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## MAHD board backs down on cap removal

**By Larry Thornton**  
*Managing Editor*  
The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors backed down in the face of what a couple of members described as determined opposition to its upcoming election to remove the district's existing tax rate cap during Thursday's regular meeting.

Board member Bill Liles said he'd been contacted by voters in the district asking that the existing cap be raised from 40 cents to 55 cents instead of removing it

and allowing the hospital district to have the same 75 cent limit other public entities in Bailey County have.

"Without the cap," Liles argued, "the only way the people could voice their disagreement would be a roll back election...I think they're right."

"Everybody that has talked to me has been scared to death we'll take the whole 75 cents," board member Bob Donaldson said.

"We don't know at this point what tax rate we

need," board president Wayne Pierson said in defense of the earlier vote to call an election

community needed a local hospital.

"I'm not going to accept not having a hospital

However, Donaldson defended his new position, opposing the cap's removal. "They don't see any betterment for the community," he said.

The remaining board members, Scott Brown and Zona Gatewood, indicated they hadn't been contacted by individuals opposing the removal of the rate cap.

Turning to the district's chief financial office, David Burke, for advise, the board members asked if it was

possible for the district to survive with a 10 or 15 cent increase.

In his response, Burke said the board needed to listen to public sentiment, but added that steps needed to be taken to insure the hospital's survival... even if that meant getting a higher rate cap set for now, and returning if necessary to the voters for an additional increase in the future.

"We need it to pass to keep the hospital viable," he said, "and  
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**"I'm not going to accept not having a hospital or nursing home in this community..."**  
— Wayne Pierson

to totally remove the rate cap.

Pierson said the main question the public should be asking isn't where the tax rate's cap is set, but whether the

or nursing home in this community," Pierson said later in the discussion.

"We probably wouldn't be in the position we're in if we didn't have the rate cap," Pierson concluded.

## Another good year at Five Area

**By Larry Thornton**  
*Managing Editor*

It was another good year for Five Area Cooperative, according to officials speaking at Saturday's annual meeting.

In his manager's report, Sandy Vandevender spoke of even brighter possibilities for the cooperative during the next couple of years, due in large part to a change in the administration at the Federal Communications Commission, and the \$7 billion broadband stimulus bill, which will provide grant money through Rural Utility Services.

However, Vandevender cautioned that as with most government programs, the coop would need to make careful decisions. "Expect to see all kinds of hooks attached to it," he said.

He reminded the members that while technology "is a

wonderful thing," Five Area Cooperative needed to be very careful about what technology it incorporated.

"If it's not worthy of coop support, we're



Sandy Vandevender not going to do it," Vandevender said.

He also spoke with pride about Five Area's recent federal audit, noting that the local cooperative was the first to receive a "clean audit."

And he talked about the cooperative's efforts to use cooperative dollars wisely, noting that an

effort was being made to produce many things in-house rather than through outsourcing during the current tough economic times.

The cooperative's manager also recognized several of the company's employees for their loyalty and commitment to the cooperative and its members.

"Commitment to the cooperative in the coming years will be more important than ever," Vandevender said.

"It's been an honor to be the general manager of this cooperative and these employees," he added.

In the financial report given by Wade Wilson of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, LLP, the cooperative's accountants—who noted that he has presented Five Area's report every year since 1983, spoke of the leadership

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### Sandy's lil' helper...

As in years past, Five Area Cooperative favored its member sip with a series of drawings for a wide variety of door prizes, which traditionally are delivered to the winners by the youngsters in attendance at the annual meeting. Pictured above, FAC director Ray Haseloff hands a package to Brandon Foley, assisted by his mother, Heather, to be delivered to one of the day's winners. Photograph by Larry Thornton

## New administrator selected to lead hospital district

**By Larry Thornton**  
*Managing Editor*

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors returned from a two-hour executive session Thursday to cast ballots on a new hospital administrator.

In a 4-0 vote, the board voted to offer the position to Jason Anglin of Sayre, Okla.

According to board president Wayne Pierson,

the hospital district had 32 applicants for the position to be vacated by the March 31 retirement of its current chief executive officer, Ray Mason, which were narrowed down to four finalists, each of whom were interviewed by the board in closed session during the past couple of weeks.

The finalists were Anglin, David Burke, the

district's current chief financial officer, Stephen Pitts of Mt. Vernon, and Cliff Broussard of Louisiana.

Anglin has been the CEO of Sayre Memorial Hospital, Sayre, Okla., a 46-bed acute care hospital that was recently rebuilt and held its ribbon cutting ceremonies on Feb. 1. He is expected to

take over at Muleshoe's hospital on April 6.

"I'm excited about

**"I'm excited about his experience..."**  
— Wayne Pierson

his experience," Pierson said Tuesday, following Anglin's acceptance of MAHD's offer. He said

Anglin's experience includes being a chief financial officer.

He added that with Anglin's experience in hospital construction that he was interested in hearing his ideas about the district's clinic expansion.

Regarding the clinic expansion, the hospital board voted to table its selection of a builder for the clinic expansion

until after a workshop including the board, its auditors — Parrish, Moody & Fikes, and its financial consultants — Consolidated Financial Resources, could be held.

At the board's Jan. 26 regular meeting, problems between the auditors and CFR were noted when Tom Shirey of CFR suggested  
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### Scrambling...

Sometimes you have to work from the ground up. Muleshoe's Gunner Kirby and an opposing catcher scramble for base and ball during a recent game.

Photograph by Stacy Conner



### Area donors to be honored at annual chamber banquet

When you live in Muleshoe, it's pretty easy to see and respond to the community's needs.

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### Energy assistance available

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For additional information concerning this program contact Janie Posadas at 804 W. American Blvd., or call 272-7537.

### Alzheimers support group to meet

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will meet on Thursday, March 12, at noon, in Park View Nursing Care Center's conference room. Contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Joy Stancell at 272-7578 for additional information.

### Youth softball sign ups

Sign ups for girls fast pitch softball will be in the Watson Junior High gymnasium foyer on Feb. 26, March 10, March 12 and March 26 from 6-8 p.m.

Girls, ages 7-16 as of Dec. 31, 2008, are eligible to play. Contact Julie DeBruin at 806-946-6236 or Chris Kennemer at 806-786-0778 for additional information.

### AA meeting

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA and Al-Anon meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Friday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. 2nd. Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.

### Blood drives set for March 15, 20

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe, 805 E. Hickory, will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, March 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the donor bus, by the Catholic Center. Call 729-8320 to make an appointment.

The First Assembly of God of Muleshoe, 521 S. First Street, is hosting a blood drive on Friday, March 20, from 3:30-6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Building.

Call Basil Nash, 272-3017, to make an appointment.

You must be at least 16 years of age, with a signed parental consent form, be in good health, have a valid drivers license, and weigh at least 110 pounds to donate blood.

### Lazbuddie FCCLA bake sale

Lazbuddie FCCLA will be hosting a bake sale on Saturday, March 7, from 9:30- 11:30 a.m., at the Muleshoe Sale Barn, Alco and Lowe's to raise money for its state trip.

