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New manager brings excitement to Muleshoe's chamber



AMY YOUNG

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture has a lot to cheer about... not only is it in the most "aggressively, progressive" community in the Texas panhandle, but recently it's reins were taken up by a new manager who is excited about the chamber and the community it serves.

"The chamber has a lot of potential in regards to promotion and tourism," Amy Young, who took over as chamber manager on Aug. 1, said during an interview Monday.

She explained that the chamber is more than an organization subsisting on the dues of its membership, and said its purpose went

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— Amy Young

beyond coordinating events such as the Independence Day celebration or the Christmas parade.

Young said the chamber

of commerce was a service organization dedicated to promoting Muleshoe's commercial and business interests, and indicated the chamber leaders would be studying how best to define the chamber's purpose over the next year and putting together a "strategic plan" to promote the chamber and

the community.

"It's certainly not something that takes place overnight," Young added.

Young said the chamber plans to begin a campaign Sept. 1 to help familiarize local residents and businesses with the purpose of the chamber.

Young gave the current chamber board high marks for what it has accomplished, describing it as the most active board with which she's worked. "Each one has played a roll in making sure the chamber was headed in the direction it should be," she said.

As for her job, Young said, "My job is to organize the chamber and educate the community on what we are."

She added that her job was also to help guide the board as it set its goals, and to help it accomplish those goals.

"I hope to see Muleshoe reach its full potential. It's a great place to live and raise a family, but it will take all of us to get there."

Young is the wife of Greg Young, a Muleshoe High School graduate, and the



With a one... and a two... and a... Keep that line straight!

The Mighty "M" Marching Band and Flag Corps have spent the last couple of weeks in band camp, working on the musical numbers, fancy footwork, and flag routines band instructors Bradley Walker and Marcos

Gomez will use to encourage Muleshoe's teams and entertain the home crowd and visitors. Pictured above, the band and corps members work at keeping their signature "M"s straight as they move across the field.

Bailey County officials attend FLSA training session

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners Court and

other elected officials took part in a mini-training session Monday, Aug. 8, as Michelle Arseno, a personnel specialist with the Texas Association of Counties, spoke of issues related to the Fair Labor Standards Act.

"So much of this is not black and white," Arseno said, referring to state and federal labor laws.

Arseno explained the laws are to prevent

employers from "taking advantage" of employees, in Parmer County, but whose wages and health insurance are paid out of Bailey County coffers. It was also noted that, per the district attorney, these employees are not required to submit time sheets, as are other county employees.

So much of this is not black and white

— Michelle Arseno

At one point, Arseno addressed questions concerning employees within the District Attorney's

Although the district attorney reported says his employees fall under the personal staff exemption of the FLSA and aren't required to provide time sheets, Arseno said numerous court decisions have ruled otherwise, and suggested that a letter from the Department of Labor might clarify the situation.

Arseno added that court

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Annual football contest cancelled

Due to lack of advertising support, this year's football contest has been cancelled.

Many thanks to those who did agree to sponsor the contest, but printing costs would outweigh the support our staff was able to gather.

We'll try again next year.

Local Weather

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I. T-Storms.. 88/58

Sat.
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Words to ponder from Beverly

Missed your paper?

Call the Journal at 272-4536, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Wolfie's chewtoy needs help

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The early teens are a troubling time. Changes at school, what's expected of you at home, and even additional peer pressure from your friends often make it seem as if the entire world is against you.

And to top things off, there are those changes within your own body that sometimes make it seem as if it's joined in the conspiracy as well.

But what do you do if the changes you're experiencing differ from the changes encountered by other students at school? What if the problems within your body are not only painful but even life threatening?

Such is the case with Chuy Valdez, a 13-year-old student at Watson Junior High who is facing surgery and at least six

months recovery at home for a Chiari Malformation, a medical condition common in spina bifida patients such as Chuy in which the cerebellum is displaced downward from the skull into the area of the spinal cord.

Toward the first of October, Chuy is scheduled to undergo surgery at Shriners' Hospital of Houston, and although the normal hospital stay for the procedure is about seven days, other medical problems of the Muleshoe teenager are expected to extend hospital stay from three to six months, according to his mother Martina Quintana.

As part of the recovery process, Chuy will be required to wear a "halo device" to support his head, Martina said, further explaining that because

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Wolfie's chewtoy... Chuy Valdez

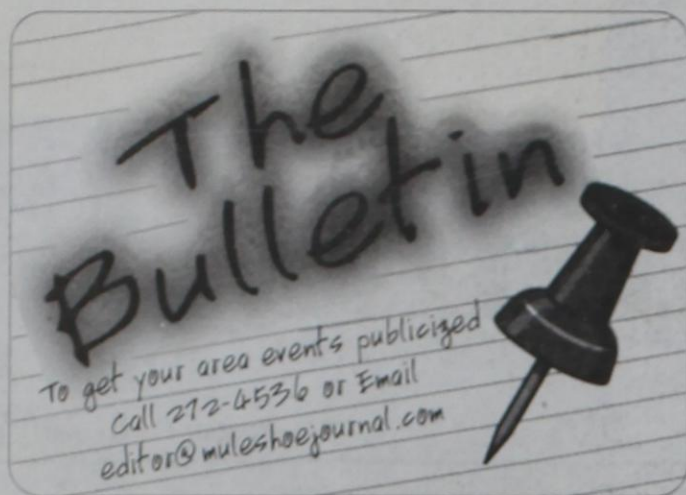
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Reserved seats are now available

Reserved seat tickets for the 2005 Muleshoe Mules football season are now on sale. The tickets are \$25 for five home games.

Persons who held reserved seats during the 2004 season may purchase their seating options at the MISD Administration office, during regular business hours. Persons whose names appears on the chart may pick up their tickets in person, by mail with the ticket holder's personal check, or by third party, if the tickets are purchased with the ticket holder's personal check.

Beginning Aug. 15, all remaining seats will go on sale on a first come, first served basis.

Any reserved seats remaining after the season starts will be available for \$6 per game and may be purchased at the administration office on game day. Contact Dana Rasco at 272-7400 for additional information.

Drivers license office closed

The Drivers license office in Muleshoe will be closed Sept. 5 for Labor Day, and Sept. 6-7 for an in-service training school.

Bailey county diabetes support group

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 16, in the Bailey County Coliseum Meeting Room, at 7 p.m. The program will be "Maintaining your good health."

This program is free of charge to anyone interested. The Diabetes Support Group meets the third Tuesday of each month. For more information contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79346, or call 806-272-4583.

Before school shot clinic

A shot clinic has been scheduled for today, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. until noon, at the Muleshoe High School nurse's office. The cost is \$10 per shot, and parents or guardians are instructed to bring the child's shot record.

State law requires that a student's shot record be current to attend public school. Call Michele Barton, RN, at 272-7303 for additional information.

Senior citizens painting class

Individuals interested in taking part in a senior citizens painting class should call 272-4969.

Community band members sought

Danny Rodriguez and D.J. Dominguez are looking for individuals in and around Muleshoe interested in forming a community-wide band to play at community events, social occasions, outdoor concerts and various other events. This is not a paid position at this time.

"Since announcing this project, interest in hiring the band has been high," according to Rodriguez. "We have gigs waiting. We just need to fill a few more spots."

