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## County Commissioners court is full of wind

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Wind... it's probably the one thing more common than cattle and cotton on the south plains of West Texas, and while some may claim there's too much hot air coming out of government meetings, action at Monday's commissioners court involved wind that could greatly benefit Bailey County.



Glen Hodges of Babcock & Brown appeared before the court requesting, and receiving, passage of a resolution designating the location of a proposed wind-generated energy farm as a reinvestment zone.

Hodges explained that Babcock & Brown, which is involved in other renewable energy

projects in West Texas, has purchased a long-term option and easement which would allow the construction of a wind turbine farm on 12,000 acres located about five miles south of Muleshoe.

"We think this is a good area for wind energy," Hodges said.

He explained that one of the requirements of the

Southwest Power Pool, to which the wind farm hopes to connect, includes passage of a reinvestment zone resolution by the county.

Judge Sherri Harrison explained during meeting that Bailey County has already passed a resolution declaring the entire unincorporated area of the county as a reinvestment zone.

Hodges said passage of Monday's resolution was a formality that would help the project move forward, and said it was analogous to a zoning verification letter.

According to Hodges, once the Southwest Power Pool requirements are finalized, a decision would be made as to

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Photograph by Larry Thornton

## School board hires architect

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District's Board of Trustees voted to hire MWM Architects of Lubbock for the first phase of the district's construction project, involving the expansion of Dillman Elementary and design work for Watson Junior High.

The hiring of MWM Architects followed on the heels of the school board's approval of the long range master plan which had been prepared by the firm, and came at the recommendation of Superintendent Gene Sheets.

"They have done a great job working with us and staying with us through this

long range plan," Sheets said, adding that the architectural firm had the "brains and work ethics needed to get the job done."

"They've bent over backward to make this work with their contract price," he added.

Board president David Tipps agreed with the

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## The drill of it all

It doesn't take much to keep most guy's interested. Machinery at work, a hole in the ground and a pile of dirt will grab a guy's attention every time, and when you throw all three of them together... you're talking about hours of entertainment, or at least until the job is done. Pictured above, Angel Alveraz and Jose Hernandez of Wilson Drilling Co., Muleshoe, were hard at work digging an incinerator pit on Friday.



**Mule Days**

Sept. 9

## Area officials cut ribbon at Muleshoe education center

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Elected officials and education representatives from Bailey County and across West Texas gathered for the grand opening of the SPC Muleshoe Extension Center Monday afternoon.

The center, located at 621 W. Second, in which the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's Home Health agency was formerly located, was recently

*'This project is a dream come true for the Muleshoe area...'*

— Margaret Heathington

renovated and equipped as an adult education center in a joint project involving South Plains College, WorkSource of the South Plains, the hospital district and the Muleshoe Education Foundation, and will specialize in the education and training of

nursing students.

Other entities instrumental in bringing the education center to Muleshoe include the Muleshoe Independent School District, the City of Muleshoe and the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation.

Dr. Kelvin Sharp, president of SPC, welcomed those in attendance and gave special recognition to Barbara Finney, chairman of the Muleshoe Education Foundation, and Margaret Heathington, director of nurses at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, both of whom were described as being the driving force behind the project to bring the education center to Muleshoe.

Sharp also welcomed and introduced officials attending the ceremony from Levelland through the education center's ITV classroom. Other communities and entities connected to SPC through the ITV network include Plainview, Post, Denver City, Region 17 and the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center.

"This project is a dream come true for the Muleshoe area," Heathington said.

With a serious problem facing the medical industry of West Texas due to the current shortage of nursing personnel and the even greater need in the not too distant future, Heathington was recognized as being the first who realized the

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## Grant to resume city council seat

Sharon Grant was the only candidate to register for the vacant Dist. 4 Muleshoe City Council seat, according to City Secretary LeAnn Gallman.

Grant will be officially appointed to the seat at the next council meeting.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

City, county and regional officials and education representatives took part in Monday's ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of the new SPC Muleshoe Extension Center on Monday.

### Local Weather

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**AA meeting**

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**Bible study series offered**

The public is invited to participate in a Bible study at Richland Hills Baptist Church featuring Chip Ingram's series: "God As He Longs For You To See Him." The 10-week Bible study will begin on Sunday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m., and is free of charge. Richland Hills Baptist Church is located at 17th and W. Ave. D in Muleshoe. For additional information, contact Bro. Larry Thornton at 272-5852.

**Muleshoe Class of 1976**

The Muleshoe Class of 1976 reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 2, at Cagles Steaks in Lubbock. Teachers from the 1976 class period are welcome to attend the meal beginning at 7 p.m. Call Susan or Jimmy Wedel at 272-5901 for reservations. Non-class members wishing to visit with the class are welcome to come by from 9-12 p.m. for music, dancing and visiting. There is a \$5 fee per person.

**Senior passes offered**

Any senior citizen, 65 years of age and over, who would like to have a complementary pass to locally sponsored school events may contact Pam Thomason at Muleshoe ISD at 272-7404.

**First Assembly KFC**

Beginning Sept. 6, from 7-8 p.m., and continuing through the school year, the First Assembly of God Church of Muleshoe, 521 S. First, will be hosting Kids for Christ. The program will include Bible study, fun, and refreshments for children 11 years of age and under. Lora Wallace is in charge of the program. For additional information call the church at 272-3017.

**Bailey County Social Security**

Representatives from the Social Security Administration come to the Bailey County Courthouse on the second Wednesday of the first month of each quarter, from 9-10:30 a.m. The next scheduled date is on Oct. 11, in the commissioners' courtroom.

**First United Methodist KFC**

KFC at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe will be starting back up on Sept. 6, from 3:30 - 5 p.m. This is an after school program for students ranging from Kindergarten through fifth grade. "We have snacks, stories, crafts, Bible memory, games and fun as we learn more about God's word and write it on our hearts," Mary Lou Leavell said. Registration forms may be picked up at the church office. Call 272-5517 for additional information.

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Housing Authority pays the owner the difference between 30 percent of adjusted family income and the SPRHA determined payment standard or the gross rent for the unit, whichever is lower. The family may choose an eligible unit with a higher rent than the payment standard and pay the owner the difference under certain circumstances. It is the responsibility of a family to find a unit that meets their needs. If the family finds a unit that meets the housing quality standards, the rent is reasonable, and the unit meets other program requirements, SPRHA executes a Housing Assistance Payment contract with the property owner. This contract authorizes the SPRHA to make subsidy payments on behalf of the family.

For additional information or to set an appointment to complete an application, please contact your local SPCAA Community Center. Bailey County SPCAA Center Contact Person: Janie Posadas, 804 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, or call (806)272-7537, from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**The Pipeline Group to host program Sept. 21**

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education - Contractor Awareness Program" will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Bailey County Coliseum. The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities. A free dinner will be catered by Kim's Ribs for all persons involved in excavation related activities in Bailey, Castro, Lamb, and Parmer counties.

Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems, and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities. The Texas law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will be discussed. For more information call (800)982-8752 or visit the web site at www.pipelinegroup.com.

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## All is not fair in the world of animation

It's sad. There's no other word for it. For decades, to be shunted to the edge of the cartoon universe, the animated pet of a talking mouse, and now this.

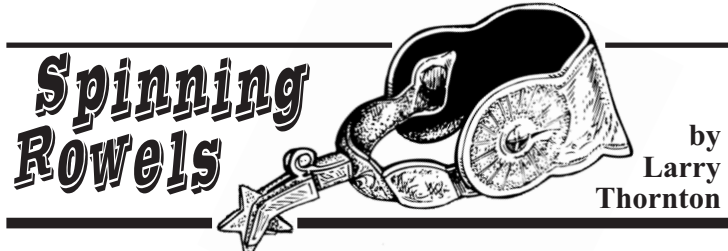
It's sad. I've always been a little puzzled about Pluto. I'm mean, Donald talks, Mickey talks, and so does Minnie and Goofy, but poor Pluto... well, you know how it is.

Little Orphan Annie has Sandy, the Bumsteeds have Daisy and Charlie Brown has Snoopy. Each a properly animated human being, with a perfectly normal animated pet in a normal animated relationship.

...Well, yes, Snoopy sleeps on top of his doghouse and walks around on his back legs, but we'll give him the benefit of the doubt as to how normal he is.

It must be particularly demeaning for cartoon critters such as Pluto, relegated to the edges of cartoon society... too dumb to talk, and lacking the ability to walk upright, like his canine cousin Goofy.