### Stone to perform at FBC

Gospel music artist Jack Stone will be performing at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe, 220 W. Ave. E, on Sunday, March 15, at 11 a.m.

The public is invited to attend and hear Stone's music ministry as he proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks for reading!**

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# Editorial

## New navigator needed for hospital district

Thursday's decision by the Muleshoe Area Hospital District to postpone its action concerning the expansion of its rural health clinic, specifically the selection of a builder for the project, appears to be the correct decision.

While we support the board's dream for expanded services through the clinic, we can't help but share the concerns of the board as expressed by member Bob Donaldson, who spoke of his concerns about the national healthcare situation during Thursday's meeting.

Mr. Donaldson later explained that he was referring to recent comments by President Barak Obama, who apparently is suggesting a reduction in Medicare payments.

Medicare reimbursements are a major factor in the success of a critical access hospital such as Muleshoe's, and it would play a similar role in paying off the certificates of obligation the hospital district intends to issue to fund the rural health clinic's expansion. To ignore the possibility of changes to the Medicare system that could seriously reduce the hospital district's revenue just wouldn't be wise.

Another factor that should be taken into consideration concerning the expansion project is the district's association with its financial advisors, Consolidated Financial Recourses, Inc.

At the hospital district's regular meeting in July 2008, the board members approved a proposed \$1.67 million financial package to fund the clinic's expansion and "restructuring the debt on some of the hospital's

equipment to 'free up' some much needed operating capitol."

However, the board voted specifically not to go along with CFR's initial proposal... that the existing bond debt against Park View Nursing Care Center be included. Sounds simple... don't include the Park View debt.

And, yet, when Tom Shirey of CFR returned to update the board at its Jan. 26 meeting, the figures he referred to included restructuring the nursing home's debt, and suggested the delay in progress was the result of the district's auditors, Parrish, Moody & Fikes, p.c.

At that same meeting, Mr. Shirey suggested doing an "end run" around the auditors — using a second auditor, and not telling potential certificate buyers of Parrish, Moody & Fikes' concerns.

While a meeting is planned for the near future in which the auditors and the financial advisors can sit down with the board and work through the problems, two issues remain:

- CFR's apparent decision to ignore the hospital board's directives, and push through its own financial agenda.
- CFR's suggestion that the hospital district's board "shop" for a more favorable auditing opinion, and conceal that information from

potential buyers.

To say the least, these two issues have raised our own concerns about the hospital district's business relationship with CFR.

Do we need to expand the clinic? Yes, we do.

Do we need to include the nursing home's existing debt in the restructuring? To be honest, if that's what it takes to place the district on more stable ground, we don't have a problem with that either.

But we can't help but express our concerns

about the level of integrity at which CFR appears to be operating, and for that reason we can't help but wonder if the district's attempt at restructuring isn't a ship in need of another navigator.

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## Chamber banquet honorees... Continued from page 1

of time and money from local donors are incredibly grateful for these irreplaceable and generous gifts.

And, local donations are absolutely required when Muleshoe organizations seek funding from sources outside the community.

The Muleshoe area has a great deal to be thankful for.

Do you know of any city with a more beautiful and functional senior center than ours?

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the Muleshoe Heritage Center that is comparable to centers in much larger cities?

Another marvel is the Park View Nursing Care Center.

All of these facilities were funded, in part, by donors from outside the City of Muleshoe — individuals, foundations, companies and governmental agencies.

The Muleshoe Chamber will honor these out-of-town donors at its banquet on Saturday, March 28.

Among the donors who will be honored are Donna and Ray West of Midland. Ray is a 1954 graduate of Muleshoe High School who wanted to give back to his home town.

They made a \$100,000 contribution to the SPC Nursing School, in 2006.

In 2007, Donna and Ray made another \$100,000 to the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation.

Several foundations have made contributions to the community.

The Meadows Foundation of Dallas, Texas donated \$100,000 to Park View to help with construction costs. Meadows later donated \$25,000 to the Oneita Wagon Center and \$35,000 to the Muleshoe Heritage Center.

Closer to home, The Mayer Foundation of Plainview donated \$35,000 to the Oneita Wagon Center and \$25,000 to the Muleshoe Heritage Center.

Foundations in the Lubbock area have also been generous. The CH Foundation donated to Park View, the Oneita Wagon Senior Center and recently made a grant of \$50,000 to the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation.

This grant was used to help relocate and restore both the Stegall School and the Bondurant Half-Dugout.

The Helen Jones Foundation donated to the Oneita Wagon

Center and also gave \$50,000 to the Heritage Foundation.

The Chapman Forestry Foundation has awarded three grants — to the City of Muleshoe for trees in the city park; to Park View for the large Red Oaks on the west side of the building and to the Heritage Foundation.

Finally, the Lubbock Area Foundation not only gave money to the senior center and the heritage center, it provided invaluable advice and support.

Many other foundations and companies have also provided support including the Xcel Foundation; the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the M. S. Doss Foundation of Seminole, the Swalm Foundation of Houston, Atmos Energy; Xcel Energy; United Supermarkets; and Walmart.

Several governmental agencies have also provided support including the South Plains Association of Governments.

SPAG supports the community by providing funding and resources to the City of Muleshoe and Bailey County. SPAG

also supports Meals on Wheels and helps defray the costs of providing meals at the senior center.

The Texas Office of Rural Community Assistance provides funds for the local hospital district.

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## Hospital board meets...

Continued from page 1 the hospital board circumvent the auditing firm's concerns about CFR's proposed financial package by seeking a favorable opinion from another auditing firm or the hospital district's chief financial officer, who has previous experience as an auditor.

While it was noted at the Jan. 26 meeting that the auditors also had some concerns about whether Muleshoe Area Memorial Center should remain under its current "critical access" status or return to acute care status, it was noted during Thursday's meeting that those concerns had been resolved.

"They think we're okay... staying as critical access," Mason said. "It

seems to be working."

In regards to the clinic expansion, board member Bob Donaldson said, "I think we need to put the brakes on it a little bit," adding that his concerns about the nation's current financial status, and especially after hearing Pres. Barack Obama's address to the nation in which he talked about changes to the Medicare reimbursement program.

In other business, the MAHD board:

- Authorized the hospital administration to advertise bids for the purchase and removal of the former Decorator's Floral building.

- Approved the district's policy and procedures manuals, a yearly requirement.

## Five Area annual meeting...

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the cooperative has in place, and how that leadership's emphasis was on accounting accuracy. "They take it personally if error occurs," he said.

Wilson noted that the cooperative's "plant" was beginning to age, and would need to be replaced at the discretion of its directors in future years, an item that was addressed by the general manager also.

He also mentioned that the cooperative was getting closer to paying off its debt to RUS.

Total assets for Five Area currently stand at \$15,764,998, with unaudited liabilities and other credits at the same total.

The cooperative also held its annual election voting to reseat Ray Haseloff as the Dist. 2 representative, and Coby Baldwin as the director from Dist. 4. Other candidates for the directors seats were Luis Godinez for Dist. 2, and Tom Watson for Dist. 4

## Tip Your Hat

It may not be much, but we couldn't help but express a word of appreciation to the board members at the way they selected a final candidate for the position soon to be vacated by retiring CEO Ray Mason.