The duo hopes to gather numerous musicians to play all types of music. In demand by possible clients right now is big band, but the group will also tackle jazz, funk, pop and rock. Singers are also being sought.

Charts are available and reading music isn't necessary, but would be helpful since some of the music is "challenging." All types of instruments will be used and every musician is encouraged to make contact.

"From brass to woodwinds, drums to electric guitars, every instrument can be utilized. Even if you haven't played in 15 or 20 years, give it a try," he said. "We really want this band to be something special and fun for the community."

If you're interested in more information about the concept, contact Danny Rodriguez at 272-4033 or D.J. Dominguez at 272-6814.

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.

MAHD to hold public meeting

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District has set a public hearing for Thursday, Aug. 18, at 6:30 p.m., for discussion of the hospital district's proposed 2005-06 budget. The meeting is open to the public, and the community and interested parties are invited to attend.

Castro County Harvest Days

The Castro County Harvest Days will be held Sept. 8-10 at the Castro County Exposition Center, 405 SE Fourth, in Dimmitt.

Thursday night will feature a Teen Queen Pageant, a tractor pull and a pet show.

Friday night will be a football game. Also fair entrees will be due and judged, and booth set up will begin.

On Saturday will be the Harvest Day Parade at 10 a.m., a fiddlers' contest at 1:45 p.m., lawn mower races and water polo.

Craft and food booths, a petting zoo, rides, a quilt show, traditional fair, VFW horseshoe pitching, and a dance will be included in the celebration.

For more information contact the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at (806)647-2524.

Athletic booster club

Starting Monday, Aug. 29, 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.

ACT registration

Registration for the Sept. 24 ACT test has been set for Aug. 19. Individuals may register online at www.actstudents.org, or pick up a registration packet from the Muleshoe High School Counseling office.

Jesko listed in USAA books

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Kayle Jesko of Lazbuddie has been named an All American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer recognition to students who excel in the academic disciplines.

Kayle, the son of Terry and Janene Jesko, and the grandson of Patsy and Jim Berry of Lubbock and Lee and Brenda Jesko of Lazbuddie, was nominated for the honor by Debbie Weir and Mitzi Jennings.

Kayle has also been listed as a United States National Award winner in business education, following a nomination by Robin Jones, mathematics after Mitzi Jennings' nomination, and science after Debbie Weir's nomination.

As an All American Scholar, and a national award winner, Kayle will be listed in the *All-American Scholar Yearbook*, and the *United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook*.

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Hospital Report

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

- Aug. 3 — Jeremiah Barron, Charles Gist, Maurice Royal and Lydia Delarosa.
- Aug. 4 — Lela Crawford and Adrian Trevizo.
- Aug. 5 — No report.
- Aug. 7 — Betty Bruns.
- Aug. 8 — Joline Miller and Ernest Templar.
- Aug. 9 — No report.
- Aug. 10 — No report.

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Letter to the Editor

Resident voices concerns about the hospital district

To the Editor:

As a taxpayer, I am highly concerned about what's happening in our district. It's not everyday that good knowledgeable doctors even consider our district to do their practice.

We are extremely lucky to have the doctors that we have right now. We are very disappointed that our hospital board members cannot and will not meet the needs that our doctors are fairly requesting in order for them to continue their practice in our town.

When one doctor has a problem with a board member then there's reasonable doubt that it's a personal issue, but when three or four doctors have the identical problem, then obviously it's within its board members, and something has to get resolved quickly or our town will loose the best health care we've had in years.

I am a parent with a child who needs constant medical attention, usually twice weekly, and this matter highly concerns me, and it's very disturbing that the board members aren't doing their best to keep our doctors. If not for them, think about all the elderly and little ones who really need them!

Paula Carrion, Muleshoe

Band directors want to say 'Hi!'

To the Editor:

It's that time of year again for the junior high band to kick it into gear. We hope every one has had a great summer and is ready for school. We are letting students and their parents know that we are getting ready for a great year with new directors and a new focus on music education. We would like to extend an invitation to parents and their students to stop by the band hall to say "hi."

We are planning a beginning band instrument demonstration and presentation night on Sept. 1, from 7-9 p.m., at the high school band hall. There will be representatives from Jent's House of Music and Tarpley Music Company. The representatives will have several options on renting or owning new and used instruments.

We do realize that this is the same night as the JV and freshman football games we will be making accommodations to parents with students in both activities. If you have any questions feel free to contact us.

We may be reached at the following numbers: The Band Hall at 272-7312; Brad Walker's cell at 806-283-4610; Marcos Gomez's cell at 806-638-8432.

Thank you and we hope to see you soon!

Marcos Gomez, Junior High Director
Brad Walker, High School Director

County training session held

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reporters have also been listed by the DOL as non-exempt employees.

Of the many employment problems confronting counties, Arseno said the largest was record keeping.

She told the elected officials attending the training session that employees don't have the option of "waiving" overtime pay, and said if an employee is sitting at the office drinking coffee prior to his scheduled shift, and answers job-related questions, or even has to answer the telephone the employee is on the clock.

Over the issue of individuals contracting services with the county or a private company, Arseno said FLSA requires the contractor to be completely independent. In other words, if the employer is telling the contractor how to

perform the work, or who the contractor is allowed to employ on the job, a question could be raised about whether the contractor is actually a county or company employee.

Arseno's presentation was the first of several arranged by County Judge Sherri Harrison in an effort to keep county officials informed about issues influencing their respective departments, offices and precincts.

Chamber...

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mother of three — two daughters, Halley and Lucy, and one son, Cameron.

Formerly of Plainview, the new chamber manager, attended South Plains College, where she studied marketing and business management.

SPC, Muleshoe classes offered

The South Plains College - Muleshoe Center has announce that several following Fall 2005 semester classes, and WorkForce development classes will be offered.

The SPC classes offered are listed below by day:
Monday - GOVT 2301 - American Government Organizations; Tuesday - ENGL 1301 - English Composition; Wednesday - MATH 1314 - College Algebra; Thursday - HIST 1301 - History of U.S. to 1876

All classes will meet from 6 to 8:50 p.m.

Students may apply online at www.southplainscollege.edu or at the WorkSource Office through Aug. 26.

For more information contact Cathy Mitchell at (806)894-9611, ext. 2371.

The Workforce development classes being offered are:
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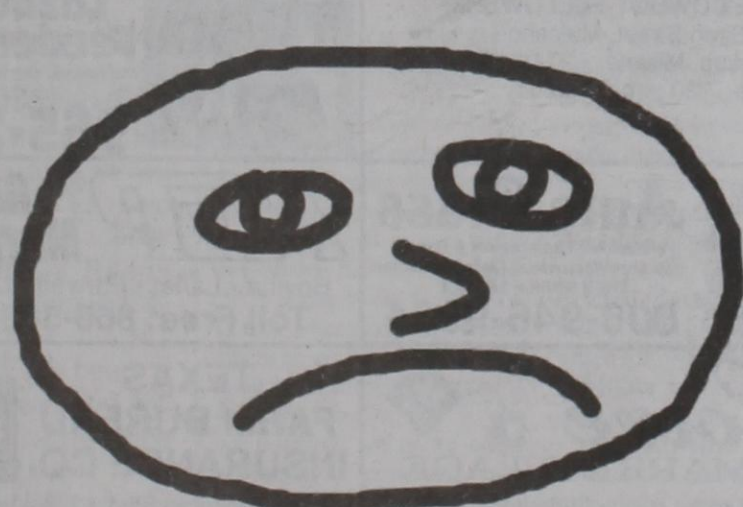
Chamber attends re-opening

Members of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture dropped by the Family Hair Salon, on Main Street, Monday to admire the new location and decor during the hair salon's Grand Re-Opening. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Back row — Chamber manager Amy Young, chamber member Carolyn Johnson, chamber president Heather Foley, Jennifer Taylor, Bertie Mae Purcell, Antoinnett Young, Tyler Young being held by Tadd Young, and Tisha Boehning holding Bethany Young; front row — Sherry Curtis and Pat Young, owner of the salon, holding Ethan Young.

