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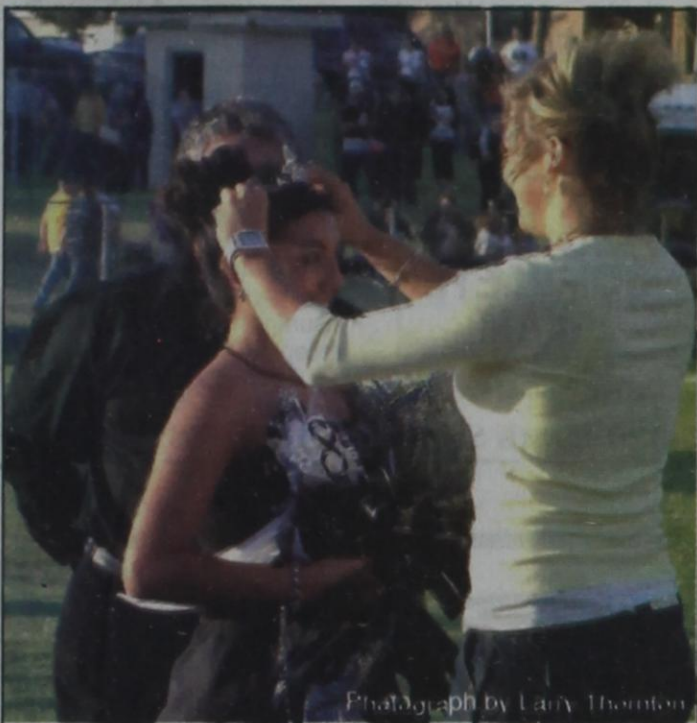
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Photograph by Larry Thornton

2005 Homecoming Queen Monica Posadas receives her crown from last year's queen, Kelsey Friskup.

Homecoming Queen crowned

Muleshoe senior Monica Posadas was crowned as the 2005 Homecoming Queen during ceremonies prior to Friday's game against the Seminole Indians.

Monica, the daughter of Lucy and Hector Posadas, was escorted at the event by her father.

She is a member of the varsity cheerleading squad, the National Honor society and the Science National Honor Society.

Other nominees for this year's coronation contest included:

- Senior Jenna Rasco, the daughter of Dana and Wesley Rasco.
- Junior Kate Lepard, the

daughter of Kay and Robert Lepard.

• Senior Brandi Wood, the daughter of Jody and David Wood.

• Senior Kasey Wood, the daughter of Tonda and Don Wood.

All of the candidates were escorted by their fathers.

For additional photographs of the Muleshoe 2005 Football Homecoming, turn to the last page.

MAHD seeks loan for new chiller

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's Board of Directors authorized interim administrator Ray Mason to negotiate with local banks regarding a \$76,000 loan to pay for the district's new chiller unit.

At the MAHD's June 9 meeting, it was announced that the district had received approximately \$270,000 in Medicare funds, which had been placed in the hospital's general fund account.

At that time, former administrator Jim Bone and the district's chief financial officer, Sharon Novak, reported to the board the funds may have to be returned, as it was believed to be an overpayment by the federal government.

However, Bone suggested that until Medicare requested the return of the funds the hospital district should utilize them as an "interest free loan" to pay for the purchase and installation of the much needed chiller unit and additional boiler room repairs. The hospital district had already received the

New public forum policy adopted by hospital board

assurance of local bankers that a loan for the boiler room and chiller would be possible.

Along with the Medicare funds that must be repaid, Novak said overpayments on hospital's lab fees would also have to be reimbursed.

The hospital board also approved a 60 month loan, at \$381.50 per month, for

the purchase and installation of laundry room equipment for Park View Nursing Home.

Initially, nursing home administrator Paul Chassion had hoped to sever the contract with National Linen Service of Lubbock and provide all of the nursing home's laundry services "in-house."

Chassion estimated savings of at least \$3,000 per month from the change.

However, after Chassion advertized for bids on the project, he learned that the district's chief financial officer had signed a multi-year contract with National Linen that didn't expire until Sept. 2006. At Thursday's meeting, it wasn't known if this contract was signed with the hospital board's knowledge or authority.

Although the nursing

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Photograph by Larry Thornton

Heritage Center celebrates

Bailey County residents and other colorful outfits, tours of the facility and Heritage Foundation supporters gathered for a celebration Saturday, Sept. 17. Sally Messenger and Monty and Mary Lou honoring the Muleshoe Heritage Center's Leavell led off the program with a mixture 20th anniversary with live entertainment, of gospel and secular music.

MEDC board considers new dairy proposal

The possibility of another dairy moving into the area was one of the topics discussed by the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation board Sept. 15.

According to MEDC director Janet Claborn, the committee talked with Randi Ray, the daughter of Ronnie and Toni Ray of Circle R Dairy, Chowchilla, Calif., who are considering the construction and operation of a dairy on land to be purchased from Rich Magby.

Although the land involved is permitted for a maximum herd of 2,400 cows, Claborn said the Rays are looking at establishing a

1,500 head operation.

While the dairy in California runs 500 head of Jerseys, the operation near Muleshoe would be running both Jerseys, for their milk fat production, and Holsteins.

After the MEDC board met with Ray, including discussion of incentives in closed session, the board returned to open session and requested that additional financial documents be provided to the Due Diligence committee for consideration.

According to Claborn, the Due Diligence committee,

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Covenant-MAHD report released

At the Aug. 1 special meeting of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's Board of Directors, the board asked Covenant Health System Regional Services at Lubbock to "conduct an operations evaluation of the local hospital."

This evaluation was conducted by Jim Ferguson, a consultant hired by Covenant.

At Thursday's regular meeting of the MAHD, Ferguson referred to the

written evaluation, which had been presented to the hospital board, in his final verbal report to the board.

Following Ferguson's statements, MAHD board president Mike Miller said, "The fruits of your labor won't show up tonight, but they will in the future."

As part of the *Muleshoe Journal's* effort to keep the public informed about issues facing public entities, the *Journal* has decided to include the entire report in this week's issue.

Issues for Muleshoe Area Medical Center Affirmation

It was apparent from the hearing last week that the community supports the increased tax subsidy and trusts the board to change the direction of the hospital. Congratulations to the board.

Tax Subsidy

Tax subsidy at .40 per \$100 valuation is \$1,030,715.27. (95% is expected to be collected)

Reimbursement if MAHD had been CAH in 2004

Parrish, Moody, and Fikes (PMF) evaluated the 2004 financial statements and estimated: Inpatient Services — \$(117,000); Swing Bed Services — \$88,000; Outpatient Services — \$79,000; Bad Debt — \$8,000; Total \$58,000.

Payer Sources

Hospital inpatient percentages are: Medicare — 60.5; Medicaid — 12.6; Insurance — 16.6; Indigent — .8; Private pay (mostly no pay) — 9.5.

Seeking Ideal Solutions for Providers

Dr. Purdy would consider including other doctors and midlevels in his clinic to form a single Rural Health Clinic

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Local Weather

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Words to ponder from Beverly

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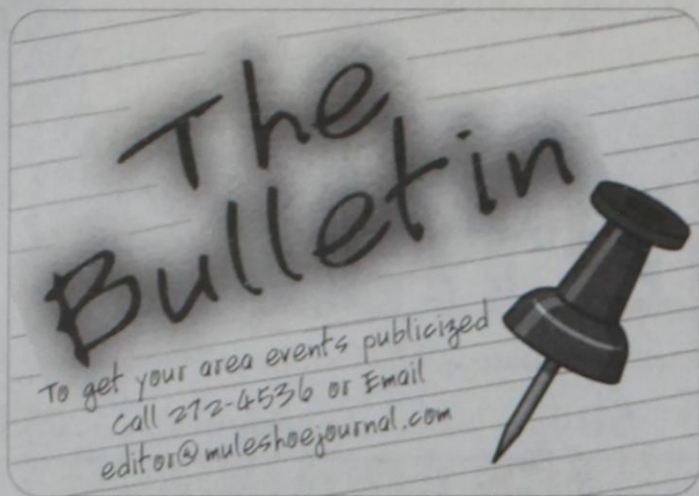
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Muleshoe chamber telethon a success

Members of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's board of directors took part in a membership telethon Friday, Sept. 16, at Muleshoe Motor Company. Pictured above the board members work the phones,

fillout new membership cards, and wait for an opportunity to ring their bells, signifying another new chamber member. According to chamber officials, a total of 115 new members were signed up during the five-hour event.

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MISD parenting program to be held

Muleshoe ISD will host a Parenting Education program on Monday, Sept. 26, in the High School Cafeteria from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The topic of the program is "You Make The Difference" and will be presented in Spanish by Margie Alarcon, migrant coordinator, Muleshoe ISD and Frances Recio, MISD recruiter. The program is coordinated by the Federal Programs Office of Muleshoe ISD. Childcare, refreshments and door prizes will be available.

Lazbuddie community blood drive

There will be a blood drive at the Lazbuddie Methodist Church fellowship hall, Hwy. 1172, on Monday, Oct. 10, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call 1-877-574-8800 for additional information or to make an appointment. The Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be hosting the event.

Parenting conference to be held

The 10th annual Conference for Parents and Those Who Work with Parents is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 3, at the First Church of the Nazarene, 6110 Chicago Ave., Lubbock. There will be a morning and evening session, and also an evening session. Deadline for registration is Oct. 24. For additional information call 806-792-5468, ext. 831.

Drivers license office changes hours

The driver's license office in Muleshoe will only be open two days a week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 8:30 a.m. til noon, and from 1 p.m. till 5 p.m.

