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## Hospital district's board sets proposed tax rate

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's Board of Directors set a proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2005-06 of 40 cents per hundred during Monday's special meeting.

Although Monday's meeting only lasted an hour, it followed a five-hour meeting on Thursday, Aug. 25, during which the hospital board discussed in detail the district's budget for FY 2005-06 and its projected loss of \$734,908.

"I think we're going to have to raise it," board member Ronnie Dent said during the Aug. 25 special meeting, referring to the district's tax rate which he noted has remained the same for the past three years.

Dent said the hospital board recognized there were some "holes that needed to be plugged" in the hospital district's financial operations before the board could consider raising the tax rate, but indicated there was little choice except for

the increase at this point.

And board president Michael Myers pointed out that the hospital district has been running two separate facilities — the Muleshoe Area Medical Center and its clinics, and Park View Nursing Home — on the same tax rate.

Miller said he's been speaking with his neighbors concerning the district's financial problems, and said, "The most important thing they want is a hospital."

Monday's vote will increase the tax rate by 14.75 cents, raising it from the current level of 25.25 cents per hundred to 40 cents, Miller said.

Although the board's official vote was held Monday, the board members reached a unanimous consensus at Thursday's meeting, believing not only that the hospital needed the additional tax dollars to survive, but also believing that the residents within the hospital district would support the rate increase to insure funding for the district.

In related action on Aug. 25, the board approved the FY 2005-06 budget.

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Sandy Vandevender of Five Area Telephone Cooperative explains the importance of the new wireless fidelity connection at the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture to visitors from Washington, DC.

## Five Area announces Wi-Fi connection at chamber office

Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc. announced Muleshoe's most recent advance into the world of on-line service recently with the help of 'Pete' and friends from Washington, DC.

That's friends of Muleshoe and Bailey

County. Although Pete made the trip to the nation's capitol for Pres. George Bush's inauguration, it's acknowledged by most that he is still just a statue.

But that didn't prevent his taking part in the activities at the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, on

Tuesday, Aug. 23, where Sandy Vandevender, general manager of Five Area, showed the visitors from Washington how travelers passing through Muleshoe can access the internet through the wireless fidelity

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## Journal's 'Kids Page' starts this week

The Muleshoe Journal has started a Newspaper Fun page, which will run weekly — even through the summer — to encouraged kids to read year-round.

The page will feature puzzles and other fun activities geared toward fourth, fifth and sixth graders, but which can be used for any age group to help with reading and comprehension skills.

"We're adding the Newspaper Fun page as part of our commitment to Newspapers

Education," said Chris Bradford, publisher and owner of the Muleshoe Journal. "I encourage all parents to get their children involved in reading, whether it's our fun page or the sports pages. Reading is the most important part of a child's education and anything we can do to help will benefit everyone involved."

This week's Newspaper Fun Page may be found on Page 8.

## Voters invited to try election machines

Voting machine vendors will be displaying their products at the Bailey County Courthouse today, Thursday, Sept. 1, and Tuesday, Sept. 6, as part

of the county's efforts to become compliant with the "Help America Vote Act" and its Jan. 1 2006 deadline.

According to Bailey County Clerk Paula Benton,

the purchase of electronic voting machines is part of the required compliance.

One vendor will be demonstrating his company's products at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 6, while a second vendor will be doing likewise at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 6.

"The two systems are totally different. I would like to invite you to come by the courthouse and use each voting machine and let us know your preference as far as ease of understanding and usage," Benton said. "We would like to know which one you consider to be most user friendly for our voters."

Election judges are encouraged to ask their workers to come also.

"I am going to see if we can have our voting machines before the November Constitutional Election, so we can give them a 'test drive' before the March primary," Benton said.

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## New hospital administrator talks about MAHD

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Accountability and service...

Accountability to the community of Muleshoe... accountability to the employees of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District... accountability to the MAHD Board of Directors.

And service to the district's doctors, patients and employees.

Such are the feelings of the hospital district's interim administrator, Ray Mason, who took over Monday, Aug. 22, after former administrator Jim Bone was moved to another location within the Covenant family. "We have to be

'We have to be accountable to the public...'

— Ray Mason

Interim Administrator, MAHD

accountable to the public," Mason said during an interview Aug. 29, referring to himself and the hospital's staff. "We have to make sure we're doing the best job possible."

Mason said it was important that the hospital district have goals, and said the current goals ought to be to MAHD's financial viability and to build confidence within the community.

"The big thing is to make sure it's still here 20 years

in the future," he said about the Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

Mason said he has an "open door policy" and encourages the hospital employees to come to him with problems they may encounter. He also said he recognizes that hospital employees are an important part of the Muleshoe community, and said the public will often have questions about the hospital, and it was

important that staff members have the correct information to answer those questions.

Toward that end, Mason was scheduled to meet with the hospital's department heads Monday to share information about the decision to begin the procedure changing the hospital's status from that of an "acute care facility" to a "critical access facility." "The public is going to have questions," he said.

While it is important that personal information about the hospital's patients remains confidential, Mason expressed a belief that-how

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## Local Weather

Thurs.  
Mt. Sunny... 85/56

Fri.  
Sunny..... 88/56

Sat.  
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Sun.  
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## Give It A Thought

We take such an array of brilliant pills, helping to cure all kinds of ills. But what I'd really like to know...is what tells each one where to go?!