And as for the clothing



issue? How would you like it if everyone around you is dressed in the trendiest cartoon clothing, but your only attire is a dog collar? I tell you, it's not only indecent, it is discrimination of the worst kind.

Your two-year-old escapes the yard and goes running down the sidewalk without even a diaper... what does it matter, it's poor Pluto's daily dress.

How can we hope to successfully battle discrimination in our streets and halls of learning if such blatant segregation fills our halls of animation?

And now the lowest blow of all... to have the stellar body that bears your name downgraded from status as a planet to that of a mere "dwarf planet." If you hadn't heard, an international society of astronomers did just that recently, trashing at least one elementary science report of mine and

a large number of styrofoam mobiles in the process.

I can hear Snow White's seven companions getting stirred up about this one. Downgrading a planet to a "dwarf planet?" Does this mean Sleepy, Grumpy, Bashful and their comrades are in the same second-class boat as Pluto? Oh, friends, there is definitely trouble brewing in cartoonland.

\*By the way, each of the above-mentioned cartoon characters are the copywritten property of Disney, Dean Young, Charles Shultz, etc., except once again, poor Pluto.

While Disney may have a copyright or trademark filed on his image, the name was first attached to the "dwarf planet" on what was then believed to be the edges of our solar system in about 1930, and was used before that time in Roman mythology.

## MISD school board... Continued from page 1

superintendent's comments. "I'm glad we're doing what we're doing tonight," he said.

Stephen Faulk of MWM Architects reiterated several things he noted in his initial speech to the school board and local citizens prior to the firm being hired for the master plan update, adding, "This will be a neat project. There will be some ups and downs, but it's going to be a neat project."

Faulk said he was looking forward to the day when the students at Dillman Elementary brought their parents to school to show them their classroom. "...It will be neat," he said.

On a related issue, the school board approved construction manager at risk as the school district's delivery construction delivery method for the upcoming project.

"I feel very comfortable

with it," board member Cindy Purdy said prior to making her motion regarding the selection.

Concerning "construction manager at risk," Faulk said, "I really think it's the way to get the best value from your dollar."

In other business, the school board:

- Were informed that work has begun on the survey required for the construction projects at Dillman Elementary and Watson Junior High. The superintendent explained that the firm hired by the district to perform the service had been delayed due to rain in Amarillo, where it was completing another project.
- Approved the minutes from previous meetings.
- Approved a vehicle use policy for school district employees.
- Conducted the first

reading of Update 78 in the school district's policy. "This is the first rattle out of the box from House Bill 1," the superintendent said, referring to the changes in policy required by state laws passed earlier in the year.

• Discussed the school district's enrollment, noting that 1509 students are currently enrolled.

### Blood drive set for Sept. 11

The Lazbuddie Community is holding a blood drive on Monday, Sept. 11, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Lazbuddie Methodist Church, Hwy. 1172.

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9:00 AM Local businesses open, special sales & events throughout the day!

9:00 AM-9:00 PM Carolyn's Christmas Creations "Denim & Diamonds Bingo" in conjunction with Mule Patty Bingo! For every \$10 spent at Carolyn's Sept. 9, pick a spot on Carolyn's bingo board, whatever numbers win in Mule Patty Bingo also win at Carolyn's! 1st place - Ladies topaz and diamond ring; 2nd place - Men's gold nugget/diamond ring; 3rd place - Denim jacket or purse. — 106 E. American Blvd.

9:00-8:00 PM All Western decor on sale at Carolyn's for Mule Days!

9:00-5:30 PM Chamber gift store open, 115 E. American Blvd.

9:00 AM Mule Patty Bingo tickets available at the chamber office or from any board member - \$10 per ticket (1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes awarded)

9:00 AM Sign-up for Mule Putt Miniature Golf Tournament & Muleshoe Pitching Contest, sponsored by the Jennyslippers (Contacts: Kem Bales, Lynn Moore, Dianne Thornton or Anna Bales or email annadoug@fivearea.com)

10:00 AM HeadStart Book Walk at Mule Putt & later at Carolyn's. Other children's activities sponsored by HeadStart throughout the day!

10:00 AM Muleshoe Pitching Tournament and Mule Putt Miniature Golf Tournament begin - Mule Putt miniature golf course

11:30-2:00 PM Onieta Wagnon Senior Citizens Center open, 319 S. Main - come by for some refreshments!

11:30-2:00 PM Beans & cornbread lunch at Onieta Wagnon Senior Center, followed by a square dance exhibition, hand-cranked ice cream, quilting presentation, other fun pioneer activities throughout the day

Noon Hot dog dinner at Mule Putt, sponsored by the Jennyslippers.

1:00 PM Guided Heritage Center tours, 2400 block of West American Blvd.

4:00 PM Parade line-up, Boy Scout grounds on South Main Street

5:00 PM Mule Days Parade - "A Legend Returns"

5:30 PM Hamburger cookout on the chamber deck benefiting Muleshoe Meals On Wheels - tickets available now at Carolyn's, Connection Warehouse and Williams General Store. Please support this worthy cause!

5:30-7:30 PM Local entertainment - chamber deck gazebo

5:30-8:00 PM Dunking booth & inflatable jumper - Carolyn's parking lot

6:00 PM Stick horse races on Carolyn's parking lot

6:00-8:00 PM Dedication of the Figure 4 Ranch House, Heritage Center. Also, tractor-made ice cream and SCAC presentation.

6:00-8:00 PM Mule Patty Bingo - chamber parking lot

7:00-11:00 PM Mule Putt open to the public

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# BAILEY COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

# Obituaries

## Geneva Lewis

A church service for Geneva Lee Lewis, 97, of Morton was held on Saturday, Aug. 26, at the First Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Baldree of officiating.

Burial followed in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Lewis died on Aug. 24, in her home. She was born on Dec. 18, 1908, in Lead Hill, Ark., and married Roy Lewis in Harrison, Ark., on April 30, 1927.

Lewis had lived in Morton since 1942, moving from

Oklahoma Flat. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Lead Hill, Ark., and worked as a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by two sons — Robert and Raymond Lewis, and two sisters.

Survivors include a son and his wife — Freddy and Margaret Lewis of Morton, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the First Missionary Baptist Church of Morton, P.O. Box 981, Morton, TX 79346.

## Guy Austin

A church service for Guy Austin, 83, of Farwell, is scheduled for 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 31, at the First Baptist Church in Farwell with Bro. Kyle Clayton officiating.

Burial will be in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Austin died on Aug. 28, 2006, in the Muleshoe Area Medical Center. He was born on March 1, 1923, in Haskell County, and married Myra Naomi Smith in San Diego, Calif., on June 11, 1943.

She preceded him in death on May 24, 1998. Also preceding him were two sisters and six brothers.

Austin had lived in the Farwell community since 1946, moving from Lubbock.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army. Austin was a farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church in Farwell.

Survivors include son and his wife — Stan and Karen Austin of Farwell; a daughter and her husband — Mikala and Tommy Harbert of Dumas; three sisters — Margaret Watts of



GUY AUSTIN

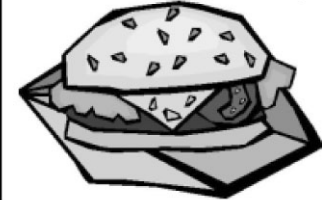
Phoenix, Ariz., Marita Houlette of El Paso and Ema Powell of Houston; four brothers — W.A. and Donis Austin, both of Houston, Partin Austin of Shawnee, Okla., and Donal Austin of Lubbock.

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**We look forward to seeing and serving you! Thanks for your support throughout the year!**

## Larry Murrell, Sr.

A graveside service for Larry Murrell Sr., 93, of the Olton-Springlake Area, was held on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at Springlake Cemetery with the Rev. Glenn Harlin officiating.

Murrell died on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, in Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center. He was born on Oct. 3, 1912, in East Texas, and married Katherine Gambrell in Clovis, N.M., on April 13, 1957. She preceded him in death, Aug. 26, 1995. He was also preceded in death by six brothers and three

sisters.

Murrell was a member of the First Baptist Church of Springlake.

Survivors include his sons — Larry Murrell Jr. of Kress, Jerry Murrell, Greg Murrell and Mike Murrell; a step-son — Billy Garner of Borger; a daughter — Claudia Price of Wichita Falls; two step-daughters — Dorothy Williamson of Bridgeport and Shirley Camper of Springlake; 17 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

# Lamplight By Larry Thornton

## Take a journey past the stars

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

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

What an amazing voyage they must have had.

