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MAHD board tables proposed budget

Covenant announces Bone has been moved

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's Board of Directors tabled discussion of its FY 2005-06 budget during a public hearing Thursday, Aug. 18, after reaching a public consensus that it wanted to set another meeting to study and discuss the proposed budget.

At the start of a meeting in which the hospital board was clearly attempting to conduct the district's business before the public, and take steps to reestablish trust between the board and the citizens it serves, board member Larry Hooten seconded Ronnie Dent's motion to table action on the budget.

During the discussion that preceded the vote, board member Ann McElroy asked that changes be made to the proposed budget's format that she felt would make it more understandable.

Dent also voiced concerns, asking the hospital district's chief

financial officer, Sharon Novak, if the department heads had discussed the proposed budget with her. Novak hesitated for a moment before responding, "Initially."

Dent continued by adding, "When we go over the budget, we're going to be realistic about the budget."

Also taking part in the discussion, board president Mike Miller noted that there was a Sept. 26 deadline on setting a new tax rate, but indicated there wouldn't be a problem with calling a special meeting to discuss the budget in greater detail.

The meeting was set for Thursday, Aug. 25, at 5 p.m.

During the regular meeting that followed the special budget hearing, Jim Wurts, senior vice president with Covenant in Lubbock, announced the hospital management company had moved hospital administrator Jim Bone to another position, effective earlier that day.

Although Wurts said Bone "was a good man," he noted several things had already been learned during Covenant's preliminary "review" of the hospital, as requested by the MAHD board, which troubled him.

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"I'm disturbed that we weren't here earlier,"
— Jim Wurts



Mules met...

Muleshoe's annual "Meet the Mules" celebration filled the bleachers Tuesday, Aug. 16, as Mule Mania 2005-06 got under way with the introductions of players, cheerleaders, band, color guard and the coaching staff. Pictured below, Manny guards the Junior Class tape ball. Additional photographs on page 12.

Photos by Larry Thornton



County milk production increasing

Milk production in the Muleshoe area continues to increase, according to Janet Claborn, director of economic development.

At Friday's grand opening of the South Plains College center in Muleshoe, Claborn spoke of dairies in the Muleshoe area, noting that Bailey County currently ranks seventh in the state for milk production.

However, Claborn noted that if all of the dairies in Muleshoe's trade area, which includes portions of Parmer and Lamb Counties, were included the numbers would be increased to a more realistic fourth place.

"This is going to be great for us," Claborn said, noting this will bring dairy suppliers and related industry to the area as well.

Recent milk production totals for Bailey County are about 22,268,708 pounds, while the trade area production reaches almost 33,469,000 pounds.

But milk production is

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Court reverses Kitchen's indictments

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Although criminal proceedings against accused murderer Larry Brent Kitchens of Muleshoe may go forward, recent rulings by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has dropped the indictments he's facing from three to one.

In a ruling issued earlier this month, the appeals

court found that two of the three indictments facing Kitchens over the October 2003 murders of Vince Simnacher, Rhonda Kitchens and Derwin Beauchamp were faulty and reversed them, leaving Kitchens facing a single count.

Initially, a Bailey County Grand Jury indicted Kitchens on four counts of capital murder, as referred

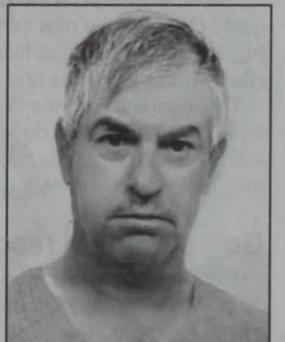
to in the appeals court's documented case history:

- First indictment — that Kitchens is supposed to have intentionally and knowingly caused the death of Rhonda Kitchens while also intentionally and knowingly causing the deaths of Simnacher and Beauchamp (Cause No. 2249).

- Second — that Kitchens allegedly "caused the death of Simnacher while also killing Rhonda and Beauchamp" (Cause No. 2250).

- Third — that Kitchens allegedly "murdered Beauchamp while also killing Rhonda and Beauchamp (Cause No. 2251).

- Fourth — that Kitchens



LARRY KITCHENS

allegedly killed Simnacher while committing a felony, the burglary of Simnacher's residence (Cause No. 2305).

Kitchens was initially tried on the charge alleged in Cause No. 2251, however, on Aug. 27, 2004, a Bailey

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Local Weather

Thurs.
Mt. Sunny... 89/61

Fri.
Mt. Sunny... 91/61

Sat.
I. T-Storms.. 85/61

Sun.
Pt. Cloudy.... 89/60

Mon.
Sunny..... 89/69

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Give It A Thought

When you think you have it all figured out... think again! Things are seldom as clear as they seem to be.

Words to ponder from Beverly

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

Muleshoe learning center opens

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

South Plains Community College and local officials gathered Friday to celebrate the grand opening of SPC, Muleshoe.

Beginning with a meeting of the Muleshoe Center Advisory Board, at city hall, prior to moving to the WorkSource of the South Plains office, officials talked about the efforts to bring the off-campus learning center into existence.

According to Jim Walker SPC's dean of Continuing and Distance Education, the college first began looking at establishing the center in Muleshoe a couple of years ago, but acknowledged that Barbara Finney of Muleshoe was the "trail boss" who made it happen.

Walker also expressed his appreciation to the Muleshoe Independent School District for its cooperation, as well as the effort and cooperation of



Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture president Heather Foley greets Dr. Kelvin Sharp, president of South Plains College during Friday's grand opening of the SPC, Muleshoe center.

WorkSource, which has provided the classroom space for SPC, Muleshoe.

"We are so excited that we will have a building we can call the SPC Center," Finney said.

Currently, SPC provides classes through interactive television at 45 high schools, and will now be providing adult learning options for Muleshoe area

residents as well. With the ITV option, SPC doesn't have to be concerned about the number of students at Muleshoe signing up for a course.

Walker explained that if only a few Muleshoe students sign up for a particular course that requires a minimum of 15

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School district sets new proposed tax rate

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District's Board of Education approved a proposed tax rate of \$1.50 per hundred during its meeting Monday, Aug. 22.

According to Superintendent Gene Sheets, since the legislature didn't pass legislation increasing the school's guaranteed yield, the district has to use last year's formula's to calculate the state revenue it will receive.

At the school board's June 12 meeting the district's proposed tax rate was set at \$1.37.

At that time, Sheets explained that the school district was required to set its proposed rate at a level that would maintain the same level of funding as the previous year, a combination totaling the district's local and state funding.

At the June meeting, the superintendent explained that the

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

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

Drivers license office closed

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

AA meeting

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

Athletic booster club

Starting Monday, Aug. 29, the Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club will meet every Monday during the Mules' football season at 7 p.m. in the MHS science room to discuss the game and make plans. All interested fans, parents and community members are invited to attend.

There will be no meeting on Oct. 17 due to an open date in the Mules' schedule.

Junior class pre-game dinner

The Muleshoe Junior Class will be hosting the first pre-game dinner of the new school year. They will be serving hamburgers with all the fixings, along with baked beans, chips, Texas brownies and ice tea.

The meal will be in the Muleshoe High School cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. For deliveries call 272-7306 between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. You can purchase a ticket for \$5 from any Junior class member or pay at the door.

Golf scramble rescheduled

The Bailey County EMS Organization has rescheduled its scramble. Bailey County EMS is sponsoring a four-man golf scramble on Sept 10 at the Muleshoe Country Club with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Sign ups start at 7 a.m. The cost is \$160 per team golf, cart not included. A cash prize will be paid for first, second and third place winners. Prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive, also. Teams will be flighted. Contact Dustan or Alex at 272-4390 to sign up.

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Hospital board

A special meeting of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's Board of Directors has been set for 5 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 26, in the hospital's dining room.

Ex-Students

Muleshoe Ex-Students will be meeting Friday, Aug. 26, at 3 p.m., at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, according to Laura Seales.

Liles reception

A reception honoring MISD teacher Alice Liles will be held Aug. 30, at 3:45 p.m., at the Muleshoe High School library.

Community band members sought

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

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

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

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

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

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

EMS volunteers sought

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

An EMT -basic class is starting in Sudan on Thursday, Sept 8. Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday from 6-10 p.m. If anyone is interested, contact Chris Thompson, EMS director, at 272-4390 or any EMS volunteer for more information.

