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MEDC to issue revenue bonds for new dairy waste project

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Economic Development entered the arena of high finance Thursday with the approval of a resolution that initiates the process of issuing up to \$6 million in bonds for the construction of a solid waste disposal system for a new area dairy.

"I think the facility will be a great benefit to the community," Janet Claborn, director of the MEDC said during the discussion that preceded the vote.

It was explained that John and Grace Visser of California were building a new dairy about 12 miles outside of Muleshoe, and that state law allowed the issuance of the tax exempt revenue bonds to construct

an environmentally approved waste management system. The new dairy, which has been permitted for 5,000 head, and is expected to be milking about 4,000 head by 2007, will be one of two

restricts the expenditure of the bond funds to the waste disposal project and related expenses.

Alan Rhodes of Underwood Attorneys and Counselors, Lubbock, the MEDC's legal counsel, said

which is just across the county line, about 12 miles from Muleshoe — was too far away to benefit Friona.

Rhodes said the MEDC would be a "flow through" entity regarding the issuance of the bonds. "You don't have any liability for the bonds," he said.

"The truth is," Rhodes said later, "this fell into our laps."

Asking the question she knew many in Muleshoe would be asking, MEDC president Wanda Hooten asked, "What's in it for us?" only to answer her own question.

Hooten explained that while the MEDC would receive an issuing fee for the corporation's assistance in financing the project, an

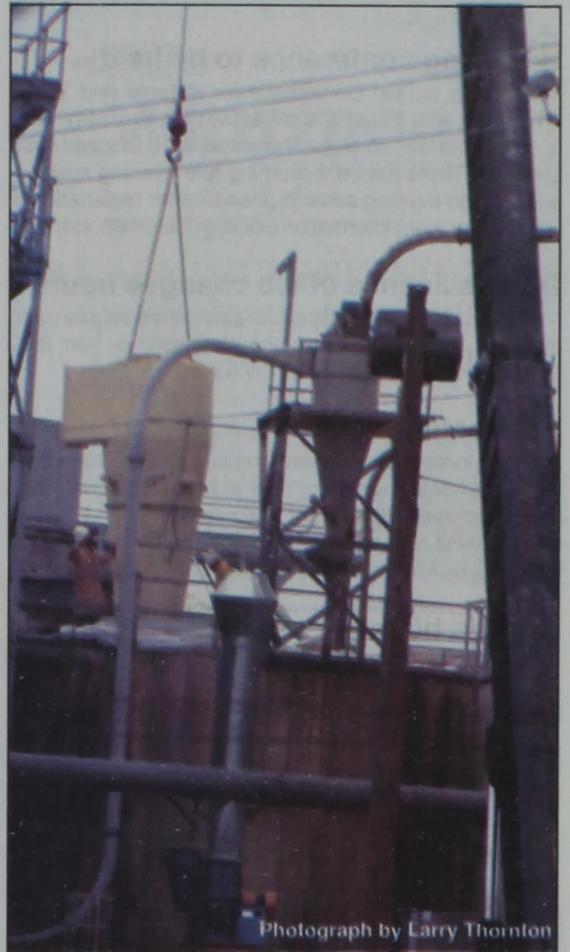
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"The MEDC's area of influence extends beyond the county lines."
— Wanda Hooten

dairies the Vissers plan to establish within the Muleshoe area.

It was noted that the bonds are backed by an irrevocable letter of credit from Wells Fargo Bank. The bond resolution also

he'd already received the approval of the Parmer County Commissioners for the MEDC to be the issuing authority on the project because the economic development authority in Friona felt the project —



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Crane work at Minsa

Workers at Minsa have been busy this past week installing a new dryer at the plant. Pictured above, a crane lowers part of the equipment onto the roof.

Committee says: Leave grade sites unchanged

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

After meeting for more than two hours Wednesday, Oct. 5, an advisory committee of the Muleshoe Independent School District voted to recommend the district's grade levels remain in its current configuration.

At the beginning of the meeting, Superintendent Gene Sheets explained that before the architects could set pen to paper during the preparation of the MISD master plan update, they needed to have an idea of "which grades need to be where."

"There is not just one way to do this," Sheets said. "This is why we need your opinion."

"Try to think of what's best for the kids," the superintendent urged.

While Sheets initially said the committee didn't need to "come up with a plan," but rather focus on the grade configuration, Stephen Faulk of MWMarchitects said the committee's work was part in fact part of the plan.

"This is the most important part of the entire process," Faulk said, "and I applaud you for doing this."

He said it was important that the architects on the project listened to the school board and members of the local community. "You all know how you want your children to be educated," Faulks said.

At Wednesday's meeting, and the August school board meeting at which MWMarchitects was selected for the master plan update, Faulks pointed out that the master plan and any construction projects that may follow were an important part of the

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4-H awards presented

Bailey County 4-H awards were presented during Monday's annual banquet, with the Cliff Black family, pictured above receiving the award from McKenna Dunham, being honored as Outstanding 4-H Family. County extension agents Curtis Preston and Mandi Seaton are pictured in the background. Thurman Myers, pictured above on the right receiving his award from Austin Bamert, was honored as the Outstanding 4-H Leader. Not pictured are Jim Pat and Susie Claunch, who were honored as the Outstanding 4-H Friends, and Gold Star award winner Madison Myers.



New 4-H officers, from left to right, Cami Jo Vandiver, Brady Black, Madison Myers, Brett Bamert, Garrison Myers, Jackson Myers, Logan Caddell, and Austin Bamert.

Commissioners court renames voting boxes

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners Court approved changes to the county's election precinct numbering system during Monday's regular meeting, in hopes that the changes will make it easier for voters to find their correct polling place.

County Judge Sherri Harrison explained that while Precinct 1 had only one polling place, designated as Voting Box 1, and Precinct 2 has Voting Box 2, the remaining county commissioner precincts

have multiple boxes. Prior to Monday's action, Precinct 3 had Voting Boxes 3 and 4, and Precinct 4 had Voting Boxes 5 and 6.

The primary problems arose from Precinct 3, Voting Box 4, which was somehow confusing the voters, who were misreading the card with their polling place information and trying to vote instead at Precinct 4's boxes.

At the judge's request the commissioners redesignated the voting boxes in Precinct 3 as Voting Boxes 3A and 3B, and the voting boxes in

Precinct 4 as Voting Boxes 4A and 4B.

During the discussion on the issue, Commissioner Juan Chavez commented on reports he's received concerning questions polling officials hadn't been able to answer at the most recent county election, and asked who was responsible for answering such questions.

Judge Harrison said the officials were required to attend a related training session, and that the election judges should be able to answer the questions. Harrison also said she had been available

for questions when necessary, and had spent time at each of the polling places as well. It was also noted that individuals with questions may contact the Texas Secretary of State's office.

In related action, the commissioners appointed Peggy Bates as the Precinct 1 election judge and Ruby Henderson as her alternate. At Precinct 5, the commissioners appointed Wanda Layton as the election judge, and Betty Harlan as her alternate.

The commissioners also

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Local Weather

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Fri.
I. T-Storms.. 75/43

Sat.
I. T-Storms.. 75/47

Sun.
S. T-Storms.. 72/38

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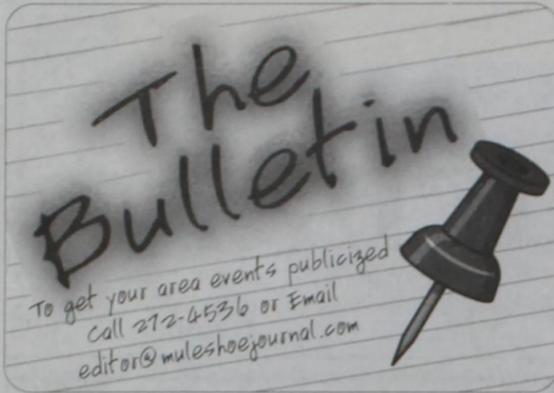
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Drivers license office changes hours

The driver's license office in Muleshoe will only be open two days a week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 8:30 a.m. til noon, and from 1 p.m. till 5 p.m.

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 965-2870.

Athletic booster club

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.

Diabetes group meeting on Oct. 18

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Bailey County Coliseum. The program will be "Carbohydrate Counting." This program is free of charge to everyone interested. The Diabetes Support Group meets the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-272-4583.

CASA volunteers sought

Help break the cycle of child abuse by becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate Volunteer. CASA volunteers ensure children don't get lost in an overburdened legal and social service system, and may be the only guiding presence involved from the beginning to the end of that child's case. The October training will be Oct. 18, 20, 22 and 24 in Hereford. For more information about becoming a CASA volunteer or the training, contact Jackie Francis at 806/363-1211, or online at casa@herefordisd.net

Memory course to be offered

Texas Cooperative Extension will begin offering "Master of Memory," a six-lesson class series that will help individuals understand how their memory works and what may affect memory. Medical conditions, medications, diet and exercise, among other things, may all play a role in how memory works. "Master of Memory" will also help individuals identify and use strategies to improve their memory function. The Oneita Wagnon Senior Center will be sponsoring the series, beginning Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 12:30 p.m. at the senior center. For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-272-4583.

Heritage center is open for business

The Muleshoe Heritage Center is open for tours on wednesday afternoons from 1 - 5 p.m. with center hostess Dolores Harvey, at 2100 West American Blvd. Other times may be scheduled by calling 272-5873, 272-4741 or 272-4469. The center also has facilities for card players, showers, family reunions and other special occasions. Call 272-5873 for more information.

2005 Harvest Aid Guide is available

The 2005 Harvest Aid Guide has been released by Dr. Randy Bowman, extensionist cotton agronomist, of the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center. A downloadable version of the guide is available from the center's website (<http://lubbock.tamu.edu>) under the "What's New" section.

County Questions

When was the first football team formed in Bailey County?
Answer on last page.

Oct. 13 blood drive

In an effort to stock local hospital shelves with blood and assist United Blood Services centers in Louisiana and Mississippi if needed, Muleshoe's next drive, sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church, will be held from 2 to 6:30 p.m., today, Oct. 13, in the Fellowship Hall, 1733 West Ave C in Muleshoe. Potential donors may call 806-272-4012 to make an appointment to donate at the blood drive. Volunteer blood donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

SPC Workforce classes to be offered

Beginning this fall, South Plains College will offer several WorkForce Development Short Courses at the South Plains College Center, 203 Main, in Muleshoe.

Among the courses to be offered are: Introduction to Computers & Windows XP; Introduction to MS Word; Intermediate MS Word; Introduction MS Excel; Intermediate MS Excel; and MS PowerPoint.

Also, Certified Nurses Aide; Certified Nurse Aide Clinical (required if taking the CNA class); Medication Administration for Nurse Aide; and Basic Phlebotomy.