In Luke, chapter 23, the Bible tells of a journey taken by three other men that has also drawn the attention of people around the world. Men who weren't astronauts, but are still remembered for the things they did and said when their feet weren't touching the earth.

In these scriptures, the Bible tells us that our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Son of God was crucified for our sins. And it tells us that at his side were two criminals... dregs of society who had reached their own individual crosses through their own merits.

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

The Bible tells us more about Jesus. He was born of Mary, through the action of the Holy Spirit. He preached, healed, fed the hungry, comforted the mourning, raised people

from the dead and loved people.

He called disciples to him, chastised the irreverent and brought hope and eternal life to all who believed.

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

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

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

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

We don't know why the first thief was bitter. Modern sociologists would probably blame it on his upbringing or his home. But how he got there doesn't matter. What does is that he turned down the only route out of his bitterness and death.

The second thief arrived at death with justice and vision. This man recognized justice. He knew he was guilty, and recognized the man hanging at his side was guilty of nothing.

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

What we do know, is that he was open to the work of the Holy Spirit. He recognized something in Jesus the chief priests and Pilate didn't, and because of that he asked Jesus to remember him when Christ came into his kingdom.

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

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

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

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

What he didn't understand was that "in paradise" aren't the key words about this robber's eternal fate. The key words to remember are "with me." He was going to be with the Lord for all eternity.

Can you imagine a more peaceful end to a journey?

# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## BAILEY COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

to be held in the  
BAILEY COUNTY COLISEUM  
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# TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

Registration	6:00 P.M.
Special Entertainment	6:00 P.M.
Free Meal (Bar-B-Q, Chicken and Fish)	6:00 P.M.
Short Business Meeting/Door Prizes	7:00 P.M.

Muleshoe EMS will be giving a free health screening. This will include blood pressure, pulse and oxygen levels.

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The City of Muleshoe will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 5, 2006, at 5:15 p.m. in the City of Muleshoe Council Chambers, 215 S. First, Muleshoe, TX for the 2006-2007 Budget.

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Dr. Kumar performed his residency in internal medicine at State University of New York and completed fellowship training in diabetes, endocrinology and metabolism at State University of New York at Buffalo. He is a member of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, the Endocrine Society and the American College of Physicians.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Kumar, please ask your primary care physician for a referral or call 769-7577. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. On-site lab and radiology services are available.



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# Muleshoe to field a 'whole new team'

By Delton Wilhite  
Sports writer

The Mules have been preparing three weeks for Friday night's confrontation with the Portales Rams. Mule coach David Wood describes the Mule's as a "whole new team."

The Mules have one returning starter playing the same position as last season.

The ability to adjust to the players available each season is a measure of a good coach at any level of sports. Coach Wood and his staff have shown that ability time and again. This season is no different as the Mules have installed a whole new offense.

"The kids have really bought into our new offense and are having fun," said Wood. "In our two



Photograph by Norm Brantley

A determined Mule carries the ball during Thursday's scrimmage against Brownfield.

scrimmages we have scored a lot of points and that is always exciting. We had some questions about

our people up front, but they have shown us we had little to be concerned about." "The defense is coming

along well as the kids adjust to their new positions and their reads. We have three sophomores starting for us on defense and they are having to grow up fast. The varsity game is faster and things happen quicker," the coach said.

The Rams were New Mexico State Champions last season and are looking to repeat. Graduation always leaves holes in a team's offense and defense and the Ram's ability to plug those holes is still in question.

They lost to Las Vegas in their season opener 14-2 with a pair of questionable calls from the men in stripes. One TD was called back on a penalty and a second was called a fumble after the ball appeared to have been in the end zone.

"We are untested in a game situation," said Wood, "but we are preparing hard for this first game. We have been a little anxious at the beginning of the the two scrimmages but settled in and played our game."

"Portales has a game under their belt and that should give them an edge when the game starts. We will have to settle in quick and not allow them to get a jump on us. The kids and coaches are excited about the game and ready to prove themselves on the field," he added.

The Mules face off with the Rams in the Eastern New Mexico University Greyhound Stadium at 8 p.m. central daylight time (Muleshoe time) on Friday, Sept. 1.

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## Club News

### Girl Scout hut is home to excitement

There's excitement at the Girl Scout Little Hut at 815 W. Second as the troops begin their new year of girl scouting, earning badges, patches, and having many fun learning experiences while making new friends.

They also learn values, consideration and honesty and how to develop to their full potential.

Nelda Merriott is the service unit chairman and Carrie Morris serves as her assistant.

All troops meet at the Girl Scout building. The phone number there is 272-5210. Girls can register and join at any time. The fee is \$10 annually. Financial aid is also available.

The troops are as follows:  
 • Daisys... ages 5-6  
 • Brownies... ages 6-8  
 • Juniors... ages 8-11,  
 • Studio 2-B... ages 11-17 (Cadettes and Seniors)

The Daisy leaders are Carrie Morris and her assistant, Crystal Casto.

Their meeting date is every Monday, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

The Brownie leaders are Phyllis Carrion and her assistant, Joanna Garcia.

Their meeting date is every Friday 4:30 - 6 p.m.

The Junior leader is Linda Harp. They meet on Thursdays from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Third-year Brownies meet with the Junior troop.

There is room for more leaders and troops. The

building has excellent heating and cooling and the kitchen is newly remodeled by the Jennyslippers.

Activities can take place in the big back yard also and a new fence will soon be erected.

We invite girls to come to any of the above meetings and join your group. Ladies are invited to help with existing troops or start a new troop. Call Nelda Merriott at 272-4071.

On Monday evening, Aug. 28, the Service Unit meeting was held at the Girl Scout Little Hut at 6 p.m.

A pot-luck dinner was enjoyed by the troop leaders and Veronica Estrada of Lubbock.

## Engagement

### Bell, Ruthardt announce engagement

Bruce and Patty Hartline of Muleshoe and Joe and Brenda Ruthardt of Levelland are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Aubrey Miles Ruthardt, to Destiny Lanea Bell.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Steven and Anita Bird of Haskell and the late Aaron Bell.

The prospective groom is a 2001 graduate of Muleshoe High School, and is attending Texas Tech University.

The prospective bride is a 2001 graduate of Hamlin High School, and a 2004 graduate of Lubbock Christian University with a BS in Social Work.

She is currently employed



AUBREY RUTHARDT AND DESTINY BELL

by the Social Security Administration in Lubbock. A private ceremony will be held on Oct. 14 at the Reese Conference Center in Lubbock.

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We join with the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture in making Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, a roaring success!

**Events scheduled for the Heritage Center:**

- 1:00 PM — Guided tours of historic structures begin
- 6:00 PM — Dedication and Grand Opening of the Figure 4 Ranch House. This is a must see as the house has been completely redone and decorated in the period of the house under the supervision of Sammie Simpson. (Out of town family members will be on hand for interviews.)
- 7:00 PM — Tractor-made ice cream \$1.00, free cake, cookies, lemonade & coffee.

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# Mule Moments

By Jessica Thornton

"Touchdown Muleshoe!" Hearing that phrase so commonly used can only mean one thing for Muleshoe, football season is finally here.

I have been waiting for months for the season to start and as the old saying goes "good things come to those who wait."

I love football and being down on the track getting to see the action firsthand and up close, makes it all the more exciting for me.

This season's schedule is very interesting, as are some of the teams we are facing, but I know Coach Wood will have the Mules ready to face them by Friday night.

Last year they did a great job making it to the playoffs, but I know they want to go farther this year and I know they can do it.

It doesn't matter where we play. I like home games the best because we aren't traveling and getting home at 2-2:30 a.m., which is what usually happens when traveling to Amarillo and I believe there will be a trip up there this season.

I don't mind the away games, partly because I am a night person and like staying up late, but that is always a disadvantage because my parents think that they need to get my brother and I up at the crack of dawn, not literally, but it is early.

What makes the trip back home even cooler is when there is hardly anyone on the bus and it is all quiet, which I know will happen this year.

Last year, the flags shared a bus with the cheerleaders and after every away game, the cheerleaders wouldn't ride back with us, so there would be like six or seven students on this big bus with a lot of space to spread out.

I would sleep on the way back, and would be wide awake when I got home, which meant that I go back to sleep, oh well.

I have known for quite some time what I would write about this week and as you can see it is big event happening Friday night and even though as I am typing this it is only Monday.