Castro County Harvest Days

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

Thursday night will feature a Teen Queen Pageant, a tractor pull and a pet show. Friday night will be a football game. Also fair entrees will be due and judged, and booth set up will begin. On Saturday will be the Harvest Day Parade at 10 a.m., a fiddlers' contest at 1:45 p.m., lawn mower races and water polo.

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

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

Muleshoe freshman football schedule change
This week's Muleshoe freshman football game has been rescheduled, according to Coach David Wood. The game will be played Thursday, Aug. 25, at 6 p.m., at Farwell.

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This week I'm tipping my hat to someone I don't even know. It's a man who drives an older model brown Ford pickup with a couple of stripes on the side, and a white shell on the bed.

A week or two ago, this gentleman stopped his pickup in the middle of the road and got out. At first, I thought he was having engine trouble. But instead of raising the hood, he bent over and picked up a piece of metal, which he tossed to the side of the road.

If you're wondering why this was special enough to note it's because that piece of metal wouldn't have done his pickup any harm, but there was a chance a vehicle's tire could have throw the metal into a second vehicle.

When take the time to help someone you know, you're being a good neighbor. When you do something to help someone you don't know — even if it's just by moving a piece of metal out of the roadway — you're being a good citizen as well.

Friend, you not only deserve a tip of the hat, you deserve a pat on the back.

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Editorial

The Texas Legislature...

In some of the quickest legal action we've seen of late, the Texas Legislature has sent a bill to Gov. Perry that will prohibit municipalities and other government entities from using eminent domain as an economic development tool.

If you don't remember, back in June, a 5-4 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court allowed a government entity to seize property owned by one individual and give it to another private citizen or business if the government entity felt the action would generate greater tax revenue.

Needless to say, this absurd ruling struck at the very basis of property rights here in the Lone Star State and across the nation.

While we have yet to read the bill in question, we are greatly pleased the legislature was able to take such swift action. Too bad our kids and the school districts haven't fared as well.

We're still new to Texas government, but we've dealt with other state governments and school funding issues for a number of years. Superintendent Gene Sheets' remarks about the disproportional spending among school districts in this year's stalled school funding legislation should have raised the hackles on the necks of all educators and parents.

Unfortunately, while the legislators weren't able to agree on funding issues, they reportedly didn't have as much trouble agreeing on several unfunded mandates that have been passed along to the school districts.

What this means is that even if the school districts won't have a funding decrease — since last year's funding formulas will remain in place — the school districts will still have fewer dollars available.

According to Sheets, it's all over except for the finger pointing. While speaking to him on Thursday, Sheets said many legislators are blaming Texas superintendents for the funding bill's failure to pass; however, from what we can tell... instead of placing blame, it appears to be a case of giving credit where credit is due.

The hospital district...

It was "Invasion of the Body Snatchers," without the pods. Somewhere in the last couple of weeks, somebody came in and carted off the members of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District board and left another, much more productive group behind.

In all seriousness, Thursday's regular meeting of the MAHD was the most productive we've seen in months. It was evident the board members were trying to conduct the public's business before the public, and for the first time in a long time it appeared that both the board, the hospital staff, Covenant and the public were trying to get on the same page and move the hospital district forward.

Sure, there are issues that still have to be resolved. For one thing, is there a chance now that an interim hospital administrator will be in place next week that something can be worked out with the doctors?

But during Thursday's meeting it seemed as the majority in attendance — on both sides of the board table — gave a collective sigh and took a step back from the edge, and for that we're truly thankful.



Pictured on the right, from left to right, are Stephen John, Rafael Aguilera, Jim Walker, Jay Ibarra, Mary Whistler, Dick Walsh, Barbara Finney, Kelvin Sharp, Heather Foley and Jay Messenger at Friday's SPC center opening.

Center holds grand opening

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students, small numbers of students at other locations will provide the total number required.

Walker also noted that the initial classes being taught at the center would include government, math, English and history. He explained

that it was important the classes being taught at the center were as "portable as possible" to allow their transfer to any college or university the students wishes to attend at a later date.

However, Dr. Kelvin Sharp, president of SPC, later said he was looking forward to the day when a Muleshoe student received an associate's degree from SPC through the local learning center. "We're just excited to be in Muleshoe and have a presence here," he said.

Rafael Aguilera, associate dean of SPC's Workforce Development in Lubbock, said the center would also be able to customize workforce classes to help individual business needs in the Muleshoe area, and noted that a recent training program through Muleshoe Area Medical Center had been completed.

Muleshoe's economic development director, Janet Claborn, said the new center would be a great economic benefit for Muleshoe. "It's an exciting time for us," she said.

Among the officials attending Friday's meeting was Jeff Coffman of WorkSource, who will be the SPC contact person for the center.

Kitchens trial...

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county jury found him "not guilty," an action the appeals court said barred prosecution on Cause No. 2249 and 2250.

Specifically, the appeals court's ruling states, "In other words, an accused could only be tried once...for murdering the individuals named in the indictment. The decedents could not be rotated from the class of primary victim to that of aggravated circumstance to increase the chance of multiple convictions. To do so constituted double jeopardy."

However, the appeals court ruled in favor of the state concerning Cause No. 2305, alleging the murder of Simnacher occurred during a felony.

According to District Attorney Johnny Actkinson, the trial date on the remaining count will be set by District Judge Gordon Green, and that the earliest opportunity for the trial would probably be on Bailey County's October trial docket.

Lamplight By Larry Thornton

You see it in most horror movies, and a good many of the mystery movies...

If it happens during the first half of the movie it's either a luckless victim or one the script depicts as being too dumb to pour water out of a boot.

If the scene occurs toward the end of the movie it's often the movie's hero or heroine, but you can almost depend upon it... the killer is moving through a house or some other building, while his, her or its intended victim cowers in some darkened corner or closet.

The camera moves in — catching just enough light to let the viewer know the great gleaming orbs on the screen are eyes and not a double moon — as the victim/hero listens for the footsteps of the killer. Then... when he or she can take the suspense no longer, the decision is made to leave the security of the hidey hole, only to run almost into the arms of the killer.

At this point, the movie... if it's on television, cuts to a commercial, only to return a few minutes later as the killer cuts the victim.

Psalms 27:14, NIV, says, "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."

And, Psalm 37:7, NIV, says, "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him, do not fret when men

succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes."

The Psalm 37:7, KJV, says, "Rest in the Lord..." which has always given me a mental image of not only abiding but also recovering strength.

Sometimes, one of the hardest things to do is to wait. And waiting on the Lord, as the Bible instructs us to do, is often some of the hardest waiting imaginable.

But God's work will be done in God's perfect time.

Entrenched as we are in the world, we succumb to the same restlessness as the victims in the movies. Our minds tell us, "don't just stand there, do something," but God often wants us to switch it around and wait on him, spending valuable time in prayer, awaiting his direction in our lives.

In the 16th chapter of the Book of Genesis, Sarai became impatient waiting for God to fulfill his promise with Abram, and problems

Milk...

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expected to take another climb in the not too distant future because a total of six additional dairy sites are currently under contract in the area, which are expected to produce milk from another 20,000 cows.

ensued that continue to haunt mankind today. Hannah, on the other hand, spent years crying out to God in prayer, and her request was answered in God's own time.

In God's own time, the Nation of Israel received the king God planned for them to receive. In God's own time, the messiah was born. At the second he planned, God's blessed Son died on the cross, was buried, and arose again.

And at some time, according to a schedule known only to God the Father, his Son will return again to fulfill his promises to all creation and his church.

Hospital Report

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

- Aug. 11 — Joline Miller.
- Aug. 12 — Jean McDaniel.
- Aug. 13 — No report.
- Aug. 14 — No report.
- Aug. 15 — No report.
- Aug. 16 — No report.
- Aug. 17 — No report.
- Aug. 18 — No report.

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Obituaries

Lorene Burgett

Graveside services were held Saturday, Aug. 20, 2005, for Lorene Sooter Burgett, 80, of Amarillo at the City of Lubbock Cemetery with Doug Hale officiating.

Burgett was born Feb. 9, 1925, in Gaines County, to the late Roy and Clara (Jones) Cummins. She died Monday, Aug. 17, 2005, in Amarillo. She married Joe Sooter in 1951. Following his death in 1987, she married Bill Burgett in 1989.