AA meeting

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Saturday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. 2nd. Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings or AA in general, call Bobby F. at 272-8948 or 272-4433.

Athletic booster club

The Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club will meet every Monday during the Mules' football season at 7 p.m. in the MHS science room to discuss the game and make plans. All interested fans, parents and community members are invited to attend. There will be no meeting on Oct. 17 due to an open date in the Mules' schedule.

EMS volunteers sought

Bailey County EMS is looking for volunteers to provide the ambulance staffing with a medic from 5 p.m. till 6 a.m. weekdays and on the weekends. Volunteers are required to cover a minimum of four 12-hour shifts per month, and must have their certification or be enrolled in an EMT class within one year of joining.

Pipeline Group meeting to be held

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education - Contractor Awareness Program" will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Bailey County Exhibition Center & Coliseum, 2206 W. American Boulevard, in Muleshoe. The program is sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities. A free dinner will be catered for all persons involved in excavation related activities in Bailey, Castro, Lamb, and Parmer counties. Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems, and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

For more information call (800) 982-8752.

CPR class to be held Saturday

Five Area Telephone and Bailey County EMS is holding a community CPR class on Saturday, Sept. 24. It will be held in the class room of Fivearea Telephone and will begin at 9 a.m. Cost will be \$25 per person. Sign in will start at 8 a.m., and the class will start at 9 a.m. Call Bailey County EMS for additional information or for early sign up.

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EMS Trap shoot set for Sept. 25

The Bailey County EMS Organization will be sponsoring a trap shoot on Sunday, Sept. 25, starting at 2 p.m. until sunset. The event will be held at the Muleshoe Police Department shooting range, approximately 1 mile south of Muleshoe on 214. Look for signs. All ages are welcome.

Editorial

Based upon reports coming once more from the ludicrous federal courts of California, God is once more under attack.

Once again, a federal judge has declared the *Pledge of Allegiance* "unconstitutional," joining once more with those who believe if the word "God" is eliminated from the pledge the possibility of "Big Brother" telling someone how to worship will be eliminated.

And like so many others, the California court has hung its hat on the standard "separation of church and state" argument that was taken out of context from one of Thomas Jefferson's personal letters so many years ago and continues to haunt the judiciary halls of our nation.

But, dare we be surprised, since many of these same individuals have long been confused by the Bill of Rights — that document protecting the rights of individuals, but which the antigun lobbyists and supporters have interpreted as protecting the rights of the states as well.

No matter how you wish to interpret the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, to ignore the fact that the documents were written by and for individuals professing belief in a Christian God is to ignore the very historicity of the documents.

When penning the words that so many jurists have claimed as the barrier between church and state, Jefferson was explaining that no Christian denomination should be given precedent over another, and based on what we've read of Jefferson's writings never expressed a belief that our government's relationship with our heavenly Father should be severed.

Jefferson believed man's inalienable rights were gifts from God, and also wrote, "And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure if we have lost the only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath?"

Do these sound like the words of someone who would shun the pledge, or turn away from our nation's motto, "In God We Trust?"

While our nation may be one of "religious tolerance," that doesn't mean we should be a nation of "state-mandated" religious indifference.

For the federal courts to perpetuate this folly, and with this most recent ruling to broaden the idiocy endangers the very foundation upon which this nation was built.

Hospital Report

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center has released the following list of admissions:

- Sept. 10 — Priscilla Herington.
- Sept. 11 — James Hartline and Frank Ellis.
- Sept. 12 — Letha Treinen, Miranda Salazar and Louise Graves.
- Sept. 13 — No report.
- Sept. 14 — Larry Ayers, Prima Barron and Julie Chaves.
- Sept. 15 — Mallory Sirkel.
- Sept. 16 — No report.
- Sept. 17 — No report.

County Questions

1. Which Muleshoe doctor opened his first office in the back of a service station?
2. Which high school traveled to Carlsbad, N.M. in May 1934?

Answers on page 11.

Cub scout sign up set for Oct. 1

Muleshoe's Cub Scouts will hold another sign-up day on Oct 1, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Scout Hut at the end of South Main. Contact Noemi Mora at 272-4786 for additional information.

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associated with the hospital. Of necessity, this may qualify only as a long-term goal. We discussed expanding the present building owned by Covenant by buying the two adjacent houses and replicating the existing building on that ground.

Would Muleshoe citizens use extended medical service of providers on two shifts until the additional building were to be built? The current rate of reimbursement for the RHC is \$97.51 per visit.

Evaluating ideal solutions, it seems unifying to have all providers in one clinic. Further, there could be efficiencies developed with support staff and electronic support systems to minimize duplication of costs.

Another possibility could include assigning the midlevel providers to the emergency room as an extension of the Purdy Rural Health Clinic. Medicare would pay for the portion of their salaries that are attributable to Medicare patients. There are many possibilities for this topic. The board and Covenant might entertain choosing a long-term solution rather than an expedient one.

Dr. Griffiss is a primary care resident in his fourth year. He will visit here soon at the invitation of Dr. Purdy. There is no recruiting fee associated with Dr. Griffiss. The board may wish to participate during his visit.

Application for Critical Access Hospital

The application is being prepared. Targeted completion will be around Sept. 12, 2005, concurrent with the "town hall" meeting.

Swing Bed Coordinator

Eileen Morten, RN has agreed to be swing bed coordinator. Her role will be to understand the CAH (Critical Access Hospital) rules to perfection. She will assist the providers by advising them when to transfer patients to comply with the CAH rules.

Interim Cost Report

It is essential, to have the accounting firm prepare at least one interim cost report within the first six months of the new CAH status. This will provide information to the board about the progress of the CAH conversion and identifying Medicare overpayment. These are not services inclusive of the audit fee. They are essential to a smooth integration into CAH format and should be utilized especially during the first months of CAH designation.

Park View

There is general consensus that isolating Park View from the hospital operation can be a good thing. The hospital and Park View are not corporations registered with the Secretary of State. Rather the hospital district is a governmental entity enabled into existence by House Bill 1467.

Everyone supports the notion that Park View would remain under local ownership and direction of the hospital district board. The Park View administrator would continue to report directly to the hospital district board. Financial statements would be prepared for both entities without distribution of allocated expenses either way. Direct expense, such as charges of Park View selling meals and linen service to the hospital would

be a direct line item of expense open to board review.

Total Quality Management

Many hospitals require a TQM professional report directly to the board. That person can then structure work according to the guidelines established by the board. Usually there is a mechanism for doing follow up or a questionnaire after discharge. Further, there can be review of incident reports including the action taken to address risk resolution and prevent recurrence. Preliminary work has been discussed with Susan Cage to make a monthly TQM presentation directly to the board. Susan plans to do personal interviews with all patients receiving service. The information could be reported to board in the open session of the board.

Lost Charge Issue

The hospital has a manual system for charging for services out of the revenue producing departments. It can be beneficial to add an "order entry" module (\$10,000) to the computer system to prevent lost charges.

The IT people who do computer surveys say the minimum of recovered charges amounts to 14%. This may be an issue to pursue as soon as there are funds.

Productivity Software

The board may want to consider finding software to report productivity per man-hour for each department. The system will assist management and CEO in locating areas where staffing is higher than necessary. Savings from reductions of excessive staff could be redirected into salary adjustments to correct inequities.

Charges Reviewed

A cursory review of charges was disappointing. The review might continue at a later date. Initial reaction was that current MAHD charges were either in line or in excess of comparable charges.

Staffing Savings

The ICEO (Interim CEO) has begun discussions with the department managers regarding flexible staffing plans. The managers may be less experienced about controlling cost through accountability. The ICEO has met with the department managers to inform them about their accountability. Personnel savings are required for either the Sole Community Hospital model or CAH. After the sole community provider increase (6%) is implemented in October, the CFO (Chief Financial Officer) may want to calculate what reduction in personnel costs would be required to achieve break even status. That number could be come a target for management to use in setting goals for department managers. The departments managers are apparently unaware of clustering elective workload to take imitative staffing.

As the CAH methods develop it may be useful for the department managers and the provider staff to discuss grouping diagnostic test to "prime time" staffing as a routine aspect of each day. That would be the time that the departments are staffed for the most procedures. All other times

could be staffed with minimal or "call back" support to minimize staffing costs.

CFO Reporting Relationship

The business office does not report to the CFO, but to the CEO. It is unlikely that any CFO can accomplish the usual functions of financial management with such a relationship. The business office apparently makes isolated decisions contrary to the wishes of the CFO. I suggest the CFO be given authority to manage all usual financial functions of the hospital with the authority to make personnel changes that inhibit success and implement the usual checks and balances of accounting. If everyone supports this change, I suspect many of the frustrating issues of board members and CFO alike can be addressed and eliminated. The board and CEO might then wish to set short term goals with the CFO for areas of focused improvement.

Farwell Revisited

There was discussion last week about Farwell again. Perhaps it would be good for PMF to help with that one, too. It is a rural health clinic but the economic benefit should be measured accurately. Issues that might be considered are:

Clovis is ten miles from Farwell and Muleshoe is 20. Clovis is a \$131 million operation compared to MAHD, which is \$12 million.

The board was concerned about Farwell providers not being in Muleshoe as primary focus.

What is the outpatient financial impact from the Farwell zip code?

What is the non-Medicare inpatient financial impact for MAHD?

Is the return on investment greater for the providers in Muleshoe than in Farwell?

Catalog of Possible Goals

The board may wish to establish a goal of reducing the tax subsidy to .25 by the beginning of fiscal 2008. The organizational chart for the CFO might reflect traditional organization relationships for CFO accountability. MADH and Park View might have separate financial statements with neither having allocation of indirect expense to the other.