I still can't wait until Friday to come, because you can't go to high school and not like or love football. I mean you can, but then there has to be

something completely wrong with you, I think?

Because I still haven't fully seen all of what Texas football has to offer, this year will hopefully be more exciting than last year and way more memorable.

So as a current senior at MHS, I am encouraging the community of Muleshoe to come out and support the football team, cheerleaders, flags, and band on Friday nights and don't forget the season opens this Friday at Portales.

Go Mules!

# School News



## Students of the Week

The Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of Aug. 28 are, from left to right: Front row — Sarah Whitworth, Isaque Olivares and Brianna Long; back row — Devon Cantrell, Mindy Hamilton and Sergio Montejano.

# FYI

If your college student is graduating or has made the Dean's or President's List, in order for that information to appear in the *Muleshoe Journal*, we must receive notice from the respective educational institution. Your son or daughter must sign a release so the information can be sent to us. Have them visit their bursar's office to sign a form indicating they wish to share their good news! Once permission to share information has been granted, the college or university should send the info via email to: editor@fivearea.com.

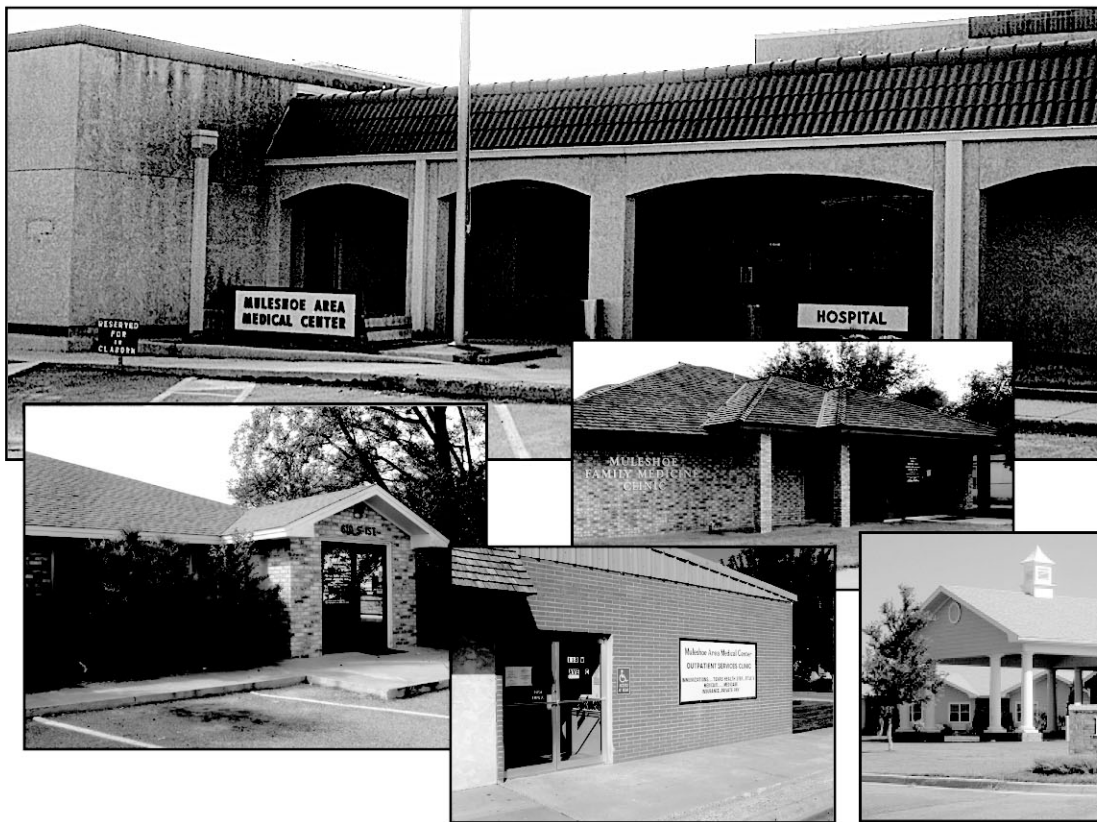
"A man is the sum of his actions, of what he has done, of what he can do. Nothing else."

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Area of coverage - Muleshoe Area Hospital District covers Bailey County and part of Parmer County. We provide services to all the surrounding areas. Starting with severe colds at our clinics to exploratory scopes and swing beds at our hospital, our long term goal is to provide the needed services that will accommodate the community we represent.

Number of personnel - Our hospital district employs approximately 200 full and part-time employees. We also receive tremendous support through our Hospital Auxiliary with their current President Ms. Julie Cage.

Goals or Projects - We have reopened the kitchen at Muleshoe Area Medical Center so that we may better serve our patients. We will be introducing a new physician to our district, Dr. Francis Lansang who is scheduled to open his practice in Oct. 1. Dr. Lansang is fluent in Spanish and will also be accepting appointments. We are very delighted and highly enthusiastic about Dr. Lansang's presence in our community.

**Bailey County EMS** - Chris Thompson, Lawrence Geisbrecht, Jannah Carson, Kim Cook and Bryan Morris.

Function - Bailey County EMS provides pre-hospital treatment and transport for the city of Muleshoe and surrounding communities. This service is provided around the clock.

Area of Coverage - Bailey County, northwestern Lamb County and southern Parmer County. Number of personnel - 3 full-time, 4 contract paramedics, and 6 volunteers. Goals or projects - The Bailey County EMS organization sponsors an annual golf tournament and a Pheasant Hunt breakfast. We also provide EMS coverage for local sporting events, among other events.

**Dr. Robert Lepard, DDS, PA** - Function - To provide to this community general dentistry, cosmetic & lazer dentistry, interceptive orthodontics for children. Area of coverage - We have patients as far north as Pampa, south as Denver City, east as Abilene and west as Clovis/Portales. Number of personnel - 9. Goals and projects - Our goal is to provide our patients with the highest quality dentistry possible. This is best accomplished by acquiring state of the art technology such as a CO<sub>2</sub> laser, digital radiography and zoom bleaching. Also, attending hours of continuing education on a regular basis.

**Dr. Tom K. Bonds, DDA, PA** - Tom K. Bonds, DDS, PA, Annette Bonds, Terry Marricle, Erica Garza and Angela Morris.

Function - General dentistry, orthodontics and Invisalign. Area of coverage - Muleshoe and surrounding communities in Texas and New Mexico. Number of personnel - 6. Goals or projects - We are excited to introduce Invisalign Orthodontics to our office.

**Other Medical entities in Muleshoe** - Western Drug, 1411 W. American Blvd., pharmacy; United Pharmacy, 104 W. 9th, pharmacy; Support Medical Co., 202 S. Main, medical/home health supplies; Regence Health Network, 208 W. 2nd Street, medical clinic; Interim Home Health, 110 E. Ave. C, home health agency - Kay Gray, Miranda Wilhite, Deena Hamilton, Annette Orozco, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Olivia Barrera, Twila Rutter, GM, and Arlene Brozek, physical therapist; NursCare, 224 W. 2nd Street, home health agency; Partain Chiropractic, 804 W. American Blvd., Ste. B, chiropractic care.

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KFC at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe will be starting back up on Sept. 6, from 3:30 – 5 p.m. This is an after school program for students ranging from Kindergarten through fifth grade. "We have snacks, stories, crafts, Bible memory, games and fun as we learn more about God's word and write it on our hearts," Mary Lou Leavell said. Registration forms may be picked up at the church office.