While living in Muleshoe, Burgett served the community as the librarian of the Tri-County Bookmobile. She was also an active member of Meals on Wheels, a longtime member of Vandelia Church of Christ in Lubbock, as well as the Church of Christ in Shallowater.

Burgett was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Burgett, in 1999. In 2004, she moved to the Craig Retirement Community in Amarillo where she lived until her death.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law — Nicki and Jim Wilcoxson of Amarillo; a son and daughter-in-law — Dwight and June Sooter of Lebanon, Ky.; a son — Tim Lana Sooter of Tucson, Ariz.; a step-daughter and son-in-law — Carnetta and Jerry Conner of Amarillo; three step-sons and daughters-in-law — Bryan and Linda Burgett of Lubbock; Glen and Karen Burgett of Shallowater and Roy and Sue Sooter of Amarillo; two sisters — Faye Gill of Lubbock and Pauline Eklund of Brush, CO; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; and 16 step-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to BSA Hospice, 200 NW Seventh, Amarillo, TX 79107.



LORENE SOOTER BURGETT

Hospital board changes auditing firms

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital Board of Directors voted to contract with the firm of Parish, Moody and Fike for auditing services. The board's decision was met by unexpected applause from several Muleshoe area residents attending Thursday's meeting.

For several years, the firm of Durbin & Company have provided auditing services; however, at the Aug. 18 regular meeting, board member Ann McElroy said, "It's really a good thing to get fresh eyes to look at something."

Board members Ronnie Dent and Lary Hooten

expressed similar views, with Dent noting that he believed the hospital district needed a larger firm than Durbin's, while Hooten added, "Parish may be slightly higher, but the additional services may be worth the additional costs."

In other business, the hospital board:

- Designated the Arline Phelps Memorial Garden at Park View Nursing Home. During the discussion, McElroy mentioned that the hospital district had already accepted a \$2,500, 50/50 matching grant to plant trees at the site. Most of the district's portion of the match will be "in-kind" services.

- Appointed McElroy and board member Marilyn Riley to a subcommittee to gather information concerning a public forum policy for the hospital district.

At the beginning of Thursday's regular meeting Miller said the hospital did not plan to stop listing a public forum period on its meeting agendas, but said setting a board policy similar to that of the Muleshoe Independent School District's would be beneficial.

- Approved the purchase and installation of new laundry equipment at the nursing home at a cost of about \$29,600, including the purchase of linen at the recommendation of administrator Paul Chassion.

Jim Wurts of Covenant said he'd recently toured the nursing home and asked Chassion if the nursing home had considered doing its laundry "in-house."

Wurts agreed with Chassion's plans, and told the board, "You're going to get a better product... If you can't figure how to do this in-house, why are you in business?"

Board member Ronnie Dent also voiced agreement with Chassion's plan, and joined with the other board members in a consensus

that the hospital should look at a similar project.

Chassion projects the nursing home's expenses should be reduced by at least \$3,000 per month because of the laundry room upgrade.

- Postponed action on time management software until the district's finance office can look into using the software as well.

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The cost is \$10, payable to AARP.

Charlene Treider is the volunteer instructor. For additional information, call 272-5738. Class size is limited to 30.

Sandra Foust Little

Sandra Foust Little, age 62 of Muleshoe died Aug. 18, 2005, in Amarillo. She was born on May 21, 1943, in Boston, Mass., and married Walter B. Little in 1990 in Muleshoe, where she has lived for the past 15 years moving from Amarillo.

Survivors include her husband — Walter B. "Jack" Little of Muleshoe; two sons — Jack Wall of San Angelo and Chris Wall of Amarillo; and a sister — Sheila Hamilton of Amarillo.

It was Little's wish to be cremated, there will be no service at her request.

History Notes

Established in 1913, Liberty School in northeast Bailey County was often referred to as Buhrman School.

A Lesson from History and Party Politics

It was the summer of 1945. Nazi Germany had just been defeated, and the British people, in their first election since the war had begun, thanked Prime Minister Winston S. Churchill by voting him out of office. I've wondered why. It seems so ungrateful and wrong.

The British people loved Churchill. They knew that though many millions, to use Churchill's phrase, had given "blood, sweat, and tears" to win World War II, if one man

Just as Churchill had been one of the few who before the war recognized the danger posed by Hitler and Nazi Germany, just after Hitler was dead and the Nazis were defeated, he was one of the few to see clearly the emerging danger posed by Stalin's Soviet Union and Communism's Iron Curtain. As post-war Europe was being divided between victors who fought because they loved freedom and those who fought only to enlarge their boundaries and the numbers of their slaves, Churchill, was reduced to electioneering. It was a trial to him. As he writes, "The incongruity of party excitement and clatter with the sombre background which filled my mind was in itself an affront to reality and proportion. I was glad indeed when polling day at last arrived."

It is a high tribute to Churchill that he is not remembered as the leader of a political party; he is remembered as the great leader of a great nation who blessed the world.

Christians can learn something from this. It is probably unrealistic to think that in this fallen world the denominational lines that divide Christians will ever be completely undrawn. But it is just as true, I think, that those who are great in God's Kingdom are those who know and act on the knowledge that their first allegiance is to Christ, the fully human, fully divine, Son of God and Lord. Anything less is "an affront to reality and proportion."

As long as your first allegiance is where it belongs, which "party" you belong to matters proportionally about as much as upon which side you choose to part your hair.

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

Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

had to be named who was singly most responsible for winning the war and saving England and the world from Nazi tyranny, that man was without doubt Winston Churchill. But, still, in the June election of 1945, they turned him out of office. Why?

Though I still think it was ungrateful and shabby behavior, I think I know why. They knew that Churchill was exactly the right man to lead England in wartime when "business as usual" Labour and Conservative party politics were suspended and a National Government was formed to save the nation. But he was not a man to be content, or very effective, when the crisis was over and party politics once again would hold sway. He was first and foremost for England and never less suited for a return to party politics than when England had just been saved.

Publication of Obituaries

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information:

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Sports

Mules begin season with 'district favorite' nod

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mule football team is poised on the brink of the 2005 season and has been picked by many as the district favorite. That fact alone hangs a target on the Mules for every team they play to take a shot.

Mule's coach David Wood said, "It is a challenge we have prepared for since the final play of last year. We will miss our seniors but we have kids that are ready to fill those shoes and continue to carry the Mule banner."

The biggest challenge faced by Coach Wood during these early season practices may have been getting his new staff trained in his system. Then getting them assigned to their areas

of expertise to best help the program.

"It has been a learning experience for all of us," continued Wood. "The kids are the ones that have really handled this the best as they know the system and not having to learn anything new and they are very comfortable. It is the coaches that have to learn everything."

Cade Smith and Bret Bamert have made the transition to varsity and are well ahead of any schedule the coaches might have had for these two young men as they vie for positions on both sides of the ball.

Logan Caddell has changed positions and will be starting at both tight end and defensive end.

The Mules have a large contingent of returning starters that will provide a strong nucleus for both the offense and defense. Smith, Bamert and Caddell have filled some of the holes left by graduation.

"The scrimmages are a chemistry experiment for the coaches as we try different combinations of players looking for the proper mix of players to use in each situation," said Wood.

"Even though the scrimmage with Idalou was shortened by the weather, we were able to see some things we need to work on

as well as things we think are right," he said.

The Mules will host the Friona Chieftains Friday night in Benny Douglas Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 pm.

"Friona looks like the Friona teams we have come to expect with good strong solid athletes. They swarm to the ball on defense," Wood said. "We think they will try to throw deep on us to test our secondary early in the game and loosen up our defense."

The JV Mules open their season with a trip to Farwell on Thursday night. Kick off is set for 6 pm.

Ladies Golf Assn. News



Winning team members included Tammy Black, Judy Wilbanks, Helen Templeton and Sheryl Engelking, Analeta Haley, Kay Field and Claudine Elliott.

The Muleshoe Ladies Golf Association met Wednesday Aug. 17 for a business meeting, lunch, golf and cards. The meeting was called to order by association president Ann McElroy, business was taken care of and plans completed for the Ladies Jennyslipper Golf Tournament on Saturday Aug. 20. A golf scramble was played with two teams tying for first place with a score of 74 for each team.

Members present included Claudine Elliott, Kay Field, Sheryl Engelking, Janetta Precure, Janet Claborn, Melody Hettinga, Anita Black, Pam Miller, Judy Wilbanks, Marlene Martin, Ann McElroy, Tammy Black, Elinor Yerby, Analeta Haley, Laven Winn, Deborah Noble, Helen Templeton, Pat Kirk and Shelia Stevenson.

