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MAHD Board Splits Vote On Clinic Expansion

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors moved forward with its plans to expand its rural health clinic during its Thursday, Aug. 23, meeting, approving both the project's continuation and a feasibility study regarding the possibility of a pharmacy's inclusion with a 4-1 split vote.

In his presentation prior to the board's discussion of the

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issues, MAHD CEO David Burke noted that the idea of expanding the rural health clinic had been before the board for several years, before it was tabled in 2008 because of a "going concern" by the district's auditors.

Because of this concern, Burke said the hospital district didn't have the financial support required for the issuance of revenue bonds or certificates of obligation.

After this concern was removed about a

year and a half ago, Burke said the district paid \$30,000 for plans to be drawn for the proposed expansion.

The questions that needed to be resolved Thursday, Burke said, was if the present board wished to go forward with the expansion, and whether the district should look at including a pharmacy in the expanded clinic to meet the financial requirements needed to repay the funds received from the

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First Day At DeShazo

Students at DeShazo Elementary arrive for their first day of class. Local drivers are reminded not to park in the school's bus unloading area on the north side of the elementary school, on West Ave. C. Drivers are also reminded to pay attention to their speeds — and cell phone use — in the school zones, as well as encroaching on school crossings. Photograph by Larry Thornton

New Automotive Class Approved

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Muleshoe High School students who might be interested in an automotive technology career will have the opportunity to explore the idea through a new class approved by the MISD school board Monday.

While local students previously had the opportunity to study automobile body repair through an agreement the school district has with Shipman's Body Shop, the program has



Photograph by Larry Thornton

The MISD school board at work

now been expanded and Burton's Service Center and Hi-Tek Automotive have agreed to teach a mechanics course for about eight students.

Both the body shop and mechanics instruction follows a curriculum from

South Plains College, Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets said.

And while the automotive technology students will only be receiving local classroom credit, an agreement is in place for four or five the body

shop students in the program to receive dual-credit at SPC.

The superintendent said he hopes a similar dual-credit agreement can be reached for the auto tech students.

"It's a great deal for us... it's a great deal for the students," he said. "It's a great experience for our kids to figure out if it's what they want to do. I can't think of a negative."

Each of the local

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County November Ballot Finally Set

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

With Aug. 20's passing, the ballot for Bailey County's November elections are finally set.

Usually, the final date for write-in candidates to file lends a bit of finality to the local election process; however, with the unexpected resignation of Justice of the Peace Deb Stone in May and the appointment of Debra Redwine to fill the position until the

November election, there was still a little uncertainty about the upcoming ballot.

According to County Clerk Paula Benton, the county party chairmen had to submit the name of candidates for the justice of the peace position on the November ballot.

County Republican Chairman Carroll Precure submitted Redwine's name, but the county's Democratic chairman did not

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To Protect... And Serve

Area law enforcement officers gathered at Muleshoe High School Friday, Aug. 24, for "active shooter" training, conducted by members of the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department. Pictured above, local officers engage an "armed suspect" in a school shooting scenario such as has occurred several times in recent years across the nation.

Photograph by Larry Thornton

MAHD Proposed Tax Rate To Hold At 'Capped' Rate

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Muleshoe Area Hospital District's 2012-13 proposed budget and tax rate, both of which were approved during its Thursday, Aug. 23, regular meeting, are based upon its capped 40 cent per \$100 in valuation.

Although CEO David Burke pointed out that state law allows for public entities to raise its tax rate to 75 cents, he also added that the bond issue used to construct Park View Nursing Care Center several years ago set the tax rate at 40 cents, above which required a public vote.

A May 2009 attempt to raise the hospital

district's cap to 55 cents failed with 545 votes against the proposal and 383 votes supporting the increase.

Burke also noted that while the district's appraised value had decreased, the budget prepared and

the hospital district's board members received information that included property values at \$337,961,260, including the disputed Minsa figures, and a supplemental sheet with values without those figures at \$333,961,260.

Hospital district's proposed tax rate to remain at 40 cents

presented Thursday included approximately \$4 million more than expected due to failed appraisal negotiations with Minsa Corporation — an issue with which other area public entities have had to deal when preparing their 2012-13 proposed budgets.

Toward that end,

The difference between the total net tax levies to be distributed, according to these to ad valorem tax revenue estimates — which the hospital district will probably have to repay Minsa at a later date, is \$14,865.

Because the hospital

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OPINION

Continued Support Support For The Expansion

Editorial

As we've previously noted, any type of government expansion program can be a little on the scary side... but often the decision not to expand can be even scarier.

Faced with a variety of needs — including the ability to attract new physicians or retain existing medical personnel, and a chance to improve its desperately sagging cash flow — the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's governing body voted Thursday to continue its efforts to expand

the Muleshoe Family Medicine Clinic.

Obviously it was a tough decision, and one that not all of its board members agreed with, but as we've said in the past, we believe it is the right decision.

Prior to becoming a Critical Access hospital, the hospital district's auditors pointed at the need to expand the district's rural health clinic to booster the federal medical

reimbursements, and with Medicare reimbursements and the national health care system facing scary times, we can't help but feel that anything the hospital district can do to maximize its Medicare reimbursements should be done.

Various methods of financing the expansion project have been looked at during the past five years since the issue was initially raised, and one-by-one those finance options have slowly been scratched off.

The most recent idea is to raise the hospital district's revenue by including a pharmacy in the proposed expansion, an apparent necessity to

assure revenue bond underwriters that the district will have the funds necessary to repay its obligations.

Under normal circumstances we would have to agree with board member Allen Smyer about the hospital district going into competition with local businesses. At best, it's a distasteful situation.

We have similar feelings about the issuance of certificates of obligation or any type of revenue bond that doesn't require a public vote.

But faced with the continuing setbacks the hospital district has experienced over the past few years, anything that can be done to strengthen its financial condition has to be done.

Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

To post an announcement send an email to editor@muleshoejournal.com

Reserved Seat Tickets

Reserved seat tickets for the 2012 Muleshoe Mules football season will go on sale Monday, Aug. 6. The tickets are \$30 for five home games.

Persons who held reserved seat tickets for the 2011 football season may purchase their seating options at the MISD School Administration office, located at 514 W. Ave. G, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m..

Beginning Monday, Aug. 27, all remaining tickets will go on sale on a first come, first serve basis.

Any reserved seats remaining after the season starts will be available at a cost of \$8 per game and may be purchased at the administration office on game day. If you have questions concerning the ticket sales, please contact Dana Rasco at 272-7400.

Annual Cotton Tour

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Bailey and Parmer counties will conduct their annual crop tour beginning at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30, on the Marshall Pool farm northwest of Muleshoe.

The tour and its concluding lunch are both complimentary, according to Curtis Preston, AgriLife Extension agent in Bailey County.