Exact dates for the classes have not been set. The times depend on the instructor's schedules. Most classes will be offered in the evening from 6-9 p.m. and classes could meet twice a week.

For more information on WorkSource Development Classes, to register for classes, or inquire about Student Assistant Programs contact Rafael Aguilera at 806-747-0576, ext. 4909.

Fall, White elephant sale

Muleshoe Area Medical Center is holding a white elephant sale Oct. 14-15, to help raise funds for the installation of new flooring at the hospital. Among the events will be a hamburger cook out on Friday, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children. On Saturday, there will be a garage sale in the morning from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. Hot dogs will also be available for purchase. There will also be a \$1 pumpkin sale on Saturday. Tickets for a Browning 12-gauge shotgun that is being raffled off are also being sold.

Adult learning center enrollment

The Adult Learning Center, located inside WorkSource at 203 Main Street, Muleshoe, is enrolling students for GED, Learn to Speak English, college preparation and improving basic skills classes. Call 272-7540 for additional information.

BCEEA offers holiday program

On Oct. 21, Twila Albertson, from the Education Service Center-Region 17 in Lubbock, will present a holiday program entitled, "Soaring Through the Holidays" sponsored by Bailey County Extension Education Association beginning at 2 p.m. at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center.

Albertson has been an education specialist at the Education Service Center for 16 years and has presented numerous education workshops to the employees of the 58 districts in Region 17. Motivational speaking is a new arena for her, but one she is excited about exploring. Albertson believes that holiday planning and preparation can be a stumbling block to enjoying the holiday season to the fullest. Laughter and fun should be a part of every family's holiday time.

This program includes "real" family holiday experiences and fun. Anyone interested in attending is invited. For more information, contact Mandi Seaton at 272-4583 or Gail Gladden at 272-3024.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I appreciate the positive response of citizens in Muleshoe about the school funding issue and the recent school tax increase. Most understand what has happened (or not happened) in Austin. They know that the tax burden is being shifted to local taxpayers instead of the state owning up to its responsibility to fully fund a quality education for all children in Texas.

This year, there was no increase in funding from the state for public education. I would like to give some further explanation for the recent local tax increase.

On Sept. 26, our board of trustees voted to raise taxes from \$1.43 to \$1.50 (the highest allowed by law). It was a bold move on their part. However, with the legislative disaster that happened in Austin this year, they really didn't have much choice. With the lack of any action by the state legislature with regard to increased funding, we were facing a severe budget deficit that forced the board into raising taxes.

Here is a list of some of the increases in our budget that the legislature did not fund: Fuel costs, insurance costs, utilities, supplies, food costs, delivery costs, textbooks, a 30 percent increase in the school's portion of TRS Care insurance for employees, a 40 percent increase in school portion of Teacher Retirement System for employees, state-mandated yearly increases in salaries for teachers, and a new state-minimum salary scale proposed by the governor (if it is finalized and not funded by the state) which costs an additional \$140,000.

As you know, we've already consolidated several positions, cut several programs, and reduced expenses in almost all areas (and we will continue looking at ways to reduce expenses and be more efficient).

The board was facing two scenarios:

(1) If the governor's new state minimum salary scale went through, but was not funded by the state. At the \$1.50 tax rate, we were looking at a budget deficit of \$334,283. If we had left the tax rate at \$1.43, we would have had a budget deficit of \$466,252.

(2) If the new state minimum salary scale was not approved (or if it was approved and the state fully funded it). At the \$1.50 tax rate, we were looking at a budget deficit of \$194,283. At the \$1.43 tax rate, we were facing a budget deficit of \$326,252.

We are very fortunate that the board and administrators in past years have built up a good fund balance (a savings account) so we can handle years like this when the legislature does not fund public schools.

I have been asked why we didn't just use part of our \$8 million in fund balance and not raise taxes. From above, you can see that we actually are planning on using \$194,283 of our fund balance this year, even with the tax increase (or \$334,283, if MISD has to pay for the new state minimum salary scale increase).

Here is the reason we didn't want to use our fund balance to take care of all of the increase. Out of our nearly \$8 million in fund balance, the state says we should have \$3 million to cover normal operating expenses during the school year. We have designated \$5 million in fund balance for renovation/construction costs. We all know we will need this very shortly (and this may not be enough to do what we need to do). So we really don't have any money in fund balance to cover the deficit we are facing, especially if we had left the tax rate at \$1.43.

It is important for the public to know that the current funding system which delivers revenue to school districts is not the major problem with school finance. The problem is an inadequate revenue source. Our current dependence on property taxes to meet the needs of an ever growing population of students has maxed out. We need to revamp our system of taxation.

The state legislature must adopt a system of taxation that treats taxpayers in an equitable manner while providing a revenue source that grows with the economy. Major industries can not be allowed to thrive in the Texas economy without contributing to the general welfare of the citizens. Everyone must pay their fair share.

I hope this helps to explain our present situation, and I hope it gives you a greater appreciation for our school board and the tremendous responsibility they have in leading our school.

I am very thankful to be on this team!

Gene Sheets,
Superintendent,
Muleshoe ISD

Substance abuse meetings held each Saturday

Individuals 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.

Al-Anon meetings, for the friends and families of alcoholics, are being held at the same time and location.

Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings or AA in general, call 965-2870.

Editorial

Circles of influence

Have you ever thrown a couple of rocks into a large puddle of water, just to watch how the concentric waves caused by one rock affected the waves caused by the other rock?

Such waves are all around us, even in the business world. But no where is this more evident than in the area of economic development.

Whereas a company may refer to it's business area, an economic development corporation, such as Muleshoe's, operates within what could best be described as its area of influence, concentric circles that aren't bound by the structured borders of municipalities, counties or similar governmental entities.

This past week, the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation voted to use its authority and initiate the process of issuing of bonds to fund the construction of a solid waste disposal system over the line in Parmer County.

While there may be some area residents who question the MEDC's actions, they should be comforted by the knowledge that financially this is a "flow through" situation where MEDC funds will not be used. In fact, according to the action's resolution documents, not only is the MEDC, Muleshoe and Bailey County immune to liability in the issuance of the guaranteed bonds, but the MEDC will collect an issuance fee that can be used for other MEDC-backed projects.

But more importantly, the action — as noted by MEDC president Wanda Hooten — helps define the MEDC's area of influence.

Located as it is in the northeast corner of Bailey County, anyone who thinks the area of influence of Muleshoe or the MEDC is limited by the southeastern border of Parmer County and the Northwestern border of Lamb County is stuck back in the middle ages.

In simple terms, in this era of increasing fuel prices, Muleshoe's trade area reaches out to include everyone who wants to travel the shortest distance possible to obtain the products or services he or she needs. And we happen to think that the MEDC's influence extends beyond that.

The MEDC tossed it's rocks into a really big puddle Thursday, sending it's concentric circles of influence across the plains of West Texas. Since the action is basically revenue neutral, as to its affect on the municipal budget, let's just sit back and see how far the circles travel.

Handgun license class offered

South Plains College's Criminal Justice Department will be holding a concealed handgun licensee course on Oct. 29 in the Law Enforcement Building in Levelland.

The new applicant course will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the renewal applicant course will be from 1-5 p.m.

The class is open to persons that meet the legal requirements under Texas law to be licensed to carry a concealed handgun.

The course covers non-violent dispute resolution, weapons storage, safety practices, range safety, basic marksmanship, handgun use, proficiency and concealed

handgun license requirements and restrictions. All participants must pass a final written exam demonstrating knowledge and proficiency at the firing range.

Students must pre-register and enrollment is limited to 15 students. For registration or more information, contact 806-894-9611 ext. 2356.

County Questions

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Obituaries

Allene Samford

Chapel services for Allene Samford, 89, of Lubbock were held Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005, at Ellis Funeral Home of Morton with the Rev. Jon Foster of Morton officiating. Burial followed in Morton Cemetery.

Samford died on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She was born on Jan. 15, 1916, in Lorenzo, and married Don Samford in Clovis, N.M. on Nov. 16, 1940. She had lived in Lubbock since 1985, after moving from Morton.

She obtained a bachelors degree in Home Economics and taught for two years in Spade. Samford attended Calvary Baptist Church of Lubbock, and was a homemaker.

Samford was preceded in death by her husband on April 10, 1985; and by two brothers — Max and Earl Bowers.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law — John R. and Glynda Samford of Gallup, N.M.; a sister — Billie Jo Bounds of Lorenzo; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be sent to Habitat for Humanity, 2910 Ave. N., Lubbock, TX 79411.

Rosemary Johnson

A graveside service was held for Rosemary Johnson, 89, of Amarillo on Monday, Oct. 10, 2005, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Mary Ellen Johnson of Westcliff United Methodist Church of Fort Worth officiating.

Johnson died Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005. She was born Feb. 14, 1916 in Brazos County, and was a homemaker and member of Trinity Baptist Church. She was a

She was preceded in death by her husband, Baker Johnson.

Survivors include her daughter — Nan Arthur of Amarillo; a son — Baker Johnson Jr. of Azle; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to City Church, 205 S. Polk, Amarillo, TX 79101-1425.

Randy Johnson

A graveside service for Randy Johnson, 84, of Muleshoe is scheduled for 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, with Dr. Stacy Conner of Muleshoe officiating.

Johnson died on Oct. 7, 2005, in Amarillo. He was born on Oct. 6, 1921, in Bono, Ark., and married Betty Jo Pool in Muleshoe on Aug. 31, 1940. He was preceded in death by six brothers.

Johnson was a member of the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe, a former member of the Lion's Club and a member of the American Legion. He had lived in Muleshoe since 1934 moving from Conway, Ark. He was a farmer and a rancher.

Survivors include his wife — Betty Jo Johnson of Amarillo; two sons — Ronnie Johnson of Amarillo and Stan Johnson of Cleburne; a daughter — Ronda Johnson of Detroit, Mich.; and a sister — Lorene Gaede of Memphis, Tenn. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Lamplight By Larry Thornton

'Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men?'

Earlier this week, I was flipping through the television channels when I found myself confronted by Alec Baldwin's rendition of the 1930-40s magazine and radio hero... The Shadow, the brainchild of Walter Gibson, under the pen name of Maxwell Grant.

For those of us who didn't get to hear the early, original broadcasts, or the later broadcasts in the early 1950s, which were sponsored by the U.S. Army/Air Force, I should probably explain that the Shadow battled the forces of evil assailing the citizens of New York City in much the same way as the comic book heroes Captain America, the Fantastic Four and Spider-Man. (As you can tell, I preferred the heroes of Marvel to those of DC Comics during my younger years.)