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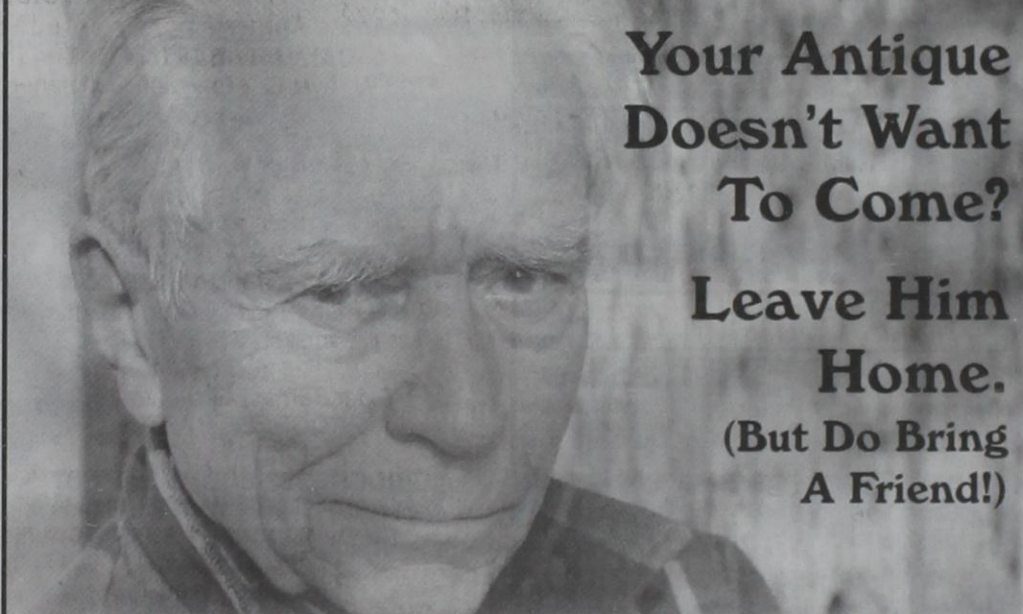
The Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge, established in 1935, is the oldest in the State of Texas, providing winter habitat for waterfowl and largest population of sandhill cranes in the U.S. continent. The refuge, located in south Bailey County, has marsh areas, playa lakes, native grasslands, a nature trail, campgrounds and a picnic area.

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Obituaries

Raymond McGehee

A church service for Raymond McGehee, 83, of Lazbuddie was held Thursday, Aug. 11, at Lazbuddie Church of Christ with Andy Rogers of Antlers, Okla. officiating. Burial followed in Lazbuddie Cemetery.

McGehee died Aug. 9, 2005, in Lazbuddie. He was born Nov. 28, 1921, in Southland, and married Tommie Bartlett in Memphis, on Aug. 15, 1943.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 2001, a daughter Jeane Mills on July 22, 2004, a grandson, a sister and two brothers.

McGehee was a Parmer County commissioner for 24 years and served on the Lazbuddie school board at one time. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He was a farmer and a member of the Lazbuddie Church of Christ.

Survivors include three sisters — Mary Forbis of Phoenix, Ariz., Annabelle Minton of Clovis N.M. and Annette Sherrod of Wichita Falls; a brother — Weldon McGehee of Slaton; and a grandson.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd, Lubbock, TX 79423, or Hospice of Lubbock, P.O. Box 16800, Lubbock, TX 79490, or Lazbuddie EMS and Fire Department, P.O. Box 155, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.

Virginia Merrell

A church service for Virginia "Neni" Merrell, 92, of Muleshoe was held Aug. 12 at Calvary Baptist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Jeff Coffman officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Merrell died on Aug. 10, 2005, in Lubbock. She was born Aug. 8, 1913, in Bexar, Ariz., and married Carroll E. Merrell in Santa Rosa, N.M. in October 1928. She was preceded in death by her husband on Aug. 23, 1981, and a son — Jimmy Carroll Merrell.

Merrell had been a resident of Muleshoe for the past 37 years, moving from New Mexico. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters — Bertha Rendon of Muleshoe and Laverne Adrian of Dallas; a sister — Janet Sundusky of Dexter, Mo.; four brothers — D.C. Hensley of Carlsbad, N.M., Billy Hensley of Ft. Worth, Erman Wray of Calico Rock, Ariz., and Beverly Wray of Indianapolis, Ind.; seven grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd, Lubbock, TX 79423.



RAYMOND MCGEHEE



Oldest ex-students attending the Lazbuddie reunion on Aug. 6, were Glen Scott, who enrolled in 1934, Frances Menefee Treider Lovelace, and Joe Menefee, who registered in 1925. More than 400 former students and faculty attended the all-school reunion.

Lazbuddie reunion held

Old acquaintances were renewed at Lazbuddie School on Aug. 6, as more than 400 ex-students, faculty, and staffmembers attended a reunion celebrating the 80th anniversary of the first students enrolling for classes.

"The reunion was a tremendous success," said Donna (Redwine) Glover, reunion committee chairman. "It was good to see so many of our schoolmates and friends."

The first students registered for classes in 1925, and the first graduation was in 1934.

The oldest former students in attendance were Frances Menefee Treider Lovelace, who enrolled in 1925, and her classmate Joe Menefee.

Traveling the farthest to attend was Shirley (Carpenter) Howard, who had come in from Houston.

The classes with the most former graduates present was a tie between 1957 and 1961, with eight each.

An assembly was held at 4 p.m., with school principle John E. Jones, class of 1971, welcoming everyone home. Then Glover asked all the former cheerleaders to stand and lead the audience in the school song.

Jones presented Glover with a plaque for 15 years of excellent service as reunion

chairman. She had put together four all-school reunions, one every five years.

Sarah Black, English and art teacher, introduced two of her students, Addie Treider and Rochelle Smith, who read essays they had written on the "Voice of Democracy." They received a standing ovation for the essays, which honored our nation's military veterans.

Jerry Don Glover recognized those in the audience who had served in the armed forces, and Terry Parham closed with announcements and a prayer of thanksgiving for the evening meal.

"I want to thank all the many people who helped make the reunion possible," Donna Glover said. "Beverly (Smith) Adkins was my right arm, and carried much of the load."

She said the hardest job was getting together all the addresses. With the help of former students, she was able to get more than 1,400 addresses in all.