Health



Gable receives nursing pin

South Plains College pinned Leesa Gable of Muleshoe, pictured above, at the School of Vocational Nursing Pinning Ceremony on Aug. 17 at the Theater for the Performing Arts in Levelland.

Gable completed three semesters of coursework in areas such as maternal-neonatal nursing, anatomy and physiology, gerontology, pediatrics, nutrition, mental illness, pharmacology and intravenous therapy. She is now eligible to take the State Board licensing exam to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN).

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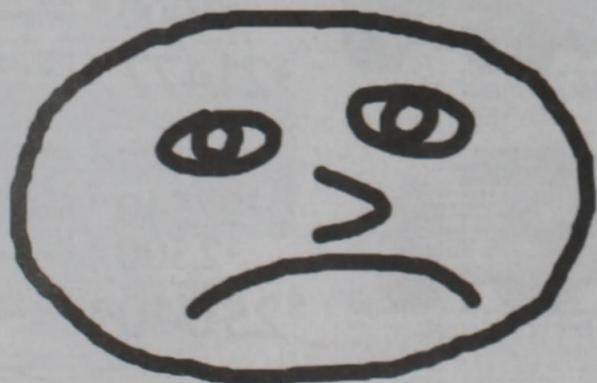
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Due to lack of advertising support, this year's annual football contest has been cancelled.

Many thanks to those who did agree to sponsor the contest, but printing costs would outweigh the pledged support our staff was able to gather. We'll try again next year.

Second annual antique appraisal held at Muleshoe store

Carolyn's Christmas Creations second annual "Mini Road Show" was held Saturday, Aug. 20, with licensed appraiser Chuck Braden providing individuals from as far away as Lubbock and Fort Sumner with information about their antiques and items of interest.

Braden, a certified appraiser-auctioneer from Carlsbad, N.M., honed his skills at Muleshoe in preparation for his appearance at the National Antiques Road Show, which is scheduled to be held in Lubbock in September.

Sixty individuals from Lubbock, Clovis, Portales, Melrose, Sudan, Earth, Fort Sumner, and of course, Muleshoe brought from one to four items each for



Chuck Braden pictured above on the right, examines of the objects brought in for appraisal on Aug. 20

Braden's examination and appraisal. Some were pleasantly surprised to learn the value of their old family relics, and others were disappointed at the commercial value attached to their items.

One of the oldest items to

be seen Saturday was a German Bible brought in by Charlotte Holt of Muleshoe. After examination, Braden determined the Bible to have been printed in the 1600s.

Willard Tiblets of Earth brought a pair of middle eastern spurs which Braden

said may predate the birth of Christ in origin. Tiblets said the spurs were found in a junk shop in Istanbul, Turkey.

Other unusual artifacts included an old Coca Cola® black and white poster which predated Coke's prolific use of color ads. This poster belonged to Jan Pierce of Muleshoe.

Dominic Corsey of Clovis brought in a shadow box she designed filled with Molvil Oil memorabilia from her grandfather's 40 years of service to the company. This collection was appraised in the thousands.

Braden cited it as an example of a younger generation preserving a piece of family history which became more valuable through preservation.

"This is extremely

desirable by collectors of memorabilia dealing with the oil industry," Braden said. "Thus, it has a high commercial value, but you shouldn't sell it because the value is priceless in relation to it value to your family."

Other heirlooms included family quilts, a doll buggy from the 1800s, pistols, violins, dishes, glassware, furniture, bronzes and art

banks and autographs of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans.

In addition to appraising the items, Mr. Braden offered tips on preservation techniques and ideas of added proven and to make items even more valuable. Braden also conducted a short seminar concerning detection of fake antique and reproductions.

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Nursing Home News

Nancy Lemons delivered ceramics for the residents to paint in craft class, Thursday morning. Residents participating were Virginia Barrett, Gladys Wilson, Ruth Clements, Gladys Wright, Alliene Lasiter, Cynthia Crawford and Cathy Wilson.

Following craft class, Paul Chaisson entertained, using his skills at the piano.

Earl Talkington directed a resident council meeting Thursday afternoon in the Day Room. Fifteen residents participated.

W.T. and Pat Watson gave a special music program for the enjoyment of residents Friday morning.

Saturday afternoon Butch Vandiver directed the Bingo Bash.

The Muleshoe Church of Christ directed a communion service Sunday morning.

Buster Kittrell and Harold Burge teach the Bible Study each Sunday morning.

The 16th and Ave. D Church of Christ directed a

song service Sunday afternoon.

Ardith Long's son and daughter-in-law visited her Sunday.

Johnnie Kimbrough's daughter Wanda and son-in-law John, from Lubbock, visited him Sunday afternoon.

Ed Nickels, Johnnie's son-in-law, checks on him daily and brings his two great-granddaughters to visit.

Arnold Prater was visited by his wife Pat Prater and mother Grace Scoggins this week.

Peggy Dent created a silk flower arrangement for the lobby area. The creation adds a special touch to the room.

Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard from the Earth Methodist Church, directed a music and praise devotional Tuesday morning.

Diane Brown, Pat Clark, Dolores Garrett, Jan Crawford, and Eva Nell Dale shampooed and set the

ladies hair, Tuesday afternoon. Pat Clark gave several hair cuts. Peggy Dent provided nail care.

Bro. Jack Stone sang for the residents Monday morning.

Wednesday morning, Loyce Killingsworth, along with Buster and Wanda Kittrell, served coffee and donuts to the residents at coffee time.

Aubrey and Margaret Heathington visited Aubrey's mother, Hattie Heathington Sunday afternoon.

Dott Parker is visited by Frank and Johnnie Parker every afternoon.

Eula Hennington was visited by her daughter Norma Bruce Sunday. Her family members came for a visit Tuesday afternoon.

Buster Kittrell, Loyce Killingsworth, and Anna B. Lane, directed the singspiration, devotional time, following coffee time.

Loyce Killingsworth's brother and Dan Atkins also participated in the events.

Glenda Jennings directed a sing-a-long Wednesday afternoon. The residents participated by suggesting song to be sung and singing.

Duane and Linda White delivered fresh-picked watermelon from their field Wednesday afternoon.

Glenda Jennings visited Floy Hanson and gave her a private performance Wednesday afternoon.

Truman Stroud was visited by his wife Martha Stroud, Lou Hall, Hamie and Jadie Hall recently.



Adams honored by NWS

J.K. and Margaret Adams of Muleshoe were presented a 30-year Length of Service award on Aug. 17, for maintaining a large recording rain gage, which is part of the National Weather Service's Climatic Network. Their location is one of 11,000 cooperative weather observing sites throughout the U.S. that are maintained by volunteers like the Adams. "Their efforts over the past 30 years are a prime example of outstanding public service not only to the Muleshoe area, but to the entire country," said Johnny Wallace of the NWS, Lubbock. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Johnny Wallace, Lubbock NWS, J.K. and Margaret Adams, and Justin Weaver, meteorologist in charge of the NWS office at Lubbock.

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Thanks for reading the Journal!

Agricultural News

NCRS invites farmers and ranchers to program development meeting

The Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District invites the public and any agencies with interest to participate in a Program Development Group meeting to be held at the Bovina EMS Building on Sept. 1, from 9 a.m. til noon. The purpose of this meeting is to request participation and invite comments from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and especially farmers and ranchers who have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs.

The discussion in the PDG meeting will help the Local Work Group, led by Mike White, USDA Natural

Boll weevil assessment notices to arrive

Boll weevil eradication assessment notices were recently mailed to cotton producers in the High Plains eradication zones, and also to cotton producers in eradication zones in the Rolling Plains.

The assessments are based on information cotton producers provide the Farm Service Agency when they certify their crops.

If growers find an error in the information on their billing, they will need to correct the information at their local FSA office and forward the corrected information to the Foundation.

Payment is due Sept. 30, but a two percent discount is available to growers who pay the full assessment by Sept. 15.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit on those acres completely destroyed prior to the final certification date.

Qualifying acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the credit. To aid area growers who have been affected by adverse weather conditions, the TBWEF is offering payment extension agreements for producers whose accounts are current. "For those having difficulty paying their assessment, help is available by contacting the assessments department and arranging an extension agreement," said Tina Ballard, chief financial officer.