Anyway, using the amazing mental abilities he fine tuned on a Tibetan mountain, Kent Allard assumed the identity of millionaire Lamont Cranston, who in turn assumed the crime-fighting persona known as The Shadow.

And throughout the series, the Shadow's catch phrase continued to ring out... "Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Shadow knows." This was followed by a haunting laugh that might have been described as "diabolical" if it weren't being uttered from the lips of the show's hero.

But while the Shadow's character was one of fiction, the Bible tells us about an actual man who walked the earth, and was able to look into the hearts of men.

In the Book of Mark, we're told how four men carrying a paralyzed man on a stretcher had to tear a hole in the roof of a house and lower their friend down that Christ might heal him because of the large crowd gathered about the house.

The Bible tells us that Christ responded by forgiving the injured man's sins, an act that troubled the thoughts of the Jewish leaders in attendance, who silently questioned how anyone other than God could do so.

"Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, 'Why are you thinking these things?'" it says in Mark 2:8, NIV, prior to his healing the man of his paralysis to show those in attendance that he had the authority to forgive sins.

And when the Pharisees were recorded as sneering at God's only son in Luke 16, Christ said, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight."

God knows what is in our hearts and our minds... both the good and the bad. Thankfully, he is also a God of mercy and grace, and is willing to wash away our sins with the sacrificial blood of his Son, if we will only repent and believe.

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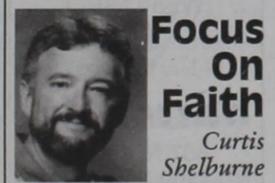
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Common Sense and Bureaucracy Rarely Meet

Lately at our church we've been studying the "fruits of the Spirit." We plan to talk about "Patience" soon, but I think I need the lesson right now!

I had under my care recently a genuine, certifiable, hurricane refugee (excuse me, "evacuee"). She was and is my sister, flown up to this high dry flat country because Hurricane Rita was at the time bearing down on Houston (which most of us up here have long suspected is an uninhabitable



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

swamp in the best of times).

Even before she was run out of town by Rita, Ruthie has had a pretty tough time. She was already on disability when she fell a year or two ago and broke her leg, literally slicing and dicing the bone in 13 or so places. She underwent a serious operation to get that bone pinned, glued, and riveted back together. The docs did the best they could, but it didn't knit well, which is why, back in February, Ruthie was seeing her orthopedic surgeon in the Medical Center to set up some medical leg surgery for the next week and was riding in a wheelchair van when the van driver turned left in front of a Houston Light Rail Metro Train.

It's a law: in train versus auto collisions, the train always wins.

The van driver was hardly scratched. My sister's survival was amazing but dicey. Two punctured lungs. Cracked facial bones. Cracked vertebra. A crack in the bone of the good leg. And more. Months in ICU on a ventilator. And, finally, a few weeks ago, home with con-

stant care. But home. Until Rita.

I was surprised Southwest Airlines would even consider flying her anywhere, but they did. She spent a few days in our amazing nursing home here. Then came the "all clear" and time for her to fly back to Houston.

Southwest kindly gave me a pass to go with her through Security. I made it through with at least some clothes left on, after I'd wheeled Ruthie over to the polite TSA person. But I began to think the security gal would never finish wandering Ruthie, checking her purse with a fine tooth comb, etc. Common sense is an unappreciated quality bureaucracies always discourage, but TSA was dealing with a lady who could barely stand up, who was discreetly catheterized, breathing through an open tracheotomy, obviously still bruised and banded up, with her head wrapped in gauze due to ICU hardware wounds. A terrorist threat? Not hardly. I've never yet seen a terrorist choke, pull a tube out of his neck, clean it with a pipe cleaner, and shove it back in.

I dunno. The government won't listen to me, but I think they ought to spend a bunch of these security dollars doing background checks on those who request them—first on frequent flyers, and then on the rest of us. Anybody who hasn't blown up a plane in 10 years or so ought to get an ID card (fitted with thumb print, retinal scan info, or some such), swipe it at the ticket counter or check point, where a TSA person says, "Have a nice flight, Mr. Brown," and unless he replies, "Allah is great," he and his luggage should go quickly through completely unmolessted. I think he should even be allowed to keep his fingernail clippers.

But that would make sense. Thank God salvation is by grace through faith in Christ Jesus and not by bureaucracy.

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

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Sports

Mules trounce the Lobos in first district game of season

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

The Mules sent the lonely Lobos limping home to Levelland with a 49-15 loss. The Mules remain perfect at 7-0 on the season and are co-leaders of District 2-AAA at 1-0.

The Lobos had grabbed the Mules attention by leading the #9 Sweetwater Mustangs three times. The Lobos lost that contest 34-31 in the final minute of play.

The game appeared to be the match up of the "Big Play Offense" of the Lobos versus the "Bend But Do Not Break and Do Not Give Up The Big Play Defense" of the Mules.

The Mules only gave up one big play during the game while the Mule offense scored early, often and profusely.

The Mule defense forced Levelland to go three and out on their first possession and the Lobo punt rolled dead on the Mule 20.

Brady Black and Brant Hamilton marched the Mules to mid field before Hamilton faked into the line to Black from the Shotgun and raced wide right 53 yards for the Mule's first TD with 7:49 left in the opening quarter.

Levelland answered by driving to the Mule 10 before the defense stiffened. Jarad Flores made a touchdown saving tackle and then sacked Lobo quarterback, Kirk Alexander nine yards behind the line.

That sack stopped the Lobo momentum. Rudy Gonzales and Caleb Heinrich each batted down passes in the end zone and Levelland had to settle for a 27-yard field goal by Clay Hutchinson. The field goal cut the Mule lead in half with 5:01 left in the first period.

Flores returned the Lobo kick up the middle of the field to the Mule 38. Hamilton set up in the Shotgun and pulled the trigger on a pass to Gonzales on the fly. Gonzales was well covered by Tim Hinojosa but the throw was perfect and



A Mule attempts to gain yards during Friday's game against Levelland.

Gonzales out battled Hinojosa for the ball at the Lobo 29.

Hamilton pitched to Black on a student-body sweep. He scampered 29 yards to paydirt behind great lead blocking by the Mules.

Gonzales is the deep snapper in the Swinging Gate, but rather than snap the ball to Hamilton deep he pitched the ball to Garrett Riley behind the offensive line. Riley returned the favor and tossed the ball back to Gonzales in the end zone. Gonzales tipped the ball up and made a circus catch to push the Mule advantage to 14-3 with 4:17 left in the first period.

A phantom pass interference call sustained the ensuing Lobo drive. The Lobo's most effective play in the first period had been a short drop by Alexander and a deliver a quick pass to a receiver on a Hot Route.

Alexander took a two-step drop at the Mule 43 and put the ball up for a Lobo to run under. Gonzales had anticipated the play and camped at the Mule 30 where the ball came down. Flores, Rigo Mendoza and Brett Bamert quickly formed a convoy for Gonzales and escorted him to the Lobo 22.

"We expected them to be a good team," said defensive tackle Rigo Mendoza. "They had been playing some really big teams but we felt like we had a chance against them. We came out on top tonight."

"So far so good and we are 7-0 now and hopefully we can keep it going."

Black moved the Mules to near the 10 on back-to-back pitch plays. Hamilton kept from the Shotgun and was knocked out of bounds at the one. Hamilton followed Geoff Sirkel, the center into the end zone on a sneak.

Eddie Alvarado tacked on his first of five extra points with 32 seconds left in the first period to give the Mules a 21-7 advantage.

Riley caught a six-yard TD pass from Hamilton in the third period to give the Mules a 28-7 lead at the intermission.

"I like playing on the Special Teams because you can set the tone for the game," said Daniel Caraveo. He is better know as the eWedge Buster" to his teammates. "And if you can make a big hit it can really get the team excited and going."

"We played well tonight and we start now getting ready for Cooper. We have room for improvement and will use these two weeks to prepare."

The Mules added three more TDs in the third period to only one for the Lobo's.

Black scored on a 20-yard jaunt with 8:45 left in the third period. Justin Turner went high over Gonzales at the Mule five 30-yard toss and run for the Lobo's first TD of the night with 5:55 remaining in the period.

Black capped a six play

58-yard drive with 2:44 on the clock and Flores scored his second TD in as many weeks on a 45-yard sweep as time ran out in the period to give the Mules a 42-9 advantage going into the final period.

The Lobos gave the Mules a heavy dose of freshman running back Ryan Phelan on their final scoring drive. Phelan scored on a one-yard dive to cap a 9-play 71-yard drive to end all scoring.

The Mule's head coach, David Wood, was almost speechless after the performance put on by the Mules but he did manage to say, "We were not expecting to dominate the game like we did tonight. Our kids were focused all week because of what Levelland had done with Sweetwater last week. That really got our attention and got us focused on Levelland and on the Gold Football at the end of the season."

"I would have taken a win either way, if had been by one point or like we did tonight. We are a mature football team and demonstrated that tonight by handling every situation that came up tonight."

"We have a big game in two weeks and will spend that time getting ready for Cooper," concluded Wood.

Hamilton led all rushers with 151 yards on 14 carries and completed seven of eight passes for 144 yards. Black rushed 17 times for

102 yards and made a catch for 24 more. Flores carried four times for 57 yards and Riley had three attempts for 33 yards and had one grab for six.

The Mules used eight receivers with Gonzales catching one for 34 yards, Caleb Heinrich had one for 31 yards and Logan Caddell had one for 28. Alvarado caught one for 14 yards and Eric Washington had one for seven. Chris Ambriz made an acrobatic catch for four yards.

The Mules rolled up 487 total yards of offense with 339 coming on the ground and 148 through the air for 22 first downs. The Lobos had a total of 272 yards with 175 rushing and 97 passing for 14 first downs. The Mules were tagged with eight penalties for 63 yards and the Lobos were charged with four infractions for 35.

Rigo Mendoza led the Mules with nine tackles. Geoff Sirkel and Lorenzo Nunez had seven each and Dustin Barker made five tackles. Logan Caddell had five quarterback pressures and Rudy Gonzales and Barker each picked off a Lobo pass.

Phelan led the Lobos with 90 yards rushing on 12 carries. Bryce Golightly had 12 attempts for 70 yards. Alexander completed five of 14 passes for 97 yards and had two picked off. Turner made two grabs for 44 yards.

The Mules will take a break this week and have two weeks to get ready for the high-powered Lubbock Cooper Pirates Oct. 21 in Woodrow.

The Pirates currently join the Mules at the top of District 2-AAA with an 18-14 win over the Littlefield Wildcats last Friday night.

Go Mules!  Go Mules!