Words to ponder from Beverly

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## Crunched metal

Bailey County and Muleshoe emergency services agencies — the sheriff's department and ambulance service, along with the Muleshoe police and fire departments, responded to the scene of an automobile accident Thursday morning, Aug. 25, at the intersection of Hwy. 84 and

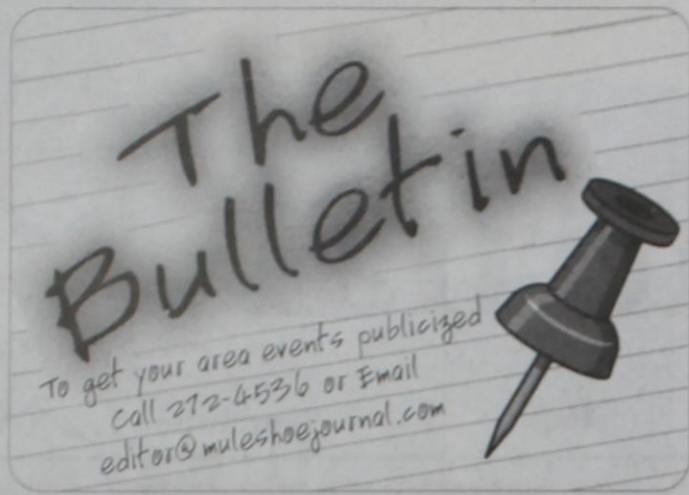
the Portales Road.

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

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

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

**Drivers license office closed**

The Drivers license office in Muleshoe will be closed Sept. 5 for Labor Day, and Sept. 6-7 for an in-service training school. Also, beginning Sept. 6, the office will only be open two days a week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 8:30 a.m. til noon, and from 1 p.m. til 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 Bobby F. at 272-8948 or 272-4433.

**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.

**Golf scramble rescheduled**

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

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

**EMS volunteers sought**

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

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

**Water well office relocated to littlefield**

On Aug. 29, the Bailey County Water Well Permitting Office for the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 was temporarily relocated to the First Ag Credit FCS office, 504 Phelps, in Littlefield.

"We no longer have a Bailey County secretary due to personnel changes in the First Ag Credit FCS office in Muleshoe," said High Plains Water District Manager Jim Conkwright. "Because of this, the Bailey County office records were relocated to our Lamb County office."

The HPWD maintains satellite offices within its 15-county service area as a courtesy to the public.

Bailey County residents planning to drill water wells expected to produce 25 gallons of water or more per minute should contact Lamb County Secretary Bill

Wischkaemper for well permit information. He may be reached at the First Ag Credit FCS office, 504 Phelps, Littlefield, TX 79339-1106, or by calling (806) 385-4425.

**Castro County Harvest Days**

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

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

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

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

**Hunter education**

The Texas Parks and Wildlife will sponsor a 10-hour Texas Hunter Education course on Sept.10-11, at the First United Methodist Church of Littlefield's fellowship hall, 700 W. 14th Street, in Littlefield. The course will be from 6 - 10 p.m. on Sept. 10, and from 2-8 p.m. on the Sept. 11. You must attend both days to receive your certification card. The minimum age of certification is 12 years, and there is a \$10 certification fee. If you plan to attend, call 385-6788 or 385-5495 for more information.

**Pipeline Group meeting to be held**

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education - Contractor Awareness Program" will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Bailey County Exhibition Center & Coliseum, 2206 W. American Boulevard, in Muleshoe.

The program is sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities. A free dinner will be catered for all persons involved in excavation related activities in Bailey, Castro, Lamb, and Parmer counties. Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems, and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

The Texas law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will also be discussed. Sponsors will provide promotional materials; including notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other safety reminders.

Each year many lives are injured or lost, plus millions of dollars in repairs and lost products are incurred due to "third party" incidents — someone digging into a pipeline. Thousands of communications, some life-threatening, may be disrupted when expensive fiber-optic cables are damaged or severed. These types of excavation can be financially devastating to the responsible party. This safety program is an attempt to help those who do excavation work to avoid such situations.

For more information call (800)982-8752.

**Births**



CASH HAYS REEDER

**Cash Reeder**

Mark and Courtney Reeder of Muleshoe are proud to announce the birth of their son, Cash Hays Reeder, on July 25, 2005, at 1:55 p.m.

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Grandparents are Jane and Louis Reeder of Muleshoe and Dennis and Betty Kotara of Panhandle.

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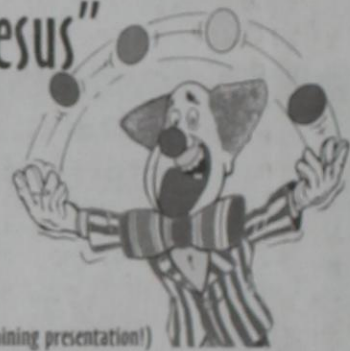
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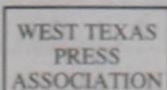
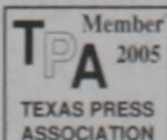
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**Lamplight** By Larry Thornton

**New U.S. Air Force prayer guidelines are a discouragement**

Monday's announcement by the U.S. Air Force that it's new "guidelines for religious tolerance" discourages public prayer may not be the ban encouraged and sought by opponents of Christianity, but it is still another battle lost in the war against Satan.

The old saying that "there are no atheists in foxholes," has long recognized that during times of combat, most men... if not all, look toward the Creator for comfort and strength.