"Out of all the people who have graduated from Lazbuddie since 1934, only 50 students are unaccounted for," she said. "The internet helped a lot. We have former students living in 28 states and three countries."

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Heritage Foundation News

It has been 20 years since the first structure, the Santa Fe Depot, was placed at the Muleshoe Heritage Center. Now it is time to celebrate! Saturday, Sept. 17, has been set aside as a time to celebrate our Bailey County Heritage — "The Way It Was."

Nothing is being spared to make this a wonderful time to remember. The plan is to have something at each old structure going on that is representative of the way it was.

There will be all kinds of music, old time gospel singing, fiddlers, dancing, displays and several demonstrations, and food. More details will be forthcoming soon.

The Muleshoe Santa Fe Depot arrived at the center in 1985 followed shortly by the Janes Ranch House. Today there are seven historic structures, two which have come recently — the Figure 4 Ranch House and the Virginia City Hotel.

If you have not been to the center lately, you will have a hard time believing the beauty there. The landscaping to the highway is nearly completed and much work is being done on the Figure 4 Ranch House.

Save Saturday, Sept. 17, to help us celebrate the way it was and to have fun!

The fun will begin at 5 p.m.

Some Things Look Good on the Outside, But Inside . . .

I don't remember how old I was when the incident I'm about to mention took place. I just remember that I thought I was hungry—so that could cover most of the last 48 years and is not much help. I do think it was early on a Sunday morning, which meant my family and I were getting ready for church—even if on Saturday we had had company (somebody like, say, the President of the United States), a sniffle, a really busy day, a near hit at the house from



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space junk, a drive-by shooting, or anything less than major surgery.

Nobody'd thought of doing church Wal-mart style then, so it was not a mega-church with 10 different flavors of worship and 394 special groups listed in a catalog the size of a small city's phone book. It wasn't a church where nobody noticed much or really cared in anything but a theoretical sense if we were there or not. It was not a church where we could get lost in the crowd and never have to make much effort to do anything. If we weren't there, we would be missed and some things would go undone.

We went on Sunday nights, too. I used to wonder: if I got hit by a car on a Sunday afternoon at 3:00, would I still have to go to church at 6:00 and miss, as always, *The Wonder-*

ful World of Disney? I was as a child unrepentant about thinking that there was nothing happening on Sunday evenings at church that was anything like as wonderful as what Disney could do on TV in the very same time slot. But my parents didn't buy my reasoning.

So, if it was a Sunday, and I think it was, I know where we were headed. I'm also pretty sure there was a church dinner that day because Mom was up early and had already been doing some cooking. She'd migrated to another part of the house for a moment when I happened to pass through the kitchen and noticed there on a platter, brown and beautiful, having just recently been baptized in hot oil, some meatballs begging to be snitched, and I answered their call. What I didn't know, since I knew more about meatball-eating than I knew about meatball-cooking, was that they weren't done yet. Not even close. No matter how good those meatballs looked on the outside, they still needed some serious oven time in order to be ready on the inside. The inside of the meatball I snitched was completely raw hamburger meat, which I now know can be really bad for you in a number of unpleasant ways.

Christians are called to live lives that, inside and out, reflect the beauty of God's Son. We are called to live winsome and honest lives so that what people see on the outside is an absolutely authentic expression of what truly exists by Christ's power on the inside.

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

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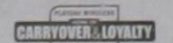
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Muleshoe teenager's operation set for October

Continued from page 1 of her son's medical condition, his neck can't support the weight of his head.

Wearing the halo device is something that disturbs Chuy more than the surgery itself. "I'm not going back to school with that thing on my head," Chuy said.

Chuy is an active, youngster, who enjoys things other boys his age enjoy, television... riding his bicycle... television... hunting, especially with firearms... dogs, especially his new puppy, Wolfie, and... did I mention

television? Chuy also loves to talk, and has an extremely active imagination.

It's a very good thing that Chuy likes to watch television — he's a big "Bonanza" fan, and an even larger fan of middle son "Hoss Cartwright," portrayed by former Texan Dan Blocker — because he'll be doing a lot of it. Due to his medical problems, the doctors have asked his parents to keep him off of his bicycle and away from any other activities that could result in a fall or violent movement. Chuy's mother

recently nixed his dream of shooting a 12 gauge shotgun due to the amount of recoil.

It was the possibility of further injury from a fall that brought Wolfie, a German Shepherd puppy, came into Chuy's life. Chuy's other dog, a Great Pyrenees, has grown to a size that he can easily knock him down.

But like most problems, Chuy's problems have extended into other areas of his life, as his mother's 16-year job with the Texas Department of Public Safety, in the Drivers License Office at Muleshoe,

will have to end as well.

Martina explained that while TxDPS can hold her position for about 12 weeks, the additional time Chuy will need to recuperate will require her to eventually quit.

On top of reduced income problem, Martina explained that while services provided by the Shriner's Hospital will be picking up Chuy's hospital expenses, there are some related expenses and doctor's fees that won't be covered. Therefore, an account has been set up for donations at Muleshoe State Bank.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BAILEY COUNTY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
The annual General Membership Meeting of the Bailey County Cemetery Association will be held on Saturday, August 20, at 10:00 a.m. This will be a business meeting regarding the operation and maintenance of the Bailey County Cemetery (sometimes referred to as the old Muleshoe Cemetery). The meeting will be held in the East room of the Bailey County Coliseum. Business to be conducted includes a proposed increase in the cost of burial spaces, maintenance needs for the coming year, and the election of three directors to serve on the Board of Directors. The Bailey County Cemetery is NOT a perpetual care cemetery and requires active participation of its property owners. This is a General Membership meeting and is open to all in the community. Owners of cemetery property and family members of those buried at the cemetery are especially urged to attend and have a voice in the maintenance and operations of our cemetery.

Nursing Home News

Anita Johnson assisted the residents in making a bird feeder Thursday morning in craft class.

The class spread peanut butter on a pine cone and then rolled it in bird seeds. The bird feeder was attached to a piece of yarn and hung on the gazebo in the backyard.

Residents participating were Loma Mosley, Gladys Wright, Cynthia Crawford, Gladys Wilson, Ruth Clements, Diane Copley, Argilee Miller and Alliene Lasiter.

Barrett watched over the group and gave encouragement.

Following craft class, Zona Gatewood played a variety of songs on the piano as the residents sang a long.

The residents took a ride to McDonalds and back via the Spartan Van Friday afternoon. The group went into McDonalds for a little treat and enjoyed special

hospitality from McDonalds employees. Residents going on the outing were Gladys Wilson, Marline and Loma Mosley, Clifton Finley, Earl Talkington, Arnold Prater, Mollie Johnston, Gladys Wright, Bill Wilkins and Alliene Lasiter.

Janis Morrison, Joy Radford, Ruth Kitchens and Donita Behrends and Joy Stancell hauled wheel chairs and assisted the residents.

Butch Vandiver assisted by Does Palmer and G.R. Lasiter directed the Bingo Bash Saturday afternoon.

Our deepest sympathy and concerns go to the families and friends of Erals Gross and Josephine Fisher.

The United Methodist Church directed a communion and church service Sunday afternoon.

Morris Nowlin and Darene Collins visited the residents and staff last week.