When the hospital district's board made a similar decision concerning the administrator at Park View Nursing Care Center in 2008, it was quite evident that the board members not only cast their ballots for a candidate, but also asked her if she'd accept the position... all before returning to open session, where they "officially" voted to offer the position.

However, at Thursday's meeting, the board's action to hire a new administrator was handled much better.

After returning from a two-hour executive session, board president Wayne Pierson asked for a motion concerning the

closed session discussion. A motion was made, seconded and votes were cast and counted.

On the surface, it appears little different from the vote cast for the nursing home administrator.

In fact, the difference wasn't evident until a few minutes later, after the meeting was adjourned, when Mr. Pierson asked that the media's announcement concerning the board's action be postponed until after he'd had a chance to contact the successful candidate, offer him the position, and receive his decision.

Obviously, it wasn't a problem with the Muleshoe Journal, because our press deadline gave sufficient time for these tasks to be accomplished.

But what it means is this time, rules were being followed, and for that the hospital district's board deserves a "tip of the hat."

## MAHD tax rate cap...

Continued from page 1 meet the ends that we need to. We need to raise it to some amount that will get us by."

According to Pierson, raising both the tax rate cap and the rate itself to 55 cents would require a homeowner with property valued at \$500,000 to pay an additional \$75 per year.

"I'd love to see the 75 cents, if you can sell the 75 cents," Donaldson said, but continued with his position that he still didn't think totally removing the rate cap would be approved by the voters.

In the motion and vote that followed the discussion, the board members rescinded its earlier call for an election to totally remove the local rate cap, in effect raising it to the state's rate cap.

"We'll go at it again next year if needed," Donaldson added.

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# MOVING

Dr. Bruce Purdy of Muleshoe Family Medicine Clinic wishes to announce that Dr. Grant Nitzel will be joining the clinic staff on a full-time basis starting Monday, March 2, 2009.

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# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

When you see Mark your calendar, Saturday, March 7, beginning at 7 a.m., we will be serving a pancake breakfast at the center. So all you workers come by and eat with us.

The menu consists of pancakes, sausage, bacon, orange juice, milk, coffee, a variety of syrups.

This is all you can eat for \$5 adult and \$3 for children 10 and under. The public is invited. Serving time is from 7-11 a.m. So come eat, play dominoes, eighty and have a lot of fun and fellowship.

We had a wonderful time at the birthday party Thursday at the center.

If you missed the party you missed hearing the enjoyable music by W. T. and Pat Watson and the great singing by James Sinclair.

When you see Darlene, Joyce, Marcha, Nancy, Billie and other volunteers pat them on the back. The St. Patrick's Day decorations look great.

Tuesday, March 10, is the senior night dance at the center. Call a friend, bring your favorite dish and come join in the fun. The dance begins at 7 p.m., there is a break at 8:30 p.m. for a pot luck supper, and ends at 10 p.m.

If you enjoy good country and western music we invite you to come listen, dance, and enjoy good fellowship with our surrounding area friends.

Wednesday, March 11, the monthly board of directors meeting will be held at the center, beginning at 1 p.m. The meeting is open to the

public.

The South Plains Senior Companion group will be meeting Wednesday at the center during noon. We welcome them and glad they come and visit with us.

Thursday, March 12, Ben Jackson with Hearing Technology of Lubbock will be at the center from 9:30 a.m. until noon. If you should need this service mark your calendar.

Remember the Bingo on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Bring a can of food for the food bank and come have an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

**March 9-13 menu:**

**Alzheimers support group to meet**

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Monday, March 9 — Smothered chicken, sliced carrots, turnip greens, salad, wheat roll, jello and fruit.

Tuesday, March 10 — Hamburger steak, brown gravy, scalloped potatoes, sweet peas, salad, wheat roll, banana pudding.

Wednesday, March 11 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll, apple cobbler.

Thursday, March 12 — Ham, sweet potatoes, black eye peas, salad, cornbread, cake.

Friday, March 13 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread, fruit salad.

# Crops conference set

The Crops Conference is set for March 6 in the Bailey County Coliseum, 2006 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the program at 9 a.m., and will wind up by noon.

The conference is sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service. This year's conference will address: current wheat production issues including fertility, irrigation, and pest management.

In addition several representatives offering alternative cropping opportunities will be present and provide information on their respective commodities, production systems, and available contracts.

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with extension specialists, industry representatives, and other growers throughout the morning.

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# Obituaries

## Fermin P. Nevarez

Church service for Fermin P. Nevarez, 49, of Muleshoe, were held on Thursday, Feb. 26, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Father Leo Pahamtang officiating.

Rosary was said on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Nevarez died on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009, in Lubbock. He was born on May 7, 1959, in Camargo, Mexico, to Fermin and Olga Nevarez, and married Victoria R. Rodriguez in Littlefield

in 1987. Nevarez had lived in Muleshoe since 1993, having moved from Mexico. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe, and was an oilfield worker.

Survivors his wife — Victoria; three daughters — Josefina, Elizabeth, and Brenda Nevarez, all of Mexico; five sisters — Guadalupe Nevarez of Lindsay, Okla., Olga Nevarez, Irma Nevarez, Luz Aide Nevarez and Nora Isela Nevarez, all of Mexico; three brothers — Jose, Ramon and Miguel Nevarez, all of Mexico; and two grandchildren.

## Ramon Romero

Graveside services for Ramon Romero, 71, of Sudan were held on Monday, March 2, at Fairlawn Cemetery in Amherst with Pastor Angie Castillo of Earth officiating.

Romero died on Friday, Feb. 27, 2009, at Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield. He was born on Nov. 30, 1937, in Gonzales, to Antonio

and Bonnie Romero. He attended school in Gonzales, and moved with his family to Big Spring and then to Sudan. He worked as a farm laborer, yardman and handyman.

Survivors include three sisters — Connie Cavazos of Muleshoe, Lupe Diaz of Dallas and Susie Gonzales of Coahoma.

## David Rush

Chapel services for David Rush, 49, of Clovis, formerly of Farwell, are set for 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe with the Rev. Curtis Cadenhead of Kansas officiating. Burial will follow in Bailey County Cemetery.

Rush died on Sunday, March 1, 2009, in Clovis. He was born on Aug. 20, 1959, to Dewey Frank and Tessie Geneva Rush in Artesia, N.M. He was preceded in death by his father and two brothers — R.T. Rush and Randy Rush.

Rush had moved to Clovis in 1995 from the

Farwell area. He was a gin operator and served in the U.S. Army. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his mother — Geneva Rush of Clovis, N.M.; a son — Johnathon Rush of Kingman, Kan.; a daughter — Geneva Rush of Topeka, Kan.; three sisters — Manda Cadenhead of Wichita, Kan., Darlene Rush of Clovis, N.M., and Michelle Chadwick of Farwell; and five brothers — Dwayne Rush of Lubbock, Mickey Rush of Clovis, N.M., Gaylord Rush of Lawton, Okla., and Wesley Rush and Stacy Rush, both of Clovis, N.M.