The board might carefully evaluate the value of each medical practice considering the goal of having five providers and evaluate the possibility of consolidating all providers into a single RHC at some point in the future.

The board may want to ask Covenant to expand the RHC occupied by Dr. Purdy.

The board may wish to establish a regular agenda item for Total Quality Management report and discovery of new issues.

The board may wish to set a goal of net expense reduction for the hospital alone of \$375,000 (5%) to be accomplished as soon as the ICEO determines it is feasible. Net considers the concurrent elements of expense reduction, CAH implementation, swing bed enhancement, outpatient revenue increase, correction of inequities with the salary structure, addition of liability insurance, and cost effectiveness of providers. The net expense reduction in combination with revenue enhancements may evolve into a near break-even situation, especially if Park

View eliminates operating loss.

The average hospital salary based on the last payroll is \$27,177 per year. The board may wish to establish a board personnel committee of two members and the CEO. I rarely suggest this because it might be misunderstood as undermining the CEO. That is not the intention. A personnel committee of the board could function as the Court of Appeals for an employee who might not agree with a CEO decision. If employees have a Court of Appeals the board members could discontinue the practice of listening to the employees directly about their complaints. That is not a criticism of the board. Board members interceded for employees because an effective system was missing. A personnel committee could also annually review the salary structure and personnel policies.

The board may want to review and reaffirm financial policies addressing, collections, write offs, payable, accounts receivable, and cash management. Management would implement and report monthly.

The board may want to consider an annual social function like a Christmas function to encourage community participation and goodwill toward the hospital district.

County Questions

Formed in 1963, what was described as the "friendliest" club in Muleshoe?

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Obituaries

Florence Harrell

Funeral services for Florence M. Harrell, 79, of Wills Point were held Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005, at Turner Baptist Church, south of Wills Point, with the Rev. Jimmy Jones officiating. Interment followed at Haven of Memories Memorial Park in Canton.

Harrell passed away Friday, Sept. 16, 2005, at her residence. She was born April 17, 1926, in Dalhart, the daughter of John Andrew Hancock and Edith Mae Walters Hancock, and was raised in Dalhart where she attended public school. On April 1, 1945, She married W.O. Harrell in Clayton, N. M.

Prior to moving to Wills Point in 1977, she lived in Slaton. Harrell was a member of Turner Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband — W.O. Harrell on Feb. 1, 2002, and two sisters, Mary Dove and Dorothy Murray.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law — Lola and Dick Pylant of Muleshoe, Ava and Lloyd McCullough of Wills Point, and Brenda and Bruce Jones of Magnolia; two brothers — John Jr. and Vera Hancock, of Dalhart, Hilly and Patsy Hancock of Garden Grove, Calif.; two sisters — Mildred Hall of Portales, N.M., and Nellie Morris of Dalhart; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wills Point Senior Citizens Association.

Jack Louise Graves

A church service for Jack Louise Graves, 91, of Muleshoe was held Sept. 19, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church of Rosenberg, with the Rev. Scott McKay officiating. Burial followed in Greenlawn Cemetery, Rosenberg.

Graves died on Sept. 17, 2005, in Park View Nursing Home of Muleshoe. She was born on June 2, 1914, in Loving, and married A.J. Graves of Olney on Nov. 23, 1934. She was preceded in death by her husband A.J. on June 27, 1992, and by a daughter — Louise Graves in 1957.

Graves was a resident of Muleshoe since June 2003, when she moved from Lubbock. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rosenberg and Graham, and graduated from Olney High School in 1936. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law — Alice and Bill Liles of Muleshoe; a brother and sister-in-law — R.A. and Loreda Drum of Graham. She is also survived by two grandchildren — Caroline DeVault of College Station and A.J. Liles of Kyle; and three great-grandchildren — Colten Harris, and Maya and Ben Liles.

Memorials may be sent to Castro County Hospice, 112 W. Jones, Dimmitt, or the Park View Nursing Home, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

Cub scout sign up set for Oct. 1

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The bride is the daughter of Marvin and Karen Ensor of San Angelo. The groom is the son of Gail and Marca Morris of Lazbuddie.

The bride is a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech. She is currently employed as a registered nurse at St. Davis Round Rock Medical Center.

The groom is also a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech. He is a sales representative for Capitol Land and Livestock.

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PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue and issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and overpasses.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 80)

HJR 80 would provide that local economic development program loans or grants (other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes) do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to those loans or grants.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 17)

SJR 17 would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 21)

SJR 21 would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county court judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which is required by another provision of the state constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

PROPOSITION 7 (SJR 7)

SJR 7 would authorize new options for reverse mortgage agreements for senior homeowners allowing them to draw advances at unscheduled intervals, if and when needed, and only in the

amounts needed, during the loan term. These are in addition to options that would allow a lump sum payment after settlement or regular periodic, predetermined equal amounts over a term of years or the lifetime of the homeowner. Additionally, SJR 7 would: (1) prohibit the agreement from requiring the use of a credit card, debit card or similar device to obtain an advance; (2) prohibit the charge or collection of a transaction fee solely in connection with any debit or advance, after the time the extension of credit is established; and (3) prohibit the lender or holder from unilaterally amending the extension of credit.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 8 (SJR 40)

SJR 40 would clear individual land titles by relinquishing and releasing all claims of state ownership interests, including mineral interests, in two local areas, namely, a roughly 4,600 acre area located roughly 14 miles southeast of Gilmer, Texas, and a separate 900 acre area located north of Tyler, Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 would authorize the Legislature to provide staggered six year terms of office for board members serving on regional mobility authorities, with no more than one-third of the board positions being appointed every two years.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority."

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Sports

Mules defeat Seminole Indians after hard fought first half

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

On Homecoming night the Seminole Indians seemed to have the Mule's playbook in the first half Friday night as they held Brady Black to only four yards on seven carries.

The Mules managed to break the scoring ice with a 12-yard toss from Garrett Riley to Rudy Gonzales in the end zone with 55 seconds left in the first half. The Mules took the game over in the third period and scalped the Indians 28-9.

"I do not really like to play this caliber of team for Homecoming because of the distractions involved," said Mule coach David Wood. "But we had a great week of workouts and the kids responded super to the changes we made at half."

"Tonight's game was a battle between two equal teams. We saw some things late in the second quarter that we were able to take advantage of and scored just before half. Then we went to the locker room and made more adjustments than usual."

"We drew plays on the board at half and the players responded well. No one sat down; they were ready to get on the field and make things work. We were able to score on our first three drives of the second half."

"It was almost like sandlot football and I was very proud of our players. Everyone got in the game tonight and had fun. It was a fun night for all of us," concluded Wood.

The Mules outside linebacker, Jared Flores, sacked Eric Boyd for a 14-yard loss late in the second period to force Seminole to



Mule Juan Reyes tries to dodge the attacking Seminoles during Friday's game.

punt. Juan Carlos Reyes returned the punt from the Mule 35 to the 43.

Riley and Brant Hamilton shared the quarterbacking duties on the Mule's first scoring drive. Together they rushed for 43 of the drive's 57 yards. On the final play of the drive Riley took two steps back in the Shotgun and floated a pass over the head of the defender.

Gonzales ran under the ball deep in the end zone to put the Mules on top to stay. Eddie Alvarado was four-for-four on extra point kicks. The Mule's TD only left the Indians with 55 seconds to play before intermission.

The Indians returned after the break and marched 63 yards for their only TD of the night with 8:16 left in the third period. Trey Curiel carried the final 33 yards for the TD. The extra point kick was low and Rigo Mendoza was there to knock it down. The Mules continued to lead 7-6.

The Mules answered with a 74-yard six-play scoring drive. Hamilton kept the ball on a sweep around the left side to move the Mules 37 yards and into Indian territory on the first play of the drive.

Black carried on back-to-back blasts up the middle to the 12. Hamilton connected with Reyes on a swing pass to the Indian's seven. Hamilton kept on the option and cut through the defense like a knife to extend the Mule lead to 14-6 with Alvarado's kick.

The ensuing kickoff rolled out of bounds on the Seminole 37. Curiel carried up the middle for a seven-yard pickup before Logan Caddell jerked the ball from his hands. Gonzales picked up the loose ball and returned to the Seminole 36.

Dustin Barker went deep down the sideline on a hook pattern. The defender was playing him close and threw up his hands to defend against the pass and plowed Barker under before the ball arrived.

The pass interference call gave the Mules first down on the Seminole 13. On fourth and one, Hamilton picked up a first down on a quarterback sneak behind center Geoff Sirkel. Hamilton followed Sirkel into the end zone on the next play from two yards out.

"We really worked hard this week to stay focused on the game," said Geoff Sirkel. "At half the coaches figured out how we could hurt them and we did. I think the offensive line had their best game so far in the second half."

"Our defense played well, but we gave up nine points

and that is nine points to many."

The fumble and two quick TDs seemed to crush the Indian's hopes of a comeback.

Black capped the Mules final scoring drive with an 18-yard dash that started up the middle. As he crossed the line of scrimmage he cut to the outside and found clear sailing to the end zone. Alvarado's kick pushed the Mule's advantage to 28-6 with 7:49 left in the game.

"In the first half they were keying pretty hard on me," said Brady Black. "They were bring people off the ends and not giving us anything to the outside. We hung our hat on the defense in the first half we shut them out."

"The coaches drew up some things for us to run in the second half and everyone was ready to make things work. We were able to block their extra point kick and we were able to keep the lead."

