, fenced yard, storage bldg!! \$89,000!!
- NICELY REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP w/wood pellet insert, corner lot, fenced yd., auto. spklr., + lot w/stor. bldg!! 2159' lv. area!! \$189K!!
- VERY NICE REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 1831' lv. area, fenced yd., 2 wkshp/stor. bldgs. \$99K!!
- 3-2 Home, Cent. Heat, win. evap., DW, stove, 1500' lv. area + 1 Bdr. Rental!! \$45K!!
- 4 bdr., 3bth home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, tility, lg. pantry, hwd floors, fenced yd., storage bldg!! \$99,500 !!!

RURAL

- VERY NICE CUSTOM BUILT 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 car garage home, at edge of town on 80 acres!! Geothermal heat & air, built-ins, FP, ash cabinets, approx. 2544' main lv. area plus 625' finished basement w/safe & storage, spklr system, beautiful trees and landscaping. circle spklr, 5 wire barbwire fence, 36' x 48' metal insulated bldg w/2 12' doors!! MUCH MORE!!
- VERY NICE 4-3 doublewide (2006) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., 25' x 40' Metal Bldg, septic system, domestic well, on pavement close to town!! \$452K \$130K!! MAKE OFFER
- NICE 4.8 acre homesites, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!
- S. of FM 145 on FM 303 - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath home, plus a 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath doublewide on 2.12 acres with barn & workshop/storage!! \$116,000!!
- LARIAT AREA - 3-1 Home, Cent. heat, 5 acres, 1989' lv. area (2 story), 2880' quonset barn, out bldgs., \$49.5K!! POSSIBLE OWNER FINANCE!!
- 3-2-1+ 2 CP Home on 6.4 ac. at edge of town, Cent. heat, DW, nice carpet & tile, fans w/lights, cellar, wkshp/storage, fenced!! \$435K!! Reduced \$110K!!

COMMERCIAL

- Building w/approx. 3300' plus 1040' upstairs, Cent. A&H, 2 restrooms, MORE!! \$39,500!! MAKE OFFER!!
- NICE OFFICE/SHOP/WAREHOUSE on .7 acre on N. Hwy. 214, Cent. A&H, insulated shop & warehouse, has 1-3/4 bath & 1-1/2 bath!! PRICED TO SELL!! \$85K!!
- REMODELED 1900' Off. Bldg., 106' x 140' lot on Hwy. 70 and 84!! \$79.5K!! PRICE REDUCED \$62K!!
- VERY NICE CHURCH BLDG. WITH PARSONAGE - Possible Owner Finance!! Price Reduced!!
- GOOD INCOME PROPERTY-LONG TERM LEASE- Approx. 8,075' office bldg. w/ approx. 20,000' paved parking area!! PRICE REDUCED \$350K.
- Approx. 1080' metal bldg. w/off. & 3 bay garage/workshop area plus chain link fenced area!! \$39,500!!



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MAHD board about utilizing job order contracting to manage the expansion of the health clinic through Choice Facility Partners of the Harris County Department of Education.

She explained that the board's approval of the inter-local agreement with HCDE would allow them to use Basic IDIQ to manage the construction process, and that the expected size of the project can easily be met by job order contracting.

According to Boneta, Basic IDIQ provides JOC services for several college and universities, as well as the U.U. Postal Service in six states, including Texas and New Mexico.

She added that the JOC process could especially benefit projects with time restraints because the

process eliminates the need to publish "requests for proposals" through its use of a federally-approved price index.

Boneta compared JOC with the military's "saber contract" process.

"We're going to try to find you the best value for your dollar," Boneta said, adding that Basic IDIQ wouldn't be due any money for its work until a price had been set for the project, which is similar to the guaranteed maximum price the Muleshoe Independent School District received for its expansion projects under the "construction manager at risk" process it used.

Until the fixed price was agreed upon, she said the only expense the district would incur would be the cost of the project's engineering plans, which would be

required to determine that the real price. "We're willing help guide you, and get you to that real price," she said.

According to Boneta, Basis IDIQ would use local subcontractors if possible, but noted the local companies would still need to meet the strict requirements to be bonded through Basic IDIQ.

"We have to follow the letter of the law, or we can't do job order contracting," she added.

During the discussion, MAHD CEO David Burke pointed out that the hospital district has until June 2011 to get started on its expansion project.

"If you're not happy with what we're doing two weeks from now," Boneta said, "you can opt out and put it on the streets."

The MAD board also:
• Held a closed session to discuss pending litigation with Horizon, over the board's decision to sever its contact regarding the operation of a behavioral unit.

When the board returned to open session, it voted to table pending action on the agenda item. However, a special session, including another closed session to discuss pending litigation, has since been announced for Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 1 p.m.

• During Burke's administrative report, he noted that the district would be changing how it handled its debt service payments due to the re-issuance of the Park View Nursing Care Center's construction bond.

Burke also talked about the requested forgiveness of a \$280,000

debt with Covenant Health Systems, noting that a letter had been requested detailing how the hospital district planned to avoid similar problems in the future.

He also reported that while the hospital district's financial condition still needed to improve the condition

of the nursing home had improved and the hospital hadn't had to provide funds to help pay its bills for several months.

"All in all, I feel good about the hospital..." Burke said, "I feel good about the nursing home."

Art projects displayed; winners selected

Art 1 at Muleshoe High School designed flags for the state of Texas after learning about the symbols for the state. These flags were designed for Youth Art Month to be held in the month of March.

The students' flag designs were judged and one design winner was sent to Richardson to be judged.

One flag design will be picked from the state to be made into a flag and displayed at the Flags Flying High Celebration in Washington DC and the State Art Education Conference.



Muleshoe's district winner is Elliot Reyes, with runners up Vanessa Morales and Valerie Godinez.

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