The site directions are also available online; go to the AgriLife Extension website for Bailey County at <http://bailey-tx.tamu.edu> and click on "cotton tour" to view a tour map."

For more information call Preston or Monti Vandiver, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent for Bailey and Parmer counties at 806-272-4583.

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Sen. Seliger Meeting

Dist. 31 State Senator Kel Seliger will be holding a town hall meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 2-3 p.m., at Muleshoe State Bank, 101 W. American Blvd.

Community Blood Drive

The City of Muleshoe and Coffee Memorial Center will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, Aug. 29, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., at city hall, 215 S. First St.

Photo identification or a donor card is required to donate, and donors must be at least 17 years of age.

Walk-ins are welcome, or call 272-4528 to schedule an appointment.

Page From Old Sermon Stands The Test Of Time

For a lover of the Word and words, a preacher-type who loves anything good and beautiful set in type, you just couldn't find a better Christmas gift than one I received over a decade ago and am still loving.

The gift I want to describe is a beautifully-framed actual page from a book of sermons on Deuteronomy written by the great Reformation preacher John Calvin.

The sermon that begins on this particular page is labeled as the "16th Sermon [in the book] which is the Second upon the Third Chapter [of Deuteronomy]," and it was preached on Wednesday, the 8th of May, 1555.

It was translated "out of French" by Arthur Golding and printed by "Henry Middleton for George Bishop, London [the publisher] in 1583."

All of which means that this page has been around for well over 400 years. I'm amazed it's still here, and I'm even more amazed to have it.

I learn some things just by looking at this page from John Calvin's old sermon. Some of what I learn is just interesting.

The typeface catches my attention. A final "s" looks like an "s" but an "s" in the middle of a word looks like an "f."

A "u" is often but not always printed as a "v" and vice versa. I mean "vice versa."

For example, "Nowe let vs kneele downe in the prefence of our good God . . . vntil he haue ioyned vs fullye and perfectly to himfelfe."

And, yes, Virginia, there is such a thing as a bookworm.

The page's character is enhanced by a number of small round holes. Bookworms of the necessarily illiterate variety evidently found this work of literature absolutely delicious. (It tasted like chicken?)

I doubt that anything we put on electronic media — disks, DVDs, CDs (a painful realization since I just recorded a music CD) — will be around a fraction of the time this



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

old page has been.

I barely remember what I preached on last Sunday, but here is proof positive that some sermons last longer than a week. (At least, if you're John Calvin.)

And, no surprise, some preachers on paper or in the pulpit can be long-winded. This one book on Deuteronomy went on for 1200 pages.

More importantly, this page is also silent evidence that fashions and fads and empty philosophies may come and go, but even good

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revenue bonds or certificates.

Responding to Burke's statements and questions, board president Zona Gatewood pointed out that the primary purpose of the expansion has always been to attract additional physicians to Muleshoe, adding that she thought the clinic expansion should be pursued "to grow our district like we ought."

member Allen Smyer, who cast the only dissenting vote on the expansion and pharmacy issues, asked where the hospital district would get the estimated \$1.2 million needed for the project.

Through the issuance of revenue bonds or certificates of obligation — neither of which will require a public vote on the issue because tax funds wouldn't be involved — Burke

explained that the hospital district would have a 10-year payback on the funds needed for the facility.

"I believe, here in Muleshoe, the economic conditions are better than elsewhere," Burke said.

As for including a pharmacy in the expansion project, MAHD's CEO said the lending institutions involved in the bond issuance will want to

know how the hospital district intends to pay back its obligation, of which a pharmacy would play an important part.

According to Burke, the district would suffer an estimated \$50,000 shortfall if the expansion was completed without a pharmacy.

"Is that the only other alternative to have additional money coming in... to fund the expansion?" Smyer

asked.

Burke replied that the hospital district was "pretty limited" as to what it could do, noting that its attempt at raising revenue through a behavioral unit had failed, and adding that another area community that had a pharmacy in its rural health clinic received \$1 million in additional revenue because of the pharmacy.

It was also pointed out by board member Scott Brown that approving the pharmacy feasibility, which was the actual question on the table, didn't obligate the district to include the pharmacy in its expansion. In fact, if recommended through the study, the plans that have already been drawn up for the expanded facility would have to be updated to include the pharmacy.

Apparently because the expansion's intent

was to increase the number of local physicians, Smyer — who is still relatively new to the board, also asked about the current doctors and whether they received office space free of charge from the hospital district.

In answer to his question, Smyer learned that each of the physicians pay a percentage of their office revenue for their space.

According to information received from a former MAHD CEO, unless there has been a change in Texas hospital regulations, hospital districts are prohibited from providing "free space" to physicians.

Still, Smyer said he thought the \$25,000 fee for the pharmacy feasibility study — the lowest of the proposals received for the study by Cardinal Health, was an "outrageous amount."

MAHD Tax Rate... Continued From A1

district won't be bringing in more revenue in the upcoming fiscal year, the district isn't required to hold public hearings regarding the proposed tax rate. However, a public hearing has been set for Sept. 10, at 6 p.m.

In other business Thursday, the hospital district board:

- Approved a five-page evaluation form for the district's CEO.

Prior to approving the form, Smyer questioned the inclusion of several sections which he felt required responses that

could only be provided by the hospital's staff.

He also asked Burke if he was aware of his job responsibilities in all of the areas covered by the evaluation form.

- Received a financial report that listed the Muleshoe Area Medical Center's cash balance at the end of July at \$606,364.07, and Park View at \$52,903.88.

It also noted that the hospital's net accounts receivable had decreased by \$224,650.60 from June until July, however, it was pointed out that

the amount included \$115,451 in bad debts — the majority from private pay accounts, that were being written off after being carried on the hospital district's books for a number of years.

The net accounts receivable for Park View had increased by \$70,232.50 during the same period.

Accounts payable for both the hospital and the nursing home were down for July, according to the report.

- Approved a \$250 bid from Dale Griswold for the salvaged, and storm-damaged, car port at the nursing home.

- Formally approved changes to the medical staff by-laws.

County Elections...

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In other county races, Sheriff Richard Wills' defeat of candidate Terry Snell in June's Republican primary, followed by Democratic candidate Joe Balderrama withdrawing from the race on July 30 secures Wills' lone position on the ballot.

Joining the sheriff as unopposed candidates are Tax Assessor Marie Gonzalez, Republican; Precinct 1 Commissioner Floyd "Butch" Vandiver;

County Attorney Jackie Claborn II; and Dist. Attorney Kathryn Gurley.

Facing off against each other on the November ballot will be:

- Precinct 3 Commissioner Joey Kindle, Democrat, and his opponent Charles Waggoner, Republican.