## Olive Cox

Church services for Olive Cox, 94, of Muleshoe, is set for 1 a.m., Thursday, March 5, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating. Burial will follow in Enochs Cemetery

Cox died on Sunday, March 1, 2009, in Muleshoe. She was born on Dec. 4, 1914, in Erath County to Jeff and Crystal Howle, and married Johnnie Angel on Jan. 13, 1931, in Bailey County. He preceded her in death in Oct. 1967.



Olive Cox

She married Johnnie Cox in May 1973, and he preceded her in death in 1986.

Cox was also preceded in death by a son — Bruce Angel, in 1987; and two

## No one builds better than the carpenter of Galilee

There really is a great deal of satisfaction to be derived from a job well done.

My brother and I spent yesterday replacing the windows and door in one wall of my grandparents' old home in Robert Lee.

It's amazing what you discover when you peel back the layers of a house built in the early years of the previous century.

I think Granddaddy contracted most of the work done. Whoever did the building did good work. I'm confident that at one time the walls were square and plumb.

But those days are over.

For years now, the house has been moving and settling like a wooden glacier. If we had mountain to slide off of, it would have crashed down the hill years ago.

Granddaddy was



## Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

not planning to build a mobile home, but this house is on the move.

That would be problem enough if its walls, porch, and five small rooms could get their act together and plot a course in the same general direction.

But they betray an ornery contrariness by each heading off toward different points of the compass.

Attempts to corral them, nail them, strap them, and cinch them back together, hold a serious challenge.

Once you start trying to pull things back together, there's no place to stop.

But where we needed to start was obvious.

The two large windows in the kitchen were headed south. Literally. And anyone standing on the threshold of the nearby door discovered movement of a grave nature (meaning in a graveward direction).

So yesterday Jim and I knocked, sawed, and hammered out two windows and a door. "Airy kitchen with an expansive view," the real estate ad would say.

Much pleasure is derived from a job well done. Even greater pleasure is derived from watching someone else do work you don't want to do.

I told Jim this morning how it grieved me to see him going on with the work while I was writing this column.

He responded by plugging in a compressor under my feet and aiming the dust chute of the table saw in my direction.

Sounds of the chimes of the church clock in town ringing out "A Mighty Fortress" coming with the bangs of the nail gun and the compressor kicking in at my feet.

It's been interesting. We've uncovered siding that hasn't seen the light of day in scores of years. No telling what's in that old stuff.

(Well, there's some telling, and I'm not telling.)

Old vintage nails. Lumber of a quality not seen in years.

The work of old builders. The work of old termites. The builders are dead. So are the termites. (I could tell you how, but I'd rather not involve the EPA. None of us were planning to have more children anyway.)

The layers of his children's souls are always laid bare before the Master Builder, and that's a good thing. No one builds better than the Carpenter of Galilee.

## Bridal Shower



### Terrell shower held

Elizabeth Terrell, pictured above, the daughter of Delynda and Ricky Terrell, and the prospective bride of James Coffman, the son of the Rev. Jeff and Judy Coffman, was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the home of Adena Johnson. The ladies of Calvary Baptist Church of Muleshoe. Among the gifts presented to her was a vacuum cleaner, cone vacuum and canister set. Special guests included Delynda Terrell, Hazel Oakley, Ruth Ladd and Wanda Housley.

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daughters — Phyllis Angel in 1937 and Loretta Layton in 1993.

Cox was a homemaker and a life long resident of Bailey County. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

Survivors include two daughters — Nelma Gutwald of Las Vegas, Nev., and Sandra Austin of Ruidoso, N.M., a step-daughter — Margie Hearrell of Hillsboro; a sister — Johnnie Wenzel of Grandbury; two brothers — J.P. Howle of Benson Ariz., and J.L. Howle of Springtown; 14 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren

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# Sports

## Lady Mules named to all district basketball team

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

Two Lady Mules were elected to the Dist. 2-2AA All District Team.

The district coaches nominate members of their team for honors. They then cast their votes but can not vote for their nominees.

Sarah Johnson was chosen as the Dist. 2-2A Offensive Player of the Year.

She finished the season with an average of 17 points per game. During the 10 district games she averaged 19 points per game.

Johnson set a new school record for assists in a game with 14 against Clarendon and raised the bar for assists during a season with 158.

Johnson has scored 1,077 points in her high school career and has her sights set on Sara Benham's school record of 1,615 points.

Lady Mule coach Val Acree said, "Sarah had a great season and it was amazing that her scoring went up during district when every team knew she was the player they had to shut down to beat us."

"I am very excited about next year and

expect even more out of her as a senior. Coach Sudduth and I have said quite often during the season, "I am glad number 10 plays for us!"

Morgan Smith was chosen to the prestigious team and received the second most votes.

She averaged 11 points per game during the season and 13 points during the 10 district games. Her season high was 23 in the Lady Mules first win over Floydada.

"I am so proud that Morgan was selected to the All District Team," continued Acree.

"It seemed when we won an important district game that Morgan had a big game. Her second season high was 20 points in our win over Dimmitt," the coach said.

"She became a complete player for us this season as she became a better defender, a better rebounder and was second on the team with assists. We will have to make adjustments next season because she graduates. She will be sorely missed."

Gabby Agundis and Yvonne Gardea were named as honorable mentions to the All

District Team.

"I was so glad Gabby got some recognition," said Acree. "She is in one word a 'warrior'. Gabby maybe just 5-4 and played post for us. She played the entire season with a torn PCL and ligament damage in her knee."

"When district arrived she was our defensive stopper and played the other team's best player whether it was a post or a guard. She brought a level of mental toughness to the team that we desperately needed. I hope that toughness continues with our team."

"Yvonne also deserved to get some recognition despite having an up and down season," continued Acree. "It always seemed when we needed her most she stepped up. I felt her best game was against Spearman when she held one of the best guards in our region to four points."

"She is so quick and I am very glad that she is just a sophomore and will be playing for us for two more years," concluded Acree.

Megan Aleman of Floydada is the District 2-2A MVP. Autumn



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Lady Mule Val Olivas takes a shot during a game against Spearman's ladies.

Borchardt of Tulia is the Defensive Player of the Year and Kasie Harris of Tulia was chosen as the Newcomer of the year.

Whitley Beedy

(Floydada), Savanna Keys (Childress), Valeria Quiroz (Dimmitt), Regan Anthony (Friona), Shea Myatt (Dimmitt), BreeAnn

Cano (Childress), Steffanee Pond (Tulia), Lexie Terrell (Floydada) and Blanca Suarez (Floydada) rounded out the elite squad.



Lady Mule Yagaira Rodriquez takes a swing during a recent game.

## Lady Mules fall to Lady Cubs in softball season opener

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules opened their season on the road in Brownfield and lost an 8-7 heart breaker to the Lady Cubs.

The Lady Mules made a fifth inning run at the Post Lady Lopes but fell short 15-6 in their home opener.