Is it so amazing that Roman centurions referred to in the New Testament were able to recognize Christ for who he is?

And while the guidelines acknowledge this, allowing that prayer under conditions such as preparation for combat, they discourage prayer at official military meetings and events, except to "lend a sense of solemnity." In other words, promoting religion over a personal relationship with God.

Reportedly, the reasoning behind this latest change in how the Air Force deals with religious tolerance is the result of what has been described as religious jokes and disparaging remarks that occurred at the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo. While God's word tells us that tolerance of false gods and heresy isn't acceptable, Christians are also admonished to treat non-Christians with loving kindness.

However, the report that apparently accompanied the guidelines also indicated some of the problems arising at the school were the result of an Air Force chaplain encouraging Christian cadets to proselytize.

For those who are unfamiliar with the word, in recent years the word "proselytize" seems to be used most often by non-Christians speaking against the Great Commission as set down by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the one and only begotten Son of God.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." — Matt. 28:19-20, NIV.

A true Christian has no other choice but to tell non-Christians of God's love, and as the chaplain suggested warn non-Christians they were headed to eternity in hell unless they repent.

And while the 13th chapter of the Book of Romans encourages Christians to submit to government authority, we must also remember that man's law does not, can not, and will not supercede God's law.

**State troopers gear up for Labor Day enforcement**

Texas drivers will have plenty of company on the roadways over the Labor Day weekend.

All available Texas Department of Public Safety troopers will be on the lookout for speeders, seat belt violators and drunk drivers from Friday, Sept. 2, through Monday, Sept. 5.

"Voluntary compliance is always our goal, but your chance of getting a citation from DPS more than doubles over the holiday weekend," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS.

"Driving drunk is a sure way to get a short vacation in jail, not to mention the hassle, embarrassment and costs that go along with DWI convictions," he said.

Last year, DPS made 985 "driving while intoxicated" arrests during the Labor Day holiday—59 percent more than the year before.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration predicts seven out of 10 traffic deaths will be alcohol-related during the Labor Day weekend.

DPS supports the Drink, Drive, Go to Jail campaign, a nationwide anti-DWI effort aimed at reducing alcohol-related deaths and injuries during the Labor Day holiday period.

DPS also is a participant in Operation CARE—Combined Accident Reduction Effort—a nationwide effort by police agencies to reduce fatalities

**Hospital district seeks status change**

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The hospital board also set dates for special meeting and public hearings related to the proposed tax rate increase.

On Sept. 8, at 5:30 p.m., a special board meeting has been set to consider and take action on the hospital district's public forum policy.

A public hearing over the proposed tax rate increase will follow at 6 p.m.

A second public hearing was set for Sept. 16, at 10 a.m.

There will be another special meeting on Sept. 29, at 6 p.m., at which time the hospital board will vote whether to formally adopt the tax rate.

The hospital board's next regular meeting is on Sept. 15, at 7 p.m.

All of the meetings are scheduled to be held in the MAMC dining room.

In other business, during Monday's special meeting, the hospital board voted to proceed with an application to change the hospital's status from "acute care" to "critical access" on the recommendation of the auditing firm Parrish, Moody & Fikes, which was contracted by Covenant Health System — with the approval of the MAHD board — to study whether the hospital district should make such a change.

At Thursday's meeting, Michael Oatman of PM&F discussed the district's financial status and said the statements he'd reviewed "aren't great, but aren't terrible." Adding that the statements were better than he'd expected from a hospital that has been dealing with controversy,

such as MAHD has, and that there was still hope for the district.

However, Oatman said the district was "balanced upon the precipice," and recommended the hospital district's board "get the taxes you need to get this running in the right direction."

Deborah Whitley, also of PM&F, also addressed the board. "I don't see any benefit for staying a sole community hospital," she said, and pointing out that the increased Medicare reimbursements alone were sufficient reason for the hospital board to consider the change.

"I can find no reason not to go critical access," Whitley said.

She said the change would give the hospital "more bang for its buck" in today's medical environment.

While there may be several solutions to the problems faced by the hospital district, Whitley said changing the hospital's status to critical access "seems to be the best of the solutions."

**History Notes**

**Famous Texans**

- Texas cattleman Charles Goodnight is recognized as the inventor of the chuck wagon.
- Gov. Pat Neff vetoed the creation of a college in 1921 in West Texas.

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**Could Gas Prices Be a Blessing in Disguise?**

As I write this column, gasoline prices are rising so rapidly that it would be pretty safe to bet they'll be a couple or twenty cents higher per gallon by the time I finish writing this than they are as I begin. Where will it end? I don't know. One good friend told me that an "expert" who this time last year predicted the present prices is predicting \$5.00 per gallon gas for this time next year. I surely hope he's wrong.



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

And yet . . . I find myself wondering if increasing gas prices might not become a blessing in disguise. (When Winston Churchill was just receiving early but definitive word that he'd lost the election and been turned out of office at the end of World War II, his wife Clementine said to him, "It may well be a blessing in disguise." To which Churchill replied, "At the moment it seems quite effectively disguised.") I abhor these gas prices. I'm frustrated with our dependence on oil (foreign and otherwise). I can't tell that \$2.65 gas pushes my buggy a bit better than \$1.45 gas did a few heartbeats ago. And I'm a tad ticked at folks who make it so hard to build refineries (not to mention nuclear power plants if you're talking about energy in general) that it's well nigh impossible for what we have to keep up with what we use. What,

pray tell, did they expect?