Virginia Bowers directed a music and song session as well as a devotional and encouraging talk and object season on apples. Zona Gatewood attended the event with her mother Argilee Miller Tuesday morning.

Pat Clark, Pat Wilson, Eva Nell Dale, Mary Jo Burge, Dolores Ganett and Jan Crawford volunteered their time and talents to shampoo and set the ladies hair. Pat Clark gave hair cuts.

Peggy Dent spent time visiting the residents Monday and Tuesday.

Dorothy Bowers' daughter Barbara and her husband Dalton, from Ft. Worth, visited her over the weekend. Dorothy, Barbara, and Alvin ate lunch at Virginia Bowers on Saturday.

Jeral James visited the residents and staff Tuesday morning.

Harold and Mary Jo

Burge, Buster and Wanda Kittrell served coffee, juice and donuts to the residents at coffee time Wednesday afternoon.

James Wedel comes every Wednesday morning, delivers the donuts and runs errands for us.

Buster Kittrell, Brady Mason and Bro. Bennie Wright directed the Singspiration/Devotion Time, Wednesday morning.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins conducted a sing-a-long Wednesday afternoon.

Duane White has donated several of his big, juicy, home grown watermelons, for the residents enjoyment.

Helen Hall visited many at Park View Tuesday. Among those were Rick Hunter and Jewel Peeler.

Arnold Prater's wife Pat Prater, joined him for supper Wednesday afternoon.

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Senior Citizen News

Senior birthdays were celebrated at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center on Wednesday, Aug. 10.

Debbie Carruth of Olton, entertained the group. She played the keyboard and sang as well as telling funny stories. She brought out her guitar and sang "Happy Birthday" to each birthday person. She had a special song for Margaret Collins who turned 90 and Frances Stegall who turned 94 this month.

Special noon guests on Thursday, Aug. 11, were Lloyd and Betty Rector and Janet Denton of Friona. Betty played her Stradivarius baritone saw which was made in Sweden. She was accompanied by her granddaughter, Janet, on the piano.

Betty also played her tenor saw which was made in Delavon, Wisconsin. She was featured on *Texas Country Reporter* a few years ago. Betty played the melody beautifully.

Most of the seniors remembered someone playing a saw in their youth, but were surprised to learn saws are professional musical instruments now. Most remembered Janet who played and sang for the senior center Christmas party two years ago.

Janet has been blind since birth but has amazing musical talent. Both also play the accordian.

On Tuesday, July 16, Sallie Farr with Experience Works, spoke at the center. This program hires, places and trains low income people, age 55 and up, for new jobs. It is 20 hours per week at minimum wage. She will take

applications.

The "Boot Scooters," Muleshoe's own country and western band, will be bringing their special talents back to the senior center on Tuesdays, Sept. 13 and 20, at 7 p.m.

Our favorite D.J., Sandy Vandevender, will be spinning records for the dancers on the other Tuesdays. A pot-luck supper is served, and newcomers are always coming to join the fun.

New ideas are possible at the senior center, a book club with reviews, writing stories and poems, perhaps a craft time, sewing, scrapbooking, Bingo with prizes, line dancing, wood carving. Also a painting class.

The computer class continues on each Thursday at 1 p.m. Exercise videos are in place for 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. each morning. It would be helpful if people volunteered to help with things of interest to them.

A garage sale is planned and items may be brought to the senior center between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day. Your donated items are appreciated.

The upcoming menu will be:

Monday, Aug. 22 — Parmesan chicken, brown gravy, baked potato, okra, apricots, hot roll and an oatmeal cookie.

Tuesday, Aug. 23 — Meatloaf, corn, green beans, tossed salad with 1,000 island dressing, hot roll and dry jello salad.

Wednesday, Aug. 24 — Cube steak with tomato sauce, oven-fried fish, with tarter sauce, baked beans, greens, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

Thursday, Aug. 25 — Calbaza con Pollo (chicken) refried beans, mexican corn, flour tortilla and sopapillas.

Friday Aug. 26 — Taco salad, baby limas, harvard beets, tossed salad with ranch dressing and pumpkin crunch.

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Wedding Showers

Ensor, Morris bridal shower held

Emily Ensor and Cade Morris were honored with a Bridal Shower in the home of Dave and Sheryl Engelking on Saturday, August 6, 2005. The couple was honored with a Western Theme sofa sized print by artist Chris Owen chosen from Something Special.

Special guests for the event were Karen Ensor, mother of the bride; Sandra Arrott, grandmother of the bride, Kaley Barrett, sister of the bride; Whitney Ensor, sister of the bride; Marca Morris; Gerrie Mote, grandmother of the groom, Melissa Ferguson, aunt of the groom; Avery Ferguson; Kia Morris, sister of the groom; Virginia Morris, grandmother of the groom, Carolyn Matthews and Jeannie Hill, aunts of the groom.



EMILY ENSOR

The table decorations included a fall arrangement with bronze accessories that featured finger sandwiches and assorted cookies with peach tea and lemonade. Hostesses were Vicki Morris, Mandi Seaton, Celie Parham, Jana St. Clair, Tammy Turner, Sheryl

Engelking, Debbie Magby, Vickie Burch, Rickie Seaton, Barbara Lust, Joann McDonald, Paulette Foster, Debbie Gallman, Tonya Gartin, Linda Martin, Tiffany Hicks, Sarah Black, Debbie Weir, Stephanie Foster, Ellen Gallman, and Jonessa Brockman

Marricle, Pippin bridal shower held

A bridal shower honoring Amy Marricle of Muleshoe, the prospective bride of Russell Pippin of Amarillo was held Saturday, July 30, at the home of Julie Cage.

The prospective bride is the daughter of David and Terry Marricle of Muleshoe, and the prospective groom is the son of Ellan Pippin and Odessa Russell, both of Amarillo.

Hostesses for the event included Nancy Benham, Annette Bonds, Julie Cage,



AMY MARRICLE

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Rayan Doshier, Pam Thomason, Belinda Head, Linda Lee, Rickie Warren, Carol Cox, Helen Cook, Berta Combs, Lana Bomer, Kay Graves, Pat Nickels Pat Young and Donna Green.

Special guests attending included Willie Mae Marricle, grandmother of the bride, Terry Marricle, Odessa Russell, Faye Harrison, grandmother of the groom, Tyra Ennis, sister of the groom, Mandy Mitchell, Cara Poquette and Nancy Kirk.

TRC grant applications sought

Sandra Tenorio, executive director of Texas Rural Communities, Inc., has announced the availability of a new Texas Rural Best Award Grant.

"This is our sixth year in recognizing a Texas Rural Best program by awarding a \$10,000 grant to an innovative program in rural Texas," Tenorio said. "We have been delighted with the number of programs throughout the state that have submitted applications in the past."

"Rural Texans have a well-earned reputation of working hard to find innovative solutions to local needs. Our mission is to recognize, reward and learn from their innovations," she added.

TRC is a non-profit organization created in 1934 to resettle the family farmer after the depression. The organization continues to serve farmers and ranchers by offering loans in conjunction with the Farm Service Agency.

In addition, TRC finances small business loans and student and parent loans for rural college students.