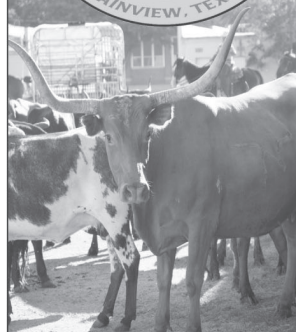
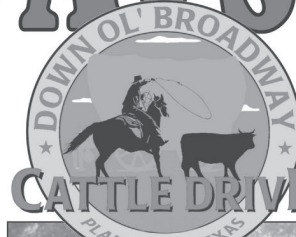
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8-11:00 p.m. Bands on Broadway featuring Jason Nutt & Hwy 70 - Downtown Plainview (8th & Broadway)
7:00 p.m. Women's Ranch Rodeo - Bar-None Rodeo Grounds

Saturday, Sept. 15
7-9:30 a.m. Chuck Wagon Breakfast; Ollie Liner Center; Tickets \$5
7:00 a.m. Hale on Wheels Bike Ride Registration opens (Ollie Liner)
8:30 a.m. Hale on Wheels Bike Ride
8:45 a.m. Hale on Feet 5K and 10K run begins
10:15 a.m. YMCA Moo-a-Thon (9th & Broadway)
10:30 a.m. Cattle Drive and Parade (9th & Broadway)
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By Brittany Gibbs

We will be open Monday, Sept. 3, for Labor Day!

Well, school has started again and with that comes football and other sports. We at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center would like to wish the football boys and the volleyball girls good luck in there up coming year.

We hope all of the students have a fantastic school year.

This week at the center we have Bunko on Tuesday, Sept. 4, starting at 10 a.m.

And on Thursday, Sept. 6, we will have a weekly Bingo game

starting at 1:30 p.m.

This might sound like a broken record, but if you have not filled out an intake form, please do so this week. We will be sending them out by Sept. 13, so again, please come in and do so if you haven't already.

Don't forget the quilt tickets that are now on sell. You may buy them in the office. The tickets are one for \$5 or three for \$10. We will be giving the quilt away on Nov. 10.

We would like to express our thoughts and prayers to the Bamert Family at the lost of there loved one, may you find comfort

in the Lord's presence. Carl was a dear friend and great supporter of the center.

Sept. 3-7 menus:
Monday, Sept. 3 — Crispy chicken on bun, with tomatoes and lettuce, potatoes, carrot and raisin salad, and fruit.
Tuesday, Sept. 4 — Sweet and sour pork, rice, mixed vegetables, salad, and fruit parfait.
Wednesday, Sept. 5 — Grilled steak, mashed

sweet potatoes, green beans, tossed vegetable salad, cornbread, and tropical fruit salad.

Thursday, Sept. 6 — Beef brisket, beans, potato salad, cornbread, and apple sauce.
Friday, Sept. 7 — Fish or chicken strips, beans, green pea salad, tossed vegetable salad, cornbread, and tropical fruit salad.

All menus are served with tea, water, coffee and two percent milk.

"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

Proverbs 3:9-10, NIV

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What then... shall we say... in response... to these things... If God... is for us... who can be... against us... He who did... not spare... his own Son... but gave him... up for us all... how will... he not also... along with him... graciously give... us all things... Who will bring... any charge... against those... whom God... has chosen... It is God... who justifies.

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Obituaries



Carl Bamert

Funeral services for Carl Bamert, 88, of Muleshoe, were held on Monday, Aug. 27, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Carl died on Aug. 24, 2012, in Lubbock. He was born on July 25, 1924, to Fred and Verona (Haire) Bamert in Las Cruces, N.M., and married Cookie Coogler there on Aug. 20, 1947. She preceded him in death on Nov. 11, 2000.

He married Jenny Vaught in Dallas, on Feb. 1, 2002.

Carl served in the US Army Air Corp during World War II, from 1943-1945. He had been a resident of Muleshoe since 1947, moving from

Focus On Faith...

Continued from A2 words about God's Word may partake in a bit of its timelessness.

Theologically, I'm not a Calvinist, though I don't doubt the man was a giant who had more sense and scholarship and sheer courage in his little finger than you'll find in a big boatload of pastoral pygmies like me who sit around, drink coffee, and authoritatively discuss Calvinism.

But that which unites me to John Calvin and to the many millions of much less famous and, to me, mostly faceless citizens of God's kingdom, dead or alive but alive with God's life just the same, is faith in the Living Word.

That Word is the Christ of whom Calvin wrote and preached, and to whom every page of God's written word, be it printed in 1583 or yesterday, truly points.

Do you have story or photo ideas? Let us know! 272-4536

Jesus Casanova

Chapel services for Jesus Casanova, 81, of Muleshoe, are scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 29, at 11 a.m., at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Ruben Acevedo of Muleshoe officiating.

A memorial service was held on the evening Tuesday, Aug. 28, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, and burial followed Wednesday's services at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Casanova died on Monday, Aug. 27, 2012, in Lubbock. He was born on Aug. 4, 1931, to Francisco and Felicitas (Medina) Casanova in Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico.

They preceded him in death.

He married Antonia Rosas in Greeley, Colo., on Oct. 17, 1953.

Mr. Casanova had lived in the Muleshoe area since 1957, having moved from Chicago,

Bartholf Accepted To HSU

Walter Bartholf of Muleshoe will be attending Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene this fall semester.

Bartholf is a graduate of Muleshoe High School.

"We are delighted to have Walter as a part of the Hardin-Simmons University family. Walter is one of about 500 freshmen and transfer students new to HSU this fall. Walter joins around 2,300 other current students enrolled at the main Abilene campus, as well as instructional sites in San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Lubbock, and Austin," said vice president for enrollment and marketing, Dr. Shane Davidson.

HSU students come from 29 states and 19 countries. Hardin-Simmons University, founded in 1891, is a private Christian liberal arts university, and has been affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas since 1941.

Bartholf started fall classes on Aug. 27.

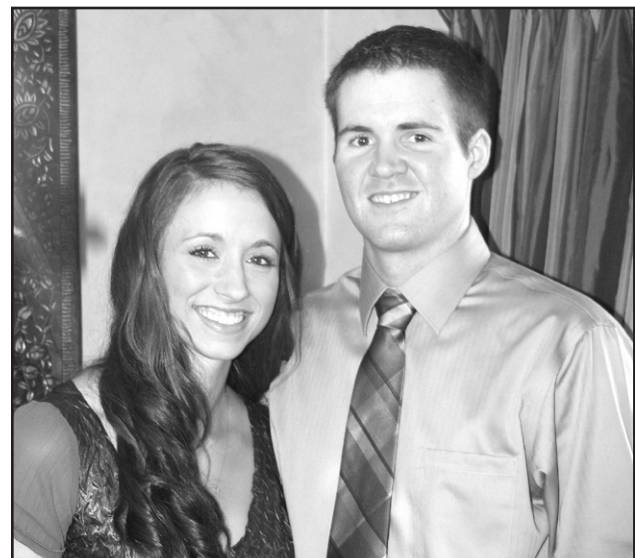
Ill. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe.