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Levelland	1	6	0	1
Brownfield	2	4	0	0

This Week's Schedule
Muleshoe is Open
Cooper vs. Levelland
Brownfield vs. Littlefield
JV/Fresh
JV is Open
Fresh vs. Lub. Christian
8th Grade/7th Grade
8th vs. Adkins
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Last Week's Scores
Muleshoe 49, Levelland 15
Cooper 18, Littlefield 14
Brownfield was Open
JV/Freshman Mules
JV 12, Levelland 8
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Sports

Seventh-grade Mules skin the Levelland Lobos, 36-0

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules carried the momentum gained from their non-district season into District 2-AAA play Thursday night. The Mules skinned the Lobos of Levelland 36-0 to go 5-0 on the season and 1-0 in district.

Josh Quiroz returned the opening kick from the Mule 26 to the Mule 42 to give the Mules good field position on their first possession. Juan Sanchez gained nine yards through the middle of the Lobo defense.

Tyson Turnbow broke wide on a counter play for 46 yards before being dragged down on the Lobo three. Sanchez fought for the final three yards up the middle to put the Mules on the board at the 6:50 mark of first quarter. Turnbow scampered in for the two-point conversion to give the Mules an 8-0 lead.

Levelland got a big return on a deep kick by Cooper



Juan Sanchez heads for the end zone during the game against the Lobos.

Washington to the Levelland 48. Eric Martinez and Joey Ramirez teamed up to push the Lobos back four yards. Washington crashed the mesh point and took out the Lobo quarterback and running back for a one-yard loss.

A long pass completion

moved the Lobos to the Mule 26. Demetrie Saucedo, Fernando Caraveo, and Brandon Ellis teamed up to push the Lobos back a yard on consecutive plays. An incomplete pass on fourth down gave the Mules the ball on their own 27.

A holding penalty backed

the Mules up 10 yards before Chris Babcock completed a toss to Washington. He had to go high in the air for the catch and a Lobo grabbed an ankle.

Before the Lobo Calvary could arrive Washington shook loose from the Lobo

and rambled to the end zone for an 80-yard pass and run. The two-point conversion failed and the seventh-grade Mules led 14-0.

Quiroz, Christian Godinez and Tori Alvarado raced down field on the kick-off to drop the return man on the Lobo 20. The Mules pushed the Lobos back to the Lobo 10. Demetrie Saucedo and Sergio Montejano rushed the punter hard after the snap sailed over his head and got a hand on the punt. The Mules recovered on the Lobo three. Turnbow scored on a three-yard Hammer play and Sanchez picked up the two-point conversion with a dive through the middle. The Mules led 22-0 to start the second period.

The Lobos tried some razzle-dazzle on second and long. Ramirez and Ellis staid home and stopped the reverse for a yard loss. Ramirez picked off a Lobo pass at the Lobo 42.

Turnbow went in motion from the slot back position and took the handoff wide. When he turned the corner he light his rocket and

scouted to the Lobo eight before being knocked out of bounds.

Babcock scrambled out of a Lobo's grasp and fired a pass to Dominic Flores in the end zone to push the Mule lead to 28-0 at the intermission.

The Mules faced fourth and 20 late in the third period on their own 33. Babcock fired a pass to Washington at mid field. Washington made the grab, shook off a tackler at the Mule 20 and could have walked into the end zone.

Washington powered in for the two-point conversion to end the nights scoring.

Leading rushers for the Mules were Tyson Turnbow, Juan Sanchez and Fernando Caraveo and the leading receivers were Cooper Washington and Dominic Flores. Joey Ramirez, Washington, Sanchez, Eric Martinez and Brandon Ellis were the leading tacklers.

The Mules will travel to Farwell Thursday to tangle with the Steers and return to district action in Lubbock Cooper the next week.

Eighth-grade Mules fall to Levelland

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules marched the ball up and down the field and controlled the Levelland Lobos Thursday.

The Lobos managed to break loose for two big plays during the game to defeat the Mules 14-6.

The Mules returned the opening kick to their own 37 and then marched down field to the Lobo 23. Austin Bamert and Caleb Conner provided most of the firepower for the Mules. A fumble stopped the Mule drive short of paydirt.

The Lobos broke loose for

a 42-yard TD run and added the two-point conversion with 1:01 left in the first period.

A blocking in the back penalty stalled the Mules next drive at the Lobo 40. The penalty bug bit the Lobos and backed them up to the Mule 35 where they faced fourth and 10.

The deep snap was over the punter's head and Bamert smelled the panic and made the stop at the Lobo 49.

The Mules drove to the Lobo 18 but could not reach the end zone before time expired in the first half. The game was a defensive battle

in the third period as neither team could gain an advantage.

Adrain Mendoza and Adrain Cacon teamed up for stop as the fourth quarter began for a Lobo three-yard loss. A motion penalty moved the Lobos back five yards to set up a third and 16 on the Lobo 34.

Adrain Muniz knocked the running back out of bounds after an eight-yard gain. The Lobo punt rolled dead on the Mule 47.

The Mules gave the Lobos a steady diet of Bamert up the middle. Steve Richards and Angel Salcido opened a huge hole in the

right side of the line for Bamert on six straight plays as the Mules marched 53 yards to paydirt.

The two-point conversion failed and the Mules trailed 6-8 with 3:40 left in the game.

Levelland covered the onside kick on the Lobo 41. The Lobos second big play of the game was a 48-yard TD run with just under two minutes left in the game.

The Mules returned the ensuing kick to the Mule 41 and marched to the Lobo 21 before time ran out on the Mules.

Leading rushers for the Mules were Austin Bamert, Caleb Conner and Jared Skipworth. Leading tacklers were Bamert, Adrain Chacon, Brett Poynor, DJ Atwood and Skipworth. Able Mendoza and Steven Richards each had tackles for a loss.

The Mules play Athens Junior High this week, and on Oct. 20 will be at Lubbock Cooper. The Mules will return to Muleshoe for their final home appearance Oct. 27 when they host the Brownfield Cubs.

New concerns about melanoma

Researchers have found a dangerous link between breast cancer and melanoma. In a recent study, statistics show that women diagnosed with breast cancer appear to have an increased risk of melanoma, particularly during the first year following diagnosis of the breast tumor.

"A woman with breast cancer should be considered at high risk for melanoma, and should be monitored very closely," reported Dr. Rony Weitzen, Institute of Oncology, Sheba Medical Center, in Tel Hashomer, Israel. Out of 51,000 female breast cancer patients in Israel between 1960 and 2000, 276 were reported to have melanoma, most of them within the year of their breast cancer diagnosis.

Although the reason for this correlation is unknown at this time, Dr. Weitzen hypothesized the link might reflect treatment effects, or changes in hormone cycles following breast cancer therapy. Whatever the reason, there are preventative actions you can take to protect yourself from melanoma.

According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, kills more young women than

any other cancer. It is now the most common cancer in young women aged 25-29, second only to breast cancer in women aged 30-34.

Similar to breast cancer, the best way to detect melanoma is with a monthly self-exam. Examine your skin from head-to-toe, and be alert to suspicious-looking moles. Below, the Skin Cancer Foundation shows you what to look for:

ABCDE's of melanoma:

A — Asymmetry
Most early melanomas are asymmetrical.

B — Border
The borders of early melanomas are often uneven and may have

scalloped or notched edges.

C — Color
Common moles usually are single shades of brown. Varied shades of brown, tan, or black are often the first sign of melanoma.

D — Diameter
Early melanomas tend to grow larger than common moles; V generally to at least the size of a pencil eraser.

E — Evolving
Look for moles that change in size, shape or color. Moles that change over a period of time are a common warning sign for melanoma.

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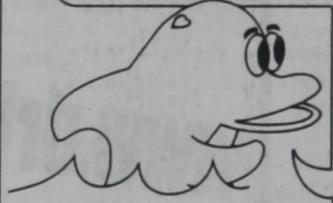
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Christopher Columbus!

Do **you** like to explore? Do you ever go on walks, hikes or bike rides with your parents to check out new places? Some people drive down new roads to look around. Sometimes they find a little park, a new restaurant or even something fun like a mini-golf course.



When I was exploring the harbor of Boston, Massachusetts, I saw the Niña, the Pinta and the Santa Maria bobbing in the water. Of course, they were just copies of the real ships that Christopher Columbus sailed. I was surprised at how small they were. I thought the explorers were very brave to sail across the ocean in them, trying to find new routes and places.

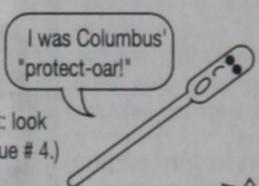
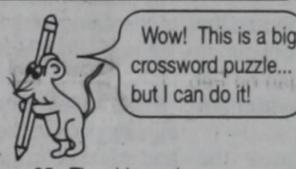
This crossword puzzle is all about Christopher Columbus and his adventures.

Read the clues on the left to fill in the puzzle. The words in the ship will help you if you get stuck!

Hey! Beats swimming all the way!

Christopher Columbus:

- was born in _____, Italy.
- had a father who was a _____.
- started to sail at the age of _____.
- was caught in a battle at sea when he was 25. The ship sank, but he made it to the shore of Portugal clinging to an _____.
- went on to Lisbon, Portugal, where he and his brother made _____.
- went on a number of voyages to _____ goods.
- got married and had a _____.
- believed the earth was _____.
- wanted to go to the Far East (China, Japan) to find gold, precious stones, silk and _____.
- thought he could reach there by sailing west instead of having to sail east around _____.
- was supported by Queen Isabella of _____.
- sailed three ships westward: _____, Pinta and Santa Maria.
- had _____ sailors who slept and ate on deck, often went barefoot.
- heard mumbles of _____ when no land was in sight for many days.
- landed on _____ 12, 1492 and claimed the land for Spain.
- changed the name of the first island he landed on to _____.
- called the friendly people already living there _____ because he thought he had reached the Indies.
- lost control of the Pinta, as its crew sailed away to look for _____.
- lost the largest ship, the _____ when it went aground on coral reefs near Hispaniola (now known as Haiti and the Dominican Republic).
- sailed back to Spain on the Niña leaving some of his men to settle on _____.



(Hint: look at clue # 4.)

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When Columbus saw us, he thought land was near!

Agricultural News

Texas upland cotton production has increased

The 2005 Texas Upland cotton crop is expected to total a record high 7.2 million bales, seven percent less than 2004 and up 18 percent from August's totals. Yield is expected to average 628 pounds per acre compared with 694 pounds last year.

Corn production is forecast at 216 million bushels, down eight percent from last year's production, and down three percent from August. Based on

Sept. 1 conditions, statewide yield is expected to average 120 bushels per acre, 19 bushels less than in 2004, and four bushels less than August.

Texas peanut production is up 17 percent from last year, at 910 million pounds. Statewide yield, at 3,500 pounds per acre, is up 200 pounds from last year and down 300 pounds from last month.