The Lady Mules got their first season win against the Seagraves Lady Eagles on Saturday. They outscored Seagraves 18-3.

No Lady Mule had crossed the plate in the first four innings before Tori Alvarado banged a single through the infield for the Lady Mules fourth hit of the game in Brownfield. Alvarado came home on a triple to the left field fence by Val Olivas.

The Lady Mules trailed 4-1 after four and half innings of play. Natalie Regalado led off the top of the sixth with a base hit.

BreAnn Baca followed with a base hit and Gabby Perez drove home Regalado with the third consecutive Lady Mule base hit.

Back-to-back outs stopped the Lady Mule hit parade before Ali Eagle blasted a triple to the fence to score Baca and Perez.

Alvarado brought Eagle across with a triple for four Lady Mule runs in the inning. The Lady Mules had tied the game at 5-5 after five and half innings.

The Lady Cubs scored one run in the bottom of the six to retake the lead by one run.

Brenda Rodriquez led off the top of the seventh with a walk on four straight pitches. An error on the shortstop allowed Regalado to join Rodriquez to on the base paths.

Lupita Andrade singled to score two runs but was called out attempting to stretch a single in to a double.

The Lady Mules had tied the game at 7-7 but could not hold the Lady Cubs scoreless in the bottom half of the inning.

The Post Lady Lopes had a 5-0 lead on the Lady Mules after three innings. April Gardea finally put the Lady Mules on the board after drawing a walk to start the bottom of the fourth inning. She scored on a

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# Sports

## Lady Mules... Continued from page 6

fly ball sacrifice to left by Alvarado.

The Lady Mules made a run at the Lady Lopes in the bottom of the fifth with five runs. Baca led off with a single to right field. Erika Rodriguez reached first on an error by the short stop.

Back-to-back errors by the Lady Lopes allowed Regalado and Gardea both to reach and load the bases. Gardea reached on an error and Baca scored from third. Eagle took the count full before walking and forcing E. Rodriguez across the plate. A triple by Alvarado brought the Lady Mule tally to six runs in the game. They trailed 12-6 after six innings.

Post scored three in the top of the seventh and

the Lady Mules could not push across another run.

Seagraves scored all three of their runs in the first inning with out a hit. Gardea struck out the second batter. Andrade

tracked down a fly ball to left and after making the catch threw a strike to Sandra Lara at second to double off the runner for the third out.

Seagraves never scored again in the game.

Perez sent a fly ball down the line to left for a triple to lead off the bottom of the second inning. She scored on a passed ball. E. Rodriguez

reached on a bunt single down the third base line after two outs.

An error at third allowed Andrade to reach and Rodriguez to score. Andrade advanced to second and third with

out a throw down from the catcher.

Gardea bunted down the third base line and the third baseman over threw first for an error that also allowed Andrade to score.

Gardea advanced to second when Eagle walked. Gardea stole third and Eagle was allowed to advance to second on the first pitch

to Alvarado. Alvarado ripped a double to for two RBIs.

Olivas traded places with Alvarado when she doubled down the line to left for an RBI.

Perez singled in Olivas. The Lady Mules had grabbed a 7-3 lead and never looked back after that.

The Lady Mules took advantage of four bases on balls, an error and a triple in the third inning for six more runs and a 13-3 lead.

The Lady Mules tacked on four runs in the bottom of the four.

The Lady Mules travel to Ralls to compete in the Lady Rabbits March 5, 6 and 7. They travel to Denver City March 10 to play the Fillies.



### Vasquez account set up

An account to assist the family of the late Hugo Vasquez of Muleshoe has been established at Muleshoe State Bank.

## MULESHOE YOUTH BASEBALL SIGN-UP

**Thursday, February 26**  
**5:30 - 8:00 PM**

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Babe Ruth Ages: 13-15

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spanish speaking:  
Sonia Rejino 946-8233  
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## Lazbuddie '3 on 3' tourney set for April

The Lazbuddie Longhorn Pride will sponsor a "3 on 3" basketball tournament April 3 - 4, at the Lazbuddie High School Gymnasiums.

Longhorn Pride is a program which promotes pride in students and the school. It seeks to promote attendance, exemplary citizenship, and academic success. The funds will be used to promote these behaviors at Lazbuddie Schools.

The games will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, and play will resume at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

Prizes will be presented to first and second place teams in each division, depending on the number of entries.

Each team is guaranteed three games, and the division played in will be determined by age of oldest team member.

Teams may consist of only 4 members, and team members must be listed on the entry form, which is available from the LISD school district.

No new team members may be added or substituted after your first game. No "recruiting" will be allowed.

There is no limit to the number of teams an individual may play on, but entry fee must be paid for each team.

Players may not play on more than one team in the same division because of scheduling difficulties.

The entry fee is \$50 per team if paid in advance, and \$55 if paid at registration.

All entry fees must be paid before first game is played.

Consideration will be given to those teams who pay in advance.

An umpire and time/score keeper will oversee each game. A referee will call the elementary age division games.

Each team will be allowed a minimum five minute warm up.

The games will be 20 minutes in length, or first team to 15. A win must be by two points.

One point will be

earned for shots inside three point marker, two points will be earned for shots outside the three-point marker.

A coin toss will determine first ball possession.

The ball must penetrate outside three-point marker after opposing team rebound.

When ball changes possession it must be taken back past the three point line (even on steals or the shot).

Players will call their own fouls. When you get fouled — you call it. Umpires will call fouls if play becomes too rough.

Fouls 1-7, if a basket is made will be recorded and other team will gain possession.

If a basket is not made or a non-shooting foul, the team fouled will keep possession and foul will be recorded.

No free throws will be shot on fouls

Fouls 8 or more, if shot is made points for basket will be given and player gets one free

throw. If basket is not made or non-shooting foul occurs, player gets one free throw.

Each player may accumulate only four fouls.

Team jerseys or shirts must be same color.

There will be no refunds available, after one game has been played.

Any team may be disqualified from the tournament due to any unsportsmanlike conduct.

Cursing, flagrant fouls, "depantsing", illegal smoking or drinking or drug use, etc., will not be tolerated at any time. County security people will be on duty.

All calls, walking, double dribble, etc. are to be called by the person committing turnover. Other team will be given the possession of the ball.

Anytime blood is present on a player that team member must leave the game, stop the bleeding, and cover the wound.

Games will begin promptly. If your team is not on the court when whistle to begin is blown, a team forfeit will be given.

Players must sign in each game. No substitutes will be allowed.

Finals will be determined by the best record in each division, if there is a tie, there will be a tie breaker game to determine who will go on to the finals.

A list of divisions is available from the LISD school district.

## MULESHOE YOUTH SOFTBALL SIGN-UP GIRLS FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

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### CONTACT

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## Chamber banquet set for March 28

Believe it or not, another year has gone by and it is time for the 59th annual Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Banquet.

The theme for this year's banquet is "1st and Goal," recognizing the many successes of the past but still keeping an eye on the work to be done in the future.

The night's activities include a silent auction with items donated by local businesses, a steak dinner, community awards, and guest speaker Coach Ruffin McNeill.