He enjoyed being involved in agriculture, and loved farming and raising cattle.

He studied medicine in Mexico, and had worked for King Grain Elevator in Muleshoe for 40 years.

Survivors include his wife — Antonia Casanova of the home; two sons — Jesse Casanova Jr. and wife Olga of Amarillo, and Fernando Casanova and wife Dianna of Muleshoe; two daughters — Gloria Acevedo and husband Ruben of Muleshoe, and Dora Aragon and husband Leo of Friona; two sisters — Lupina Garcia of Rockspring, and Gloria Casanova of Agende, Mexico; and a brother — Luis Casanova of San Antonio; 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Bridal Shower



Rochelle Smith and Dustin Jones

Smith Feted With Shower

Rochelle Smith, the prospective bride of Dustin Jones, was honored with a bridal shower on Aug. 18, in the home of Celie Parham.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Randy and Terrie Smith of Lazbuddie.

The prospective groom is the son of Joe Jones of Quenny, and Janet Jones of Corsicana.

Hostesses for the event included Nancy Barnhill, Sarah Black, Tammy Black, Valerie

Cox, Starla Ellis, Louise Engelking, Paulette Foster, Shelly Ivy, Terri Loudder, Shawndee Meeks, Celie Parham, Pat Randolph, Chandra Sanchez, Mary Jo Schacher, Janette Thorn and Debbie Weir.

The hostess gift presented to Smith was a comforter set.

Special guests attending the event included Terrie Smith, Sandra Martin, Rosemary Smith, Suzanne Wilhelm, Ann Williams and Lezlie Gover.

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If you have any questions or need assistance in transferring your medical records, please contact Muleshoe Family Medicine Clinic at

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Thank you for allowing me to participate in your healthcare needs.

Grant Nitzel M.D.

AGRICULTURAL NEWS

Farm Service Agency To Provide Assistance To Livestock Producers

Bailey County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Kim Hanlin has announced that special provisions will be made to the FSA emergency loan program and to the Risk Management Agency (RMA) federal crop insurance program in order to provide greater flexibility for livestock producers facing forage and feed shortages as a

result of drought. On Aug. 22, Secretary Vilsack announced that modifications will be made to the emergency loan program allowing them to be made earlier in the season. In the past, emergency loan eligibility was determined after the production cycle. Producers will no longer have to wait until the end of the production

cycle to obtain a loan. This change will support producers who currently need assistance to help offset high production costs. Vilsack also announced that a special provision will be made to the federal crop insurance program through RMA that will allow producers to hay or graze cover crops without forfeiting crop

insurance eligibility on planted 2013 spring crops. This change is beneficial to livestock producers making forage and feed available this fall and winter. However, before making any plans to plant crop cover, producers should consult with their insurance agent, according to RMA. "Adding more

flexibility to current program requirements will make much needed assistance more readily available to producers affected by disaster," said Kim Hanlin. "These changes in particular should benefit livestock producers who are facing higher feed costs or are at risk

of liquidating their herd due to the drought," he said. For more information regarding special provisions to the emergency loan program, contact the Bailey County FSA office at 806-272-4538 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

West Nile Virus Fears Prompt Diligence In Texas Schools

By Steve Byrns TAMU.edu With Dallas officials having declared a state of emergency in regards to West Nile virus, Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel are being flooded with calls from area school integrated pest management coordinators seeking information to allay parents' and teachers' mosquito concerns once school starts.

"And the Texas Department of Agriculture is the regulatory agency that is responsible for doing on-site inspections to ensure the mandate is being met and the school or school district is in compliance." "A big question has been whether mosquito repellents can be used by students in school," she said. According to Michael Kelly, Texas Department of Agriculture structural pest control service coordinator at Austin, "Given the need for parents of school children to have the option of protecting their student from the possibility of a vector-borne disease, parents may apply mosquito repellents to their children and mosquito repellents may be kept in the nurses office in the event that reapplication is necessary."

comments should allay concerns in favor of protecting students when school starts. Cecil Fueston is McKinney Independent School District's Integrated Pest Management Coordinator and one of a number of area coordinators working with Hurley. He said good communication both within the district and the community is the key component to a successful pest control program. "It's very important to develop a working relationship with city and county health officials especially now with the mosquito concerns," he said. "In my case, I know when and where the city traps mosquitoes, when they test the mosquitoes, where they fog and what product they are using," he said.

water, water leaks, plumbing leaks and excessive shrubbery against and around buildings. "We trim bushes back off of the buildings to reduce mosquito hiding places. We focus 'up and under.' That means getting the bushes trimmed from the ground up and removing the dead stuff underneath. Multiple-inch layers of dead leaf material provide excellent harborage sites for mosquitoes and must be eliminated." Fueston also removes debris from rain gutters, so water won't collect, and adjusts downspouts for proper drainage.

"It's a valid concern, but one that's manageable," said Janet Hurley, AgriLife Extension state school integrated pest management specialist headquartered in Dallas County.

"State law mandates that public school districts in Texas, all 1,030 of them, must have a trained integrated pest management coordinator on staff. They are trained to deal with situations such as the mosquito problems we are seeing in many parts of the state now."

"It's equally important to keep campus staff informed. I do this by feeding them information like fact sheets, FAQ sheets and by informing them on conditions to look for and report immediately so they can be corrected."

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Hurley explained that integrated pest management uses a number of practices to control pests in the safest, most effective way possible that has the least amount of impact on the environment. "AgriLife Extension is the lead agency among several agencies that can provide the training for IPM coordinators," she said. She said Kelly's announcement from the Texas Department of Agriculture is important, because the repellent issue had some school districts worrying about breaking school pesticide rules.

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The Sudan Buzzy

Healthy 'Hive' Facility Opens For Sudan Residents

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

Through the use of the 2010 bond money, the Sudan Independent School District has made major improvements to the facilities including a new field house, science lab, technology upgrades, and other projects.

One of the newest completed projects is a workout facility for current or retired school employees, the SISD board of trustees, and people who meet the eligibility guidelines.

haven't had a proper way of performing rehab. The expense of therapy and travel was huge. The current weight room in the new field house is for conditioning and strength only.

Also, the fitness facility will give flexibility to the high school PE classes as well by providing a modern conditioning regimen. Finally, the facility will provide a healthier and happier staff and community by giving them the

opportunity to be a member of the fitness facility.

Since the district will mainly use the facility at certain times of the day it will leave a large portion of the day, as well as the summer months, basically unused.

Making it available to the above mentioned groups would be a great way of showing the district's appreciation to people who have shown such fantastic support to Sudan ISD over the

years, according to school district officials.