BUT if we ever get to the point that the price of gas really causes us to re-think and alter our hurried and harried lifestyles, then it really may be a blessing in disguise. (And then we'll also have an opportunity to show Christian compassion when we do have occasion to drive by and see the poor RV or Hummer owners stopped by the side of the road holding signs: "Will Work For Gas.")

I was watching on TV a discussion of this gas situation the other evening. One interviewer asked his "expert" guest, "Well, at least it's August now. The prices should go down following vacation season, right?"

The expert's answer indicated to me that even if he knows a lot about gas, he knows more about our society: "That's the conventional wisdom," he said, "but the fact is that parents have so over-programmed their children that the difference between gas consumption in summer and the school year is not nearly as much as you might think." From his tone, he might have been saying, "The sun sets in the west." He considered the fact of the "over-programming" of our kids—and thus our mad dash as we continually rush hither and yon toward anywhere but home—to be in the same class of factual truth as the basic laws of nature.

Will gas prices force our society to slow down some and find out where home is? Could it get so serious that we might have to stay home some and talk to each other? Or read a book? Or watch a sunset? Or just sit still and think?

Would that be a blessing in disguise? Or just plain scary?

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE**

Last year, the Muleshoe Area Hospital District property tax rate was \$.25/\$100. That rate raised \$608,850, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as:

- Support General Operations of Muleshoe Area Medical Center and Parkview Healthcare Center,
- Purchase Healthcare Equipment,
- Pay For Indigent Services, Recruit New Physicians, Fund Operational Losses

This year, Muleshoe Area Hospital District is proposing a property tax rate of \$.40/\$100. That rate would raise \$1,030,714, which is \$421,864 more than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on September 8, 2005, 6:00 P.M. at the Muleshoe Area Medical Center, Hospital Dining Room, 708 South First Street, Muleshoe, Texas. The second hearing will be held on September 16, 2005, 10:00 A.M. at the Muleshoe Area Medical Center, Hospital Dining Room, 708 South First Street, Muleshoe, Texas.

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## Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Activities are going great at the senior center. We invite all 60+ years area seniors to come and enjoy.

B. Brooks, program specialist with SPAG, gave a very important meeting on the new Medicare and Medicare program going into effect on Jan. 1. If you were unable to attend the meeting at the center, please contact Debbie Crabtree, Office of Aging, located in the courthouse for more information.

Anyone on Medicare or Medicaid should inquire about this new program, which has a time limit on signing up to participate. If you are on limited income and take several medications, this program

may help you.

Remember, the big garage sale for the center is being held Friday and Saturday, Sept. 2-3, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day. The sale is in the Harris building across the street from the center on Main Street. There will be lots of items for sale.

Voting for three new board members for the center started Monday, Aug. 29, and will continue until Sept. 15. This will give all senior citizens the chance to come by the center to vote.

Come by the center, sign the register, mark your ballot and place the ballot in the box.

Pauletta Crawford will be working the election, so come on in and vote for the three

of your choice.

Our Tuesday playdays continue to be enjoyed by several of our senior citizens. We invite you to come in and see what we have to enjoy. Some play dominoes, put puzzles together, play games on the computer or just visit with good old friends. All area senior citizens, age 60 and above, are invited to come by.

Wonderful refreshments are also served every Tuesday morning. Our many thanks go to Neil Magby and Crystal Walton for furnishing the delicious goodies for the month of August.

The Tuesday night senior dances continue to be enjoyed by seniors from the area. Seventy-five were here to enjoy the band and dance

on Aug. 23. Call a friend, come in and enjoy the fellowship, even if you do not dance.

The 50s and 60s music they play is great. Sandy our great D.J. will be playing Tuesday, Sept. 6.

The computer classes continue on Thursday at 1 p.m. Patty Banks is a very good instructor and eager to help you. Even if you have never tried to use the computer, come in and just see what you can do, you might enjoy it.

The board of directors encourage anyone who has a question about the center to come by and see what we have to offer or call 806-272-4969. There will be someone here to visit with you.

We want to wish Petra Avitia good health and happiness in her move to Houston. We will miss her, but we are blessed to have another wonderful cook to take her place. Phylis Nelson Carrion has taken her place and is doing a great job.

See you at the center. The menu for Sept. 5-9 is: Monday, Sept. 5 — Closed for Labor Day.

Tuesday, Sept. 6 — Meat loaf with sauce, corn, turnip greens, cornbread and pineapple cake.

Wednesday, Sept. 7 —

Cube steak with gravy, green beans, salad, pickles, rolls and peanut butter cookies.

Friday, Sept. 9 — Beef stroganoff, noodles, broccoli, wheat roll and strawberry baked potato, mixed short cake.

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## Library News

By Dyan Dunagan

Muleshoe Public Library

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Sept. 6 - Apples

Sept. 13 - Fall

Sept. 20 - Scarecrows

Sept. 27 - Pumpkins

The library has purchased:

• *Sisterchicks on the Loose* by Robin Jones Gunn.

• *Looking for Peyton Place* by Barbara Delinsky.

• *River Rising* by Dorothy Garlock.

• *The Marriage Wish* by Dee Henderson.

• *One Tuesday Morning* by Karen Kingsbury.