A charter member

of Mike Leach's initial coaching staff in 2000, McNeill began his career at Texas Tech as a linebacker's coach during the 2000-02 seasons and has since become one of the most versatile coaches on the staff and also one of the most beloved by the Red Raider football team.

Seen as a father figure by those within the program, McNeill promotes a family-type atmosphere, while at the same time providing disciplined instruction on the field.

Building on previous years' banquets, this one

promises to be better than ever. The banquet is one of the main fund raisers for the chamber itself, but it also provides an opportunity to recognize the people and businesses that make Muleshoe and Bailey County a great place to live and raise a family.

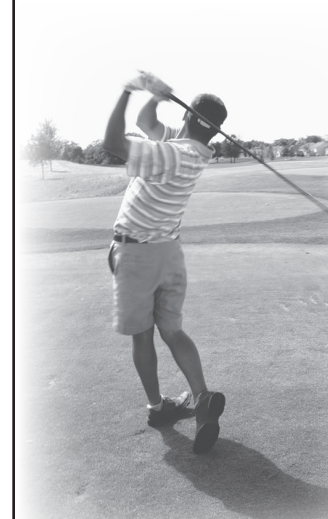
Scheduled for Saturday evening, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum, tickets for the banquet may be purchased through chamber board members or by calling the Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture at 272-4248.

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**REPRESENTATIVE SALES - SAT., FEB. 28, 2009**

1162 head of cattle, 111 hogs and 747 sheep and goats for a total of 2020 livestock. Market steady with good demand on lots of good cattle offered.

**FOR INFO. ON SALES OR TO CONSIGN CATTLE - 272-4201**

Seller, City	#	Type	Wt	CWT or PH
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ALEX AGUIRRE, MULESHOE	3	Mxd STRS	423	\$119.00
ALEX AGUIRRE, MULESHOE	5	Mxd STRS	525	\$108.00
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DUSTY C. FARMS, OLTON	6	Blk STRS	605	\$100.50
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HILL RANCH, HOBBS	3	CHAR HRS	427	\$97.00
NM RANCH, NM	16	Blk HRS	379	\$106.00
NM RANCH, NM	23	Blk HRS	458	\$102.00
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JACK DOUGLAS, LITTLEFIELD	5	Blk HRS	542	\$94.00
JCL, INC., SUDAN	19	Mxd HRS	606	\$87.75
DONNY BAKER, MORTON	2	CHAR	PAIR	\$850.00
CRJ CATTLE, EARTH	2	Blk COWS	PT	\$635.00
ETHAN ACOSTA, EARTH	1	W/ COW	1110	\$49.00
GRADY FREE, MULESHOE	2	RED COWS	1223	\$48.25
DENNY BAKER, MORTON	4	Blk COWS	1200	\$48.50
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Art is anything you do to share your view of the world with other people. Your expressions may be shown through painting, drawing, poetry, dance, sculpture or music.

Music is the art of making sounds. It can be created by making sounds with your voice or by playing instruments. You can keep a piece of music "alive" by writing it down or recording it.

Dance is created by moving body parts. Many of the actions or movements are repeated. People in all parts of the world enjoy dance. It is kept in memories and passed on from one person to another.

Art lets us create using materials. Paint, charcoal, clay, paper and glue are just a few things you can use to share your ideas and express your feelings.

To make music, people sing, whistle or play instruments.  
**Which of these instruments are...**

- struck together?  
A. cymbals B. drums C. horn D. all
- struck?  
A. xylophone B. bells C. gongs D. all
- shaken?  
A. tuba B. rattles C. tambourine D. B and C
- blown?  
A. flute B. horn C. trumpet D. all
- plucked?  
A. drum B. harps C. organ D. A and C

**Which popular instrument is this?**  
Unscramble the letters and write the name of each instrument on the blanks.

- \_\_\_\_\_ n p i a o
- \_\_\_\_\_ a i u g r t
- \_\_\_\_\_ s m u r d
- \_\_\_\_\_ l u t e f
- \_\_\_\_\_ n i v o l i

Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

conductor  
orchestra  
choir  
composer  
air score  
chantey  
duet

- tune, song
- sailor's working song
- group of church singers
- song for two
- written music
- makes up musical works
- leads an orchestra
- large group of musicians

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Next week, **Reading Club Fun** is all about women leaders in government and health.

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I love to paint designs on items to wear myself or give as gifts to others. Once I save my money and buy paints and brushes I get to choose what I want to paint and the item too. Each gift is 'one of a kind' - you won't see someone else wearing the same gifts to each and things T-shirt! I can match my person using colors that they like.

Where do we get things with which we draw and paint?  
**Match each item to things they might be made from:**

- pencil
- crayon
- chalk
- paper
- chalkboard
- colors
- paintbrush
- eraser

- flowers, berries, bark ground eggshells
- animal tails, plastic 'hairs'
- rubber tree juice
- powdered rock
- steel sheet and coating
- bits and pieces of wood
- wax and powdered colors
- clay, graphite and wood

**What art project would you be getting ready for if you had:**

- newspaper and wallpaper paste? erpap-acemh
- clay and kiln? rluspucte
- paint and a wall? lmrua
- paper and pencil? hkstec
- loom and yarn? invwaeg
- magazine and posterboard? alocleg
- dye and a shirt? eti (and) yde

(Hint: Get a piece of paper to unscramble the answers!)

**Art**

Note! For my Aunt I am painting bright yellow sunflowers on red clay pots because she loves to garden. I'm painting a cool electric guitar on a blue T-shirt for Forest's birthday. He loves guitars and the color blue, too!

Things you can paint for gifts:  
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**Dance**

Can you find and circle all these dances?  
hip hop African Native American ballroom tap square  
hula Irish Jig folk macarena ballet waltz Mexican Hat Dance modern jazz line dance

Everyone dances! Once we stop, our dance is gone forever. Or is it? We cannot put it on a shelf to look at or in a box to give to someone else, but we can keep it in our memories and teach it to others.

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# The illegal trial of Jesus... Part Two

In what I thought then, and still think, was one of the best introductions to a speech that I ever heard was one given by Gen. Douglas McArthur as he addressed a joint session of the Congress of the United States.

He had been relieved of the command of our troops in what was then known as the Korean Conflict. It was about the year 1950 and he had been invited to speak to the Congress.

He began by saying: "I stand at this rostrum with sense of humility, and with a sense great pride — humility in the knowledge that I stand in the wake of more able speakers than I, and pride in the reflection that this forum represents the highest form of debate yet devised."

"I address you with neither rancor or bitterness, but in the fading twilight of life my one prayer is 'God bless

*Something worth saying...*  
By Glen Williams

America'."

He followed that with what I thought was one of the great speeches of that age and time. I have referred to it in several of my speakings and writings. And it comes to mind now as I attempt to speak more about the death of Christ. For I feel certain that I stand in the wake of more able speakers and writers than I, but with pride in the reflection that I may, in an atmosphere of freedom, discuss the most important events known to man — the trial and death of Jesus Christ and his resurrection.