Texas Rural Best Award application procedures may be downloaded from www.texasrural.org or you may contact the TRC office at 800-787-2589 for a copy of the application procedures.

Basketball signup announced

The Muleshoe Youth Basketball signup for girls, grades 3-6, will be held Aug. 23, from 4-6 p.m. at the DeShazo Elementary gymnasium.

A second sign up period will be held during the Friday, Aug. 26, football game.

Baby Showers



Hatley shower held

A baby shower was held for Austin Dane Hatley, the son of Kevin and Michelle Finney Hatley, on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Austin was born June 1,

2005, weighing 7-pounds, 7 ounces, and measuring 20-inches in length.

Hostesses for the event included Cindy Purdy, Pat Young, Tisha Boehning, Tina Davis, Margaret Heathington and Carol Cox. The hostesses gave Austin a hand-painted piggy bank, cash for the piggy bank and Pampers.

Special guests attending included Michelle Finney Hatley and Barbara Finney. Refreshments included fresh fruit, mini orange-cranberry muffins, mini quiches, orange juice and coffee.

Births

Carlee Price

Justin and Charity Price of Muleshoe are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Carlee Alexis Price on Aug. 4, 2005, at University Medical Center of Lubbock.

Carlee weighed 7 1/2 pounds, 10-ounces at birth and was 19 1/2 inches in length.

Carlee's sister's name is Maddison.

Carlee's grandparents are Bruce and Linda Cotton of Lubbock, Randy and Pat Coffman of Levelland, and Randy and Linda Price of Levelland.

History Notes

On Aug. 18, 1983, Hurricane Alicia landed on southeast Texas, with high winds and spawning 22 tornadoes.

Alicia killed 18 people, injured 1,800 more, and caused damages estimated at \$3 billion.

SPC, Muleshoe opening celebrated

The opening of the Muleshoe Center of South Plains College is being celebrated at a reception at Muleshoe City Hall on Friday, Aug. 19, at 9:30 a.m.

The SPC, Muleshoe Center is located at WorkSource of the South Plains, 203 S. Main.

The public is invited.

Thanks for reading the Journal!

Athletic booster club meetings set

Starting Monday, Aug. 29, 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.

The Virginia "Neni" Merrell family would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, visits, flowers and other acts of kindness shown to us during our time of loss. Your love, kindness and thoughtfulness will always be remembered and appreciated. Thank you so much.
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Agricultural News

Cotton production forecast down

Texas cotton growers didn't enjoy timely rainfall early this growing season, resulting in a forecast that shows a 22 percent drop in production from 2004's record harvest.

Texas is forecast to produce 6.1 million bales, down from 7.8 million bales harvested last year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's first field survey this year.

The 1.7 million fewer Texas bales this year account for the bulk of the eight percent drop in the nation's production outlook, which calls for 21.3 million harvested bales.

"It's early yet," said Gary Adams, an economist with

Memphis, Tenn.-based National Cotton Council. "We're going to see how Texas comes along."

Cool temperatures in May kept many producers from planting at the optimum time, Roger Haldenby, a spokesman for the Plains Cotton Growers, which serves a 41-county region that produces 60 percent of the state's cotton. Also, rainfall didn't arrive as needed shortly after planting.

Texas is by far the country's largest producing state, bringing in more than a third of the nation's total harvest. Large crops are forecast in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia,

Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, and Tennessee. California is forecast to have a smaller crop with fewer acres and lower yields.

Texas' yields also are down, accounting for the lower production estimates. Texas producers are forecast to harvest 534 pounds per acre on 5.5 million acres, compared with last year's 695 pounds per acre on 5.4 million acres.

Dry weather has reduced yields in South and Central Texas.

Predictions for South Plains producers show about 4.1 million bales will come from the region, down from 4.7 million bales last

year.

Last year's state crop beat the previous record in 1949 of 6.1 million bales by 30 percent. The 2004 crop was an 81 percent increase over 2003's 4.3 million bales.

Not everyone had a bumper crop last year.

Mark Williams, 53, and son Ryan farm cotton on 2,800 acres near Farwell on the Texas-New Mexico border. Last year temperatures weren't hot enough and weather was too rainy for them to be in on the record crop that most of the South Plains, particularly around Lubbock, enjoyed.

"I was happy for everybody," Williams said. "A lot of those guys had gone for years without a good crop. I hope it's my turn this year."

"It just could be," he said. "It looks real good, better than last year," Williams said.

"We need heat and we wouldn't mind a little of rain just so we can shut our (irrigation) wells off."

This time of year cotton plants need heat to help their later blossoming flowers develop into bolls, which mature and open when ripe to expose the white cotton lint. If bolls are not mature, they might not yield as much cotton or might be of lower quality.

The USDA will issue its next crop report Sept. 12.

The national forecast, though lower than last year, isn't all bad news, Adams said.

"This is still by historical standards a good crop," he said. "And while this is a good number, it can still move around one way or another. We know harvest can be touch and go."

Disaster assistance deadline approaches

Producers who suffered crop loss from damaging weather in 2003, 2004 and certain 2005 crop losses are eligible for assistance.

The Farm Service Agency has announced that eligible producers may sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) until close of business on Sept. 9 for the 2003 and 2004 crop years. Signup for the 2005 year is close of business Dec. 16.

"We are pleased to be able to provide these benefits to producers as quickly as possible," said Kim Hanlin, county executive director for Bailey County FSA.

"Drought, floods and hurricanes are unpredictable weather events that put farmers and

BVSWC seeks director candidates

Eligible voters who hold title to farm and ranch lands lying within Subdivision No. 5 — which comprises the Goodland, Maple and Watson School Districts — must file a written notice of candidacy for director in the Blackwater Valley Soil and Water Conservation District during business hours in August at the NRCS Office, 105 E. Ave D. Muleshoe.

Call 272-5124, ext. 3, for additional information.

ranchers at risk in producing a dependable and affordable national food supply. Signup for this program opened on March 14 of this year," he said.

Producers suffering a greater than 35 percent production loss or more than a 20 percent quality loss are eligible.

The payment rate for CDP has been increased to 65 percent of the established commodity price for insured crops and noninsured crops, and 60 percent of the price for

uninsured commodities.

Previous disaster assistance provided payments of 50 percent of the established commodity price for insured and non-insurable crops and 45 percent for uninsured crops.

Producers may apply for CDP for any crops that are eligible for coverage under the Federal Crop Insurance or the Noninsured Assistance Program.

For more information on these issues, visit USDA's website at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

Wheat trial results available online

Results from the Uniform Wheat Variety Trials performed across the State of Texas are now available.

These trials were partially funded by the Texas Wheat Producers Board through wheat producers, check-off dollars and industry.

Producers can view variety trial results at www.texaswheat.org or check with their local elevator facility.

"The first step to having a successful crop is to begin with an informed decision on which variety of wheat to plant. Producers should review these results to see how the variety they planted last year performed and choose a variety that will best suit their needs in the next

planting year," said David Moore, TWPB Chairman and wheat producer from Dumas.

Developing new varieties takes many years of research. Wheat breeders look at current varieties to determine desired traits before they begin to plant crosses in greenhouses.

Then, nurseries are planted with 2 ft. seed beds called head rows. Finally, field plots are planted over a number of growing seasons for breeders to select desired traits.