• *Beyond Tuesday Morning* by Karen Kingsbury.

Dyan's picks of the month:

Picture books — *The High Rise Glorious Skittle Skat*

*Roarious Sky Pie Angel*

*Food Cake* by Nancy Willard.

This book is beautifully written and illustrated. It's a little harder book to read and

I have put it in the Junior section, but it is just adorable. It is also one of the books on the "Books that Build Character" list!

Junior Chapter Books — *The Library Card* by Jerry Spinelli.

I love this book... everyone should read it!

*Danny the Champion of the World* by Roald Dahl.

I wish every little boy loved their dad as much as Danny loves his father. I wish every father loved their son as much as Danny's father loves him!

Youth Fiction — *Princess in Training* by Meg Cabot.

This book is as good as the rest of the books in the "Princess Diary Series." If your girl has liked the others, she will love this one also.

Adult Fiction — *One Tuesday Morning* by Karen Kingsbury.

This book is written about the survivors of 9-11. It is

beautifully written and will just touch your heart. I am currently reading *Beyond Tuesday Morning* by the same author and loving it also!

*Beyond Tuesday Morning* by Karen Kingsbury.

This book is the continuation of *One Tuesday Morning*. I loved this book. If you like the first one in this series then you have to read this one also!

*Sisterchicks on the Loose* by Robin Jones Gunn.

*Sisterchicks do the Hula* by Robin Jones Gunn.

These books are easy to read, easy to love and easy to laugh about. I really enjoyed reading them.

Adult Non-Fiction — *The Power of a Praying Wife* by Stormie Ormatian.

This book gives you some great ideas on what to pray about to help your husband.

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# Sports

## Muleshoe trounces Friona in 'friendly' season opener

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

Muleshoe and Friona have met in a friendly rivalry 55 times over a span of 79 years. The latest chapter of this never-ending saga took place in Benny Douglas Stadium Friday night.

The Mules took this chapter 35-0 to knot the series at 27-27 and one tie.

"It was a super performance by the whole team tonight," said Mule coach David Wood. "The defense shut Friona out and the offense picked up over 400 yards. All the special teams played well and we avoided costly turnovers."

The two teams battled to a 0-0 tie at the end of the first period. The Mules were able to move the ball on Friona but had not been able to push across the goal line.

The Mule defense had held Friona to a single first down in the opening period and continued to dominate the Friona offense through out the final three periods.

The final drive of the opening period by the Mules had seemed to stall at mid field when an incomplete pass left the Mules facing fourth down and nine yards needed for a first.

Coach David Wood called for a fake punt with Brant Hamilton the Mules starting quarterback deep as the punter and Garrett Riley, sophomore quarterback, as the blocking back. The snap was to Riley; he stepped forward and fired a strike to Caleb Heinrich streaking down the middle of the field.

Heinrich was finally pulled down after a 33-yard gain. That play seemed to ignite the Mule offense and after



Mule Brady Black attempts to flank the Chieftains during Friday's game.

three consecutive Hammer plays to Brady Black he dove in from the two for the Mules first tally of the night. The Swinging Gate failed to provide the extra points.

Wood continued by saying, "That fake punt seemed to take the wind out of Friona's sails. That gave us the momentum and we never looked back after that."

Following Eddie Alvarado's kickoff to the Friona 35 the Chieftains connected with a 12-yard pass of their own to their big tight end, Hector Sanchez.

Juan Carlos Reyes defended the next attempt to Sanchez.

The Mules blitzed Jarad Flores on second and long and he downed the quarterback for a nine-yard loss and a motion penalty moved Friona even deeper back into their own territory.

Rigo Mendoza stopped Sean Lookingbill for no gain on third and 24. Sanchez punted and the Mules started their second drive of the period from their own 36 yard line.

Hamilton got the Mules

out of a hole with a screen pass out of the Shotgun to Heinrich. Heinrich made the most of his blocking and leaped a downed defender for an 18-yard gain that ended five yards deep in Friona's end of the field.

"We had a good week of workouts and we were ready for Friona tonight," said Brant Hamilton. "After some first game jitters in the first quarter we settled down and played like I knew we could. The line did a great job blocking and opened huge holes for Brady (Black) and me."

"The defense really was dominant tonight. We are starting at a much higher level and will continue to build on this each week."

Hamilton did a spin move to move eight yards leaving the Mules two yards short of a first. Hamilton took two steps drop and let fly of a strike to Ely Villa streaking down the Friona sideline for a 34 yards.

Black danced through the middle of the Chieftain defense for the final four yards and a TD. Villa tacked on the extra point to push

the Mule lead to 13-0 with 5:21 to go in the half.

Friona went three and out after the kickoff and the Mules began their final drive of the half at their 32. An incomplete pass and a five yard loss pushed the Mules back to their own 27. Hamilton found Black coming out of the backfield for 15 yards and a first down.

Hamilton hooked up with Rudy Gonzales on the Friona 26 for a 31-yard pickup.

The clock was ticking down when Hamilton connected with Heinrich for his third catch of the night. He ran a hook route 15 yards deep, turned to the middle of the field, avoided a tackler and raced 11 yards to the end zone with 51 seconds left on the clock.

The Swinging Gate added the two extra points with Hamilton connecting with Garrett Behrends in the corner of the end zone.

Behrends kept his feet in bounds while stretching out of bounds for the snag. The Mules led 21-0 at the half.