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 Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with the last names of these well-known inventors:  
 1. Marie \_\_\_\_\_, born in Poland in 1867, was the first woman to receive a Nobel Prize. Her work helped us understand radioactivity and the effects of x-rays.  
 2. Blaise \_\_\_\_\_ was born in France in 1623. A mathematician, at the age of 18 he built a mechanical calculator.  
 3. George Washington \_\_\_\_\_ was born in Missouri in 1864. An agricultural chemist, he developed over 300 uses for peanuts and many ideas for sweet potatoes and pecans.  
 4. Ben \_\_\_\_\_ experimented and invented many things, including the lightning rod. It is said that he flew a kite with a key on its string to prove that lightning is electricity.  
 5. Kirkpatrick \_\_\_\_\_ is often credited with inventing the rear-wheel driven bicycle (1842). It was the first pedal bike and helped lead to safer bicycles.  
 6. James \_\_\_\_\_ built a refrigeration machine. He equipped a ship bound for London with a freezing mixture for beef and mutton. The chemical tanks leaked and the meat was ruined. He lost all of his money, but his idea helped Australia export its meat products.  
 7. Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ developed over 1,000 inventions. He is most famous for the lightbulb and the record player.  
 8. Brothers Orville and Wilbur \_\_\_\_\_ of Dayton, Ohio, owned a bicycle shop and experimented with flying machines. They changed the world with their Dec. 1903 flight in Kitty Hawk, NC.  
 9. Leonardo \_\_\_\_\_, who painted the *Mona Lisa* and *The Last Supper*, was talented at sculpting, engineering and inventing. He had ideas for a helicopter, a parachute and a diving suit.  
 10. Louis \_\_\_\_\_, blinded in an accident at three years old, created a system of raised dots that people could feel with their fingers to read.  
 11. Carlos \_\_\_\_\_, of Cuba, found out that when mosquitoes first bit people sick with yellow fever, then bit a healthy person, the mosquito would give the healthy person the disease.  
 12. Alexander Graham \_\_\_\_\_, whose mother and wife were deaf, is famous for creating the telephone and working on other inventions that help people communicate.  
  
 The lightbulb is so important to people that we even use a picture of a lightbulb to show a thought is a "great idea."  
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 1. Samuel Born invented a machine that inserted the sticks into  
 2. Rose Totino invented a dough product for frozen  
 3. Pedro Flores mass produced a toy on a string called a  
 4. Robert Patch, at 6 years old, designed a toy  
 5. Ralph Baer invented the first home video game console and  
 6. George Ferris designed this giant fun ride called the Ferris  
 7. Frank Epperson, who at age 11 found a fruit soda and stirring stick he left outside frozen, invented the  
 8. Allan Ollie Gelfand developed the "Ollie," a leap into the air on a  
 9. Ruth Wakefield put chocolate bits into her cookie dough, creating  
 10. Curt Jones invented a snack by flash freezing beads of  
 Find and circle these words in the puzzle:  
 A. yo-yo  
 B. pizza  
 C. wheel  
 D. game  
 E. truck  
 F. chocolate chip cookies  
 G. Popsicle  
 H. lollipops  
 I. ice cream  
 J. skateboard

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 Show and share your first model with others.   
 Think of a way to fix the problem.   
 Finish your invention and have fun using it!   
 Create a model of your idea.  3  
 Notice a problem.  1  
 Listen to what others tell you. Make your invention better.



# Weddings

## Belew, Burch exchange wedding vows

Breanna Lyn Belew and Keith Martin Burch were married on July 15, 2006, at Saint Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland. The Rev. Richard Edwards officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of David and Janie Belew of Midland. She is the granddaughter of Elizabeth Mitchell of Van Horn and the late Ross Mitchell and Alice Belew Meyers of Odessa.

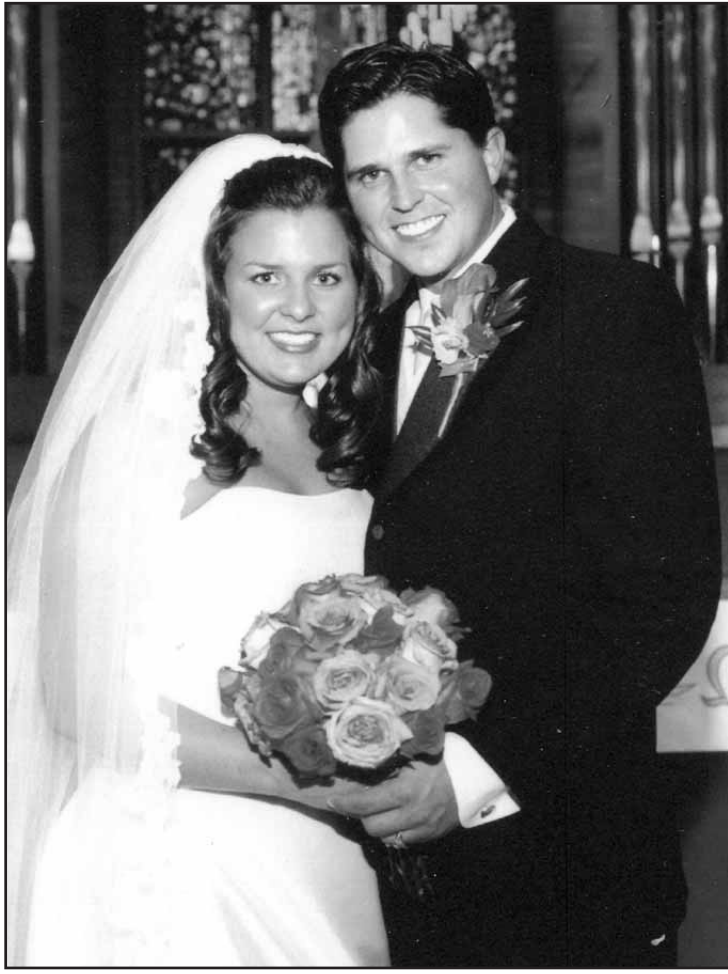
The groom is the son of Vickie and Kirby Burch of Lazbuddie. He is the grandson of Hazel Burch and the late Fred Burch and Lillian Street and M.C. Street of Muleshoe.

Angela Foster Meadows served as the matron-of-honor. The bride was attended by Lauren Lakatta, Ashley Latimer, Kelli Smith Brooks, Laurie Adams Belew and Sarah Bienek.

Catherine Belew served as flower girl.

The honorable attendants included sister of the groom, Jessica Burch Partin and Tricia Phillips.

Don Burch served as the



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best man. The groom was attended by Russ Hodges, Travis Barber, Jeff Miller, Wade Loafman and John Paul Belew.

Zack Belew, Dan Partin, Leland Foster and Byron

Wardlaw served as the ushers.

Michael and Alex Belew served as bell ringers.

Brenna graduated in 2006 from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science in chemical engineering and a bachelor of business administration in general business.

The groom graduated in 2001 from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science in agronomy and is currently completing his master of science in crop science.

Following a honeymoon to the Kona Village Resort in Hawaii, the couple will reside in Lazbuddie.

## State foster, adoption information meeting to be held on Sept. 7

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services invites all persons interested in fostering or adopting to attend an information meeting on Sept. 7, at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held at City Bank, 600 College Avenue, in Levelland.

Participants will learn the

process of fostering and adopting children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect.

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# Weddings

## Sheets, Myrick exchange wedding vows

Hollie Ann Sheets and Jay Myrick, both of Lubbock, were united in matrimony on July 29, 2006, at Broadway Church of Christ Chapel, in Lubbock.

Gary Vaughn officiated the wedding ceremony in which Lindi Miller of Lubbock served as maid of honor and Paul Perez, also of Lubbock, served as best man.

The bride's parents are Gene and Melody Sheets of Muleshoe. The groom's parents are John and Kathy Myrick of Abilene.

Allison Bowden of Midland was the bridesmaid, and Alexis Myrick served as flower girl.

Groomsman for the wedding was Dustin Gay of Lubbock. Ushers were Brandon Sheets and Layne Sheets.

The bride wore a strapless A-line gown of satin with beaded embroidery across the bodice, waist and hem. She also wore a white fingertip veil with satin trim and a tiara.

Following the wedding

tradition, the bride carried pennies minted in the year of the couple's birth (something old), her wedding dress (something new), and a blue garter (something borrowed and blue).

The groom was attired in a black three-button embassy tuxedo with a silver Windsor tie and vest.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Broadway Church of Christ's Garden Room.

The couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico. Upon their return, it is their plan to reside in Lubbock, where the bride is an elementary teacher with Lubbock ISD. The groom is employed with Rain Associates at Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport.

The bride holds a bachelor of science degree from Lubbock Christian University.

The groom holds a bachelor of business administration in computer information systems degree, also from Lubbock Christian University.



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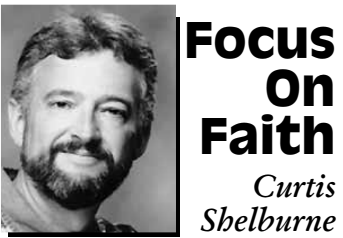
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Ungrace says, "What you produce is not good enough."



Grace says, "What God has produced is beautiful and you will be amazed at how beautiful it will yet become."

Ungrace says, "You must keep working to earn God's love." Grace says, "You already have God's love now, completely, and forever."

Ungrace says, "Look how bad you are!" Grace says, "Look how good is the God who loves you now, completely, and forever."