"We went right down the field to score to take the momentum back and then were able to take advantage of their fumble. Seminole

was a very good team and our defense did a great job by holding them to nine points."

The Indians managed to reach the Mule 20 on their final drive. Jon Salazar split the uprights with a 37-yard field goal to end the nights scoring.

The Mules had 19 first downs and gained 241 yards rushing on 41 tries. Hamilton was four of nine through the air for 40 yards and Riley connected on one of two attempts for 12 yards. The Mules had 293 yards of offense for the night.

The Mule defense held the Indians to only nine first downs. Seminole gained 111 yards on 36 rushes and completed five of 12 passes for 84 yards. Seminole had a total of 195 yards, one interception and lost a fumble.

Hamilton led all rushers

with 121 yards on 17 carries. Black had 75 on 15 tries and Riley gained 38 on seven attempts. Gonzales caught two passes for 45 yards.

Hamilton was honored as the Offensive Player of the Game and Caleb Heinrich was named as the Defensive Player. Eddie Alvarado was the Special Teams Player and Geoff Sirkel was named as the Most Valuable Player. Daniel Caraveo had the Slobber Knocker hit of the game.

Muleshoe High School crowned Monica Posadas as their 2005 Homecoming Queen. Brandi Wood, Kasey Wood, Jenna Rasco and Kate Lepard completed the Queen's court.

The Mules travel to Lockney this Friday night to tangle with the Longhorns at 7:30 pm.

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- Muleshoe vs. Lockney
- Levelland vs. Canyon
- Littlefield vs. Lamesa
- Cooper vs. Seminole
- Brownfield vs. Monahans
- JV/Fresh**
- JV/Fresh vs. Lockney
- 8th Grade/7th Grade**
- vs. Lockney

Last Week's Scores

- Muleshoe 28, Seminole 9
- Levelland 28, Lamesa 6
- Littlefield 14, Canyon 36
- Cooper 34, Floydada 7
- Brownfield 3, Alpine 38
- JV/Freshman Mules**
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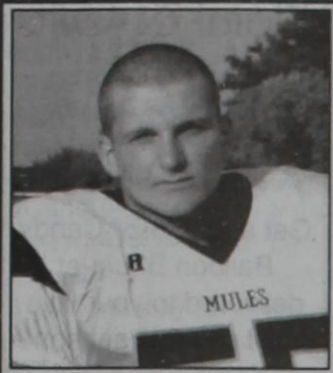
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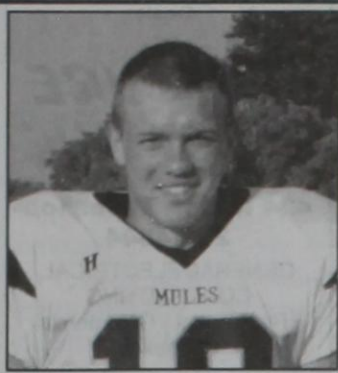
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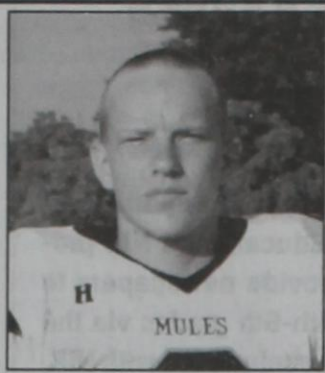
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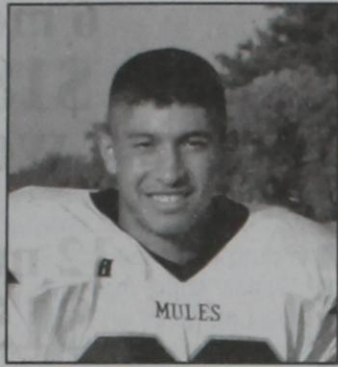


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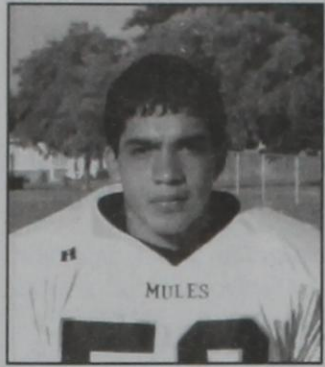


Caleb Heinrich (2)
Defensive Player

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Eddie Alvarado (30)
Special Teams Player



Daniel Caravedo (50)
Slobber Knocker

Eighth grade Mules fall to Seminole

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The eighth grade Mules gave up 28 points in the first three periods before getting on the board. The Mules came back strong but fell short of the Seminole Indians 28-12.

The Mules began their first scoring drive on their own 10-yard line. Kyler Steinbock broke loose for an 18-yard gain on a reverse that moved the Mules out to the 31. Victor Flores made six yards on the Jet play.

Austin Bamert turned a busted play into a first down before having the ball ripped from his arms. Caleb Conner grabbed the loose ball and scrambled 53 yards for a TD. The Mules trailed 28-6 with 24

seconds left in the third period. Juan Gonzales made the stop on the ensuing kick off on the Seminole 42. Conner sacked the quarterback for a one-yard loss to begin the final quarter. Seminole was forced to punt and the ball rolled dead on the Mule 44.

Bamert blasted up the middle for eight yards and added three more on second down. Jarad Skipworth called his own number on the next two plays for seven yards. Bamert spun up the middle to move to the Seminole 30.

Skipworth rolled wide left on a sweep to the Indian six to set up the Mules final score. He reached the one on an option play. Bamert pushed the pile into the end zone with 57

seconds left in the game. Bamert, Adrian Chacon, Steinbock and DJ Atwood were the leading tacklers for the Mules.

"Adrian Chacon and Austin Bamert made several big defensive plays from their inside backer position," said Mule coach Jeff Withrow. "Cole Hawkins and Juan Gonzales plugged up the middle to force Seminole outside."

"DJ Atwood played good technique as a defensive end and had tackles for losses. I think we are getting better each day and the coaches are looking for a good season from this team," concluded Withrow.

The Mules will hit the road and tangle with the Lockney Longhorns Thursday.

Seventh grade Mules scalp the Indians

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The seventh grade Mules served notice early to the Seminole Indians that it would be a long afternoon. Fifty-four Mules took the field Thursday and they scalped the Indians 24-6.

The Mules kicked off to start the contest and held the Indians to a single yard on four plays. The Mules took over on downs on the Seminole 40.

Juan Sanchez went 40 yards up the middle for a TD on the Mules first play with 6:08 left in the period. The Mules led 6-0. Cooper Washington boomed the Mule's second kick off to the Indian 23.

Seminole returned the kick to the 43 before Tori Alvarado dumped the return man to the turf. Alvarado plays inside linebacker and on the first play followed the offensive guard to the sideline and dropped the ball carrier after a three-yard gain.

Washington sniffed out a draw play and stuffed the Indians for a two-yard loss. Joey Ramirez pressured the quarterback into making a bad pass that Isaias Guerra intercepted on the Mule 45 and returned to the Indian 25.

The Mules went for it all with Chris Babcock connecting with Washington on a slant at the Indian 15. Washington out raced the defense to the end zone. The Mules led 12-0 after only two offensive plays.

The Mules again held Seminole to three and out with the punt rolling dead on the

Mule 38. Tyson Turnbow blasted up the middle for two yards. A motion penalty moved the Mules back three yards.

Babcock moved the Mules back to the original line of scrimmage and then connected with Turnbow on a swing pass that worked for nine yards. On fourth and one Washington got the call up the middle.

He broke a tackle at mid field and cut to the right and beat the defense to the pylon for the Mules third TD as the second period began.

The Indians blocked a Mule punt late in the half and covered the ball on the Mule seven. Sanchez and Washington hi-owed the ball carrier for no gain on the Indians first play.

Washington and Alvarado teamed up for the second stop for no gain that left 12 seconds on the clock. Sanchez got a hand on the third down pass and knocked the ball to the turf. Turnbow and Alvarado broke up the pass as time expired in the half with the Mules leading 18-0.

Ramirez returned the opening kick of the second half to the Mule 42. Sanchez broke loose for 18 yards on a counter play that moved the Mules to Seminole's 40. Sanchez picked up 11-yards on his second carry of the drive.

Babcock found Washington open over the middle for eight yards to push the Mules to the Indian 11. Turnbow grabbed a swing pass, scooted down the sideline, made a move on a

defender and picked up five more yards before being pulled down on the one.

Babcock followed Demetrie Saucedo, the Mule's center in on a quarterback keeper. That pushed the Mule's lead to 24-0.

Seminole's only score came on a 77-yard sweep that ended all scoring with 5:41 left in the game.

"Our inside backers, Juan Sanchez and Tori Alvarado did a great job of always being around the ball," said Mule coach Jeff Withrow. "They often met the ball carrier on or behind the line of scrimmage and made the tackle."

"Brandon Ellis did a good job of plugging holes as a defensive tackle and Cooper Washington was all over the field making tackles."

The White Team Mules won their season opener over Seminole 14-0. That game started at 4 pm.

Rico Alacorn had a 40-yard TD reception on the first play of the game. Havier Bara had a 60-yard TD run in the second half.

Joshua Macias, Daniel Fiero and Alacorn were the leading tacklers for the White Team Mules.

Marcias had an interception and Alacorn had a quarterback sack.

"We are very proud of the performance of the White Team," said Mule coach Clay Ferguson. "They have worked hard to get to where they are. The team deserved to get their first victory in two years."