Friona threatened in the

third period with a blocked punt that set up them up on the Mule 22. Freddy Tovar blitzed from his inside linebacker position on back to back plays and pushed Friona back to near mid field and forced a Friona punt into the end zone.

The Mules marched 80 yards for their fourth TD of the night. Black out ran the Friona defense 11 yards in a race to pylon. Villa's point after was good.

Villa made a circus catch for an interception in the

final frame at the Mule 27. Villa tipped the pass and the ball bounced off the pads of the intended receiver. He snagged the loose ball to set up the Mule's final tally.

"I got a little far behind my man and I had to run to catch up," said Ely Villa. "When I looked back the ball was floating in and I tried to bat it down one handed. The ball hit him and just seemed to hang in the air for me to grab. It was a rush!"

Eric Washington made Continued on page 7

Go Mules! Go Mules!

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District 2-3A Team	Season		District	
	W	L	W	L
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Littlefield	1	0	0	0
Lubbock Cooper	0	1	0	0
Levelland	0	1	0	0
Brownfield	0	1	0	0

**This Week's Schedule**

Muleshoe vs. Sanford-Fritch  
Levelland vs. Graham  
Littlefield vs. Shallowater  
Cooper vs. Lamesa  
Brownfield vs. Kermit  
JV/Fresh  
JV vs. Monterrey Sophs  
Freshman vs. Tulia

**Last Week's Scores**

Muleshoe 35, Friona 0  
Snyder 56, Levelland 3  
Littlefield 40, Abernathy 6  
Sweetwater 40, Cooper 6  
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# Sports

## Freshman Mules, Friona battle ends in a draw

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

A tie game has been described as being like kissing your sister. An old football sage added later that at least you got kissed. The JV Mules battled Friona to a 0-0 tie Thursday night.

First game jitters seemed to stop the Mule offense in the first half as much as the over-sized Chieftains.

The Mule defense held Friona at bay while the offense got their legs under them for the second half. Friona took the opening kick and drove to the Mule 10 on 14 plays.

Colton Heinrich broke into the Friona backfield on a stunt and sacked the quarterback for a 10-yard loss.

That play stopped the Chieftains drive. The Mule



Photo by State Line Tribune

A Freshman Mule breaks a tackle during Thursday's game against the JV Farwell Steers.

offense went three and out and punted to mid field.

Friona drove from the Mule 48 to the 25 on six plays. Julio Bustillos made a stop on a full back dive for just two yards and on second down the Mule defense all swarmed to the

ball for a one-yard loss.

Jared Mendoza chased down the Friona quarterback on a rollout and stopped him four yards short of a first. Dusty Clayton got a hand on a pass attempt that could have put Friona ahead and

gave the Mules the ball on downs.

The Mule offense continued to struggle and was forced to punt.

Friona started inside Mule territory for the second time in the game and picked up nine yards on their first two plays. Bustillos, Elias Alvarado and A.B. Flores refused to budge and held Friona for no gain. Alvarado picked off a fourth down pass and returned the ball to the Mule 36.

Friona held the Mules and drove to the Mule 41 before Colby Carpenter stepped in front of a Chieftain pass to end the Friona threat in the first half.

The Mules only had 80 seconds before half but put together their best drive of the half. They drove to the Friona 31 before time expired.

Mendoza returned the second half kickoff 85 yards for a TD but a late penalty flag negated his long run.

The Mules had a much better second half statistically. The Mule defense only allowed the Chieftains to enter Mule territory one time in the second half and then they only reached the Mule 41.

The Freshmen Mules host the Tulia Hornets Thursday night at five p.m and the JV Mules host the Lubbock Roosevelt Eagles at six p.m. The freshman Mules defeated the Farwell JV 22-6 in their first game of the season.

## Varsity Mules football... Continued from page 6

back to back catches in the drive to move the Mules 34 yards closer to payday. Reyes picked up the final five yards on the Hammer. Villa's kick hit the upright but dropped to the inside for his third conversion.

When ask if it was Ely Villa's night he replied, "No, sir. It was Muleshoe's night."

The Mules rushed 43 times for 182 yards. Black led all rushers with 130 yards on 21 carries and Hamilton added 43 on 15 attempts. The Mules added 263 yards through the air for a total offense of 445 yards.

Hamilton was eight of 14 for 171 yards and Riley connected on six of eight attempts for 92 yards.

The Mules used nine receivers and Heinrich making three catches for 77 yards. Washington, Villa, Gonzales and Alvarado all had catches that totaled more than 30 yards apiece. The Mule defense was just a dominant as the offense. They held Friona to six first downs and 98 total yards. The Chieftains gained 46 yards on 22 carries and connected on six passes for 52 yards.

The Mule defense preserved the shut out by knocking the scrambling Sawyer Reed out of bounds at the Mule two on a wild final play of the game.

Friday nights Players of the Game were:

Offensive Player — Brady Black; Defensive Player — Rigo Mendoza; Special Team Player — Cody Clark; Player of the Game — Freddie Tovar; and Slobberknocker — Daniel Caraveo.

The Mules travel to Sanford-Fritch Friday to tangle with the Eagles.



## Lazbuddie's looking sharp!

Lazbuddie students, some of whom are pictured on the left, received a special enrollment gift this year, t-shirts that can be worn at school events. The shirts were provided by the Lazbuddie Parent-Teachers Organization through donations from area businesses.