Ungrace says, "You don't measure up," and it frowns. Grace says, "Through Christ, you do. You absolutely do," and it smiles.

Ungrace measures. Grace exults.

Ungrace says, "You can never afford the luxury of real peace and contentment and serenity." Grace says, "Yours is peace beyond comprehension, worth more than gold."

Ungrace says, "You must always keep working to be sure

you've done enough—and, by the way, you can never know." Grace says, "Christ has done enough, far more than enough, and you are Christ's. Live in him, with peace and joy, and be amazed at the bounty of good works he does in your life."

Ungrace says, "Work harder to be saved." Grace says, "Work joyfully because you already are saved."

Ungrace groans. Grace laughs.

Ungrace says, "Look at yourself! You're worthless!" Grace says, "Look at God who knows you completely and says, 'You're priceless, worth the gift of my Son!'"

Ungrace says, "Let's make some rules for some slaves, pretend we keep the rules, and worship what we call our religion." Grace says, "Let's bow gratefully before the God who has made us sons, freed us from subservience to law, and saved us to obey only the Law of Love."

Ungrace says, "Grovel, slaves, before the stern Taskmaster who can't wait to damn you when you foul up." Grace says, "Dance, children, before the God who is your Father, whose Joy fills and empowers your every step and whose love covers and redeems your every misstep."

Ungrace looks at those who glory in God's grace and warns, "You'll be sorry! Even God can't forgive somebody like you!" Grace looks at God and sings his praises, "Worthy, worthy, worthy! Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!" even as ungrace's whiny voice is forever obliterated and God's people from all ages raise their voices in the everlasting and joyful praise of the God of all grace.

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Past Jennyslipper presidents — Donna Kirk, holding her granddaughter, Peggie Bruton, Nelda Merriott, Thursie Reid, Brenda Tapley and Ruby Green. Not pictured, Elaine Parker.

## Jennyslippers celebrate 25 years of service

The silver anniversary of the Jennyslippers was held at the Mule-Putt Golf Course on Saturday, Aug. 26.

Jennyslipper president Elaine Parker welcomed the gathered crowd and began the program by inviting the Boy Scout Troop 620 to post the colors and lead the pledge of allegiance. Troop master Richard Hawkins accompanied the group.

The Brownie Girl Scouts Troop 815 assisted by serving lemonade and cookies to the assembled crowd. Troop leader Phyllis Carrion accompanied the Scouts.

After thanking the Scouts, Parker, turned the program over to vice president Dianne Thornton, who thanked city and county representatives and also the community for their support of the Jennyslippers, a non-profit organization, and also expressed appreciation to the local news media for coverage.

Thornton requested all past presidents to come forward and be introduced. They included, Nelda Merriott, Donna Kirk, Ruby Green, Thursie Reid, Peggie Bruton, Brenda Tapley and Elaine Parker, who is now serving her second term as president. They received a round of applause.

Martha Hunnicutt, manager of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, was commended for the excellent job she is doing for the community, including the upcoming Mule Days celebration.

Martha was named an "Honorary Jennyslipper" and given a name badge.

Nelda Merriott, the Jennyslippers first president, introduced Glenda Jennings and her three puppets, Billy Bob, Sunshine and Geraldine.

The audience was captivated by these talented singing individuals.

Merriott also gave a history of the Jennyslippers.

The organizational meeting was held on Sept. 29, 1981 with 25 charter members attending.

At the silver anniversary celebration, the charter members present were Nelda Merriott, Lucy Mardis,

Joyeline Costen and Thursie Reid.

Merriott recalled that the eager group could not wait until officers were elected, for an event and staged a "Back to School Decorated Bicycle Parade," for all kids on Sept. 12 of that year.

More than 70 children decorated their bikes and themselves and the parade continued to the city park where a watermelon feast was held for the participants, parents and friends.

Present activities of the Jennyslippers include their annual installation banquet, building a float for every parade, hosting the "Toast to Texas" each year in the courthouse with fourth grade students as special guests.

The group hosts a rest-stop for the Tour de Muleshoe each year, they've hosted People Understanding Severely Handicapped for 17 years.

PUSH is composed of young men who ride bicycles across the United States raising money and awareness for the handicapped.

The Jennyslippers also have a brisket food booth at the Christmas Bazaar each year, and have operated the Jennyslipper Mule-Putt Golf course for seven years, from May until in September each year.

The Jennyslippers plan a full day for Mule Days on Saturday, Sept. 9, starting with a pancake breakfast at 7 a.m. at the Mule-Putt Golf Course.

Tournaments begin at 10 a.m., a hot dog lunch at noon, and will be open for public golfing from 7-11 p.m.

This year, the United U-Group helped paint the concrete walkways around the 18 "putting greens" giving the course a bright new look for parties, reunions and numerous other events, including their regular hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7 p.m.

Brenda Tapley, the Jennyslipper treasurer, displayed check replicas indicating the various things to which the Jennyslippers give support including: The Prescription Fund, MOST, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, an annual

scholarship to a Muleshoe graduate, Meals on Wheels, the Christmas Card Project, and others.

A special donation of \$1,200 was given to Park View toward purchase of the new van.

Presley Newton and Rafael Quesada provided fiddle and guitar music which was a special treat to the crowd, but the rain and cut their performance short.

All gathered under the roof to enjoy hot dogs, chips and drinks.

The Jennyslippers appreciate their supporters and all who gathered for the event and invite all area women to join Jennyslippers and join the fun.

It was decided that since rain prevented the 25 cent golf games, these would be available Saturday, Sept. 2, from 7-11 p.m., weather permitting.

## Sudan to spray

The City of Sudan will be spraying for mosquitos on Friday evening, Sept. 1, weather permitting, according to municipal officials.

Should unfavorable weather conditions warrant, the spraying will be postponed until the morning of Sept. 2.

## GED classes to start soon

Muleshoe's WorkSource Ged Lab is now enrolling for the fall session. Classes available are:

- GED- ESL- College prep- improve basic skills
- Learn to speak English

Instruction is provided by the Region 17 Adult Education Service Center, at 203 Main, Muleshoe

The service center is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Contact Sharon Grant at 272-7540 or 272-5766 for additional information.

## From God's Holy Word

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."  
— John 1:14

# Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The County of Bailey conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the

## County of Bailey

from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.15 percent on

August 24, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. and

August 28, 2006 at 10:00 A.M.

The Bailey County Commissioners Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 11, 2006, 10:00 A.M.

at Bailey County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom  
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Muleshoe, Texas  
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## Muleshoe Class of 1966 reunion set

Plans have been finalized for the 40th anniversary of the Muleshoe Class of 1966 on Sept. 29. Members of the class are asked to contact Dianne Brown at [dbrown@fivearea.com](mailto:dbrown@fivearea.com) with information concerning class members, or go to [www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com) to provide additional information.

The Bailey County Colliseum is reserved from 3-7 p.m. Teachers, coaches, other classes, and the public are invited to visit from 3-5 p.m. The buffet dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. RSVP by Sept. 20 to Dianne by email, [www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com), or Dianne's address at 1670 CR BB, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-925-6713.

# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

A total of 115 enjoyed the good meal and birthday party at the center on Friday.

W.T. and Pat Watson provided the entertainment with their beautiful music. W.T. played a special song just for himself, since his birthday was honored too. We are truly blessed to have the Watsons in our community.

Our thanks go to the cooks Joe, Phylis and Sherlon for the good food.

Tuesday, Sept. 5, the art class with Mildred Williams and Nelda Merriott will be meeting at the center. We are pleased for them to come and enjoy the center.

We will participate in Mule Days on Saturday, Sept. 9. The center will open at 10 a.m. A bean and cornbread, cobbler and ice cream lunch will be available to the public for a donation of \$5, beginning at 11:30 a.m. and serving until 2

p.m.

The Square Dancers will be performing during this time. We hope to have hand-cranked ice cream freezers to make the ice cream. So if you have one or know of someone that has one please let us know.

All the senior citizens are asked to wear pioneer clothes for that day. We hope to have a great fun day.

The ballots for the election are available for you to come by the center and vote for three places on the board of directors.

The bylaws for the center states in article IV; participants in this corporation will include all persons who are age 60 or older and live in the Muleshoe trade area and who attend six or more functions annually during normal opening hours at the center.

Participants will be allowed to vote in all annual or special called meetings. Any public

notice of such meetings will be given in accordance with the law. Voting will continue through Sept. 15.