Freshmen to host Sept. 30 pre-game meal

Muleshoe High School's Freshman class will be hosting the Sept. 30 pre-game meal from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Deliveries are available from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30

p.m. by calling 272-7306. The menu will include: Stuffed potatoes — with a choice of beef and cheese or bacon bits and cheese, tossed salad, cake and tea. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children, and are available from freshman class members.

Nursing home volunteer training set for Oct. 8

South Plains Association of Governments' Area Agency on Aging will hold an orientation on Saturday, Oct. 8, for nursing home volunteer advocates.

The special session will be from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at 1323-58th St. in Lubbock.

Individuals must be willing to attend several classes of comprehensive training in a three month period. Training emphasis is on advocacy for long-term care residents; advocates will learn the importance for quality of care and life through a program called the Ombudsman.

Volunteers must commit to weekly visits and submit monthly reports. All volunteers will receive liability insurance coverage; also, mileage reimbursement is available for anyone traveling from out of town for training. Volunteers' are especially needed at several nursing facilities in twelve surrounding counties of the region as well as in Lubbock. Special training sessions will be scheduled in communities throughout the next year.

Call the Area Agency on Aging at 687-0940 or 1-888-418-6564 to preregister or to receive more information.

SLAYDEN FAMILY REUNION

Saturday, October 1st
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Most of the families involved at one time or another lived in the Longview and Muleshoe communities in the 40s, 50s and 60s. Reunion members would like to extend an invitation to others who have been longtime friends to feel free to come by and visit — we'd love to see you and your attendance would be so appreciated!

Saturday is dedicated to visiting, singing songs and a few games of "42." Some of the families involved as Slaydens are children of Dement, Ethridge Ragland and Carter families plus all the Slaydens.

Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce Business & Employee of the Month

If you've had great service from an individual or business in our community, get them recognized for their excellent customer service by nominating them for the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce's Business or Employee of the Month award! Write down their name and a brief description of why they deserve the award (use extra paper if you need to), clip this form and mail it to the Chamber office, P.O. Box 356, or drop it off at the Chamber office, 115 E. American Blvd., Mon.-Fri., 10 am to 4 pm. The "employee" selection can be different than the "business" selection.

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Reason: _____

Business of the Month

Reason: _____

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

The Board of Directors of Muleshoe Area Hospital District conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the

Muleshoe Area Hospital District


from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 58.41 percent on September 8, 2005 at 6:00 P.M. and September 16, 2005 at 10:00 A.M.

The Board of Directors of Muleshoe Area Hospital District


is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 29, 2005

at 6:00 P.M.

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Whew! We've all got our own hills to climb. Sometimes it's hard, but we have to keep trying!

Yes, yes color everything on this page using your pencils or markers! Try using sky blue or sunshine yellow...hee-hee!

Everyone has talents and abilities. Can you draw, dance or sing? Do you like to write stories or do science experiments? Maybe you are good at playing sports and coaching others. Try something new...you can do it! There are many ways to let others know that they are special and that they can do many things. Read the clues and fill in the crossword puzzle below with things or ideas that help us be the best we can be.

- small statue, prize for winning
- working well with others
- a hard try
- to give hope
- to give a prize for a special performance
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- to believe in oneself
- to put arms around and hold tightly
- narrow strip of satin given for being a winner in a contest
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
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Hint: the name of some pictures sounds like the word you want to put in the blanks.

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Choosing the right healthcare provider

Submitted by
Mandi Seaton
Bailey CEA-FCS

Shopping around for the best price and level of service is a hallmark of America's consumer nature. Whether purchasing a house or a car or laundry detergent, most Americans are on the lookout for the best deal possible.

However, many never stop to consider how important it might be to shop around for the right healthcare provider.

Choosing a health provider may be a difficult task for some people. No matter if you are looking to change your current provider or if you are looking for a health provider for the first time, Andrew B. Crocker, Gerontology Health Specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension, suggests you keep the following in mind:

- Do I need to see a physician? In many areas of Texas there is a shortage of medical doctors.

- Instead, there are qualified practitioners, such as a nurse practitioner or physician's assistant. They may be your best source for health care.

- Does the health care provider accept your insurance? Many health providers accept Medicare and Medicaid but may do so at different amounts, affecting what you pay out-of-pocket.

Check with the provider's office to see what your costs may be before the visit. If you have private insurance, check with the insurance company to see if they will pay for you to see a certain health provider. Also check with the health provider's office to make sure that he or she will accept your insurance.

- Where is the office located? Location of a health provider's office is very important. Is it close to your home? Close to a hospital? Close to a pharmacy? Is it located on a busy street that could cause travel problems to and from office visits?

After the initial decision to try a health provider is made, be sure that he or she has a good bedside manner and communication style. It is very important that your new health provider is able to answer your questions fully and that you are able to understand those answers.

When choosing a new health provider or thinking about changing health providers, it is very important to see what other people think about that person. Ask friends, family and neighbors if they have had any experience with the provider

in question and what that experience has been. Talking with others may be able to give you some insight into what your experience with him or her may be.

In Texas, you can check a physician's record through the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners (TSBME). The TSBME is the licensing organization for physicians and physician's assistants. It provides information about schooling, licensing, complaints and any type of sanctions or suspension.


The TSBME maintains this information through their website: <http://www.tsbme.state.tx.us>. You may also file a complaint about a health provider with the TSBME by calling 1.800.248.4062.

Ensuring quality health care from a quality health provider may be one of the most important decisions that you make. Good health is one of the keys to successful aging! It's your choice * make it a good one.

For more information and more tips on choosing a new health provider or evaluating your old one, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.



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Cotton Market Weekly

Excellent growing conditions for the U.S. cotton crop and the anticipated increase in domestic and world cotton production contained in USDA's September supply and demand report helped to fuel bearish sentiments in the market this week.

The USDA's second objective assessment of U.S. production prospects for 2005-06 placed the cotton crop at 22.28 million bales, 991,000 bales more than the August forecast and just 968,700 bales shy of the record-breaking 2004 crop.

In its re-evaluation of planted and harvested acreage, the department put plantings at 13.91 million acres and the harvested acreage at 13.67 million, suggesting an abandonment of just 3.5 percent of plantings.

Estimated yield was raised 34 pounds per acre from August to a total of 782 pounds.

Estimated production in the Southwest was raised by 1.13 million bales to a total of 7.6 million. The boost was primarily due to a 1.10 million-bale addition to the Texas crop. The area for harvest remained unchanged at 5.50 million acres in Texas, but yields were boosted 94 pounds to a total of 630 pounds per acre.

Prospective outturn on the Texas High Plains was raised to a record 4.93 million bales based on an average yield of 684 pounds per acre. On the Rolling Plains, production was estimated at 780,000 bales, 95,000 more than the August forecast.

The improvement in production estimates for Texas cotton producers was boosted in part by additional and heavier bolls on the cotton. Observers are optimistic that if conditions stay hot and dry the crop will continue to improve.

On the High Plains, harvest could begin as early

as the first part of October. "Last year, as we went through the process, the crop just kept getting better and better," a local analyst said. "It looks like, for the Texas Panhandle, that we're mirroring last year's crop very closely."

In world numbers, the 2005-06 cotton production figure rose to 111.53 million bales from 109.79 million. Ending stocks shot up 1.39 million bales to 51.20 million from 49.81 million in the department's August report.

India's cotton production estimate was raised to 18.40 million bales from 17.0 million last month while China's production fell to 25.50 million bales.

China's production was pegged at 26.0 million bales last month but was lowered in the USDA's recent report due in part to typhoons that afflicted mainland China in August.

In other news, net export sales of 110,500 bales of U.S. cotton in the week

ended Sept. 8 were 73 percent less than the previous week and 70 percent less than the four-week average, according to the USDA's weekly report. Major buyers were China, South Korea, Mexico, and Japan.

Export shipments of 181,100 bales were 31 percent less than the previous week and 42 percent less than the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Turkey, Mexico, and South Korea.

In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas in the week ended September 15 totaled 1,439 bales compared to the previous week when 18,179 bales were traded.

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- Most farm accidents involve machinery, with tractor accidents responsible for the most fatalities. Inspect your machinery to determine problems and have them fixed immediately by a professional. Provide rollover protection for tractors and use seat belts. Don't allow extra riders. Follow the "No Seat, No Rider" rule.
- Teach children the correct way to turn off machinery. Supervise them closely.
- Teach children to recognize the poison symbol and keep them away from pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer containers.
- Take the necessary precautions to prevent entrapment and suffocation caused by unstable surfaces in storage bins, silos and hoppers. Never let children play in the back of grain trucks, whether the grain is flowing or not.
- Methane, carbon dioxide, ammonia and other gases can build up in nonventilated silos or manure pits and can cause asphyxiation or explosion.
- Read and follow operator's or owner's manuals for equipment. Follow product labels for the proper handling, use and storage of products, equipment and chemicals.
- Don't let children have unsupervised access to ponds, and keep them away from septic tanks, old wells or other bodies of water.



Farmers and ranchers need to remember that the general public does not often realize tractors and other agricultural machinery often cannot travel faster than 25 mph and have limited maneuverability. Farmers and ranchers should use their mirrors to watch for motorists. When planning to make a left turn, look to see if someone is attempting to pass. If so, let them pass before starting the turn, if the turn is located in a designated passing zone.

The general public needs to know that tractors and other agricultural machinery often cannot travel faster than 25 mph. Limited speed vehicles are identified by a Slow-Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem. The general public needs to realize that tractors towing long trailing or wide machines may need to move to the right before completing a left turn. Therefore, look for unmarked field and other entrances where the tractor and / or machine may turn in before attempting to pass. Don't assume the operator is waiting for the motorist to pass just because he / she moves to the right. REMEMBER: Only pass if you are in a designated passing zone. Drive Defensively!