# Health

## How to pack a 'safe' school lunch

Submitted by Mandi Seaton  
Bailey CEA-FCS

School is back in session and your student may want to take their lunch to school occasionally. The lunch your child may take could be the cause of stomach cramps, diarrhea, or even vomiting, if safety steps are not taken.

The key to packing a safe lunch is keep the cold foods cold, the hot foods hot, and everything clean.

Peggy Van Laanen, Professor and extension nutrition specialist for the Texas A & M University System recommends:

- If you choose cooked, ready-to-eat lunch meats for a sandwich, pay attention to the "use-by" dates on packages. Do not use them after the "use-by" date.

- It is best to store lunches in a refrigerator, but that is not always possible. Insulated lunch boxes generally keep foods much colder than paper bags. A commercial freezing gel, a container filled with ice, or a frozen drink packed with the

food can help keep the lunch chilled. Advise your child to place their lunch in as cool a place as possible, never on a window ledge in the sun.

- To keep foods hot, use a thermos designed for hot food. Bring the food to as high a temperature as possible before pouring it into the thermos.

- While preparing lunches, keep everything clean to avoid spreading bacteria. Utensils, hands, and the food preparation area should be clean. Wash food containers — the thermos and the lunch box itself — after each use.

- Wrap foods in clean wrap. If using brown lunch bags, buy bags made for that purpose as grocery bags may be contaminated from food leakage or insects.

- Don't reuse perishable lunch leftovers. Throw them away.

Some lunch foods don't need to be kept hot or cold to be safe. These foods include: peanut butter; dry

meats such as beef jerky; some non-perishable cheeses and cheese spreads; canned meat, poultry, and seafood products (if eaten immediately after opening); dried fruits; bread, cereals, and nuts.

Packaged, ready-to-eat foods in individual servings, such as canned fruits and puddings make a nice addition to a school lunch.

For more information on safe school lunches and/or food safety, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 W. Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-272-4583.

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### REPRESENTATIVE SALES

SAT., AUGUST 27, 2005

593 head of cattle, 70 hogs and 557 sheep and goats for a total of 1,220 livestock sold at the August 27th sale. Market steady on all classes of cattle w/good demand. Lower receipts due to wet weather conditions. We will have a sale next week over Labor Day weekend.

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Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Manuel Salcedo, Plainview	7	Hol. strs	279 lbs.	at \$137.50
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June Gandy, Bledsoe	4	Blk. bulls	419 lbs.	at \$135.00
June Gandy, Bledsoe	2	Char. bulls	520 lbs.	at \$111.00
June Gandy, Bledsoe	3	Blk. bulls	708 lbs.	at \$96.50
Ricky Dale, Muleshoe	5	Blk. bulls	476 lbs.	at \$131.00
B&M Cattle, Dimmitt	8	Blk. bulls	519 lbs.	at \$128.00
Johnny Bob Carruth, Lubbock	1	Blk. hfr	per hd.	260 lbs. at \$440.00
Ricky Dale, Muleshoe	4	Mxd. hfrs	325 lbs.	at \$138.00
Paula Nix, Olton	6	Mxd. hfrs	327 lbs.	at \$133.00
Paula Nix, Olton	5	Blk. hfrs	423 lbs.	at \$125.00
JCL, Inc., Sudan	6	Blk. hfrs	480 lbs.	at \$123.00
Melvin Jennings, Morton	1	Blk. hfr	480 lbs.	at \$120.00
Jack Tarver, Portales, NM	3	Mxd. hfrs	507 lbs.	at \$119.00
B&M Cattle, Dimmitt	1	Blk. hfr	610 lbs.	at \$102.00
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JCL, Inc., Sudan	1	Blk. pair		\$1,080.00
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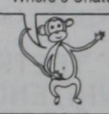
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Use the word list below if you get stuck!

Farming is a lot of hard work. Farmers need to think about the condition of the soil, the weather, caring for plants or animals, harvesting, shipping and selling products at the market. The days are long!

There are many kinds of farms. Read the clues inside the barn to fill in the crossword puzzle with the names of different kinds of farms.


Farms have buildings for shelter, storage and sales. It also takes many pieces of equipment to run a farm. Can you find and circle the items below that you can find on different farms?

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1. grown for clothing, bedding
2. tap tree sap to make syrup, candy
3. vegetable grown in the ground
4. turkey, chicken
5. in warm areas, fruit, juice
6. used for "butter," oils
7. animals for beef
8. wheat, corn, oats
9. for yards, forests, Christmas
10. cows, milk, cheese, butter