Producers entering into an extension agreement must make a 10 percent down payment, and they will be charged a late fee of one percent per month until their accounts are paid.

This late fee begins on the date the signed agreement and down payment are received by the Assessments Department.

Producers who are delinquent in payment and who do not have an extension agreement are subject to a late fee of 1.5 percent per month.

Producers with extension agreements have 150 days to pay their accounts.

For more information contact the Assessments Department in Abilene at (866)672-2800.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

Resources Conservation Service District conservationist, address county-based funding for the FY2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Programs. The LWG will make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, cost share rates, and ranking for county-based funding.

One of the guiding principles of the 2002 USDA Farm Bill is that conservation programs are locally lead. Through stake holder meetings the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

EQIP was established in the 1996 Farm Bill to provide a single, voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers to address significant natural resource concerns.

Nationally, it provides technical and financial assistance to address natural resource concerns. Administered by the NRCS, EQIP was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill and awards cost share assistance to agricultural producers who will apply cost share and incentive practices which provide significant environmental benefit.

In Texas, NRCS provides funding to each county to address local high priority

resource concerns.

For more information, call office in Farwell at (806)481-3311. Service center the NRCS Texas website at the USDA Service Center locations and program www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.



Jesko honored

Kayle Jesko of Muleshoe, pictured above on the right, captured first place in written exam and second place as "Top Rookie" in the Junior Division of the TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge held recently at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Presenting the award is John Marting, chairman of the Junior Fed Beef Committee. The TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge, sponsored by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, allows 4H and FFA students to gain practical experience in commercial cattle feeding. Students feed a pen of three steers, then compete on the carcass merit of the cattle, plus the student's ability in a written test, oral interview and record keeping.

Asian soybean rust has not spread to Texas panhandle

Diseases resembling Asian soybean rust have caused concerns among Panhandle producers in recent weeks.

However, Dr. Tom Allen, assistant research scientist and head of the Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory with Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, said Asian soybean rust has not yet spread to the Texas Panhandle.

"Also, we want to make sure everyone understands there is only one kind of soybean rust. It is known as Asian soybean rust," Allen said.

In Asia, where soybean rust was first found, losses of up to 70 percent were reported. The United States' first confirmation of disease was in Louisiana in 2004.

It has since been found in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi, although most reports have identified susceptible weed hosts, and in soybean "sentinel plots," Allen said. It has only been found in one producer's field in Florida, he said.

Sentinel soybean plots serve as an early indicator of disease development in each region, Allen said. This allows researchers and producers to respond to the disease in a timely manner. Most soybean sentinel plots are observed for soybean rust on a frequent basis, he said.

This year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture implemented sentinel plots in more than 30 states, Allen

said. Soybean plots were planted in the spring and will be observed throughout the growing season for soybean rust.

One problem with diagnosis is several other soybean diseases are similar in appearance, he said. Brown spot, bacterial blight, bacterial pustule, frogeye leaf spot and downy mildew all produce "rust-like" lesions on soybean leaves.

"The naked eye will not be able to easily determine the differences; however, in the diagnostic laboratory these diseases can be differentiated," Allen said.

Producers with a problem area should send plant samples to: Texas High Plains Plant Pathology Laboratory, c/o Tom Allen, Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

Each sample should be double-bagged in self-locking plastic bags, Allen said. Send samples by the fastest method possible, ideally overnight, or bring them by the Experiment Station in Amarillo. Allen can be reached at (806) 677-5600.

When sending a sample, be sure to send more than one leaf, he said. Do not expose the samples to direct sunlight or high temperatures inside a plastic bag prior to mailing. Producers can track the soybean rust situation at <http://www.sbrusa.net>.



Muleshoe Cattle Market

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

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

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Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
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Joe Garcia, Albuquerque, NM	13	Hol. bulls	268 lbs.	at \$118.00
Jorge Navares, Levelland		BWF str. per hd.	175 lbs.	at \$320.00
Harry Vogler, Hereford		BWF bull	290 lbs.	at \$162.50
Harry Vogler, Hereford	5	Char. bulls	403 lbs.	at \$136.50
Ronald Coleman, Morton	5	Blk. str	319 lbs.	at \$165.00
TTW Cattle, Littlefield	2	Mxd. bulls	400 lbs.	at \$141.00
TTW Cattle, Littlefield	2	Mxd. bulls	455 lbs.	at \$126.00
JR & LE Farms, Morton	3	Char. bulls	418 lbs.	at \$127.00
David Lamb, Morton		Blk. bull	580 lbs.	at \$109.00
Cody Schilling, Farwell	5	Brang. str	607 lbs.	at \$112.50
Cody Schilling, Farwell	2	Char. str	793 lbs.	at \$101.00
Joe Roberts, Levelland		Char. bull	725 lbs.	at \$102.00
Kent Current, Valle de Oro		Blk. hfr	270 lbs.	at \$135.00
Ronald Coleman, Morton	4	Blk. hfr	338 lbs.	at \$147.00
Ronald Coleman, Morton	5	Blk. hfr	444 lbs.	at \$120.00
JR & LE Farms, Morton	4	Char. hfr	473 lbs.	at \$118.00
TTW Cattle, Littlefield	2	Blk. hfr	500 lbs.	at \$119.00
Bobby Oden, Brownfield	2	Blk. hfr	613 lbs.	at \$97.00
Manuel Garcia, Plainview		Blk. hfr	630 lbs.	at \$102.00
Bobby Duncan, Tatum, NM		Red hfr	875 lbs.	at \$84.00
JR Rodriguez, Sudan		BMF pair		\$1050.00
Jared Floyd, Loop	2	Red cows P8		\$860.00
Gerald Marnell, Hereford		Char. cow P7		\$800.00
Simon Ledesma, Lamesa		RMF cow P6		\$750.00
Simon Ledesma, Lamesa		Char. cow	975 lbs.	at \$57.00
Bill Bradley, Amherst		Blk. cow	1030 lbs.	at \$63.00
John Froese, Muleshoe		Yell. cow	1295 lbs.	at \$60.75
James Gable, Sudan	3	Red cows	1057 lbs.	at \$59.00
Caswell Cattle, Muleshoe		Grey cow	1155 lbs.	at \$58.00
JR & LE Farms, Morton		Red cow	1665 lbs.	at \$58.00
Eddie Moudy, Earth		Blk. cow	1155 lbs.	at \$57.50
Loren Current, Valle de Oro		Hol. cow	1205 lbs.	at \$54.50
Doyle Walden, Littlefield		Red bull	1975 lbs.	at \$72.00
Cowart Cattle Co., Muleshoe		Red bull	1955 lbs.	at \$71.50
Ronnie Pipkin, Seminole		Blk. bull	2245 lbs.	at \$70.00

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

Last year, the Bailey County property tax rate was \$.6066/\$100. That rate raised \$1,369,482, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as:

**County Road Maintenance, County Administration,
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General Operations of Bailey County**

This year, Bailey County is proposing a property tax rate of \$.7511/\$100. That rate would raise \$1,767,561, which is \$398,079 more than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on September 1, 2005, 10:00 A.M. at the Bailey County Courthouse, Commissioners Court Room, 300 South First Street, Muleshoe, Texas. The second hearing will be held on September 8, 2005, 10:00 A.M. at the Bailey County Courthouse, Commissioners Court Room, 300 South First Street, Muleshoe, Texas.

Criminal Justice Mandate:

The Bailey County Auditor certifies that Bailey County has spent \$-0- in the previous 12 months beginning July 1, 2004 for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Bailey County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures:

The County of Bailey spent \$-0- from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$-0-.

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.

Agricultural News

Sen. Hutchinson addresses the future of Texas farming

Texas farming has a long and rich history. Since prehistoric times, inhabitants have used a variety of agricultural methods to produce the necessary foods for survival.

Caddo Indians in East Texas lived in permanent villages and prepared fields to cultivate corn, squash and beans. In West Texas, Pueblo Indians employed irrigation techniques to successfully grow cotton.

The Spanish introduced the grapefruit to Texas, which was later adopted as the official fruit of the Lone Star State. After Mexico won independence from Spain in 1821, the government encouraged settlement in the region north of the Rio Grande River by offering land grants.

Stephen F. Austin inherited a land grant from his father, Moses Austin and, together with 300 other families from the United States, helped to settle parts of Central, East, and Southeast Texas.