Sorghum production is forecast at 62.7 million

hundredweight (cwt), 12 percent less than last year and unchanged from August. Harvested acreage is estimated at two million acres, down two percent from last year. Yield, at 3,136 pounds per acre, is down 336 pounds from last year and unchanged from August.

Rice producers expect to harvest 14.1 million cwt, down four percent from 2004 and one percent from August. Yield is forecast at

7,000 pounds per acre, 260 pounds more than a year ago and down 100 pounds from last month's forecast.

The 2005 Texas soybean crop is forecast at 6.9 million bushels, down 20 percent from last year's production and down seven percent from August. Yield is expected to average 25 bushels per acre, compared with 32 bushels last year.

United States corn production is forecast at 10.6 billion bushels, down

10 percent from last year's crop. A yield of 143.2 bushels per acre is forecast, down 17.2 bushels from last year. The sorghum crop is expected to drop 13 percent to 222.7 million cwt. The U.S. Upland cotton crop is expected to total 21.6 million bales, down four percent from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.86 billion bushels, down nine percent from last year.

The U.S. peanut crop is estimated at 5.01 billion pounds, up 18 percent from a year ago. U.S. rice production is forecast at 228.3 million cwt, down one percent from 2004.

Cotton Market Weekly

Cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade settled modestly lower on Thursday in an eighth straight session of alternating positive and negative closes. According to market observers, news was tough to find this week.

"USDA's export sales were healthy with China again taking the lion's share. Shipments were lackluster according to some, but for this time of year they were respectable," one analyst noted. "Additionally, the dollar was exceptionally weak, crude oil was under pressure, grains didn't do much and metals were strong. In short, cotton just didn't have much to key off of," he explained.

USDA's export sales report showed net upland sales of 295,300 bales in the week ended Sept. 29; this was a 34 percent increase from the previous week and 31 percent more than the four-week average. Major buyers were China with 233,600 bales, Turkey with 51,100, Indonesia with 13,000, and Taiwan at 9,000 bales.

Export shipments of 159,200 bales were 24 percent less than the previous week's total and the four week average. Primary destinations included China, Mexico, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.

In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas in the week ended Oct. 6 totaled 2,733 bales compared to the previous

week when 6,501 bales were traded. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 46.37 to 43.43 cents per pound compared to 41.27 to 44.78 cents per pound the previous week.

World holidays also might have contributed to market inactivity this week. China is celebrating the National Day holiday for a week which started Oct 1. The financial markets will be closed for the week but will re-open on Monday, Oct. 10. In addition, the first day of Ramadan began Tuesday while the Jewish holiday Rosh Hashana continues after beginning at sundown Monday.

"With much of the world on holiday this week, traders probably are reluctant to sell futures aggressively so they will not be short the market next week when buyers return," explained one analyst.

Meanwhile, USDA reported an improvement in crop conditions in five of the 15 states surveyed in the week of Oct. 2 and deterioration in seven.

In the Southeast, where only Virginia is ahead of average with its harvest, three of five states declined in the good to excellent category, and the remaining two were unchanged from the week before.

Three of the five Memphis Territory states also showed deterioration, but the other two improved. Louisiana jumped to 44 percent of the

crop in good to excellent shape, against just 20 percent one week earlier. That state also was the only one in which picking is ahead of normal.

For the Southwest there was no change in the health of the Texas crop, while Oklahoma experienced a modest improvement and Kansas witnessed a decline. Harvest progress remains behind schedule in the region.

In the Far West, the condition of cotton in Arizona and California improved modestly, but picking has yet to reach the average for this time of year. Harvesting continues to gain ground in Arizona's Central Valley, and gins are beginning to process seed cotton.

County Questions

- (1) Which Muleshoe civic organization began on Feb. 22, 1973, with 19 charter members? Who was its first chapter president?
- (2) Who purchased the Ford tractor dealership from Neil Rockey in 1950?
- (3) Who worked for the Bailey County Sheriff's Department and the Muleshoe Police Department prior to joining the staff at the Muleshoe Journal?

Answers on last page.

Little progress has been made in Yuma County, however, as growers split their time between cotton and vegetable harvest. Defoliation is under way in the California San Joaquin Valley, but unseasonably low temperatures have hindered the work of harvest chemicals. Consequently, broad-scale picking is unlikely to begin for another week.

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Heritage Board Report

At the monthly meeting of the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Board, on Monday, Oct. 3, Jim Allison, the board president, welcomed recently-elected board members Barbara Mutschler, Joe Bob Stevenson and Poppy Beard. Poppy gave the opening prayer and Jenne McVicker, board secretary, presented the minutes, which were approved.

Ladene Spears gave the Thrift Shop report, noting that sales at the Thrift Shop in September broke all records. She said this allowed paying off the new air conditioner that was recently installed. The treasurer's report was given by Gary Hooten and was approved. Center hostess Dolores Harvey reported that Lowe's Marketplace donated the buns, hot dogs and all fixings for the hot dogs sold at the Annual Meeting.

Discussion followed

about the "84 on 84 Day" which will be a promotional day for all businesses on Hwy. 84 from Shallowater to Farwell to be held Oct. 15. Members voted to participate and Poppy will furnish the necessary information to the Chamber of Commerce, the local sponsor. The center will be open on this day and will conduct tours of the historic buildings with free lemonade and cookies served to visitors. Jenne McVicker, Barbara Mutschler and Jean Allison will serve as hostesses on this day.

Sammie Simpson gave a short update about the Figure 4 Ranch House. She said the old house is improving every day with paint, repairs and wallpaper.

A grant from the Meadow Foundation has been approved allowing the center to receive a grant from the Mayer Foundation which was a matching fund

donation. David Wilder, representing the Mayer Fountion will coming to the Heritage Center on Oct. 18, at 6 p.m., to present the Mayer check.

Refreshments served and an invitation is extended to anyone interested to join the board members and their families.

It was also reported that McElroy has recently submitted a planning grant proposal to Texas Tech, as well as a proposal to X-Cel Corporation.

Allison also reported that landscape architect Steve Turner, who donated his time on the project, has completed the landscaping around the Figure 4 Ranch House and to the highway, greatly improving the beauty of the center.

Larry Nichols noted that much progress has been made on repairs for the old windmill. Holes to set the tower will be dug this week, and a windmill raising day

will be possible.

Simpson reported that John White, dean of architecture at Texas Tech, will visit the center on Oct. 15, and will offer help

improvements at the center.

She also noted that Jim Pfluger of the Lubbock Ranching Heritage Center will be visiting on Nov. 15.

Officers elected for 2005-06 included: Jim Allison,

president; Dan Throckmorton, first vice president; Ann Mcelroy, second vice president; Jenne McVicker, secretary; Gary Hooten, treasurer; and Jean Allison, publicity chair.

Health

Screening for breast cancer

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

With the fall season now upon us, it is important to remember that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Today, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States and the leading cause of cancer death among North American women, according to Mandi Seaton, Bailey County Family and Consumer Sciences extension agent.

Unfortunately, many women with breast cancer do not even know that they have cancer until it is in its advanced stages. It is estimated that one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, and one in 30 women will die of the disease.

So what can we do to decrease our risk of dying of breast cancer? Early detection via health screenings, such as mammography, is an important step.

Screening examinations can detect breast cancers early, before symptoms occur, which may make it easier to treat the disease. Screening involves getting mammograms, clinical breast exams, and self

breast exams, which are optional.

There are many factors in predicting the chances of survival of a woman who is diagnosed with breast cancer, but finding the cancer as early as possible greatly improves the likelihood that treatment will be effective.

When should women start screening for breast cancer? If you are over 40 years old, you need a mammogram every year, according to Courtney Schoessow, health program specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension.

A mammogram is an x-ray of the breast that usually involves two views, or pictures, of each breast. Mammograms help find lumps or growths that are too small for you or your health care provider to feel when conducting an exam.

Additionally, women who are younger than 40 and have had breast problems or have a family history of breast cancer need a mammogram once a year.

A clinical breast examination is an examination of your breasts by a health professional, such as a doctor, nurse practitioner, nurse, or doctor's assistant. This exam is also known as a

CBE. Clinical breast exams should be part of a periodic health exam, at least every three years for women in their 20s and 30s, and every year for women 40 and over.

During your CBE, your health care provider may tell you how to perform a breast self-exam, or BSE. By regularly performing BSEs, you will learn how your breasts normally feel, and you will be able to report any changes in your breasts to your health professional as soon as you find them.

Finding a breast change does not mean that there is a cancer. You may choose not to do BSEs, or you can just do them occasionally.

Remember, the most important screening tools we have are mammograms and clinical breast exams. To reduce your risks of dying from breast cancer, you need to follow the guidelines on when to get them.

Taking charge of your health now can lead to a healthier tomorrow. Start by getting screened this month in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

For more information contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583 or access the Texas Cooperative Extension Family and Consumer Sciences website: <http://fcs.tamu.edu>.

Earth business urges cancer awareness

The Garden Gate of Earth and Emily Ray, Inc., have teamed up to support the National Breast Cancer Foundation this month through a program tied to the designer's "In Memory of Martha" bracelet.

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Garden Gate and Emily Ray, Inc., will each donate \$5 from the sale of each "Martha" bracelet, which retails for \$86.

The Garden Gate is located at 301 E. Hwy. 70, in Earth.

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS!

The Muleshoe Journal will be printing a special Christmas section devoted to greetings especially written by our readers. We're calling these greetings "A Family Christmas." Ads for this section start at \$45 and we encourage families to include a photo - or two! It's a great way to send Christmas greetings to your neighbors, family and friends.

If you have a baby celebrating his or her first Christmas, let the Muleshoe Journal make it a memorable one by including a special greeting to your little one during this once in a lifetime event! It's sure to be something you'll treasure for decades to come. Call 272-4536 and speak with Leah or Delia about getting your personalized Christmas greeting printed. "A Family Christmas" will appear in the Dec. 22, 2005 edition.



Honoring Veterans

VETERAN'S DAY IS NOV. 11. WE'RE NOW TAKING ENTRIES FOR OUR VETERAN'S DAY FEATURE - A TRADITION WE STARTED LAST YEAR! WE'LL BE PRINTING A SPECIAL SECTION DEVOTED TO VETERANS OF ALL WARS IN THE NOVEMBER 10, 2005 EDITION OF THE MULESHOE JOURNAL.

If you have a veteran you'd like to have featured in this section, send a check for \$25 along with the following information and one picture (current or not, in uniform or civilian clothes) to: Veterans, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. Veterans need not be from Muleshoe, but should have ties to the area. You may attach pages for further information. We kept all entries from last year and invite you to include those same veterans again this year. Cost is \$25.

The Muleshoe Journal reserves the right to edit for both content and space.