We will be open on Monday, Labor Day, Sept. 4, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., our regular hours. So plan to come in and enjoy the dominoes and meal.

Menu for Sept. 4-8:

Monday, Sept. 4 — Liver and onions, or brisket, scalloped potatoes, spinach, salad, roll and berry cobbler.

Tuesday, Sept. 5 — Beef roast, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, roll and cherry cobbler.

Wednesday, Sept. 6 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and baked apples.

Thursday, Sept. 7 — Lasagna, Italian vegetables, tossed salad, garlic bread and banana pudding.

Friday, Sept. 8 — Fried fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, tator tots, hush puppies, coleslaw and fruit salad.

# Dove season is on the horizon

By Jason Brooks  
State Wildlife Biologist

Many of us count down the days to that first weekend in September that marks "opening weekend."

I'm not talking about football season, but rather the first hunting season of fall.

Thousands of Texans take to the field every September to pursue America's most popular and populous game bird, the mourning dove. This year, dove season opens Sept. 1 in the Panhandle and runs through Oct. 31.

Reports from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicate that mourning dove populations have declined in Texas each of the last two years. However surveys are conducted in May, and this biologist has noted good

summer production throughout most of the central Panhandle, which could translate into a good year in the field.

Despite the indication of population declines, Texas still leads the country in dove harvest. Roughly 257,000 hunters harvested over 5.7 million birds last season.

South Carolina was second with 1.4 million birds taken. These numbers were reported by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in their annual mourning dove population report.

Different sources vary on the best way to hunt dove. Some hunt over fields of sunflower or agricultural crops. Others prefer to hunt at water sources such as dirt tanks, water troughs, creeks, or playas. Both

areas can provide successful hunts.

Tree lines provide good cover for hunters to take position. The first and last hours of daylight provide the best times to be afield, as dove move from roosting to feeding and watering sights.

A common question of late is about the appearance of a "new" dove to this portion of the state. Eurasian collared-doves, sometimes called ring-necked doves, have found their way into the Panhandle. Typically they are found near residential areas, but not always.

We do not yet understand the impact that these birds might have on our native species.

Eurasian doves are

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3 BDRM/2 BA, single car garage, double carport home, 902 W. 8th. 1,741 sq. ft. living space, big fenced back yard w/ apple & pecan trees. \$600 deposit/\$600 rent. 806-965-2722, 806-946-9546 or 806-946-9547. 2p88-31

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Mueller 4 stall horse barn, 36x45, 4 miles NW of Muleshoe on Hwy. 84, 1 year old. \$10,000 OBO. 254-413-0221. 4ch8-24

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OLTON — Full time maintenance position available. Apply in person at Runningwater Draw Care Center, 800 W. 13th, Olton, TX. 285-2677. TFNch8-24

Yard maintenance help needed. Experience welding required. Apply in person at Cattleman's Feedlot, Olton, Texas. 1ch8-31

Mechanic needed. Must have experience with light and heavy equipment. Will be responsible for various other duties. Apply in person, Cattleman's Feedlot, Olton, Texas. 1ch8-31

HARVEST HELP NEEDED. The AGP Grain Marketing elevators are in need of harvest help for the fall harvest. We will be needing elevator help at various locations. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must pass a pre-employment physical and drug screen. If interested, please pick up applications at the main office in Bovina or call 806-251-1521 local, or toll free at 866-583-7362. 1ch8-31

Dinner Bell Restaurant in Muleshoe is now taking applications for waitress and cook staff positions. Apply in person at 2103 W. American Blvd. NO PHONE CALLS! 2ch8-31

## STORAGE

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OLTON — LVN position available. Competitive salary and sign-on bonus. Runningwater Draw Care Center, 800 W. 13th, Olton, TX. 285-2677. TFNch8-24

**PEN RIDERS.** Experience required. Employee must provide their own horses and tack. Good benefits, feed and care provided for 3 horses. Top pay for qualified applicants. Send application and references to Cattleman's, P.O. Box 676, Olton, TX 79064 or call (806) 285-2616. 2ch8-24

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NursCare is a locally owned and operated home health care company committed to excellence in providing compassionate, personalized health care. We are opening our fifth West Texas location in Muleshoe and are seeking a Community Liaison/Marketing Representative. The primary responsibility for this position is to provide education to staff in long term care facilities, physician offices, hospitals and allied healthcare professionals along with the entire community of Muleshoe and surrounding towns regarding home health services and eligibility criteria. RN or LVN licensure is a plus. If you are interested in applying for this position, please call Shannon @ 1-800-625-7750 or e-mail your resume to [acarater@txhmg.com](mailto:acarater@txhmg.com). 1ch8-24

**Now hiring a part-time secretarial/office assistant position.** Computer, basic bookkeeping, language and telephone skills all a must. Some ad design involved. Transportation required. **Apply in person at the Muleshoe Journal, 201 W. Ave. C, Muleshoe.** TFNch

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT AMENDMENT OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE-WATER PERMIT NO. WQ0003032000**

APPLICANT AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Minsa Corporation, P.O. Box 484, Muleshoe, Texas 79347-0484, which operates a masa (corn) flour manufacturing plant, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment to Permit No. WQ0003032000 to authorize an increase in the permitted irrigation area from 92 acres to 210.5 acres on property contiguous to the existing land application area. The current permit authorizes the disposal of process wastewater (cooking, steeping, and washing) and boiler blowdown from a milling operation, at a daily average flow not to exceed 300,000 gallons per day via irrigation of 92 acres. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into water in the State. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on February 22, 2006. The facility and land application areas are north and south of the intersection of County Road 1068 and U.S. Highway 84, adjacent to the east side of U.S. Highway 84, approximately 1.8 miles southeast of the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and U.S. Highway 70, and approximately 1.5 miles southeast of the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. The facility and land application sites are located in the drainage area of Black Water Draw which is a tributary of the Double Mountain Fork Brazos River in Segment No. 1241 of the Brazos River Basin. The designated uses for Segment No. 1241 are high aquatic life use and contact recreation. The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft

permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Muleshoe Public Library, 322 West 2nd Street, Muleshoe, Texas. **PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application.** The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. **OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court. **TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name; address, phone; applicant's name and permit**

**number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "[we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.** Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. **MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a spe-

cific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. **All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.** **AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our website at [www.TCEQ.state.tx.us](http://www.TCEQ.state.tx.us). Further information may also be obtained from Minsa Corporation at the address stated above or by calling Jose Luis Rebolledo at (806) 272-5545. Issued: AUG 17, 2006. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal August 31, 2006.*

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Muleshoe Independent School District will accept competitive sealed Proposals for a 12-passenger van. Proposal information and specifications may be obtained by contacting Don Wood, Assistant Superintendent (or Dana Rasco, secretary) at the school administration office, located 514 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe, Texas (806) 272-7400. Proposal deadline will be September 6, 2006. Please mark envelopes in lower left-hand corner "12-Passenger Van Proposal." Muleshoe I.S.D. reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all proposals in the best interest of the district. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal August 24 and 31, 2006.*

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**Commercial** — 1202 W. American Blvd. - Prime location in Muleshoe, off Main thru way. \$90,000.  
**Commercial** — 623 W. American Blvd. Muleshoe, TX 79347 - A thriving business in a progressive rural city. The business currently includes tree and plant sales, landscaping projects of all sizes, yard sprinkler planning and installation, and yard and tree spraying. Also included are approximately 700 growing trees on five acres south of Muleshoe that will be maintained by the current owners for five years. The land does not convey. Great opportunity!  
**Commercial** — 311 W. American Blvd. Muleshoe, TX 79347 - An established business that carries everything for your farm animals needs. Currently, this business carries hay, Hi-Pro feed for large and small animals and a wide variety of animal care essentials. It is located in an area surrounded by feed yards, dairies and farmsteads.  
**Hart** — CR 522 & CR 619 — 661 acres Northwest of Hart, TX in a very good water area. 4 wells. Great Farm! \*see other listings in Farms & Land

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• NICE 3-1-1 carport Home, Cent. A&H, fenced yd., storage area, MORE!! \$40K!!

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• NICE 3-2 Brick Home, corner lot 2034' lv. area, built-ins, wall furnace heat, evap. air, off., util., garage/workshop!! \$59,500!!  
• PRICE REDUCED!! NICE 3-1.5-1 Carport Home, 1380' lv. area, Cent. A&H, remodeled, new paint, carpet, stove, W&D, Thermal windows, metal trim, corner lot!! \$60K!!  
• VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home +2 carport, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 2157' sq. ft. home, built-in hot tub, covered patio, fenced yd, workshop, storage shed, w/air compressor!! REMODELED!! \$150K!!