Prior to the Civil War, Texas agriculture primarily consisted of subsistence family farms typically ranging in size from 120 to 160 acres. With the expansion of the railroads, Texas farming grew rapidly creating the opportunity for commercial production.

The Morrill Land-Grant College Act in 1862 established the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, known today as Texas A&M University, to advance research in the



Capitol Comment

By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

fields of farming and ranching. Despite the devastating setbacks caused by the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl, advancements in cultivation, irrigation, crop diversification and equipment modernization lead to improved agricultural productivity.

Today, groups such as the Texas Farm Bureau are advocating for the future of agribusiness in our state. Adding approximately \$40 billion to the state economy each year, Texas is one of our nation's leading farming states.

Numerous organizations such as 4-H and the Future Farmers of America are helping to teach Texas' youth the cutting-edge techniques that will keep Texas on the forefront of the international agricultural industry.

Recent legislation will also contribute to the success of Texas' agricultural industry. The Central American Free Trade Agreement, recently passed by Congress and signed into law on Aug. 2 by Pres. George W. Bush, will have a tremendous impact on the Lone Star State. Texas is currently the fifth-

largest state agricultural exporter to CAFTA countries and the nation's number one exporter of cotton.

CAFTA is a comprehensive trade agreement negotiated by the U.S. and Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic.

CAFTA will eliminate 80 percent of tariffs on U.S. exports, including the up-to-15 percent tariffs on chemical, electrical equipment, machinery, processed food and transportation exports.

According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, CAFTA will boost Texas' exports to the region, adding \$683 million to the state economy after a year and \$3.6 billion after nine years.

On Aug. 8, Pres. Bush signed into law the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The legislation includes tax credits to encourage the production of clean renewable energies for wind, biomass, geothermal, small irrigation power, landfill gas and trash combustion.

The bill also includes the Coastal Impact Assistance Program, which I sponsored in the Senate. This program will improve habitat conservation and restoration, protect estuarine marshes and help improve Texas' air quality. The energy bill also includes a provision to authorize the U.S. Department of Interior to inventory oil and gas

resources on the Outer Continental Shelf.

This inventory will better enable the federal government to assess the extent of these resources. The increased use of ethanol required by the bill will be a boost to corn growers who must supply the raw products to make ethanol into fuel.

Our national energy independence is critical to the future of Texas' agricultural industry.

Also critical to Texas' future is meeting our transportation needs. For 50 years the Federal Aid Highway Program and the states have maintained one of the world's finest highway networks, making highways the first choice to transport most of the goods that drive our economy.

This year, Congress was finally able to pass the transportation bill known as the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act. This bill provides \$286.5 billion in federal funding through Fiscal Year 2009 for transportation projects.

The new law will go a long way toward meeting our transportation needs. Under the previous law, Texas was receiving on average \$2.1 billion annually. The new law will increase the average annual funding by nearly \$800 million, bringing Texas' annual average to \$2.89 billion. Today, there are other critical needs to be addressed such as the

increasing amount of American trade stemming from NAFTA.

Texas has over 300,000 highway miles, the most of any state in our nation, and it is critical to make the commitment to maintain this system so that our farmers can move their products to market in an effective manner.

Texas is truly a national

and international leader in the field of agriculture.

Working together, we are improving rural economic development, capitalizing on the latest agricultural research and technologies and improving nutritional health through Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University. I am proud of the role Texas has earned as a model for agribusiness.

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Hospital board meeting tonight

A special meeting of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's Board of Directors has been set for 5 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 26, in the hospital's dining room. The agenda lists a budget review, changing the bank signature card and general discussion with Parish, Moody and Fike.

Annual TRC award to recognize rural innovation

The Texas Rural Communities, Inc., has announced the availability of its annual \$10,000 Texas Rural Best Award. The grant is designed to recognize and reward rural Texans who find innovative ways to address local issues.

Texas Rural Communities, Inc., a nonprofit organization, serves rural Texas communities, individuals and groups, and supports organizations through rural economic development, educational loan and grant programs. The organization has given away \$40,000 over the past four years to resourceful small town Texans.

"We've recognized ground-breaking Texans for four years through our Texas Rural Best program. We've been delighted with the number of programs throughout the state that have submitted applications," explained Sandra Tenorio, TRC's Executive Director. "Rural Texans have a well-earned reputation of working hard to find innovative solutions to local needs. Our mission is to recognize, reward and learn from those innovations."

Rural Texans who live in an area that is not within the outer boundary of any city

having a population of 100,000 or more and have a project that has demonstrated success and achieved outcomes for at least one year are encouraged to apply for the no-strings attached grant. Applications for the prize must be addressed to TRC in Austin, and postmarked no later than Oct. 14, 2005.

To date, awarded projects include collaborations, partnerships, education and training endeavors.

Shackelford County Community Resource Center was the first recipient of the award in 2001. The Center was recognized for consolidating services in a one-stop setting, housing approximately 45 agencies, services and programs in an old nursing home.

In 2002, Teach For America, located in the Rio Grande Valley, was awarded the grant for building a movement to eliminate educational inequality by calling upon future leaders to commit two years to teaching in low-income urban and rural communities.

The 2003 award went to the El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development, which, in partnership with the National Endowment for Financial Education,

developed innovative and culturally sensitive financial literacy manuals to educate colonia residents about budgeting, saving and borrowing money.

LOCK.NET, a library outreach program located in Lockhart (Caldwell County), received the grant in 2004.

The program provides one-on-one computer and printer training and Internet connectivity in two disadvantaged neighborhoods in the community. Computer and Internet training is provided in both Spanish and English at four local neighborhood churches and the Head Start facility and is absolutely free to any

resident. Texas Rural Best Award application procedures may be downloaded from the website at:

www.texasrural.org or contact TRC at 512-219-0468 or toll free 800-787-2589 for a 2-page copy of the application procedures.

TRC is a non-profit organization created in 1934 to resettle the family farmer after the depression. The organization continues to serve farmers and ranchers by offering loans in conjunction with the Farm Service Agency. TRC also finances small business loans and student and parent loans for rural college students.

The Muleshoe Journal wants to be your local news source! If you have story or photo ideas, let us know.



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Education

New staff members tackle teaching at Lazbuddie ISD

Several new faces have made an appearance at Lazbuddie Independent School District.

Among the new staff members, along with some biographical information about them, are:

John E. Jones — "I graduated from West Texas State University with a bachelor of science and Wayland Baptist University with a master's of education," Jones said. "I have taught science in Olton Texas for five years and Muleshoe High School for eight years."

"I entered the teaching field for the opportunity to work with young people, be apart of their development and it helps me to stay young," he said.

"I have always been apart of this community (Lazbuddie) and I enjoy the people, weather and being home," he said.

When asked how hopes to impact Lazbuddie's students, Jones said by being a positive influence and encouraging them to be successive and to have positive goals.

Becky Jones — "I attended Texas Women University. West Texas State University and graduated from Eastern New Mexico University with an Elementary Education and Music K-12 certification, Jones said. "I started teaching at Lazbuddie in 1987 and taught band in Muleshoe ISD from 1998-2005. I will be teaching fourth and fifth grade language arts and fourth and fifth grade social studies and elementary music."

Jones said she entered the education field because of her love of kids and desire to share her love of music and learning.

"I love the closeness of the community, faculty and opportunities unique to a



Among the new staff at the Lazbuddie Independent School District are, from left to right: Mickey Chambliss, Tori Townsend, Renita Pollard, Maggie Rogers, Becky Jones, Vinnie Gomez, Shannon Anderson, Sarah Hood, Ann Rainey, John Jones

small school setting," she said about the Lazbuddie community.

"I plan to reintroduce music into the elementary setting and enthusiastically nurture fourth and fifth graders so that they have love to learn," she said.

Shannon Anderson — "I graduated from high school in Canyon and attended West Texas A&M University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in political science and psychology in 1993. A year later, I began working as a juvenile detention officer, which was when I decided to be a councilor," he said.

Anderson says he entered the education field to prepare students for life and a successful future.

"I enjoy the sense of community, and the peace and quiet," Anderson said about Lazbuddie.

"I plan to positively impact students by being a positive role model, and a concerned adult willing to listen and help students in a beneficial way," he said.

Sarah Hood — Among her education background is Andrews High School and Lubbock Christian University.