At the time in question Christ had been arrested and brought before the chief priests and elders and all the council. And he held his peace until

Caiphas, the high priest, said to him, "I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whither thou be the Christ, the Son of God."

To this Christ replied, "Thou hast said."

I understand that to mean, "It is as thou hast said."

The high priest then said, "He hath spoken blasphemy, ye have heard his blasphemy, what need we of further witnesses? What think ye?"

They (the other priests, elders and council) said, "He is guilty of death." Now I don't like to use words like "confessed" or "admitted," but there is no question. Christ stated, or affirmed, more times than one that he was the begotten Son of

God.

And there is no question, but that according to Mosaic law, that was blasphemy the penalty for which was death. It was death on anyone that made such claims. But in this one instance the claim was true.

Nevertheless, the penalty was assessed, for a wrong that had not been committed. Jurisdiction was transferred to Roman authorities and shortly thereafter Christ was hanging on a Roman cross, praying that they be forgiven, "for they know not what they do."

A few hours after that his physically-dead body was laid in Joseph's new tomb. He had, as the scriptures say, given himself for the redemption of the sins of his people.

I could never figure out how a person, being killed, the victim of a

brutal and senseless murder, could be considered an offering for sin.

The truth of the matter is they can't be. For an offering, presented by one person on behalf of the sins of another person must be presented to a higher power — one that has authority to forgive sins. In that capacity Christ presented himself to his Father as a sacrificial offering for the sins of his people.

The sins of the people were transferred to him, and he put them away. I like what Jamieson, Fausset and Brown says about that.

"Where there is a non-imputation of men's sins there must be an imputation of Christ's righteousness."

As you know these matters are discussed in the Book of Hebrews, with things of the Old Testament being referred to as examples that

would be fulfilled in the New Testament. Very interesting, and vital to the understanding of the questions at hand.

## Muleshoe Journal's Letters Policy

Letters to the editor are written by readers of the newspaper.

They are brief expressions of opinion, most concerning issues of local interest, and should be limited to about 250 words.

Letters must be legible. They may be edited for content, length and space, or number of endorsements.

All letters must be signed by the writer and must include a daytime telephone number for verification.

Third party and unsigned letters will not be published.



# The Sudan Buzz

## Sudan council holds wind energy meeting

By Norma Burnett  
Sudan News Reporter

The Sudan City Council met Wednesday, Feb. 25, for a special called meeting on wind energy.

Mayor Bob Sisson opened the meeting

and introduced Tom Morrison, managing partner with U.S. Wind Energy LLC, Wind Farm Development Company.

Morrison answered questions on the wind energy for city municipalities. The

council discussed and looked at the literature and watched Morrison's film presentation.

After questions and discussion, the council decided that it would be for the best interest of Sudan to look into all

avenues of the proposal and to have the Sudan city attorney, Slater Elzer, check with other cities that Morrison has contacted and visit with them on the wind energy issue.

## Buzzing away...

By Norma Burnett



Sudan seems to be in a big buzz!

Our Lady Hornets are going to state playoffs again this year and driving around

town you could tell that everyone in backing our girls all the way to a state championship.

I took several pictures and you can tell by some of the pictures that we are very proud of our Lady Hornets and their coaches.

Good luck, and we all hope that you bring that state trophy home this year.

## Sudan Lady Hornets heading for state

The Lady Hornets will be playing in the Frank Erwin Center In Austin Texas at 10 a.m., Thursday, March 5, against Normangee.

The girls will leave Sudan on their way to Austin at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3.

Tickets for the game can be purchased at the office of Bo Lance for \$10 for adults and students.

The Hornets beat Canadian Saturday in the Texan Dome in Levelland by a score of 70-57. The Nettes have a record of 33-5 for the year.

Should the girls win Thursday against



Sudan's ladies brought back the trophy from their win over Canadian on Saturday.

Normangee, tickets for the Saturday championship game can be purchased immediately following that game, said Bo

Lance.

If you would like to listen to the games on the internet go to [www.hss.net/listen3.pls](http://www.hss.net/listen3.pls).

## Buzz-A-Licious" Recipes

Bette Withrow send this potato casserole recipe this week.

Potato Casserole  
1 pkg. (2lbs.) frozen hash browns (thawed)  
1 pint sour cream  
1 cup cream of chicken soup  
1 small onion  
4 oz. grated cheddar

cheese  
Salt and pepper to taste

Mix above ingredients and place in a baking dish. Melt 1/4 cup butter and 2 cups crushed corn flakes . Spread over potato mixture and bake in a 350 degree oven for 45 minutes.

## KFC cancelled this week

Kids For Christ has been cancelled this week so those wanting to attend the State Playoff games in Austin may do so. KFC will resume next week at the regular time.



Thanks for reading the Journal!

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# New regulations go into effect for breeding bulls entering state

Beginning April 1, breeding bulls entering Texas from any other state must be either 24 months of age or younger and certified as a virgin, or be tested negative for cattle trichomoniasis within 30 days prior to entry.

The entry requirements are part of a regulatory package adopted by the commissioners for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) Feb. 24 to address trichomoniasis, a venereal disease of cattle that causes infertility and abortions, and results in extended breeding seasons and diminished calf crops, which costs livestock producers valuable income.

Cattle trichomoniasis is not a human health

issue.

The second phase of the program, which will address in-state movement of Texas breeding bulls, will go into effect Jan. 1, 2010.

"Industry members had significant input into the development of these regulations," said TAHC Commissioner Coleman Locke, who represents the beef industry on the commission and headed the Trichomoniasis Working Group, comprised of producers, market operators, veterinarians, laboratory representatives and educators.

"The 74 comments we received from associations and individuals regarding the proposed regulations were reviewed carefully,

and adaptations to the proposed rules were made in the adopted regulations to make the program workable for the producers."

"We have worked for months with industry members, veterinarians and the working group, to gather information, develop the proposed regulations, and following the conclusion of the comment period, considered all comments to develop a viable, cost-effective program to address this disease that can drain a cattle producer's profits," said Dr. Bob Hillman, executive director of the TAHC, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"Industry associations and producers asked us to work with them to develop a program that would stop the introduction and unchecked spread of this protozoal disease.

At least 15 other states in the western half of the United States have developed similar trichomoniasis programs to address the disease in their states."

"The regulatory components of the Texas' Cattle Trichomoniasis Program will focus only on breeding bulls, which, even when infected, continue to appear and act normally.

Under the new regulations, Trichomoniasis also becomes a reportable disease in Texas, which will give us more information on where and how much infection already is in the state," explained Dr. Hillman.

"There is no effective treatment or vaccine

for bulls, and as they age, the surface of their organs becomes more hospitable to the protozoa, perpetuating the infection."

"Although the primary impact of the disease is on cows, which can become infected during breeding and lose the fetus, the cow herd is not included in the regulations," he said.

Breeding bulls entering Texas must be officially identified, and may come certified as virgins, provided they are 24 months of age or younger, and have not commingled with female cattle.

A breeder's certificate must accompany the virgin breeding bull, signed by the breeder, and the information also must be included on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

Routine documents also are required, including the certificate of veterinary inspection, and other applicable tuberculosis or brucellosis entry requirements must be met, depending on the state of origin, or if the bull is a beef or dairy animal.