Veteran's Name: _____

Living or Deceased? _____

Served What Years? _____

Branch(s) of Service: _____

Conflicts Engaged In: _____

Medals Awarded: _____

Family Information: _____

Career After Service/What Is Veteran Doing Now? _____

Contact info (not for print): _____

School News

Springlake-Earth honor roll released

Springlake-Earth High School recently released it's honor rolls for the first six-week period. Among the students honored were:

"A" Honor Roll

Freshmen

Amy Fennell, Heath Fennell, Hunter Jones and James Vasquez.

Juniors

Andrew Lancaster.

Seniors

Zeth Collom and Shelley York.

"AB" Honor Roll

Freshmen

Quay Collom, Austin Conner, Anthony DeLeon, Lysette DeLeon, Blake Fennell, Matthew Fuentes, Anastacia Gonzalez, Claudia Longoria, Taylor Moore,

Kaylee Morris, Sheryl Procter and Jennifer Silva.

Sophomores

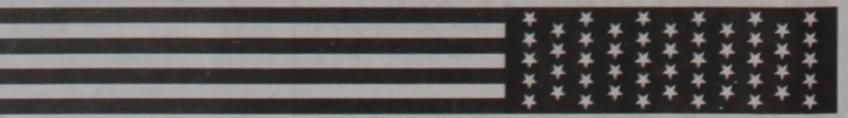
Jacob Bagwell, Victoria Conner, Madison Darling, Amanda Furr, Sarah Garza, Laura Geissler, Daniella Martinez, Kayla Melendez, Amanda Miller, MiReyna Reyes, Kathleen Sides and Lupita Vega.

Juniors

Laurie Davis, Haley Lunsford, Logan McCurry, Kristi Miller, Klarissa Olvera, Erica Proctor, Judith Reyes, Olga Rodriguez and Jose Vega.

Seniors

Tyler Fulenwider, Hilary Garza, Joseph Gonzalez, Landon Miller, Monica Nieto and Deborah Tovar.



84 ON 84 HAPPENINGS



Join the fun as shoppers are treated to a new West Texas tradition - 84 on 84! Enjoy some special shopping along the route from Shallowater to Farwell this Saturday, Oct. 15 from about 9 AM till 5:30 PM (depending on the store/individual). Each town will have sidewalk sales, garage sales and indoor sales to please every type of shopper - from the "big spender" to the fantastic frugal shopper! Don't miss this chance to shop till you drop!

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Extended Hours: Open every Saturday from 9 AM to 2 PM thru Christmas!

FREE T-shirt with a purchase of \$40 or more on Saturday, Oct. 15!

Lisaann Puckett of Muleshoe Cakes will be at the store with goodies galore for a **One Day Bake Sale!** She'll have delicious cakes, cookies and other homemade treats. Halloween baked goods will be available on this day too! Lisaann will also be taking custom orders for birthday cakes and other holiday and seasonal homemade baked items. Guaranteed delicious!

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84 on 84

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture will be participating in the first annual "84 on 84" celebration! On Saturday, October 15, local businesses and individuals will be offering specials and promotions to all customers. Please look for the "84 on 84" logo in the windows of participating businesses. "84 on 84" is 84 miles of community activities extending from Shallowater to Farwell. This is a great opportunity to support a new and exciting event in our area and kick off a great shopping season!

Participating Businesses/Sales

Trés Chic — 1529 W. American Blvd.: Open from 10 AM-5:30 PM on Saturday; Drawing for 10-30% off any one regular priced item.

Alco — 1401 W. American Blvd.: Open from 8 AM-8 PM on Saturday; Sidewalk Sale; Additional 20% off of green ticket clearance items.

Fry & Cox True Value — 401 S. 1st St.: Open from 8 AM-6 PM on Saturday for all your hardware needs; Bring your map in and receive 20% off any regular priced item.

La Tea Da — 104 E. American Blvd.: Open from 11 AM-4 PM on Saturday; No charge for coffee or tea with any meal or dessert order.

Williams General Store — 1405 W. American Blvd.: Open from 9 AM-5 PM on Saturday; On the lot, Sidewalk Sale plus savings inside; Honey Do BBQ will be serving food; Top Shelf Ministries with Stretch Your Faith wristbands; Mike Dean "The Hat Doctor" on site to reshape your hats for fall!

Western Drug & Something Special Gifts — 1411 W. American Blvd.: Open from 9 AM-1 PM on Saturday; 10% off on Gift Items.

Sonic Drive-In — 1633 W. American Blvd.: Happy Hour Drinks (Buy One, Get One Free) from 7 AM-11 PM.

Antiques & Fine Things — 2104 W. American Blvd.: Storewide sales!

Dinner Bell Restaurant — 2103 W. American Blvd.: Steak & Shrimp Plate for only \$8.84!

Leal's Mexican Restaurant — 1010 W. American Blvd.: Fajitas for 1 (chicken or beef) for only \$8.84!

Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. — 1516 W. American Blvd.: Moving Sale @ garage sale prices!

Muleshoe Metal Art — 224 W. American Blvd.: Sale on selected merchandise both indoors and outside - from 25% to 50% off reg. price; FREE t-shirt with purchase of \$40 or more while supplies last; Lisaann Puckett of Muleshoe Cakes will be having a Bake Sale!

Take Advantage Saturday, Oct. 15!

84 on 84

Come To Carolyn's For Early Christmas Shopping!

Your Christmas Gift Store

Carolyn's encourages you to visit all Muleshoe businesses participating in the 84 on 84 shopping tour this Saturday. Don't forget the exceptional Meissner Estate Auction being conducted by Parker-Braden Auctioneers in Muleshoe on the 15th!

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Changing of the guard for the U.S. Constitution

At the beginning of October, John Roberts was sworn in as chief justice of the United States; and our nation witnessed a rare changing of the guard that protects the United States Constitution.

In 1789, Pres. George Washington nominated John Jay to be our first chief justice. In September, the Senate confirmed Pres. George W. Bush's nominee, John Roberts.

Our nation has witnessed 43 presidential administrations, but just 17 chief justices. Almost everyone is familiar with presidential elections, but many people have only a passing knowledge of our judicial confirmation process.

The Constitution does not set any particular requirements for Supreme Court justices. There is no minimum age, as there is for presidents, senators and representatives.

And justices need not be citizens or residents of the United States. Instead, our Framers left the qualifications of justices up to the judgment of the president and the Senate.

Over the years, we have had justices from a wide variety of backgrounds. Justice Byron White was a professional football player — the NFL's league-leading rusher for two seasons — before practicing law.

Justice Samuel Miller trained as a physician. At the other end of the spectrum, before joining the court,

Justice Earl Warren had been governor of California and Chief Justice William H.



Capitol Comment

By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Taft had been president of the United States.

The different experiences of the justices gave each of them a unique perspective to add to the court's understanding of its cases.

During our country's history, 140 people have been nominated to the Supreme Court and the Senate has confirmed all but 29.

Since 1900, the Senate has voted against only four nominees. However, judicial nominees have come under a different kind of scrutiny in recent years. From 1789 until 1925, nominees did not testify before the Senate. It was not until the early 1980s that Senate hearings were first televised.

In general, nominees have been confirmed expeditiously. More than 43 percent of all justices were confirmed within a week after their nomination.

For most of our nation's history, senators have voted to confirm judges primarily based on their qualifications. They had to be learned in the law and they needed to apply the rule of law in an unbiased manner.

Consider the confirmation of Justice Antonin Scalia. Before his confirmation in

1986, Justice Scalia's judicial views were already well known. He had written extensively as a law professor at the University of Chicago and as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Many senators knew that Justice Scalia had political views starkly different from their own. Still, after just two days of testimony before the Senate, he was confirmed with a vote of 98-0. That Senate — controlled by Democrats who often opposed Pres. Ronald Reagan — confirmed him because they looked to his qualifications as a judge, not on whether his political views aligned with theirs.

Over the last two decades, a disturbing trend has started. A number of senators have increasingly focused on the political views of judicial nominees. When these senators disagree with nominees' views, they vote against them — no matter how well qualified they are.

This partisan approach was set in relief when Pres. Reagan's nominee, Judge Robert Bork, was rejected by a vote of 42-58.

Politicization of the process continued during the confirmation proceedings for Justice Clarence Thomas, who was confirmed 52-48.

By contrast, when President Bill Clinton sent two nominees to the Senate, despite their liberal beliefs, the vast majority of Republicans voted for them;

and they were confirmed with votes of 96-3 and 87-9.

Since Pres. Bush took office, some senators have intensified this political examination of nominees.

Until a compromise was worked out last May, Democrats had taken the rare move of blocking a vote on many of the president's lower court nominees, despite the nominees' excellent qualifications.

The worst abuse was the four year filibuster of our fellow Texan, Judge Priscilla Owen's confirmation to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. She was extraordinarily well qualified, having served on the

Supreme Court of Texas, and she had been endorsed by every major paper in Texas.

During the confirmation of Chief Justice Roberts, I was pleased to see the Senate move back toward its old mode of concentrating on a nominee's background and temperament.

More senators seemed to acknowledge that Justice Roberts was undeniably well qualified for the position, whatever his political positions might be. He was confirmed by all Republicans and many Democrats with a vote of 78-22.

Now the Senate is taking up the confirmation of our fellow Texan, Harriet Miers. She has impressive qualifications.

She distinguished herself as a lawyer in private practice, gaining 28 years of practical experience, culminating in her becoming the head of the firm Locke, Liddell and Sapp.

She served as president of the State Bar of Texas. And most recently, she was the president's legal counsel in the White House.

Miers possesses important elements of diversity that promise to improve the court's ability to consider cases from disparate viewpoints. She would add the unique and pragmatic perspective of someone who has focused solely on the practical aspects of law, rather than from behind the bench.

She will be just one of two women and just one of two southerners on the court. She will also be only the third Texas-born justice in the history of the court.

I hope to see senators from both sides of the political aisle concentrate on her ability to correctly apply the law. If they do, I expect the Senate will treat her with the same dignity that she, herself, has shown for so long, and make her our next Supreme Court justice.

DSHS recommends flu shots

The Texas Department of State Health Services is recommending that Texans at high risk of severe influenza complications get their flu shot starting in October.

Priority groups to receive flu shots include people age 65 and older, residents of long-term care facilities, people ages two years to 64 years with chronic health conditions, children ages six months to 23 months, pregnant women, health-care workers who provide direct patient care, and household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children less than six months old.

Many people will ache with the flu this fall and winter," said Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, Commissioner of State Health Services, "but for some, flu can be deadly. Now is the time for those at high risk to get their flu shots."

People who are not in the priority groups are encouraged to wait until November to get the flu vaccine. Flu season typically runs from October through March, and vaccinations can be given at any time during this period.