"I worked as a

receptionist at my Dad's company in high school.

The summer after my first year in college, I worked at a daycare. My junior year of college, I substituted for Lubbock ISD every other day during the first semester. The year after I graduated, I substituted for Frenship," she said.

"I have always enjoyed working with kids and have had it in me all of my life to be a teacher. I never saw myself as someone who can sit down in the office and work alone. I thought it would be fun to make a living helping kids succeed," Hood said.

Concerning Lazbuddie, Hood said, "I really enjoy the small town and friendly people. I have never had such friendly neighbors... and have never felt as welcome as I do here. I love it!"

Hood says she plans to make learning enjoyable for the students. "I want them to know that they can learn and be somebody," she said.

Renita Pollard — Graduated from Palo Duro High School in Amarillo, and from WTA&M. Her business experience includes working at Randall High

School and the Texas Tech Health Science Center.

"While working at Randall High School, I fell in love with the educational setting and the students," Pollard said. "I knew I wanted to be a teacher and have the opportunity to be a positive influence in the lives of my students."

Among the things Pollard enjoys about Lazbuddie is that it's "a small community with a school administration that has its students best interests in mind."

She hoped to impact her students by "looking at each student as their own, unique individual self and reaching out to make a positive influence in their lives."

"I want all of my students to have goals in their lives and to reach those goals for a feeling of success and accomplishment," she said.

Mickey Chambliss — Attended Denver City High School and Texas A&M University, where he received a bachelors of science in education. He has also attended Sunset International Bible Institute, the Theological University of America — from which he received a masters in biblical studies and a doctorate in ministry. He has

been in secondary and college level education for the past 30 years, and in the ministry for 20 years.

"Teaching is my fulfillment," Chambliss said. "It is my joy!"

According to Chambliss, what he enjoys about Lazbuddie are the people and the relationships. He hopes to impact his students by being a Christian example to them, by being their friend and by helping them to succeed.

Ann Rainey — "I attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville... and taught home economics for about five years," Rainey said. "When I married, we moved to Memphis, where I was the country extension agent in Family and Consumer Science for about 2-1/2 years. I then transferred to Comanche County."

Rainey worked for the Comanche County extension office for more than two years before resigning in September 2004.

"I wanted to get back into teaching — my first love — and be able to spend more time with my husband, Kenneth, and my children, Shyann and Wyatt," she said. "I've always wanted to give back some of what I got from my teachers in school."

Rainey says she loves the small town atmosphere of Lazbuddie.

"I hope to teach the students of Lazbuddie that they can be anything they want to be. All it takes is goal setting and hard work," she said.

Vince Gomez — "I taught Spanish for three years in Lamesa. I have also worked CPS and Buckner Children's Home," Gomez said. "I attended Texas Tech University and South Plains College."

According to Gomez, he

decided to enter the field of education to "help young people after the death of a friend."

"The students are awesome and so are my co-workers," Gomez said about Lazbuddie. "People have been extremely nice and have really made me feel like I belong here."

"I plan to inject them with some of the passion I have for learning and helping others," he said about his students.

Tori Townsend — A 1999 graduate of Springlake-Earth High School, Townsend received a BBA in finance from West Texas A&M in May 2003, and a fourth through eighth math certification in December 2004.

"I want my efforts to make a difference to others," Townsend said about teaching.

Townsend said she enjoys Lazbuddie's small, agricultural community, and noted that "everyone is very friendly."

She says she hopes to impact her students by helping them look forward to their next challenge.

Maggie Rogers — Rogers' educational background includes Lubbock High School and Abilene Christian University.

She has work as a substitute at both Lubbock ISD and Lazbuddie ISD.

"I feel that teaching is my mission in life. I have a passion for teaching young children and instilling within them a love for learning," she said.

"I want to foster and nourish my students desire to learn. I will encourage my students' desire to learn. I will encourage my students to be their best, work their hardest, and above all enjoy school and enjoy being around each other," she said.

Health

Make the most of your medical appointments

Submitted by
Mandi Seaton,
Bailey CEA-FCS

For some people, a visit to the hospital or physician's office can be a very stressful experience... a long drive may have been involved, almost certainly a long wait.

By the time you actually see your health professional, you may forget to tell him or her something important.

To ensure the best quality care for you or your loved one, Gerontology Health Specialist, Andrew Crocker, suggests taking an active role in preparing for your health visits so that you may take full advantage of your time with the health professional.

Most people don't leave their house for the supermarket without a list of things to buy, right? A visit to your health professional should be no different.

A suggestion for keeping this list might include purchasing a spiral notebook so that all your information is kept in the same place. Make a list of questions, comments and concerns before going to your health provider's office,

leaving space to write down any instructions you might be given. Your list should address:

- Your main reason for visiting your health provider.
- Your list of health concerns or complaints, in order of importance. When did it start? What makes it better? What makes it worse?
- Your list of medications. Include dosages, why you take that medication and any side-effects you may be experiencing

During your visit you will be able to work your way down this list, making sure that each item is addressed. By having this information ready, you will be able to maximize your time with your health provider.

Your part of the visit with your health provider includes listening to his or her responses to your questions and concerns.

Since you left space under each one of your questions, comments or concerns, you should be able to write down the response from your health provider.

When you get home, you will be able to go over the

instructions that your health provider gave you during the office visit.

The time in between your office visits is also the time to begin making out your new list of questions, comments and concerns for your health provider. Your spiral bound notebook has now become your own health record!

Remember not to keep personal information in your notebook, such as your Social Security Number. This is for your protection in case your notebook is lost or stolen.

A spiral bound notebook will serve as an excellent personal health record. However, if you want something a little more "official," the Administration on Aging has a publication entitled "Personal Health Care Journal" which may help you "get organized" for your next visit with your health provider.

You may download this journal or order a free copy from <http://www.aoa.gov/press/publications/publications.asp>.

For more information on preparing for a visit with your health provider, contact

Mandi Seaton, Bailey County Extension Agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

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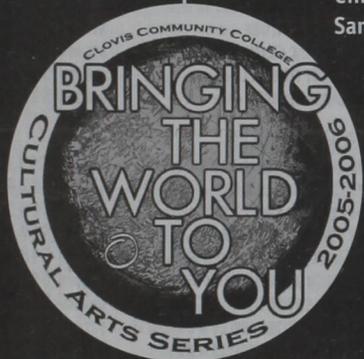
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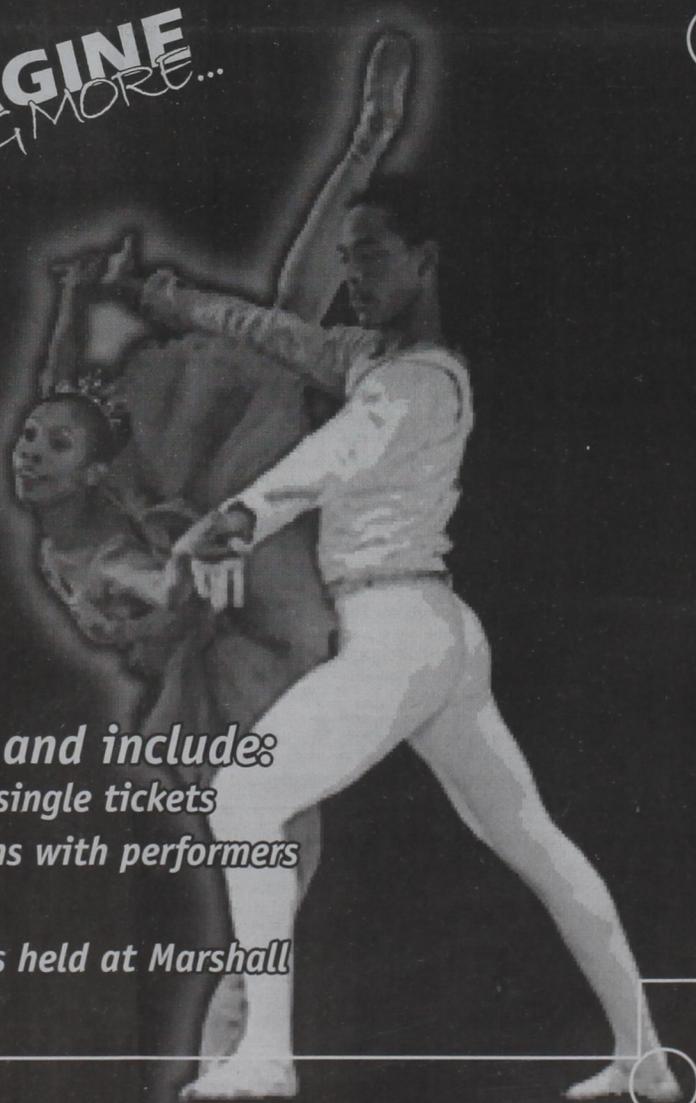
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Chamber News

By Leah Bell

The Board of Directors of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture met in regular session Thursday, Aug. 18 in the board room at the chamber of commerce office. Items on the agenda included Christmas decorations and a Public Awareness Campaign.