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• 40' x 75' METAL BLDG. w/office & restroom on 2.91 acre tract at edge of town (Hwy. 84 & 70), domestic well & MORE!! \$85K!!  
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• 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760' Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/paved area!! \$49.5K!!  
• 413' Frontage on S. Hwy. 214, 24' x 50' shop, 24' x 30' office, chainlink fence!! \$21K!!  
• 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheeter/bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!!  
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• CIRCLEBACK - 3 GOOD DRYLAND LABORS (approx. 352 acres), good allotments & yield, 1 labor in grass & has well for stock water!! \$325. per acre.  
• 310 ACRES WITH 265 in CRP and 65 native pasture!! \$295 per acre!!  
• 105 ACRE TRACT - 2-20HP wells, 50 acres under circle sprinkler, stock shed & corrals, good allotments and yields, highway frontage. \$850/acre.  
• LAZBUDDIE AREA — 3-2-2 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, deck, hot tub, cellar, stor. bldgs., on 2 acre tract!! \$95K!! Additional 156 acre farm w/circle sprinkler, 3-20 hp. sub. wells!! \$495 per acre!!  
• CLAY'S CORNER - 320 acres, 2 wells, 2 circle sprinklers, 2 bedroom 2 bath, 2 carport home!!

**RURAL**

• SUDAN-NICE 4-2 Mobile Home on 94' x 140' lot, 1848' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, Mstr. bath has garden tub & separate shower, 1 car detached garage, deck w/hot tub!! \$49.9K!!  
• NICE 3-2-2 Home on 60 acre tract!! Central A&H, built-ins approx. 2575' lv. area, 10 hp, well, workshop, barns, corrals, fenced!! MORE!! \$130,000!!  
• NEEDMORE - Gin Building, office, well on 3.6 acres (Hwy. 214 & FM 298) !! \$13,500!!

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## Commissioners court...

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 whether the energy market still called for the energy farm's construction. According to information available from the U.S. Department of Energy, wind-generated power requires one of the highest initial investments. But it has the advantage of being environmentally friendly.

"Wind energy is very compatible with existing agricultural uses of the property," Hodges said, noting that the wind farm wouldn't affect other property owners in the area. "It doesn't interfere with either ranching or farming." Hodges said the application for the proposed farm in Bailey County was for a maximum of 160 megawatts, but would probably be smaller. The number of turbines constructed would depend upon the size. Each wind turbine would generate from one to about 2.4 megawatts. Although the exact amount wasn't known, Judge Harrison said the construction of each individual wind turbine would have a significant

impact on county revenues. Hodges said one of the problems facing construction of the energy farm is the long waiting period for delivery of wind turbines. He explained that a recent order placed by Babcock & Brown for another facility has a projected delivery date of 2008.

In other business, the court:

- Were addressed briefly by Lamar Hayes of Covenant Health System concerning its proposal to operate Bailey County Emergency Medical Service.

Concerning the proposal, Fred Hagedorn, also of Covenant Health System, said, "Covenant has a lot invested in the region, and is looking to partner in as many ways as possible."

Hayes added that Covenant would prefer to keep the EMS as a county service, but was willing to provide as many resources as possible.

The completed proposal would be presented at an upcoming meeting.



Photograph by Norm Brantley

## Meet the Mules

Muleshoe sports fans had an opportunity to 'Meet the Mules' Tuesday, Aug. 22. Along with the festivities, the fans were introduced to the high school's cheerleaders,

team members and coaching staff. Pictured above, the Mules show their fans where they want to finish this year's football season.

## Wildlife biologist discusses dove hunting season

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 not listed as a game bird. There is no closed season or bag limit on these birds, but it is recommended that plumage remain on the bird until it reaches its final destination in order to verify its identity.

Remember that each hunter is required to carry a valid Texas hunting licenses with a migratory bird stamp and an additional form of identification when dove hunting.

The daily bag limit for doves is 15 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped

doves in the aggregate, to include not more than two whitetips. Hunters may possess twice the daily bag limit (except for opening day). Legal shooting hours are from one half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Those interested in hunting dove on public land can purchase an annual public hunting (APH) permit for \$48. This permit allows the holder access to over 55,000 acres across the state of Texas.

After purchasing the APH permit you will be sent or given a public hunting lands map booklet.

There are eight counties with hunting units in the Panhandle including 16 units in Floyd County alone. Be sure to check the availability of hunt units, which vary on dates and game allowed for harvest. You must also register at each site.

So go clean that shotgun. Pick up your license. Stake out your place to hunt and get in the field. Happy hunting. \* Jason Brooks is a wildlife biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. He can be reached at 684-2678 or via email at jason.brooks@twpd.state.tx.us.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Dr. Kelvin Sharp of South Plains College speaks during Monday's grand opening.

## Grand opening attended by area officials

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 impact of such a training center would have by educating nurses with roots in the Muleshoe area and West Texas.

"The high labor demands within all area of the medical industry continue to challenge our communities," said Jay Messenger of Muleshoe State Bank. Messenger also serves on the WorkSource board of directors.

"The goal of this partnership is to provide our residents with educational opportunities that will ultimately enhance the lives of those who live in our community," he said.

David Brunson, city manager for the City of Muleshoe, told those in attendance that he wasn't surprised that the center had been established with


such speed and determination, as he had come to expect such from the citizens of Muleshoe and the surrounding community.

Ray Mason, CEO of the hospital district and MAMC's administrator, expressed his intent to gloat when hospital administrators in other areas of the state complained about the nursing shortage and the need to train students for health-care professions. "Maybe I'll share and maybe I won't," he said with a smile, referring to the nursing students the center will produce.

At the conclusion of Monday's ceremonies, Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's manager, Martha Hunnicutt, presented the SPC

president with a certificate commemorating the event, and officiated at the cutting of the red ribbon marking the center's opening.

It was noted during the ceremony that the first class was scheduled to be held in the center later in the day.



**Muleshoe's Newest "Sooner" Fan!**  
**STORMIE LEE PHILLIPS**

**Miss Stormie Lee was born at 3:57 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2006, at Covenant Lakeside-Lubbock to Stephen and Charlene Phillips of Muleshoe, Texas.**  
**Stormie weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. and was 20-1/2 inches in length at birth.**  
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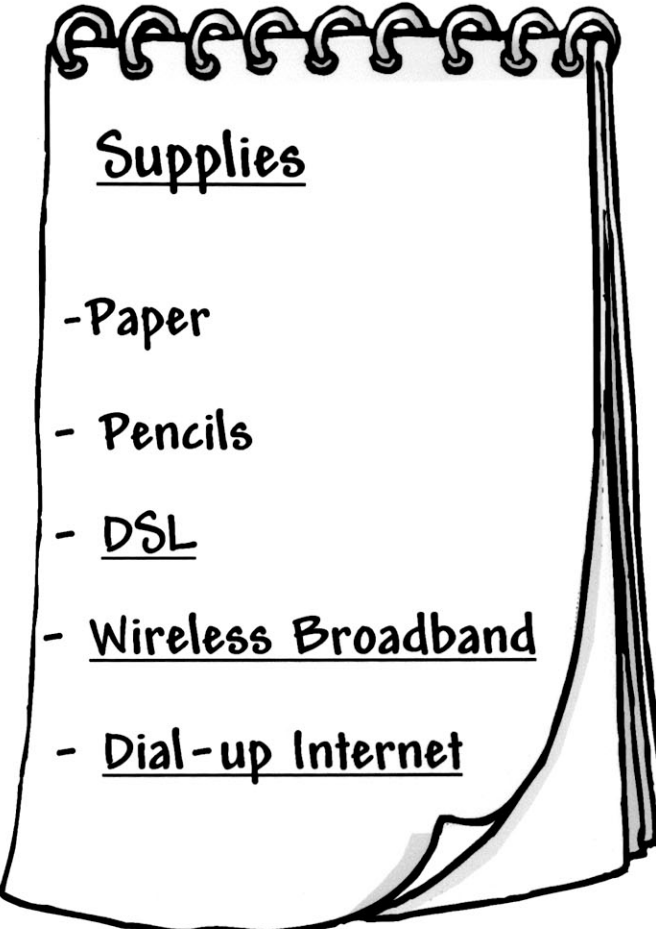
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