A new roof was installed over the entire facility. Central air and heat were added, and the entire building has been renovated on the east side. The floor was leveled, a security system added, and equipment was purchased.

The new facility will be called, "The Fitness Hive," and will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week provided through the access

code.

An open house was held on Tuesday, Aug. 21, for the public to view.

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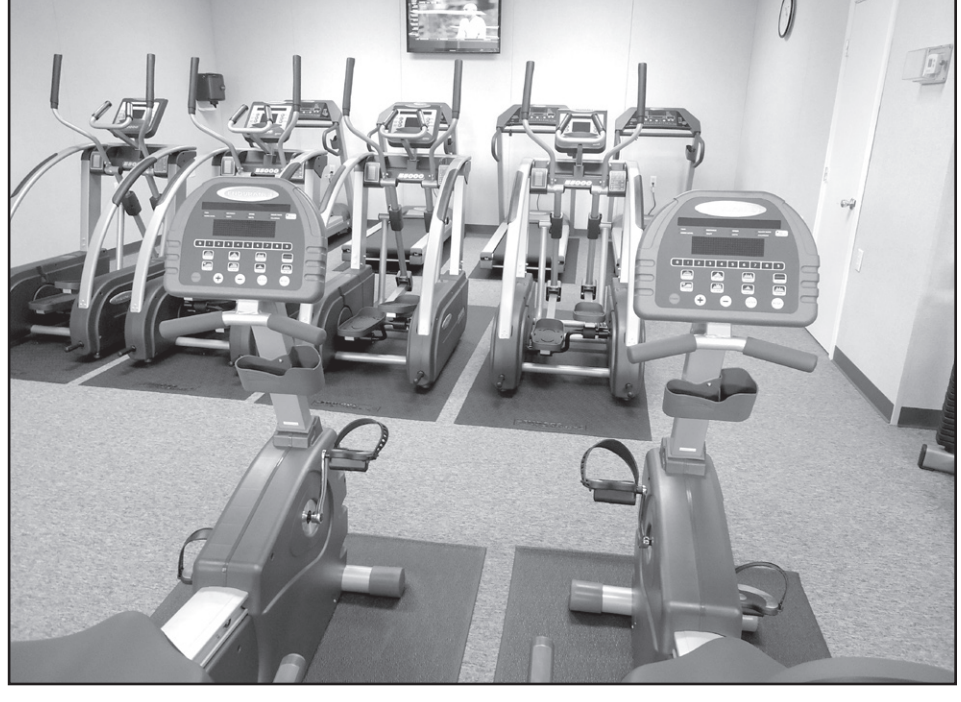
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There are several benefits for installing the new workout facility. Students who have injuries in the past

Sudan Scrimmages Against Post

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

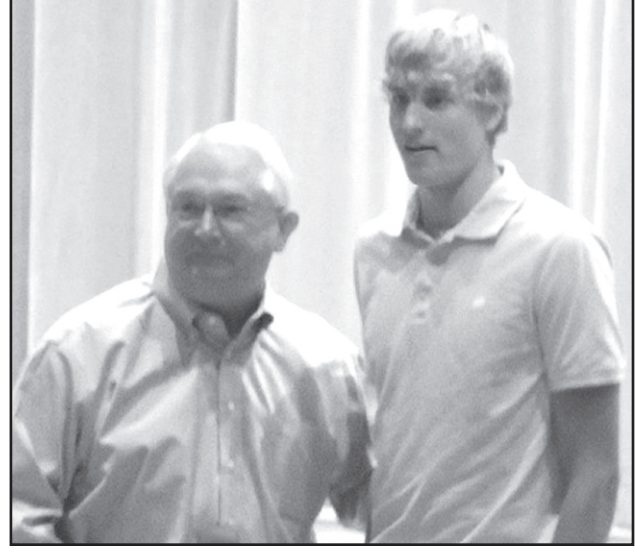
The Sudan football teams played Post for their final scrimmage before a huge crowd at the Meet the Hornets night on Friday.



The new workout facility at Sudan Schools. The fitness facility will be on a membership basis where present and retired employees of the school district will pay \$10 per month, and people living within the school district will pay \$15 per month.

The JV team played first followed by the Varsity football team.

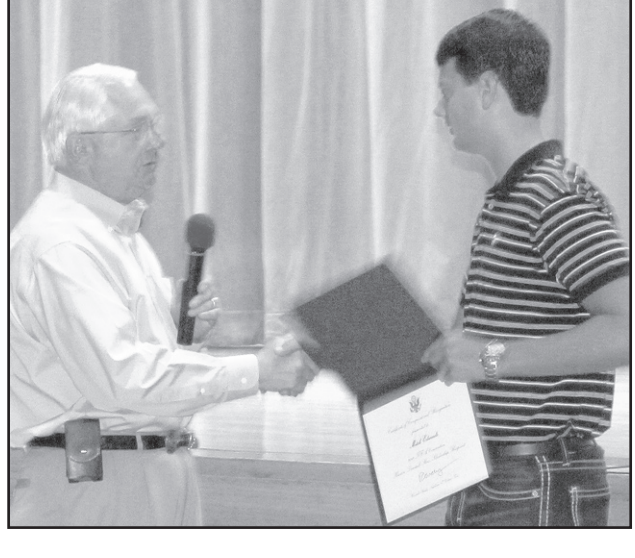
The Varsity team held Post to 0 points scored winning the game with a score of 7-0. "We played extremely well defensively all night and did not need that wake up call to get physical," Coach Gordon Martin said.



Martin was referencing the previous week's matchup with Sundown. During the first part of that game, the team did not use their physical strength. As the game progressed, the team started matching up with Sundown's physical play. "We needed to do that in order to grow as a team," Martin said.



During the Post matchup, the coaching staff believed that the boys started a little slow but finished the game strong. Martin said that the boys made good improvements in that as they finished the game.



"I feel that both scrimmages did us a tremendous amount of good," Martin said. "To the fans, thanks for all the support you have given to the boys. I ask that you continue to do so as they feed off of your spirit."

After the game, Meet the Hornets festivities took place sponsored by the Sudan Booster Club. Athletes from football, cheerleading, and cross country were introduced. The band was also recognized for their efforts.

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Sudan Students Recognized

Several Sudan High School students were honored for their achievements during Cong. Randy Neugebauer's trip through West Texas on Friday, Aug. 10.