Non-virgin breeding bulls or bulls older than 24 months of age entering Texas on and after April 1 must be tested negative for trichomoniasis within 30 days prior to entry.

In-state breeding bull regulations begin Jan. 1, 2010. This second phase of the program will require that Texas breeding bulls offered for sale, lease, exchange or otherwise change

possession for breeding within the state be certified as virgin bulls or be tested negative prior to selling, loaning, exchanging, giving or otherwise changing the possession of a breeding bull.

"Infected bulls will be restricted to movement for slaughter only, as there is no effective treatment for this disease," said Dr. Hillman.

"The remaining bulls in the herd will be held, isolated from female cattle, until they are tested, at least once more by PCR test, or twice more by culture, each culture conducted

at least a week apart. If the remaining bulls test negative (each non-virgin bull in an infected herd must have at least two consecutive negative RT-PCR tests or at least three consecutive negative culture tests in order to be classified as negative), they are free to move."

"By enacting the interstate requirements now, we can address the importation of disease immediately," he said.

"Delaying the intrastate regulations until the first of next year will ensure that everyone can be 'on board' to attack this disease and protect their herds."

## Engagement



### Raun, Hahn to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Raun of Lake Jackson, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Christi Marie Raun, to William Kyle Hahn, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hahn of Muleshoe.

The prospective bride is the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ned S. Raun of Stillwater, Okla., Mary Daniels of Idabel, Okla., and the late Gillis R. Daniels.

She is a 2001 graduate of Brazoswood High School. She received her bachelor's degree in business administration in marketing and real estate from Baylor University in May 2005, and is currently employed as a property manager for CB Richard Ellis in Houston.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Sal Hahn of Ingleside, Mary Crane of Bedford, formerly of Muleshoe, and the late James Crane.

He graduated from Muleshoe High School in 2000 and received his bachelor of arts degree in

geography from Baylor University in December, 2005. He is currently employed by GeoFields Inc. as a geographical information systems analyst in Houston.

The wedding is set for Saturday, May 30, at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Houston.

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Parade Through Town	3:30 pm
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- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fireplace, utility, new paint, carpet, tile, atrium doors, blinds, 7 fans, cov. patio, stor. bldg., fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$130,000!! Price Reduced!! \$115,000.
- VERY NICE 3-2-5-2 Brick Home, Dual Fuel Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, basement, cent. vac. & humidifier systems, auto. spktr., workshop/ storage, fenced yd., corner lot!! \$169,500!! **Reduced to \$149,500.**
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx 1920' lvg. area, cov. patio, fenced yd., auto spktr., & stor. bldg.!! \$139K!!
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**HIGH SCHOOL AREA**

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- Nice 2-1 1/2-2 Home, Cent. Heat & Air, built-ins, lg. utility/work area, basement, workshop/ storage area, fenced yd., 1567' lvg. area!! \$69,500!!!
- Nice2-2-2 carport mobile home (special built w/ 2x6 exterior walls), 70' x 120' lot, built-ins, Cent. A&H, thermal windows & doors, covered porch, deck, stor. bldg, fenced yd!! \$35K **Reduced - \$32,500**

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- NICELY REMODELED - 800 sq. ft. Bldg., Cent. A&H, updated electrical & plumbing. PRICE REDUCED \$35,000.
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- NICE 4.8 acre homesites, close to town, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!
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- NICE 3-1 1/2-1 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, hardwood & tile floors, astroturf in sunroom, fans, woodburning stove in sunroom, cellar, RV cover, 2 carports, 780' stock barn, corral, on 8 acres, fenced, 2161 Hwy. 70 East!! \$125,000!!





## Employee of the Month

Crystal Casto, animal control and code enforcement officer for the City of Muleshoe was recently honored as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's February Employee of the Month. Pictured above are: Front row — Celie Parham of the chamber, Crystal Casto and Denise Esparza; back row — Sharla Johnson, LeAnn Gallman, David Brunson, Janet Claborn, Zanea Carpenter, Juana Shelburne, Ramon Sanchez and Mayor Cliff Black.



## Business of the Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Little Feet Big Dreams as the February Business of the Month. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Sharla Johnson and Celie Parham of the chamber, Mandy Garner, owner of Little Feet Big Dreams, and some of the children who attend day care.



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## Education

A note from the Superintendent

### Family matters at Muleshoe High School

By Gene Sheets  
MISD Superintendent

Muleshoe ISD has placed a great deal of emphasis this year on "relationships."

We think that relationships are one of the keys to a successful school. We need good relationships with parents. The key to helping students be successful in school is a good relationship and partnership with parents.

There are other very important relationships we have that help us each day: relationships with businesses, community members, employees, and even with other schools.

But the most important relationship we have is the relationship our faculty and staff have with our students.

We want our students to feel loved and respected. We want students to know they can count on us and trust us to do everything we can to help them with their education.

Our high school has implemented a new program this year to help build good relationships between our staff and our students.

We think this program will have a lasting positive impact on our students, as well as on our faculty and staff.

The high school has implemented a student mentoring program using faculty and staff as the mentors. It is called, "Family Matters."

Each high school staff member has 9-10 students that are part of their "family."

One day a week, the students and their mentors meet during activity period for 30 minutes as a "family."

The "Family" discusses issues involving character, being role models, addressing problems that students are facing, etc.

Our high school principal, Mrs. Elizabeth Ward, with the help of our faculty and staff at the high school, developed this program specifically to try to build better relationships with the students.

The "Family Matters" time at school provides an opportunity for discussions about topics

involving character and choices students are making, as well as providing a time for everyone to listen to each other. I appreciate them creating this important program for our students.

Every campus in Muleshoe has set a goal to establish good relationships with students so they feel loved, respected, and safe.

I am very proud to be a part of a school district that has as one

of its priorities the goal of establishing good relationships between faculty, staff, and students.

We want every student to feel like they are a vital part of our school family. We want to help them grow and develop, so that as they leave our school family some day, they will be prepared to be contributing members of the larger community family wherever they live. This is how we are "Building the Future, One Student at a Time."

### Who are they?



Do you have any blank spots in your photo albums? Photographs that have been submitted for publication in the *Muleshoe Journal* may be picked up during regular business hours.

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**Winner will receive a \$50 Savings Bond for being selected 2008's Cutest Baby!**

Enter any child born in 2008 who you fell in love with at first sight - children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, etc.

Please provide phone number or address (it will not be published) so that we may contact you if we need additional information or clarification.

This year's contestants will appear in the March 26 edition of the Muleshoe Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the most attractive picture to be the 2008 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed in this edition of the paper. Babies need not be born in this area. Journal employees and their families are not eligible to win. Bring your favorite photo along with \$15 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 201 W. Ave. C, Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or mail the adjacent coupon along with your child's photo and \$15 to Cutest Baby Contest, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, March 31, 2008. NOTE: Postage must be paid to return photos by mail.

Baby's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Weight at Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Length at Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mom & Dad's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grandparent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Deadline: Thurs., March 19 at 5 pm**