Many specimens are "weeded out", and very few make it to state-wide evaluation. Because of TWPB's commitment to research, new varieties are available nearly every year.

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Muleshoe Cattle Market

The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on U.S. 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday, beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle following at approximately noon.

**REPRESENTATIVE SALES
SAT., AUGUST 13, 2005**

642 head of cattle, 54 hogs and 369 sheep and goats for a total of 1,065 livestock sold at the August 13th sale. Fewer receipts due to rain Friday afternoon and off & on Saturday. Market steady on all classes of cattle with good demand.







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ACU, Morton	8 Mxd. str.	441 lbs.	at \$129.00
ACU, Morton	12 Mxd. str.	541 lbs.	at \$115.50
ACU, Morton	33 Mxd. str.	607 lbs.	at \$112.50
W.B. Ethridge, Morton	24 Mxd. str.	588 lbs.	at \$116.00
C&M Shorthorn, Littlefield	2 Spot bulls	660 lbs.	at \$94.00
Jordan Busby, Springlake	2 Char. hfrs	245 lbs.	at \$360.00
David Lamb, Morton	Blk. hfr	285 lbs.	at \$145.00
D&C Cattle, Brownfield	Blk. hfr	330 lbs.	at \$124.00
Ben Nichols, Seminole	2 Char. hfrs	423 lbs.	at \$118.00
ACU, Morton	14 Mxd. hfrs	495 lbs.	at \$111.50
Cade Hooten, Muleshoe	5 Blk. hfrs	558 lbs.	at \$111.00
W.B. Ethridge, Morton	15 Char. hfrs	591 lbs.	at \$105.50
Clay Carr, Sudan	BMF hfr	615 lbs.	at \$95.00
Bullseye Cattle, Sudan	Red hfr	650 lbs.	at \$94.00
Tom Jones, Hobbs, NM	4 Mxd. hfrs	674 lbs.	at \$97.50
S&K Cattle, Lubbock	4 Char. hfrs	690 lbs.	at \$98.50
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Simon Ledesma, Lamesa	Red cow	955 lbs.	at \$56.00
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Steve Kennedy, Muleshoe	Gray cow	1235 lbs.	at \$57.50
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Weddings

Nichols, Reeves united in matrimony

Wedding vows were exchanged between Heather Dannette Nichols and Richard Arthur Reeves at Claytonville First Baptist Church, Saturday July 30, 2005.

Officiating the double-ring ceremony was the Rev. Henry Martin, stepfather of the bride.

The bride is the daughter of the Rev. Henry and Cindy Martin of Claytonville and Jimmy and Alice Nichols of Littlefield. She is the granddaughter of Dwayne and Mary Powell of Sudan.

The groom is the son of Marie Reeves of Pharr and the late Arthur Reeves.

Ushers of the ceremony were Alex Lawrence of Amarillo and Nathaniel Sanchez of Lubbock.

Guests were registered by Emily Gardner of Littlefield.

Grandparents and mother of bride were escorted to their seats by Alex Lawrence and Marie Reeves was seated by Nathaniel Sanchez.

The Matron of Honor was Brandi Lawrence of Amarillo. Flower girl was Kailee Knezek of Littlefield.

The ring bearer was Jonathan Sanchez of Lubbock.

Best man was Roy Sanchez of Lubbock.

The groom wore a blue shirt with tie and black pants and white rose boutonnières.

Coordinator of the ceremony was Alexis Brookes of Lubbock.

The bride escorted, by her father entered to the "Bridal March." Decorations of the church consisted of white lattice board decorated with a sheer Georgette overlay with scattered beading and V-neckline and spaghetti straps with two-tread a symmetrical hem and matching sheer wrap.

The bride selected a tea-length white satin-lined dress with a sheer Georgette overlay with scattered beading and V-neckline and spaghetti straps with two-tread a symmetrical hem and matching sheer wrap.

She wore white hose and rhinestone sandals. Her hair was done by her mother with pearl headband and veil made by her mother and satin flowers accented by her hair.

Carrying on with tradition the bride wore "something old" which were pennies minted in the year of the couples birth "something borrowed" was a bracelet belonging to her sister, "something new" was her dress and "something blue" was her garter.

Her bouquet consisting of white roses and blue carnations and white and blue ribbon with pearl accents made by her mother.

The sound system was done by Larry Buske of Krem.

The couple left the sanctuary to the traditional recessional.



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A reception was served in the fellowship hall.

The brides cake was a two-tiered round white cake with a heart cake top. The grooms cake made by the grandmother of the bride was a two-tiered heart-shaped chocolate cake.

Servers at the reception were Alexis Brooker of Lubbock, Tiffany Moss and Emily Gardener of Littlefield and Jennifer Sanchez of Lubbock.

Punch was served, navy mints and chocolate covered

strawberries made by the grandmother of bride.

Pictures were taken by Sherri Foley of Littlefield.

Rice bags were distributed by Kailee Knezek.

After their honeymoon, the couple will reside in Lubbock.

The bride is a graduate of Sudan High School and employed at Conversp and the groom is a graduate of Phann San Juan Alanw High School and is employed at Byron Cowling Moving and Storage.

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Texans will be diagnosed with cancer this year, however the five-year survival rate for all cancers has increased to 64 percent.

The link to the Cancer Survivors Network is located on the American Cancer Society's Web site www.cancer.org and clicking the Cancer Survivors Network link.

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Employee of the Month

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Business of the Month

Reason: _____



Cool breezes on the way

Pictured above, a crane eases part of the Muleshoe Area Medical Center's new air conditioning unit into place on the west side of the hospital.

Before school shot clinic

A shot clinic has been scheduled for today, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. until noon, at the Muleshoe High School nurse's office. The cost is \$10 per shot, and parents or guardians are instructed to bring the child's shot record. Call Michele Barton, RN, at 272-7303 for additional information.

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Weddings

Johnson, Thomason united in matrimony

Jana Johnson and Brandon Thomason of Stephenville were united in marriage Saturday, June 25, 2005, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe with Dr. Stacy Conner officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Reggie and Sue Johnson. Parents of the groom are Charles and Pam Thomason. Grandparents of the bride are Wayne and Wanda Johnson of Amarillo, Joel and Glenda Thacker of Cleburne and the late Jack Cobb. Grandparents of the groom are Jerry and Loys Thomason of Pecos, and Lester and Margie Morgan of Ft. Stockton.

Various selections of music were performed by Brady Mason. Karissa Intemann, friend of the bride, sang "From This Moment" during the lighting of the unity candle.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a white satin A-line with beaded metallic embroidery on both empire waist and envelope back. Jana's bouquet was an assortment of spring blossoms and yellow roses.

Keeping with the wedding traditions, the bride wore her wedding dress for "something new," her maternal great-grandmother's cameo ring for "something old." "Something borrowed" was her veil from Krystal Favor, and "something blue" was her garter.

The Maid of Honor was Kala Johnson, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lindsey Ramage and



Mrs. Brandon Thomason

LaRhonda Fields Jennings of Muleshoe.

The Best Man was Bradley Thomason. Groomsmen were Dusty Ramage and Josh Kitchens, of Muleshoe.