Along with the Sudan Nettes, the congressman honored:

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- Adam Harper for his state championship in computer science and placing third in the state in accounting.
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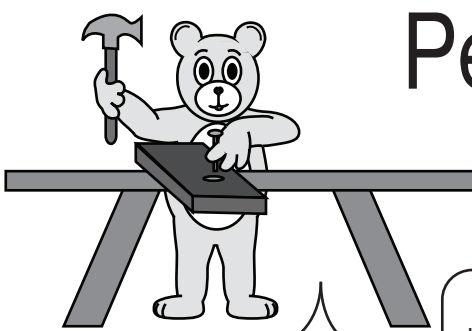


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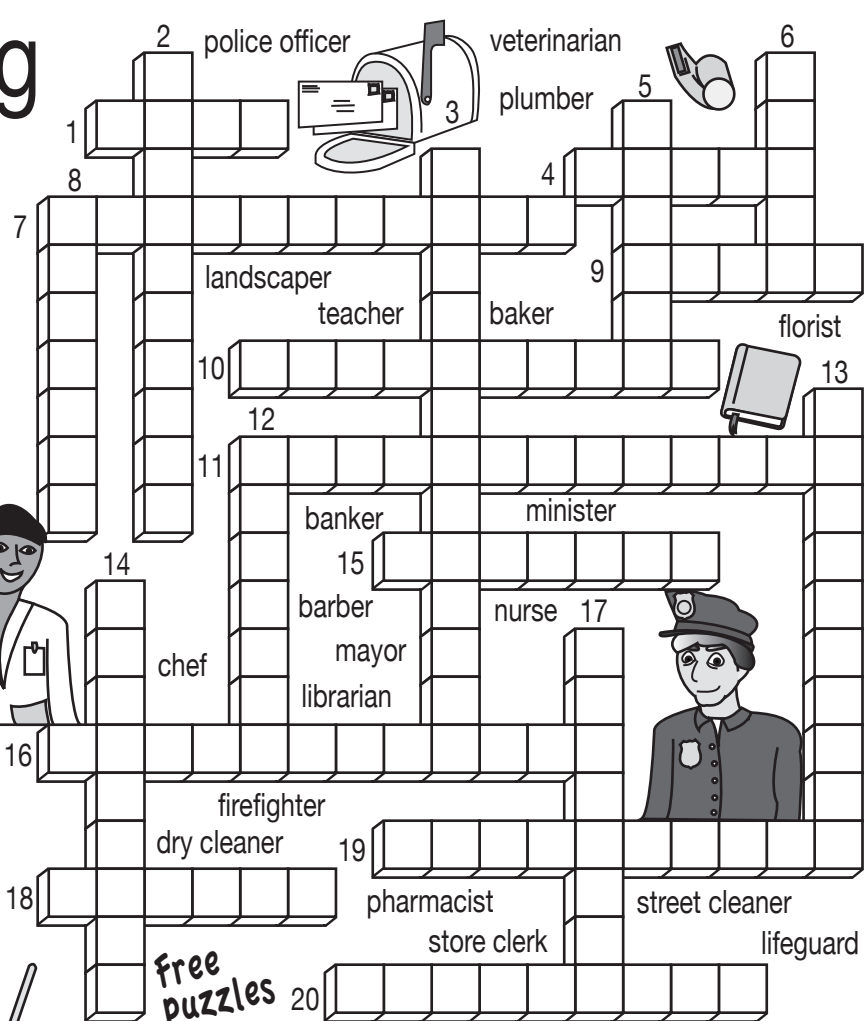
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Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with jobs and careers:

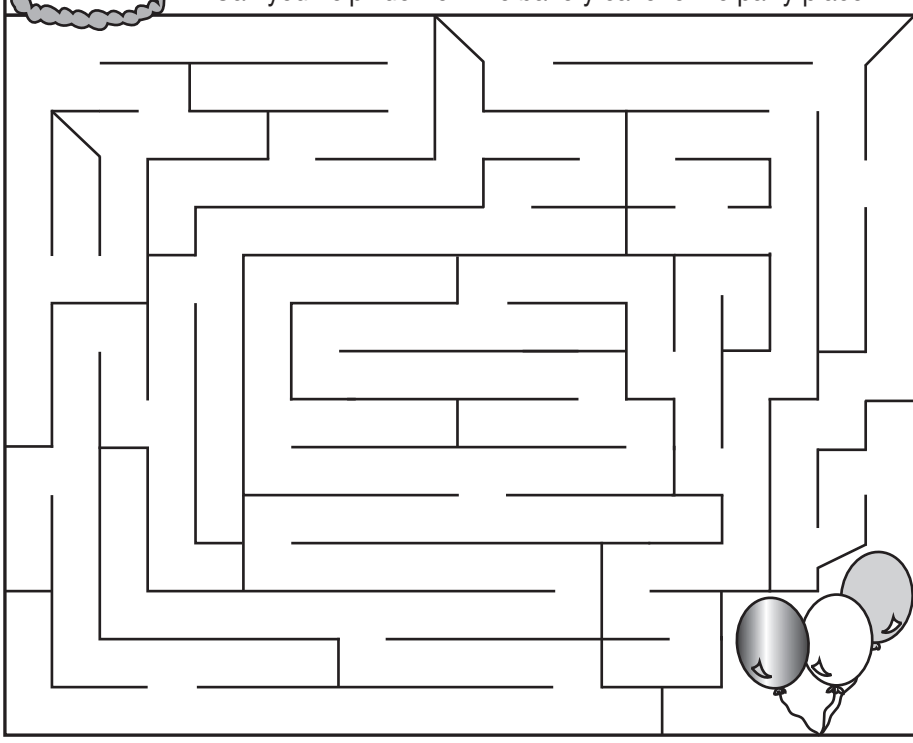
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| 4. leader of town or city, holds meetings | 15. sets up classroom, plans lessons |
| 5. cuts or trims hair | 16. doctor for pets |
| 6. cares for people, helps doctors | 17. leads people in prayer, takes care of a church |
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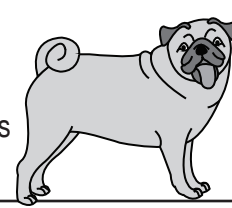
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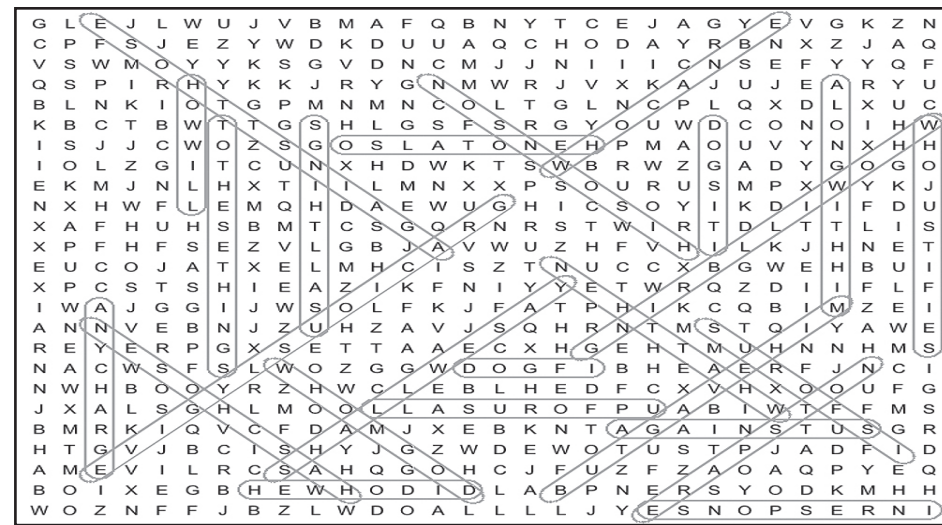
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| 2. string beads | B. make lemonade |
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| 4. walk and feed | D. to deliver newspapers |
| 5. baby sit children | E. to make bracelets, necklaces |
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| 3. light house cleaning | C. dust, vacuum, pick up |
| 4. water, bucket, soap, hose | D. and have a garage sale |
| 5. clean out closets | E. on the family farm |
| 6. fix things like | F. and wash cars with a friend |



West Nile Virus Concerns...