Influenza, or flu, is a viral respiratory illness marked by a sudden onset of fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches. The illness is spread when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks, sending the highly contagious virus into the air.

The flu shot takes about two weeks to become effective. A nasal-spray flu vaccine that contains weakened live viruses is an option for most healthy people ages five years to 49 years who are not pregnant. Flu vaccine for children ages 6 months to 23 months is free of preservatives.

Neugebauer, USDA secretary talk about issues

Following the Oct. 5 Farm Bill listening session held in Lubbock, Cong. Randy Neugebauer sat down with USDA Sec. Mike Johanns and discussed a wide variety of issues currently affecting producers.

In their one-on-one meeting, Johanns and Neugebauer talked about several hot-button agriculture issues in addition to Wednesday's listening session.

"We covered several topics including agricultural trade and domestic farm policy," Neugebauer said. "Different regions of the country are going to have different perspectives toward farm policies. I reiterated to the Secretary the West Texas perspective: support for the current Farm Bill is very high. I also made clear that the Farm Bill was a commitment made to our producers, and that it is important that we keep that promise. This is especially important as we address budget issues and negotiations in the World Trade Organization."

Neugebauer urges anyone who did not get an opportunity to speak at the forum to submit their views via the internet at www.usda.gov/farmbill.

"Both the Secretary and I were impressed with the turnout and with the thoughtful input provided by all who spoke at the listening session," Neugebauer said.

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Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information: date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren) will be included; and where memorials may be directed. We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid. Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home.

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Nursing Home News

Following coffee time, Buster Kittrell, Jo Ellen Cownt, Anne b. Lane, Mary Lou and James and Ann Sinclair directed the singspiration and devotional time.

Glenda Jennings and Zona Gatewood lead the sing-a-long Wednesday afternoon.

Happy October birthdays to Nathan Bemmer, Hattie Heathington, Trueman Nix, Virginia Barret, Cynthia Crawford, Lora Dale, Alliene Lasiter, Angilee Millen and Ardith Long.

The October birthday party is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 27, at 3 p.m.

Bill Lambert's daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Gene Vandergrift of Cheyenne, Wy., and granddaughter, Sonda Kay of North Carolina, have been here visiting, as well as Marie Lane.

Mary Johnson was visited by Frankie Carpenter and Anita Johnson this week.

Ed Nickels comes by to check on and visit his mother-in-law, Johnnie Kimbrough several times each week.

Bro. Gary and Judy hubbard from Earth, lead our praise and devotional time Tuesday morning.

Peggy Dent visited the residents Friday and brought them her homemade, fresh-baked bran muffins.

Lula Maye Shanks visited Park View residents and staff Monday afternoon.

Alliene amd G.R. Lasiter visited with relatives in the home of Joan Lewis Friday.

Dorothy Bowers returned to Park view after being hospitalized. Welcome home, Dorothy, we missed you.

Delores Garrett, Pat Wilson, Eva Nell Dale and Mary Jo Burge volunteered their time and talents shampooing and cutting hair Wednesday.

Harold and Mary Jo Burge, and Buster and Wanda Kittrell served the residents coffee and donuts at coffee time Wednesday morning. Harold read things of interest to the group.

Bro. Jack Stone visited the residents Wednesday. Among those he visited were Bill Lambert and Diane Copley.

Tennie and Betty McCormick visited Gladys and Cathy Wilson and other residents Tuesday afternoon. Yovanne Eggers and Marita Thomas visited them Friday, and took Cathy out for lunch.

Anita Johnson and Jayne Lennon directed the craft class Thursday morning. Among those participating were Mary Johnson, Cynthia Crawford, Virginia Barrett, Gladys Wright, Ruth Clements, Gladys and Loma Moseley.

Zona Gatewood directed

a sing-a-long and devotional Thursday morning.

Each Saturday morning, Buster Kittrell comes to give the men haircuts.

Saturday afternoon, Butch Vandiver directed the bingo bash.

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

Lillie Edmiston is visited by her daughter, Doris Palmer, seven days a week. James Wedel came Wednesday to deliver donuts from the donut shop and run errands for Park View.

Ruby Green delivered a donation from the Followers Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church Wednesday.

Clifton Finley's son, Neil Finley, visited him and took him for an outing this week.

Virginia Barrett was visited by her husband and June Gore this week.

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We are having a great time at the center. Thanks to the ladies who made our pumpkins and put out the Halloween decorations. They look great!

On Tuesday, Oct. 18, Mandi Seaton, with the Extension Office, will be bringing a nutrition message for October. Mandi always has an interesting subject and presentation. Mandi will start a Master of Memory course as soon as the meal is over on Tuesday. This should be a very good and needed course for each of us.

Thanks to the Bootscooter's Band for the great music on Tuesday, Oct. 4. Sandy, our wonderful

DJ, will be playing for the Tuesday dances through October. We invite all to come and enjoy.

Our birthday party will be on Wednesday, Oct. 19. If you would like, come dressed in a Halloween costume. We will have a great time. W.T. and Pat Watson will be entertaining us with their beautiful music.

On Friday, Oct. 21, Mr. Milner with the Diabetic Shoes, will be at the center from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Make plans to see him while he is at the center, if you need diabetic supplies.

The Home Demonstration Club will meet at the center on Friday, Oct. 21, at 2 p.m.

The program presented by O. B. Brooks, of SPAG,

on the Medicare Part D, was a huge success. We registered 113 seniors for lunch and there were several who came just for the program. For those who had not visited with us before, we invite you to come back and enjoy our fun time.

We are considering a trip to Lubbock to see a play at the Cactus Theater entitled *On Golden Pond*. This will be on Monday, Dec. 12. If you are interested, please call or come by the center to sign up.

Menu for Oct. 17-21:

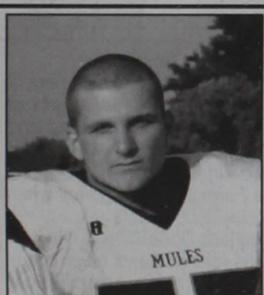
Monday, Oct. 17 — Pork chop with gravy, sauerkraut, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, wheat roll and pineapple cake.

Tuesday, Oct. 18 — Beef stew, salad, cornbread and cherry cobbler.

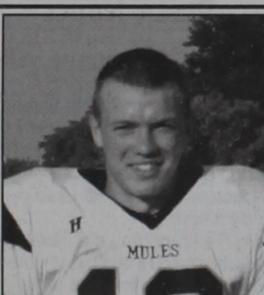
Wednesday, Oct. 19 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, corn, peas and carrots, hot roll and Jello® salad.

Thursday, Oct. 20 — Braised beef tips, rice, green beans, carrot sticks and cobbler.

Friday, Oct. 21 — Fried fish, tater tots, coleslaw, rolls, and orange and pineapple slices.



GEOFFREY SIRKEL (55)
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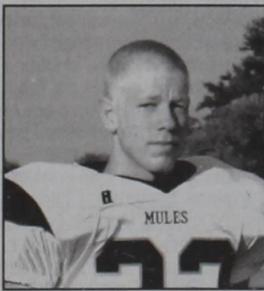


BRANT HAMILTON (10)
OFFENSIVE PLAYER

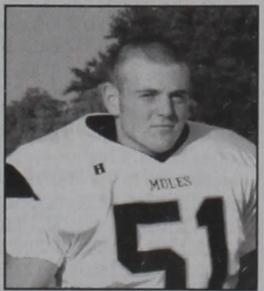


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Publication of announcements in the Journal

The Muleshoe Journal invites your news of weddings, engagements, showers, anniversaries and births.

In order to be fair to everyone, we must limit the amount of space for certain events.

For weddings and quinceaneras 25 column inches, which includes a photo if desired, will be the limit. If the photo and announcement run longer, we reserve the right to eliminate parts of the story or the person placing the article may indicate which portions may be left out. However, if a longer write-up is desired, it may be purchased in the form of an ad.

For anniversaries, if two photos are included, the limit will be 25 inches. It will be 15 inches if only one photo is used. That space will be free for anniversaries of 50 years or more. A fee may be

charged for other anniversaries.

Birth announcements with one-column photos are run free of charge with names of immediate family, including grandparents and great-grandparents. Please understand that the permission of both parents is required for a birth announcement to be published.

Small stories describing births are run free of charge after the fact and may include the names of the principals, items served at the showers, a brief description of the decor and the names of special or out-of-town guests.

A deadline of six months after an event will be the rule.

Drop by for a form or send the information via e-mail to editor@muleshoejournal.com. The deadline is Monday noon.

Athletic booster club not meeting

The Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club will not meet on Monday, Oct. 17, due to an open date in the Mules' schedule. The club will resume its weekly meetings, at 7 p.m. in the MHS science room to make plans, the following week.

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94 MERCURY TOPAZ	\$595	10 @ \$176
95 FORD THUNDERBIRD 2 Door, Auto	\$995	10 @ \$220
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Commissioners court takes action

Continued from page 1 During departmental reports, Sheriff Richard Wills approved a location change for Precinct 3, Voting Box 3B — formerly Precinct 3, Voting Box 4 — from the Church of the Nazarene building to the Muleshoe Public Library.

Bailey County's polling places are as follows: Precinct 1 (Voting Box 1) — Bailey County Courthouse; Precinct 2 (Voting Box 2) — Bailey County Coliseum; Precinct 3 (Voting Box 3A) — Three-Way School; Precinct 3 (Voting Box 3B) — Muleshoe Public Library; Precinct 4 (Voting Box 4A) Enochs Baptist Church; and Precinct 4 (Voting Box 4B) — Muleshoe City Hall.

During departmental reports, Sheriff Richard Wills and the commissioners discussed the recent problems that have arisen from the unlawful disposal of dead dairy calves in county road ditches.

Although county workers have buried the carcasses, the commissioners have instructed them to report any additional offenses to the sheriff's department.

In other business, the commissioners court: Authorized the county judge to sign an agreement with Warrant Enforcement Bureau to collect delinquent fines, court costs, restitution and probation fees.

Adopted a \$15 family protection fee, effective Jan. 1, which the district clerk will collect at the time a marriage dissolution suit is filed.

Authorized the county judge to sign an amendment to the Help America Vote Act grand award. Harrison explained that the county was required to sign the amendment to receive the related funding.

Tabled action regarding a request from the Bailey County Child Welfare Board.

Approved an order to compensate officials on a salary basis rather than on a fee basis.

Council meeting postponed

Due to the lack of a quorum, the Oct. 10 regular meeting of the Muleshoe City Council was postponed until Monday, Oct. 17.

Donate blood at Calvary Baptist

In an effort to stock local hospital shelves with blood and assist United Blood Services centers in Louisiana and Mississippi if needed, Muleshoe's next drive, sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church, will be held from 2-6:30 p.m., today, Oct. 13, in

the Fellowship Hall, 1733 W. Ave. C in Muleshoe.