Present were Mark Beard, Terral King, Leah Bell, Tadd Young, Carolyn Johnson, Lynn Moore, manager Amy Young and President Heather Foley.

No old business came before the board so members heard from various committee chairs.

Moore told those present he had met with City Manager David Brunson to discuss city Christmas decorations.

According to Moore, Brunson believes there is about \$2,500 and possibly up to \$5,000 dollars available to help fund new decorations

around Muleshoe this year. A motion was passed to allow Moore and A. Young to purchase one banner with brackets to serve as a template for others to be made locally by Leo's Blacksmith.

"It would be extremely expensive to purchase the brackets from the magazine, so we've decided to contract locally which will save us some money and is always good for business," said A. Young.

The board approved making this year's Christmas parade an evening event which will take place concurrently with one of four annual "Muleshoe After Hours" events.

Also approved was a business decoration contest for the holidays.

"Knowing we don't have the money this year to get all the new decorations Muleshoe desperately needs,

we're having a decorating contest to make sure Muleshoe looks festive for the holidays," said Foley. "We have to rely on our businesses to help us out until more funds become available."

In other business, T. Young will be taking over the chamber's website design and upkeep. Those of you who have items to publicize should send them to Tadd at tyoung@fivearea.com or forward them to Leah Bell who is producing the chamber's monthly newsletter, ads@muleshoejournal.com.

The board has begun their nomination process for 2006 directors. The committee will be made up of two board members, Foley and Beard, and three non-board members per bylaws of the chamber. They will present 16 candidates to the board by September's regular

meeting. A. Young reported hiring Leticia Leal to help run the chamber office during the week. "Leticia will keep the chamber office open while I'm out doing to job promoting Muleshoe and its chamber."

Advertising dollars were allocated to start the Public Awareness Campaign put together by new manager Amy Young. Her campaign is simple but memorable — "got spirit; community spirit got it? get it..."

"The chamber has been in the shadows for far too long. It's time to get ourselves out there and do something for our community."

The board will be participating in a mini-

telephone telethon to get new chamber members.

Five board members will be chairing five teams of 15 volunteers manning the phones on Thursday, Sept. 15, for one hour shifts.

Each team will be calling businesses and individuals around town and in Bailey County soliciting membership in the chamber.

"We want this to be exciting and high-energy like big telethons are," said A. Young. "It is a contest!"

Right now, the five board members are looking for three captains each who will be motivators for 12 team members who will be making the calls that day.

If you would like to be on a

team or serve as a captain, contact the chamber office at 272-4248 or any team chairperson.

"This is an opportunity to get businesses working for Muleshoe and working for themselves," said A. Young.

Beard reported to the board that currently, the chamber is running "in the black" and told members, specific numbers would be available in next month's meeting packet.

The chamber voted on and approved a new member — Burris Collision Center. Welcome to the family!

After voting for September business and employee of the month, the meeting adjourned.

Weddings

Johnson, Thomason united in matrimony

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Best Man was Bradley Thomason, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were



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Dusty Ramage and Josh Kitchens, of Muleshoe, friends of the bride and groom.

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

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

The reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church. The bride's table was covered with a white cloth adorned with the bride's bouquet and the bridesmaids long stem yellow roses. Her four layer white cake was topped with fresh flowers and surrounded with yellow and purple flower petals.

Serving the punch and bride's cake were Katie Cobb of Rio Vista, Callie Cobb of Pampa, Angie Bums of

Huntsville and Kelsea Griffin of Ft. Worth.

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

The couple drank punch from family heirloom flutes used 30 years ago by the groom's parents at their wedding.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents on Friday.

During the meal, Kala and Bradley presented the bride and groom with a video they had made highlighting Jana and Brandon's lives and their growing up as best friends.

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

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Mule Mania on the move

Mules, lady mules, little mules and musical mules gathered at the football field Aug. 16, for the annual "Meet the Mules" celebration.

Photographs by Larry Thornton



Hospital board... Continued from page 1

"I'm disturbed that we weren't here earlier," Wurts said. At one point, Wurts said Covenant looked at its service as a mission, and said of the problems facing the hospital district, "We're going to give it all to God."

"This review is very much a work in progress," Wurts said. He also noted that Covenant had an interest in making the hospital work.

Wurts introduced Jim Ferguson, who also attended Thursday's meeting, and explained that Covenant had contracted with Ferguson to conduct the hospital review.

As for Bone's replacement, Wurts said someone would probably begin serving as an interim during the week of Aug. 22, but said the decision to fill the position permanently would only be made after discussing the candidates with the hospital board and the community of Muleshoe.

And when Muleshoe resident Bob Donaldson asked if the new hospital administrator would be a resident of Muleshoe — referring to the fact that former administrator Bone commuted from his residence in another county, Wurts said, "I don't think this is a commuter job."

On related issues, prior to Wurts addressing the hospital board and others attending the meeting, Muleshoe resident Donaldson addressed the board, speaking briefly about the treatment of the employees, the contracts with local doctors and the hospital's association with Covenant.

"I've fought to get the hospital here," Donaldson said, "and I'll fight to keep it." Donaldson said he'd received calls from people as far away as Waco wanting to know what was being done about the hospital situation.

When Donaldson finished speaking, board president Mike Miller said, "I hope you get answers... they're good questions."

During Wurts' presentation, he responded to questions from local businessman Frank Parker, and said the hospital needed a "long range plan."

"We need to know what we're going to be when we grow up," said Wurts said.

"The people need to know what's going on... this is our hospital," Parker said.

Among the other preliminary review issues identified during Thursday's meeting were:

- The need for a short-term financial plan within the district.

- The need for an independent consultant to look at the hospital's "critical access status" because of the benefits it would bring to the district. Later in the meeting, when the hospital board voted contract with a new auditing firm, Wurts

asked and received the consensus of the board to use the same auditing firm to conduct this study, at Covenant's expense.

- Wurts singled out Park View administrator Paul Chassion, calling him a "treasure," and said he was impressed with how happy the residents and the employees working at the nursing home.

- Personnel issues need to be addressed, in particular the treatment of employees and individuals associated with the hospital district. "Getting more consistent in how we treat people is important," Wurts said.

- Wurts indicated that a dialogue had been opened with local doctors with the intent of keeping them in the district.

"Your problems are our problems," Wurts said, facing the large number of citizens attending Thursday's meeting. "We don't do this to generate a margin from management."



Merriott honored

Nelda Merriott of Muleshoe was honored during a reception at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center on Friday, Aug. 19. Prior to serving as the center's director, Merriott served Bailey County as District Clerk.

Muleshoe ISD board takes action

Continued from page 1 district's "rate to maintain" would be \$1.31 per hundred, but due to "unfunded mandates" expected from the state and recent property valuation increases he thought the tax rate should be increased by six cents per hundred.

However, at Monday's meeting — with the failure of state education legislation to pass — Sheets said the school district would be faced with a \$465,000 deficit at the \$1.37 tax rate. Therefore, the superintendent recommended the proposed tax rate be

increased to \$1.50 per hundred.

"It's a very difficult decision to make," board member Cindy Purdy said, "but we have to do it for the kids."

A Sept. 26 meeting, at 7 p.m., was called to vote on the school district's actual tax rate.

In other business, the school board:

- Recognized Delton Wilhite for his service to the school district as a sportswriter for the Muleshoe Journal and with KMUL Radio. Wilhite has been named to the Texas Association of School

Boards Media Honor Roll.

- Received a legislative report from the superintendent in which he commented, "I don't know why the legislature met from January to December."

- Approved the minutes from the Aug. 8 meeting.

- Approved an interlocal agreement with Sudan ISD and the FACT Consortium.

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