Continued from A6
He said one often overlooked area outdoors, especially now as football two-a-day practices are underway in many areas, are the contraptions and training equipment the teams use.
"Here for example, all football teams use old tractor or truck tires for strength training," he said. "The tires lay out on the practice field the entire season. Water collects in these tires and must be removed. I drill four to six half to 3/4 inch holes in each tire, so they can't hold water; problem solved."
In keeping with proper integrated pest management practices, Fueston is cautious where pesticide use is concerned.
Under normal circumstances, pesticides are among the last resorts used to control a pest outbreak after more preventative measures have proven ineffective, according to Hurley.

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SPORTS NEWS

Muleshoe's Mules Prepare For Another Big Year

The Muleshoe Mules kickoff their 2012 football season officially Friday night in Shallowater against the class 3A Mustangs.

Unofficially the Mules have worked out all summer and have had this game on their minds. Shallowater was the only team to defeat the Mules in the 2012 regular season.

The Mules went through their two-a-day workouts and two scrimmages in preparation for the season and Friday night's contest. The Mule coaches utilize scrimmages as a gauge of the development of the team for the new season.

"We felt good after the scrimmages," said Mule Head Coach David Wood. "We found areas where we needed a lot more work but we also discovered some areas where we were a lot stronger than we had anticipated."

"Our defense proved to be very strong against Idalou and Lubbock Cooper. Our kids held their own against two really good teams. We need to fine tune some things on offense as we have several new faces in the skill positions. Chemistry on the team is important and we are hunting for the best rotation as we substitute players."

"It is like a chess match as we work through this. Fortunately we have a few more days before we take the field in Shallowater."

The preseason polls have the Mules ranked in the top 10 of the state. That always put a big target on a team's back. But the Mules are accustomed to wearing that target because of the success they have had.

The scrambling of teams that takes place every two years did not help or hurt the Mules. The top-ranked teams continue to be in the district. Littlefield, Bushland, Childress and Friona are ranked just behind the Mules in the district and work hard to have their best game against the Mules.

Shallowater returned to the Mules' schedule last season after a short sabbatical. The Mules know a bit more about the Mustangs

From the Stands

By Delton Wilhite

this season. Shallowater defeated the Mules in the first game of the season and made a run in the class 3A playoffs.

"We do not expect Shallowater to make any drastic changes to their system after the success they had

"Being the winner or loser of this first game will not dictate how the rest of the season will go. Last year taught us that with both teams making the playoffs and we made it to the semifinals. This will be a good test for us," concluded Wood.



last season," continued Wood. "They still have their big running back that hurt us last year. He will test our defense with his size and speed. The first game is difficult to prepare for because of lack of film and information on the opposition."



The Muleshoe Mules squared off against the Lubbock Cooper Pirates during the second scrimmage of the year on Thursday, Aug. 23.

Photographs by Rhea Gonzales



2012 Muleshoe Mules Football Schedule	
<p>Varsity</p> <p>Aug. 17 - Idalou (scrim) - 8:00 - Home</p> <p>Aug. 23 - Lubbock Cooper (scrim) - 6:30 - Home</p> <p>Aug. 31 - Shallowater - 7:30 - Away</p> <p>Sept. 7 - Portales - 7:30 - Home</p> <p>Sept. 14 - Levelland - 7:30 - Home</p> <p>Sept. 21 - Roosevelt - 7:30 - Away</p> <p>Sept. 28 - Alpine (HC) - 7:30 - Home</p> <p>Oct. 5 - OPEN</p> <p>Oct. 12 - *Friona - 7:30 - Away</p> <p>Oct. 19 - *Bushland - 7:30 - Away</p> <p>Oct. 26 - *Dimmitt - 7:30 - Home</p> <p>Nov. 2 - *Childress - 7:30 - Away</p> <p>Nov. 9 - *Littlefield - 7:30 - Home</p>	<p>IV</p> <p>Aug. 17 - Idalou - 6:30 - Away</p> <p>Aug. 23 - Lubbock Cooper (scrim) - 5:00 - Home</p> <p>Aug. 30 - Shallowater - 6:30 - Home</p> <p>Sept. 6 - Portales - Tx Time 7:00 - Away</p> <p>Sept. 13 - Levelland - 6:30 - Away</p> <p>Sept. 20 - Roosevelt - 6:30 - Home</p> <p>Sept. 27 - Tulia - 7:30 - Away</p> <p>Oct. 4 - OPEN</p> <p>Oct. 11 - Friona - 6:30 - Home</p> <p>Oct. 18 - Bushland - 6:30 - Home</p> <p>Oct. 25 - Dimmitt - 6:30 - Away</p> <p>Nov. 1 - Childress - 6:30 - Home</p> <p>Nov. 8 - Littlefield - 6:30 - Away</p>
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Thank you for reading the Journal!

Muleshoe Country Club Ladies Association



Luncheon scramble winners Elinor Yerby, Treena Matthews and Tammy Black.

Luncheon Held By Ladies' Association

The Ladies Association of Muleshoe Country Club held its monthly meeting and luncheon on Wednesday, Aug. 15.

Association president Linda Erdmann called the meeting to order, and asked Pat Kirk to offer the prayer.

The birthdays for the month of August were Christie Whitt and Erdmann.

The annual Muleskinner men's tournament was held earlier in August, and the ladies provided a concession for that event.

Marlene Martin, committee chairman for the sales, reported that the ladies had a profitable weekend, and thanked everyone for their help.

Pat Kirk, chairman for the ladies tournament, went over the last minute details of the Jennyslipper tournament.

The members then decided that, beginning in September, they will return to 1 p.m. tee times for the Wednesday play days.