Potential donors may call 806-272-4012 to make an appointment to donate at the blood drive. Volunteer blood donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

2006 ELECTION AND REFERENDUM: Voting Region Two

Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) will be conducting a referendum on the assessment of corn silage during the 2006 Biennial Election. Eligible voters will decide if an assessment of .037 cents per ton of silage, which is produced and sold in Texas, would be collected and submitted to the Texas Corn Producers Board. (This is based on .005 cents per bushel dry corn kernels with the factor for corn silage being equal to 7.94 bushels of dry corn kernels per ton of silage. This amount is based on factors that can be used by the Farm Service Agency when production has not been proven on a farm.) According to the Texas Commodity Referendum Law, Texas Agriculture Code, Title 3, Chapter 41, Subchapter A, Section 41.034, a person is eligible to vote in the referendum if he or she is or, for at least one production period preceding the date of the referendum, has been a producer of the commodity whose production occurs within the area described in the petition. This includes owners of farms and their tenants or sharecroppers, in which, this person would be required under the referendum to pay the assessment.

The purpose of our 2006 biennial election, which concentrates on four of its five regions, is to elect five new TCPB board members whose current members' seats have expired. There are a total of fifteen TCPB voting board members. These elections will be conducted in 227 Texas counties while the referendum on corn silage will be held in all counties statewide. This referendum does not alter the assessment currently in place for dry corn kernels in Texas. Both proceedings are held pursuant to the Texas Commodity Referendum Law, Texas Agriculture Code, Title 3, Chapter 41, Subchapter A, Section 41.032.

In reference to the 2006 election, Voting Region Two consists of Andrews, Archer, Armstrong, Bailey, Baylor, Borden, Briscoe, Castro, Callahan, Childress, Clay, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Eastland, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hall, Hardeman, Haskell, Hockley, Howard, Jack, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Mitchell, Motley, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Parmer, Randall, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Swisher, Taylor, Terry, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Yoakum and Young counties, and there is One Seat open for election of TCPB board members in Voting Region Two.

A person is eligible to vote in the board election if he or she is, or for at least one production period during the three years preceding the date of the board election has been a producer of, or caused to be produced, corn for commercial purposes. This includes owners of farms and their tenants or sharecroppers, if the person would be required to pay the assessment. For a producer to vote in this voting region and for this TCPB seat, such producer must reside within the counties stated above.

Any eligible voter-producer as defined above may place his or her name in nomination to serve as a director on the TCPB. Nomination applications must be submitted to TCPB signed by the applicant and ten other eligible voters. Nomination forms will be available in all 227 counties where elections are to be held or can be obtained by writing TCPB, 4205 North I-27, Lubbock, Texas 79403. Please state your county of residence if you request a nomination form in writing. Nomination forms will be available November 15, 2005 and must be postmarked no later than December 16, 2005.

The election in four voting regions will be held by mail ballot along with the referendum question on the assessment of corn silage. Producers from all five regions are eligible to vote on this referendum of corn silage, which will be held statewide by mail ballot. As for the election, ballots containing the nominations of all persons who have validly filed petitions under Section 41.025 of the above stated code will be available December 31, 2005. Ballots will be available at grain elevators in each of the appropriate voting regions, county agent offices in each of the 227 counties where elections are to occur, or by writing TCPB at the address stated above. For a ballot to be counted, such ballot must be postmarked no later than January 16, 2006. A voter must reside within a county contained within the voting region that the voter is casting his or her vote, and a voter must meet the definition set forth above a qualified voter. Voters may also vote for board members by "writing in" the name of any eligible persons.

Texas Corn Producers Board is certified under Section 41.011 and Section 41.012 of the Texas Commodity Referendum Law to conduct this election and has obtained all approvals and determinations required by law from the Commissioner of Agriculture, Texas Department of Agriculture.

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TO: ESTRACA, ERENIO (EDDIE) R., 3699 N 175, LOT 192, WARSAW, IN. 46582. You are required to appear and answer the Plaintiff's suit at or before 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the date of service hereof, before the Justice's Court LAMB COUNTY in LAMB COUNTY, State of Texas, to be held in my office shown below within said County and State. Said suit was filed on 09-16-2004 and behind No. 2004-00166 on the docket of said county. The names of all parties to the said suit are: PLAINTIFF, P.O. BOX 60, SUDAN, TX 79371. DEFENDANT, ESTRACA, ERENIO (EDDIE) R., 3699 N 175, LOT 192, WARSAW, IN. 46582

The nature of Plaintiff's demand being in substance as follows: Plaintiff seeks the amount due on account of \$4,806.34 plus court costs of \$82.00 and cer-

after you were served this citation and petition, a Default Judgement may be taken against you.

NO. 166. FIRST BANK, SUDAN BRANCH, Plaintiff, VS. EDDIE ESTRACA, Defendant. IN THE JUSTICE COURT, PRECINCT NO. 4, LAMB COUNTY, TEXAS.

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"My name is Bruce L. Harlan. I am of sound mind and capable of making this affidavit. I am personally acquainted with the facts herein stated.

"I am the Plaintiff's attorney in the above-entitled and numbered cause.

"The residence of Defendant Eddie Estraca, is unknown to me and the Plaintiff. I have exercised due diligence to locate the whereabouts of Eddie Estraca and have been unable to do so.

"The last known address was submitted to a private process server and the Defendant could not be located there. A "Skip-trace" service was hired to locate the Defendant, and they were unable to do so."

Signed on August 23, 2005, by Bruce L. Harlan, Attorney for Plaintiff.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE

ME of August 23, 2005, by Bruce L. Harlan. Signed by Jerry Yarbrough, Notary Public for the State of Texas, whose commission expires March 21, 2006. Published in the Muleshoe Journal October 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2005.

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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GARAGE SALES

GIGANTIC GARAGE SALE - This Saturday, Oct. 15, Muleshoe businesses and individuals are encouraged to participate in the first ever "84 on 84" shopping tour! If you've put off your garage sale all summer, this weekend is the time to have it! People will be coming through Muleshoe looking for bargains & treasures all day Saturday. Sell from your home or contact a business along Hwy. 84 to rent space! Call the chamber for more details - 272-4248.

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Students of the Week

Watson Junior High's Students of the Week for the week of Oct. 10 include, from left to right: Front row — Shayla Carpenter, Rashelle Hall and Matthew Martinez; back row — Merced Campos, Alonso Salcido and Dena Mata.

MEDC action... Continued from page 1

estimated \$10,000, it was more important because it would better define the MEDC's area of influence. "This establishes our territory," Hooten said. "The MEDC's area of influence extends beyond the county lines." MEDC board member Mark Morton also expressed his opinion. "It looks too good to be true," he said. "There's no liability exposure, but it brings in some money. There is no

reason why we shouldn't (issue the bonds)." While Mayor Cliff Black, who along with city councilman Mark Beard attended Thursday's MEDC meeting, expressed support of the MEDC's action, he also noted that there probably were some Muleshoe residents who might not be as comfortable with the action, even if it didn't affect the municipal or county budgets. City Manager David

Brunson also commented, noting that while the benefits may not be easily visible to these residents the city would benefit from the bond issue. He pointed out that Plainview's MEDC had already expressed an interest in issuing the bonds should the MEDC decline. "We want to extend our lead as the top EDC out there," Brunson said.

Even though Muleshoe's city council appoints the members of the MEDC's board of directors, it was noted that the city council's approval is not required for the issuance of the bonds. In other business Thursday, Claborn said Pete Hettinga of 3-H Progress Dairy had told her they were also planning to begin construction of a second area dairy in the near future.

School committee makes recommendation

Continued from page 1 education process. "Having an exciting place for the students to learn provides them with a tremendous step up in their education," he said at the August meeting. About 35 members of the Muleshoe community participated in Wednesday's meeting, of which about 30 reached the consensus that the grade levels should remain unchanged. While all three of the options discussed at the meeting would have left the high school and the middle school in their

current configuration, Option 1 would have also left the elementary and early childhood development grades as well. In other words, Pre-kindergarten to second grade, and third to fifth. Option 2 would have changed to Pre-kindergarten to first, and second to fifth grades. Option 3, which had the least amount of support among the committee members, would have changed the lower grade configuration to Pre-kindergarten to third, and fourth to fifth grade.

County Answers

Questions and answers selected for "County Questions" are from *Tales and Trails of Bailey County, 1918-1988*.
 • Page 2 — 1924.
 • Page 3 — Bula Cemetery.
 • Page 9 — (1) Muleshoe Kiwanis Club, R.A. Bradley, (2) George and Edward Hicks. (3) Cleata Williams.

John Deere dealership sold
Dent to continue management of business

"How do you put into words a period of 53 years of service in this area — selling John Deere equipment — the Dent family has provided their customers?" asks Ronnie Dent. "It's difficult." Chubby and Pansy Dent started in the hardware business in 1952 and in that same year were approved by John Deere to be a dealer in the small West Texas town of Earth.

In 1962, a son Tuffy Dent came back into the business and was instrumental in its growth until his death in 1996. Another son, Ronnie Dent, joined the business in 1978 at which time the Dents purchased the dealership at Muleshoe.

In 1987, the Dents purchased the dealership in Clovis, New Mexico, and in 1988, another son, Dale Dent, joined the business to manage the store at Clovis while Ronnie continued managing the Muleshoe dealership.

How do Ronnie and Dale Dent put into words the end of an era — Dents serving the people of this area? Ronnie and Dale both agree that you have to "look at it as the beginning of a new era in each of our lives." However, both will still be

managing their stores in Muleshoe and Clovis, just under a different name — Ray Lee Equipment.

Ronnie and Dale officially announced the selling of Dent & Co. of Muleshoe and Dent & Co. of Clovis to Ray Lee Equipment Co., Ltd. on Monday, Oct. 10, at an employee meeting. The transfer of ownership takes effect on Nov. 1.

The Dent and Lee families have enjoyed a long history of working together to satisfy their customer's agricultural needs. The Dent brothers look forward to leading their employees toward meeting those same John Deere equipment needs under the new name.

Ray Lee and Barbara, along with their two sons Mark and Aaron and their

families, "welcome the Dents into their family to continue serving the people of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico for all of their John Deere equipment needs."

"On behalf of the Dent families, Dale and I want to acknowledge our employees for making the business successful," said Ronnie Dent. "We truly want to extend our appreciation the customers and farm families who allowed the Dent family to serve them and their agriculture needs, and we appreciate the relationship we have had over these 53 years with the John Deere Company, from the 'Popping Johnny' to the most advanced technology in the industry. It's been a real pleasure."

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