The flower girl was Alexis Bates Johnson, of Cherokee, niece of the bride. Ring Bearer was Curtis Hill, of Stephenville. Ushers were Q.B. and Zack Cobb of Pampa, and B.J. Hill of Stephenville.

Registering guests was Kelsea Griffin of Ft. Worth. Haley and Madison Self of Amarillo handed out the programs and bubbles.

The reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church. The bride's table was covered with a white cloth adorned with the bride's bouquet and the bridesmaids long stem yellow roses. Her

four layer white cake was topped with fresh flowers and surrounded with yellow and purple flower petals.

Serving the punch and bride's cake were Katie Cobb of Rio Vista, Callie Cobb of Pampa, Angie Bums of Huntsville and Kelsea Griffin of Ft. Worth.

The groom's table was decorated in a western theme. A layered chocolate cake accented with chocolate covered strawberries was served with chilled bottled water labeled with the bride and grooms' name and their wedding date. The groom's cake was served by Diedre Buchanan Henderson and Jay Henderson of Tow.

After a honeymoon trip to various locations in Colorado the couple will reside in Stephenville.

Former Lazbuddie resident to receive doctorate

Brad Johnson, vice president for enrollment and student services at Howard Payne University, who grew up in Lazbuddie and whose family still resides in the area, will be awarded the doctor of education degree in education administration at Baylor University, Waco, on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Johnson is the son of Errol and Joyce Johnson of Lazbuddie, and the grandson of Doris and the late Clarence Johnson and J.L. and Flaura Lee Bass of Farwell. He is the brother of Lorre Haseloff of Farwell.

Johnson's dissertation topic was on the Texas Grant Program, a statewide college financial aid program. His focus was on the persistence rates of first and second year college students who were recipients of the Texas Grant program.

He earned his bachelor's degree in education from Baylor and earned a master



BRAD JOHNSON

of arts in religious education and the master of arts in marriage and family counseling Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Johnson returned to the HPU administrative staff in May 2003.

From 1996 to 1999 he served HPU in two positions, as director of university counseling, testing and career services and as associate dean of students.

In addition, he served HPU as an instructor, teaching adolescent psychology and

the university transitions course.

The HPU administrator returned to HPU after serving as director of financial aid and scholarships at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene.

From 1999 to 2002 he served McMurry University, also in Abilene, as associate director of admissions and financial aid and as assistant director of financial aid.

Baby Shower Selections
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Baby Shower Date:
Sat., Aug. 20 (2-3:30 PM)
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Muleshoe 272-5911

2005 Property Tax Rates in the City of Muleshoe, Muleshoe Area Hospital District, Bailey Co. General Fund and Bailey Co. Farm Market Road

This notice concerns 2005 property tax rates for the City of Muleshoe, Muleshoe Area Hospital District, Bailey County General Fund and Bailey County Farm Market Road. Its presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value. This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 302 Main St., Muleshoe, Texas. This notice was prepared by Kaye Elliott, Chief Appraiser, on August 12, 2005.

	CITY OF MULESHOE	MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DIST.	BAILEY CO. GEN. FUN	BAILEY CO. FARM MKT. ROAD
LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE				
Last Year's Operating Taxes	626,624	610,801	1,132,749	234,045
+Last Year's Debt Taxes	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
=Last Year's Total Taxes	626,624	610,801	1,132,749	234,045
/Last Year's Tax Base	91,238,195	244,320,491	226,052,611	221,843,821
=Last Year's Total Tax Rate	.6868	.25	.5011	.1055
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE				
Last Year's Adjusted Taxes	624,884	607,254	1,127,324	232,670
/This Year's Adjusted Tax Base	90,358,190	240,543,153	225,550,367	221,349,653
=This Year's Effective Tax Rate	.6916	.2525	.4998	.1051
THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE				
Last Year's Adjusted Operating Taxes	624,884	607,254	1,267,187	232,670
/This Year's Adjusted Tax Base	90,358,190	240,543,153	225,550,367	221,349,653
=This Year's Effective Operating Rate	.6916	.2525	.5618	.1051
x1.08=Maximum Operating Rate	.7469	.2727	.6067	.1135
+This Year's Debt Rate	-0-	-0-	.1462	-0-
=This Year's Rollback Rate Before Adjustment	.7469	.2727	.7529	.1135
-Sales Tax Adjustment Rate	N/A	N/A	.0617	N/A
=Rollback Tax Rate	.7469	.2727	.6912	.1135

SCHEDULE A: UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

The following estimated balances will be left in the taxing unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

	CITY OF MULESHOE	MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DIST.	BAILEY CO. GEN. FUN	BAILEY CO. FARM MKT. ROAD
Bailey County: Farm to Market Maintenance & Operation	-0-	-0-	-0-	325,702

*General Fund Debt Service (I&S) 347,944
 *\$330,444 of this amount is the market value (as of July 31st) of a U.S. Treasury & Agency Obligation that will not mature until 6/14/2013.

SCHEDULE B: 2005 DEBT SERVICE

Bailey County General Fund plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable)

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Certificates of Obligation for Jail Construction	\$155,000	\$204,557	-0-	\$359,557
Total required for 2005 debt service		\$359,557		
-Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A		17,500		
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources		15,000		
-Excess collections last year		-0-		
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2005		327,057		
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95% of its taxes in 2005		17,213		
=Total Debt Levy		344,270		

SCHEDULE C: EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX (see below)

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$___ in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

	N/A	N/A	145,187	N/A
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STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If the City of Muleshoe adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.6916 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2004 taxes by \$33,265.

If the Muleshoe Area Hospital Dist. adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.2525 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2004 taxes by \$41,788.

If Bailey Co. General Fund adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.4998 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2004 taxes by \$44,877.

If Bailey Co. Farm Market Road adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$.1051 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2004 taxes by \$9,167.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The LAZBUDDIE ISD will hold a public meeting at 8:00 PM, August 30, 2005 in the Lazbuddie ISD Boardroom, Lazbuddie, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.

Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rate with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Local Revenue Total	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.500000	\$0.000000*	\$1.500000	\$4.473
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.531600	\$0.000000	\$1.531600	\$4.911
Proposed Rate	\$1.500000	\$0.000000*	\$1.500000	\$4.945

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$27,874	\$30,256
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$12,874	\$15,256
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.500000	\$1.500000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$193.11	\$228.84
Increase in Taxes	\$0.00	\$35.73

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.6149. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.6149.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$450,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

New teachers and assistants at Muleshoe ISD



Dillman Elementary, left to right: Front row — Joyce Scott, Sandra Mendoza, Victoria Garza, Shanna Glover and LaTonia Stroud; back row — Yolanda Galindo, Katherine Hunt, Patricia Dial, Letti Barrera and Tammy Smith. Not pictured are Rosa Mendoza, head start, and Kit Diaz.



Muleshoe High School, left to right — Gary Fussell, Shane Fuller, Amber Fuller, Janet Fountain and Jeremy Shields. Not pictured is Bradley Walker, and Brian Mullins.



Watson Junior High, left to right — Clay Ferguson, Jennifer Andress, Kay Lepard, Ryan Shober and Pegye Petersen. Not pictured is Marcos Gomez.



DeShazo Elementary, left to right — Toni King, Gerogia Franco and Mitzi Branscum.



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