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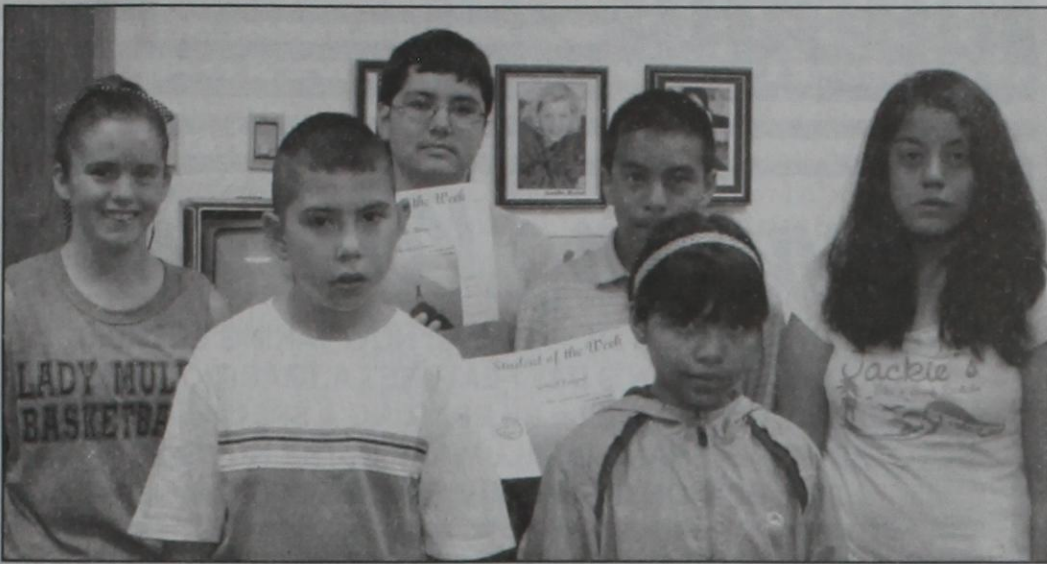
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Students of the Week



Watson Junior High Students of the Week the week of Sept. 12 were, from left to right: Front row — Manuel Muniz, and Lucia Bustillos; back row — Ali Eagle, Xavier Mora, Gabriel Vargas and Alejandra Gomez.



Watson Junior High Students of the Week the week of Sept. 19 were, from left to right: Front row — Trevor Hill, Heather Gutierrez and Melissa Mendoza; back row — Erick Avila, Austin Bamert and Belinda Pacheco.

Nursing Home News

Thursday morning, Nancy Lemons delivered pieces of ceramics for the residents to paint in craft class. Residents participating were Argilee Millin, Gladys Wright, Gladys Wilson, Cathy Wilson, Cynthia Crawford and Alliene Lasiter.

Following the craft class, Zona Gatewood played the piano as the residents sang along and participated in music reminiscing.

Ladies from the American Boulevard Church of Christ baked and served pies to the residents Thursday afternoon. Billie Powell, Marilyn Wilson, Beverly Wagnon and Barbara McGuire served the pies and visited with the residents.

Friday morning, Pat Wilson presented a music song, short story and poetry reading with the theme of her program being the weather.

Friday morning, Clair Brown and Brenda Lacl ey brought their classes to visit the grandparents of the nursing home for Grandparents Day.

Each third grade student picked a grandparent to read a book to and give a card that they had made in class. Ms. Brown and Mrs. Lackey and their student's were from DeShazo

Elementary School.

Peggy Dent and Zona Gatewood gave the residents nail care Tuesday. Lynn Merys visited Floy Hanson this week.

Dorothy Bowers was visited by Norma Prather and Mildred Williams last week.

Erma Templar had several of her family members here visiting with her last week. Pat Clark visited her Tuesday.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell, Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee, juice, and donuts to the residents at coffee time Wednesday morning. The Kittrell's and the Burge's are faithful encouragers.

Buster Kittrell, Loyce Killingsworth and Bro. Bennie Wright directed our sennispiration and devotional time Wednesday morning, Anna B. Lane also assisted.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins directed the sing-a-long Wednesday.

Janice Bradshaw visited Marie Lane Wednesday.

Pauline Guinn was visited recently by her daughter Donna Smith and Lillian Street.

Arnold Prather went out to his home for a family get together. Butch Vandiver took time from his work to come and call Bingo, at the Bingo

Bash! on Saturday afternoon.

The Park Fest was a great success Saturday afternoon. We wish to thank everyone that came and participated. Mike Carter and Doug Loadson, proved to be "Kings of the Grill."

Paul Chaisson gave a great performance of music and song. The residents families and guest brought banquet tables full of desserts and fresh fruits and salads.

Sunday afternoon Trinity Baptist Church came for church services and visitation.

A devotional and praise service was directed by Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard Tuesday morning. Jan Crawford, Becky Conklin, Mary Jo Burge, Pat Clark, Dolores Garrett, and Pat Watson worked in the Volunteer Beauty Shop Tuesday giving the ladies fresh hairdos.

The family and community service class of Muleshoe High School; came to play games with the residents Monday morning and Monday afternoon. The class are students of Mrs. Fuller.

Marlin and Loma Mosley's son Ronnie Gustin took Mr. and Mrs. Mosley to Clovis to the doctor Tuesday.

MAHD board takes action

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home would apparently be required to continue under this contract. Chassion pointed out that the contract didn't include a minimum usage, and said he intends to decrease usage until the end of the contract period. Still, he felt it was possible for the nursing home to see savings of more than \$1,000 per month by installing commercial equipment.

In other business, the hospital board:

- Approved the minutes from previous board meetings.

- Approved an addition to the hospital district's policy concerning public participation procedures, which will limit the public forum to five minutes for each speaker, and a total of 15 minutes.

"It doesn't mean we'll shut it down, but we can," board president Mike Miller said.

- Approved the disposal of unusable equipment.

- Approved a bad debt write off totaling \$37,460.

County Answers

Questions and answers selected for "County Questions" are from *Tales and Trails of Bailey County, 1918-1988*.

- Page 2 — (1) Dr. A. R. Matthews. (2) Goodland High School.

- Page 3 — The Friendship Club.

- Page 6 — (1) First Christian Church. (2) Spring, 1933

Thank God Christians Sing the Same Hymns—Mostly

It was none other than the venerable Charles Wesley, writer of hundreds of grand hymns, who in the introduction to one of his hymnals pronounced stern words against anyone who would mess with the words (and thus the theology—not to mention the beauty) of his hymns. He had little use for the folks he derisively referred to as "hymn-tinkerers."

During most of my growing up years, my home church (and most others of our brand) used a

words to praise exactly the same Lord.

I've got verse upon verse of those words in my head, but I keep discovering that the hymn-tinkerer of my youth has affected me more than I like to think.

I'm ticked but not all that surprised when I sing the original version and find out yet again that he replaced references to harps, lyres, zithers, stringed, or other instruments, so that our end of heaven is sanitized of such. I think he will be surprised at what he hears in Glory.

But what I really hate are the subtle little abominations that cut at the heart of Christ's cross and make light of his sacrifice. Fanny Crosby could write beautifully, "Pass me not, O gentle Savior / Hear my humble cry." And then in Verse 3, "Trusting only in Thy merit, / Would I seek Thy face." But the hymn-tinkerer in his version changed "only" to "always." Why? Because he wasn't sure that "only" Christ's merit, his sacrifice, is salvation enough—which, whatever the tinkerer's intent—makes his "cry" a lot less humble and effectively undercuts the cross.

"When We All Get to Heaven" became "When the Saved Get to Heaven." As if someone unsaved might somehow sneak in?

But the absolute worst example comes in, of all places, "Amazing Grace" where Verse 2 was tinkered with, and Christ's cross violated, when "How precious did that grace appear / The hour I first believed" was changed to "When I His Word obeyed."

So wazzamattuh? We want to obey Christ, right? Yes! But if for salvation you trust in your power to obey, you are not trusting in Christ and his blood. The cross didn't have to happen. And grace suddenly becomes not very amazing at all.

Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

hymnal that contained 666 songs. (Hmm. I wonder if the number is significant?) I later learned that 130 of those songs had been tinkered with by the compiler. I also learned why my Uncle Kline (not really my uncle but whose name was given to me as my middle moniker and who I am happy to claim) referred to the hymnal as *Sacrilegious Selections*. Uncle Kline was an English professor and much of the tinkering grated on his ears. He also loved the Gospel and hated the way much of the tinkering gutted it.

While Christ's people have often made a mess of recognizing the unity for which the Lord prayed (see John 17) and gave his life, at least we've shared most of the same hymns in common. Thank God, nobody I know of has undertaken to be sure the hymn writers were "our" folks lest we sing anything written by, say, a sorry ol' Baptist. Baptists and Church of Christ folks, Assembly of God folks and Presbyterian folks, all sing mostly the same songs with mostly the same

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For weddings and quinceaneras 25 column inches, which includes a photo if desired, will be the limit. If the photo and announcement run longer, we reserve the right to eliminate parts of the story or the person placing the article may indicate which portions may be left out. However, if a longer write-up is desired, it may be purchased in the form of an ad.

For anniversaries, if two photos are included, the limit will be 25 inches. It will be 15 inches if only one photo is used. That space will be free for anniversaries of 50 years or more. A fee may be

charged for other anniversaries.

Birth announcements with one-column photos are run free of charge with names of immediate family, including grandparents and great-grandparents. Please understand that the permission of both parents is required for a birth announcement to be published.