Jerie Flowers gave a list of the play day winners since the last report:

Cards
June 20 — hi score, first game, Marlene Martin; June 27 — first pat hand, Helen Templeton, July 18 — most outs, second game, Treena Matthews, and Donna Glover; July 25 — lo score, fifth hand, Judy Wilbanks; Aug. 1 — low score, fourthhand, second game, Helen Templeton; Aug. 8 — hi score, first game, Judy Wilbanks.

Golf
June 20 — luncheon scramble, Pat Kirk, Treena Matthews and Helen Templeton; June 27 — low putts, Pat Kirk and Helen Templeton; July 11 — low putts, Kay Field and Deborah Noble; July 18 — Florida Scramble, Kay Field, Treena Matthews and Helen Templeton; July 25 — tee shot closest to pin on 18th hole, Deborah Noble.

Matthews, Kirk, Templeton, Erdmann and Noble attended the Tulia Hi Plains play day, with Kirk earning a point for the Muleshoe team

by winning low net in the second flight.

The next hi plains event will be in Portales on Sept. 12.

Anita Black gave the board report and before adjourning the meeting, Erdmann presented the winnings from the drawing to Marlene Martin.

Three teams competed in the luncheon scramble, with the team comprised of Tammy Black, Elinor Yerby and Treena Matthews taking the win.

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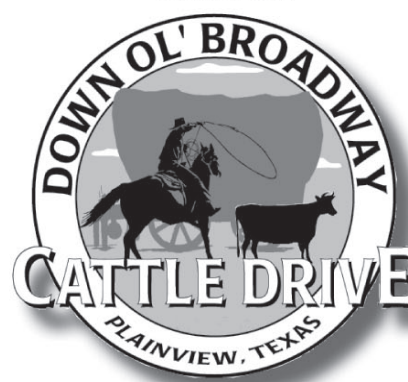
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By Rhea Gonzales

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Sudan...

Continued from A7
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MISD School Board Discusses Tax Rate

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businesses participating in the program receive \$5,000 for the instruction they provide, and the use of their tools and equipment, Sheets said.

"It's a great savings for the school district," board member Jay Cage said.

It was also noted that it's an important program for the community, as well, because some of the students who go through programs may choose to remain in Muleshoe in the automotive service industry.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," Cage said, adding that he thought it was so good

public entity can seize private property for public use at fair market value.

The superintendent explained that public entities with this authority are required by recent legislation to contact the comptroller's office "detailing their legal authority to exercise the power."

Failure to do so by Dec. 31 would result in the loss of the authority.

"I think we want to keep it," Sheets said, adding that he couldn't see where the school district or its governing body would ever utilize the authority, but not wishing to limit a future school board's

Curtis Preston about the property values suit filed by Minsa Corporation.

principals, and their assistants, were the primary appraisers, and that the assistant

according to state law, the superintendent said, "but it's a good idea."

He explained that the walk-throughs aren't just to assess problems an instructor might be having. "I think teachers need to hear they're doing a good job," he added.

Preston agreed. "The need to be affirmed," he said.

While the school board could discuss whether each teacher should be evaluated on a yearly basis, during its upcoming "team of eight" meeting, the superintendent said he thought it was "a wise thing to do."

• Received a brief food service report in which Harper said the school district had received several compliments over the lunch served for the first day of school at the high school cafeteria. After several years

contracting with Aramark, the school board chose to contract with SFE for food services.

• Briefly discussed the current enrollment numbers during which the superintendent said the enrollment at the high school was up slightly, about 20 students, from last year, and that the parents of several other students in the area had been contacted regarding the need to enroll their children.

"We couldn't wait for school to start," Precure joked about his youth, "We'd get out of the cotton field."

• Approved the minutes from the board's July 24 meeting as distributed.

• Approved a resolution adding the assistant superintendent, Dr. RL Richards, to the bank's signature card.

Eminent Domain: "The only time I've seen it, it wasn't a nice thing..."

that he wanted to make the motion to approve the class.

In other business, the school board:

• Adopted a tax rate of \$1.04 for maintenance and operations, and 31 cents for the interest and sinking fund (debt service), for a total tax rate of \$1.35.

Superintendent Sheets pointed out that this is the second year in a row that the school district has dropped its tax rate.

This year, according to Business Manager Daniel Harper, it is a one cent decrease.

"We've dropped it three cents in the past two years," he added.

The adopted rate is the same as the published rate in June. "Everything came out as I expected it," Harper said, referring to the calculations that included the EDA and IFA payments associated with the school district's completed expansion projects.

• Authorized the superintendent to send a letter to the Texas State Comptroller of Public Accounts stating that the school district wished to retain its authority to exercise its power of eminent domain.

Eminent domain is the power by which a

authority.

"I don't like eminent domain," Cage said. "The only time I've seen it, it wasn't a nice thing. I've been in some of these, and it doesn't feel good."

However, board member Carroll Precure described it as a "necessary evil" that a public entity occasionally had to use.

The school district's business manager agreed, noting that it helps eliminate the possibility of a property owner forcing a public entity to pay an inflated price for property it needed.

"I think it's a fairly safe thing for us," the superintendent said.

Precure's motion to authorize the letter received unanimous approval.

• Received a financial report from Harper which raised questions from board member

"Basically, they've filed suit for two years," Harper said, explaining the corporation been awarded a reimbursement from its property and inventory last year through a settlement with the Bailey County Appraisal District, and had filed a similar action for the current year.

"Who decides that?" asked Preston, adding, "They basically went around our local board."

Harper explained that the suit was currently being negotiated by attorneys for both the public and private entities, but there was a possibility that the issue could be heard in court.

"I've never seen one go to court," the superintendent said.

"This one's expected to be settled, too," Harper said.

A question was also raised about a \$93,709 expenditure from the district's student transportation fund, which Harper said was for the purchase of a new school bus.

"We always budget for one bus," he said, "and get it at the first of the school year."

During the summer, the school board approved the sale of an older bus to the Hart Independent School District.

• Approved the district's teacher appraisal calendar and appraisers for the 2012-13 school year.

Dr. Sheets explained that the four campus

Tax Rate:

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superintendent and himself would conduct any second appraisals requested by a teacher.

When asked how often second appraisals were requested, Sheets said, "About once a year."

He added that while formal appraisals are scheduled to occur anytime within a two-week period, "walk-throughs" — which are also part of the district's evaluation process, are without notification and are held throughout the year.

While not every teacher is required to be evaluated every year,



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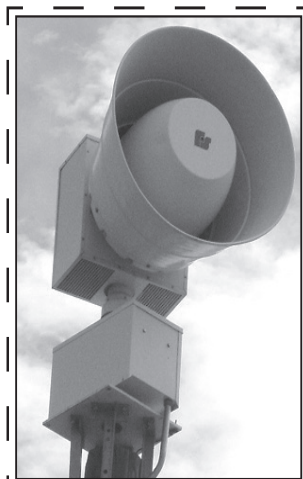
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