Small stories describing showers are run free of charge after the fact and may include the names of the principals, items served at the showers, a brief description of the decor and the names of special or out-of-town guests.

A deadline of six months after an event will be the rule.

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'02 FORD F-150 SUPER CAB ONLY 46K MILES, BLACK, #P3470	\$15,359	'04 FORD F-150 SUPER CREW LARIAT, ONLY 12K MILES, TAN, #T2364TA	\$21,995

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

The Board of Directors' election results were as follows:

Mary Neil Bleeker, 40; Jimmie Crawford, 34; Fred Clements, 66; Jack Henderson, 41; Nancy Kidd, 22; Savannah (Shug) Killough, 73; Nelda Merriott, 40; Jarrell Pruitt, 31; Joe Sowder, 71; and James Wedel, 21.

We are delighted to have Shug Killough, Joe Sowder and Fred Clements to join the board. They are very dedicated to the center, willing to help where ever help is needed.

The Board of Directors met in a regular meeting on Tuesday evening, Sept. 13, at the center. Pauletta Crawford has agreed to come on board and be the activity coordinator. Pauletta is a very qualified and cooperative worker. We are looking forward to working with her.

The senior citizens who participated in the games Tuesday, Sept. 13, and stayed for lunch, had a great surprise. Michael Marlow, Barbara Marlow's son, entertained the group with wonderful piano music

during lunch and during the afternoon. Michael was here visiting him Mom, he lives in Vernon.

Many thanks go to Al and Virginia Jennings for the beautiful electric Hammond organ donated to the center. We do have a senior or two who play, so I know we will enjoy having the organ. Again thanks for your support.

The Bootscooter's Band played for the dance on Tuesday, Sept. 20, and everyone had a great time. You are missing a good opportunity to come, enjoy good music and fellowship. The dances are from 7-10 p.m. with a break about 8:30 p.m. for pot luck refreshments. So call someone, come and enjoy.

There were 25 senior citizens with birthdays in September. Those honored on Friday with cards and a cake were: Harold Burge, Eva Dell Carpenter, Joyce Clements, Frank Ellis, J. C. Gatewood, Charlie Hanks, Lucille Harp, James Jackson, Virginia Jennings, Camden Johnson, Wanda Kittrell, Charles Mayhugh, Betty McCormick, Barbara McCamish, James Meason,

Lorene Obenhaus, Doyce Turner and Leon Warren. Everyone enjoyed a brisket lunch, cake and good music. Our thanks go to Ann Sinclair for the beautiful piano music for the party.

The Office of Aging is in need of volunteers for the delivery of Meals On Wheels. Please give this your attention and contact Debbie at her office. Just one day, one hour a day. I know she and the homebound will be very grateful.

See you at the center.

Menu for Sept. 26 - 30:

Monday, Sept. 26 — Hamburger on bun, lettuce, tomato, onion, tater tots, baked beans, peaches and cookies.

Tuesday, Sept. 27 — Roast beef, potatoes, carrots, tossed salad, wheat roll and cake.

Wednesday, Sept. 28 — Chicken-fried steak, white gravy, corn, salad, hot roll and cake.

Thursday, Sept. 29 — BBQ beef, baked potato, green beans, hot roll, pears and peanut cookie.

Friday, Sept. 30 — Fried fish, french fries, cole slaw, brussel sprouts, rolls and apple cobbler.



Honoring Veterans

VETERAN'S DAY IS NOV. 11. WE'RE NOW TAKING ENTRIES FOR OUR VETERAN'S DAY FEATURE - A TRADITION WE STARTED LAST YEAR! WE'LL BE PRINTING A SPECIAL SECTION DEVOTED TO VETERANS OF ALL WARS IN THE NOVEMBER 10, 2005 EDITION OF THE MULESHOE JOURNAL.

If you have a veteran you'd like to have featured in this section, send a check for \$25 along with the following information and one picture (current or not, in uniform or civilian clothes) to: Veterans, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. Veterans need not be from Muleshoe, but should have ties to the area. You may attach pages for further information. We kept all entries from last year and invite you to include those same veterans again this year. Cost is \$25.

The Muleshoe Journal reserves the right to edit for both content and space.

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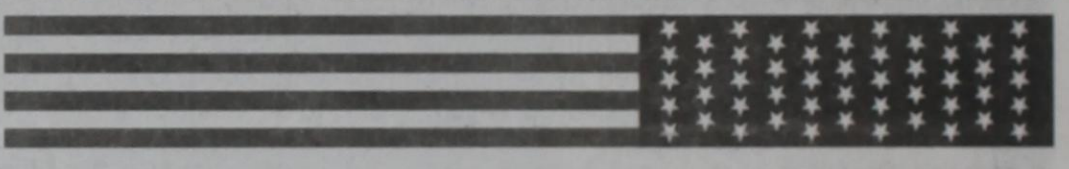
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ENMU homecoming parade is accepting entries

Entries are still being accepted for the Eastern New Mexico University Homecoming Parade on Saturday, Oct. 1, in Portales.

All individuals and organizations wishing to

participate must register by Friday, Sept. 23. Advance registration is necessary for placement in the parade and to include the entrant's name in the parade program that is distributed along the

parade route. The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 1 at Abilene and Third in Portales, goes north to First Street and west on First Street to the ENMU Campus.

This year's theme is "Mardi Gras: Eastern Style."

Registration and additional information are available by contacting Parade Chair Heather Haacke in the Alumni Affairs office at 505-562-2125.

School News



First place flag

Members of the Muleshoe Flag Corps returned from competition at Lubbock with a first place trophy, defeating Littlefield and Levelland in the finals. Pictured above are the corps members — Erika Perez, Calli Hancock, Veronica Nunez, Brittany Ambriz, Courtney Mardis, Laura Cogliandro, Jamie Hall, Lissi Hall and Jessica Thornton — at their celebration party.

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MEDC board takes action on dairy, incubator program

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composed of area bankers and certified public accountants, will examine the documents to determine if the business proposal is viable as a safeguard for the MEDC.

In other business, the MEDC approved a memorandum of understanding with the West Texas A&M University Enterprise Network, which

has established business incubator programs at Dumas, Childress, Borger and Pampa.

Don Taylor, author of the book "Up Against The Wal-Marts," and Dan Redd, both of the WTA&MU Enterprise Network, discussed the possibility of implementing such a program in Muleshoe.

Claborn explained that such programs offer a means for new businesses to get off of the ground by providing advice and the availability of office equipment.

However, the business applicants for such a project are what she described as "basic" businesses, which by their nature would bring dollars into Bailey County rather than redistributing business dollars that are already here.

While a portion of the funds necessary to establish the program would come from the MEDC, it was pointed out that federal grants for such projects may be available, and also that funds may be available from WTA&MU to help refurbish a building for the program.



SHARON AGEE

Agee honored

Sharon Agee, R.N., of Muleshoe was recently honored as the All Star Employee of the Month for September at University Medical Center of Lubbock.

Agee, a registered nurse in UMC's operating room, was recognized for the attention and care she provided to a young man who was being treated for a facial laceration, and his sister while their parents were out of the country.

"Sharon was a good ambassador for UMC — showing that we give very good care not only to our patients, but also to the family," said Patricia Forgay, R.N. B.S.N., the charge nurse who nominated Agee for the award.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

West Texas dealt absolutely perfect weather last Saturday evening. Many of your readers missed marvelous free entertainment: cowboy gospel singing at the XIT Muleshoe ranch cookhouse; on the depot west platform, the Folklorico dancers directed by Margie Alarcon followed by fiddling and other string music and dancing; roping competition; trick ropers with the world's largest mule shoe as a back drop. Just south of the Folklorico dancers, 50 cent tamales were sold by Soloman Madrid and wife. "Back in Time" priced brownies were sold for 10 cents each at the Figure Four ranch house. 50 cent hot dogs were sold on north side of Muleshoe ranch cookhouse. Free lemonade was available under the trees between cookhouse and Janes ranch house.

Brady Black, president of Student Community Action Club, gave an explanation of how it works in supporting the center via helping in making sure the center's historic preservation efforts are met. Black presented a \$1,200 check to help financially. He explained how SCAC raised the money through its fundraising efforts. The celebration took place for the pleasure of local citizens to enjoy the food and fellowship of a special local happening. And for them to observe and become aware of the historic collection of Muleshoe area artifacts or memorabilia which is being preserved right here in Muleshoe, Texas.

And with that knowledge, the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation board members hope those attending will help preserve local history and financially support the center in its preservation efforts.

LaVonne McKillip,
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IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS!

The Muleshoe Journal will be printing a special Christmas section devoted to greetings especially written by our readers. We're calling these greetings "A Family Christmas."

Ads for this section start at \$45 and we encourage families to include a photo - or two! It's a great way to send Christmas greetings to your neighbors, family and friends. If you have a baby celebrating his or her first Christmas, let the Muleshoe Journal make it a memorable one by including a special greeting to your little one during this once in a lifetime event! It's sure to be something you'll treasure for decades to come. Call 272-4536 and speak with Leah Bell or Larry Ayers about getting your personalized Christmas greeting printed. "A Family Christmas" will appear in the Dec. 22, 2005 edition of the newspaper.



A Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Membership Drive was held Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005

"Thanks to all who worked so hard on this event, and a special thank you to all who joined and pledged to support not only the Chamber, but the Muleshoe community!"

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 Lot-2" PVC Sch 40
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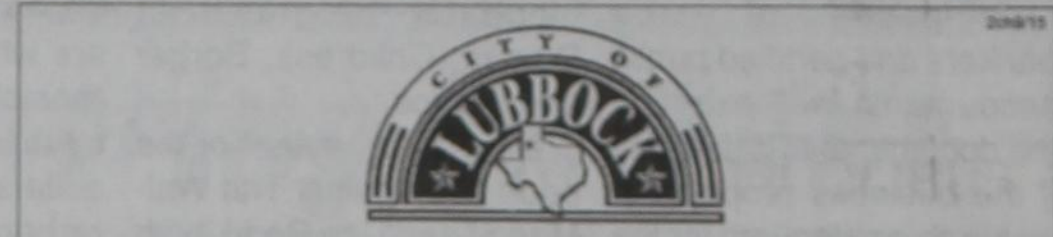
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DUTIES: Under direct supervision of a certified treatment plant operator; inspect, operate, and maintain equipment in a treatment plant on an assigned shift.

QUALIFICATIONS: Any combination of education and experience equivalent to completion of a high school diploma or G.E.D. with an additional one year general water work experience. Must live within 15 minutes travel time of Sudan Pump Station. Must possess a Water or Wastewater Class C Certificate issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality within two years of employment. This certificate must be obtained within the required period for continued employment in this position. An upgrade in classification to Operator will be made upon obtaining this certification and satisfactory fulfillment of Operator in-training duties. Possession of a Texas Commercial Driver's License with endorsements. Knowledge of industrial water safety and operation of water or wastewater utility equipment. Ability to monitor and control treatment plant equipment. Ability to prepare reports and interpret written instructions. Ability to work cooperatively with others. Ability to operate a computer keyboard. Ability to perform duties in noisy working conditions. Ability to properly use self-contained breathing apparatus as required. Performs job duties in a way that promotes a positive image of the City organization and the department; demonstrates effective interpersonal skills and delivers exemplary customer service. Must be able to work in all outside weather conditions. Must be able to pass Pulmonary Function Test in order to be able to use SCBA equipment as needed. Must be clean shaven in order to wear SCBA equipment. CDL Driver's Permit will be accepted for application/selection process and ninety days will be allowed after being hired to complete the driving portion of the CDL. A comparable out of state CDL Driver's License will be accepted during the application/selection process; however, the applicant must be in possession of a "Texas" CDL Driver's License with endorsements on or before their hire date. The applicant(s) selected for this position must pass a felony conviction criminal history check at time of hire. Prefer: Texas Class A Driver's License.

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CLOSING DATE: September 16, 2005

TO APPLY: Send application to Human Resources, City of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas 79457. All applications must be received in the Human Resources Office located at 1625 13th Street, Room 104 by 5:00 p.m. on the closing date. Resume must be accompanied by an application. The City of Lubbock is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The City of Lubbock is under the Texas Public Information Act and information from your resume/application may be subject to release to the public.

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For Sale: 1995 Fleetwood, 64 x 28 doublewide mobile home in Sudan, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, living room, den, cent. H&A. Shown by appointment only! Call 806-928-7922. TFNeb/17

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 - Oneita Wagon Senior Center, P.O. Box 292, Muleshoe, TX 79347
 - Hope Chest, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347
 - Muleshoe Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Fund, c/o Janice Bradshaw, 669 CR 21, Muleshoe, TX 79347; or call 965-2619; or drop by the Muleshoe State Bank to talk with Janice
 - Bailey County Food Pantry, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347
 - Meals on Wheels, 300 1st St., Muleshoe, TX 79347
 - Lazbuddie EMS and Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 125, Lazbuddie, TX 79053
 - Park View Nursing Home, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, TX 79347
 - New Mexico Children's Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411
 - Muleshoe Masonic Lodge No. 1237, P.O. Box 521, Muleshoe, TX 79347
 - Olton Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1055, Olton, TX 79064
 - Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Inc., 104 E. Ave. C, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-5727
- For a complete list of local and national agencies, contact the Muleshoe Community Foundation; Gary Sirkel, 272-4710 or Kay Mardis, 272-3349.
 If you would like to be added to this published list, please contact the Journal with your mailing address and phone number at 272-4536.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

TO: CONNIE SUE TRIMBLE

On August 25, 2005, LINDA KAY GRISWOLD filed an Application for Appointment of Permanent Guardian of the Person and Estate of THOMAS WAYNE FLOYD, an Incapacitated Person pursuant to Section 682 of the Texas Probate Code. The Court will hear the aforementioned application on October 18, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom of Bailey County, Texas, in Muleshoe, Texas. You are commanded to appear at or before the time set for said hearing by filing a written contest or answer to said Application, should you desire to oppose or contest it. Said written contest or answer shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Bailey County, Texas, with a copy of such written contest or answer to be delivered to Carrissa A. Cleavinger, attorney for the Applicant at P.O. Box 311, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. Published in the Muleshoe Journal September 22, 2005.

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION

APPLICATION SRJ Development I, Ltd., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 55567L005, which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant.

The applicant has provided the following directions to the site: from the intersection of County Road 16 and Highway 84, the site is approximately 5 miles north on County Road 16, northwest of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, and road dust. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on September 7, 2005. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the Bailey County Courthouse, 300 South 1st Street, Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Lubbock regional office of the TCEQ. The TCEQ executive director has

determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. The notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive

director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to the comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list of this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emission of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and Registration Number; (3) the statement "[I/we]

request a contested case hearing:" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) your location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interest which the group or association seek to protect, must also be identified. Request for the contested hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests

for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from SRJ Development I, Ltd., 419 West Commercial Street, Portales, New Mexico 88130 or by calling Mr. Chris Zeisloff, Consultant at (806) 353-6123. Issuance Date: September 12, 2005. Published in the Muleshoe Journal September 22, 2005.

NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION

General Permit Authorization No. TXG920647
APPLICATION. BWM INVESTMENTS, LTD., 1512 West Avenue J, Muleshoe, Texas 79347 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for authorization to operate a new dairy facility at 2,400 total head, of which 2,100 head are milking, in Bailey County, Texas. The notice of intent was received by TCEQ on July 18, 2005. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land. The proposed facility will be located on the west side of County Road 163, approximately 0.5 mile north of the

intersection of County Road 163 and County Road 1028, said intersection is approximately 1 mile east of the intersection of County Road 1028 and Farm-to-Market Road 2079. The facility will be located in the drainage area of the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River in Segment No. 1241 of the Brazos River Basin. A copy of the notice of intent, application, the Executive Director's technical summary, and the CAFO general permit is available for viewing at the Bailey County Clerk's Office, 300 South 1st Street, #200, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this facility under General Permit No. TXG920000. **PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comment may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice.** In addition, the public may request a public meeting. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the

public meeting. The applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the CAFO is proposed to be located. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the notice of intent for coverage under the general permit.

INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the general permit process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. Se desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Issued: Sept. 9, 2005. Published in the Muleshoe Journal Sept. 22, 2005.

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- VERY NICE 2300' bldg., cent. A&H, 175' frontage on Hwy. 84 & 70!! MUCH MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$72.5K!!
- 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheet metal bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59,000!!
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- EARTH - Nice 3/2/2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, workshop/office, stor. bldg., fenced yd., MORE!! \$45K!!
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- 50' x 140' Lot with 40' x 90' corrugated sheetiron bldg., \$19,500!!
- S. OF FARWELL — 4-3-2 Brick Home, 69.6 acre tract, cent. A&H, built-ins, 4560' lv. area, 350 basement w/ vault, 2940' garage/workshop, 2000' loft over garage, 6" well, barns, & corral!! MORE!! \$339K!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-5-2 Home on 3.67 acres, 1271 Hwy. 214 S., cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., nicely landscaped, 2900+ lv. area, 680' additional area stor., gazebo, barns, MORE!! \$129K!!
- LAZBUDDIE AREA — 3-2-2 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, deck, hot tub, cellar, stor. bldgs., on 2 acre tract!! \$95K!! Additional 156 acre farm w/circle sprinkler, 3-20 hp. sub. wells!! \$495 per acre!!
- 4Bdrm. 2 bath on 8.7 acres at edge of town; Cent A&H, DW, workshop/storage, stock shed/pens!! \$39,500K!!
- 3-2-2 Brick Home on 5.67 acres, approx. 2647' lv. area, Cent. A&H, DW, FP, 7 fans, jacuzzi, horse barn, sodhouse, workshop/storage, other bldgs., MORE!! \$135K!! MAKE OFFER!!
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- 2 BR/1 Bath with patio-sunroom, 508 Furneaux, Sudan. House in excellent condition. Corner siding & new windows. Central A/C, located on street lot one block from school. Buy and move in!
- 3 BR/2-1/2 BA/2 CAR GAR — Brick home, 604 4th St., Earth, TX. Well kept home boasting great floor plan w/ roomy kitchen, cozy den, workshop and cement storm cellar. Only 1 block from pool.
- 3 BR/1 Bath/1 Studio — Brick home, 4 miles south of Sudan, 5 acres will sell with house. Fully enclosed sunroom and storage shed. Well maintained, perfect for someone needing space for animals, etc...
- 3 BR/2-1/2 BA/2 CAR GAR — Brick home, approx. 1920' sq.ft. living area, located 1 block from school in Sudan on Hwy. 303. Well kept home, awesome kitchen and nice neighborhood. PRICE REDUCED!!!!
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- 3 BR/2 BA/2 CAR Garage — 610 Wilson, Sudan. Brick home on corner lot, located 2 blocks from Sudan schools. Sprinkler system, hardwood flooring, recently remodeled bathroom, building in back, perfect for workshop or a home business. Owner is Texas Realtor.

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