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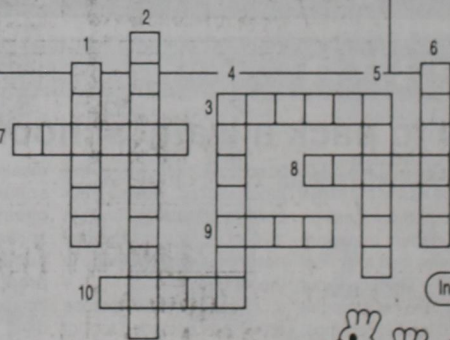
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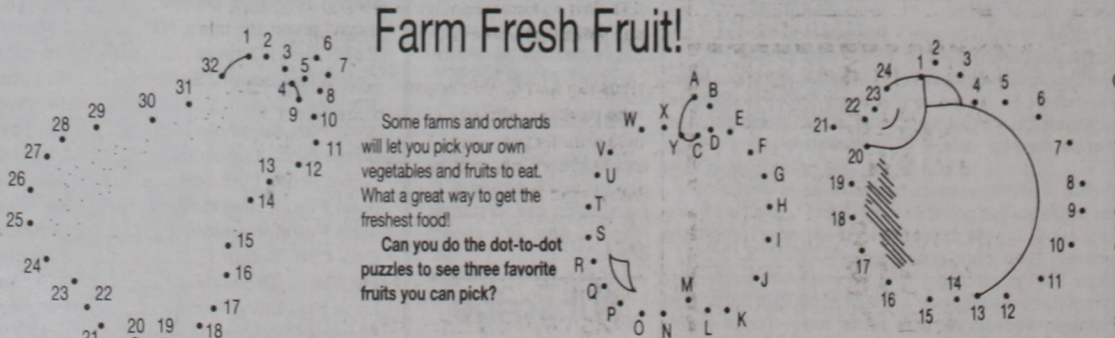
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Hey, hay! Hey! You found me!

Indeed!

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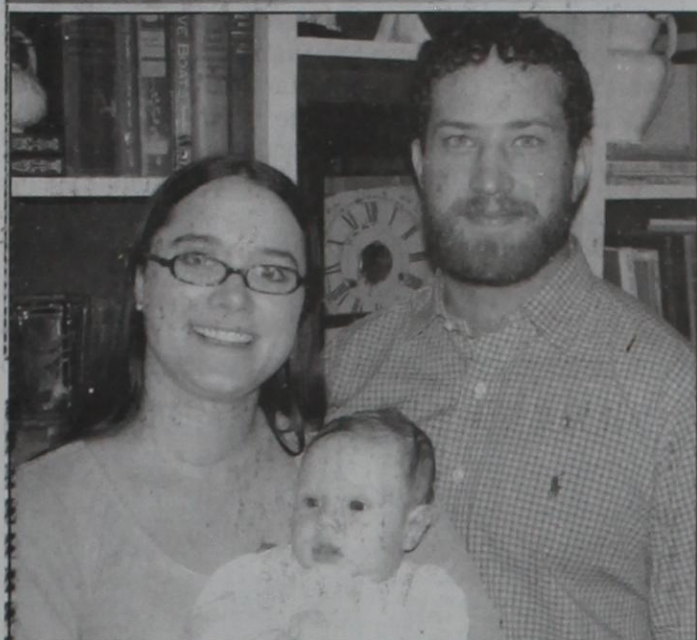




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## Baby Showers



PAYTON, ALICIA AND JULIA RENNELS

### Julia Rennels introduced

Judy Lambert opened her home Saturday afternoon, Aug. 20, to introduce Julia Grey Rennels, the infant daughter of Payton and Alicia Rennels of Wimberley. Payton is Lambert's godson.

Assisting Lambert as hostesses were Julie Cage, Carolyn Johnson, Joan Lewis, Jo Blackwell and Donna Green. The hostess gift was a car seat.

On the serving table a yellow and white afghan was entwined among a basket of ivy and white teddy bear surrounded by storybook classics. Yellow dishes were used to serve finger sandwiches, cookies, mints, nuts, and raspberry tea.

Special out of town relatives attending included

### History Notes

In 1932, a drop in cotton prices prompted passage of a "cotton acreage limitation bill" as an effort to control the surplus cotton being produced.

The bill was declared unconstitutional in 1933.

Julia's namesake uncle Greyson Rennels of Tempe, Ariz., and cousin Pam Wallace of Clovis, N.M. The honoree is the granddaughter of Jack and Magann Rennels and the niece of Gilrobert Rennels, all of Muleshoe. She was born on May 18 in St. David's Hospital, Austin.

The celebration continued Sunday morning, Aug. 21 with the baptism of the infant at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, conducted by the Rev. Monty Leavell, pastor, during the regular morning worship service.

Julia wore a dress belonging to her great uncle Dan Wurtsbaugh Singleton. She is the fourth generation of her family to wear the gown. Her father and both paternal uncles also wore the dress at their baptisms in the same church. She also wore her great-grandmother Olabelle Singleton Lamb's gold baby ring, which was made in 1906 by her great-great-grandfather James Robert Singleton, DDS.

## Nursing Home News

Congratulations to Christine Newsome on the birth of a little great-grandson.

Trueman Nix was visited by his daughter, Beverly, and his great-grandchildren on Friday.

Glady and Cathy Wilson have received visits from Marilyn Wilson, James and Dianne Brown, and Pete and Marita Thomas during the week.

Marlin and Loma Mosley have received visits from Loma's son Ronnie Gustin. Ronnie took Mrs. Mosley to the eye surgeon in Clovis.

Thursday morning, Anita Johnson directed our craft class. She assisted the residents in making a colorful book marker. Residents participating were Mary Johnson, Alliene Lasiter, Gladys Wilson, Cynthia Crawford, Gladys Wright, Ruth Clements and Cathy Wilson.

Ladies of the 16th and Ave. D Church of Christ baked pies for the pie party Thursday afternoon. Clara Harbin, Margaret Wilhite and Barbara Wilhite served the pies and visited with the residents.

The Earth Church of Christ directed the church services Sunday afternoon. A good number of the members attended and

helped with the services. After the service, the church members went to Erma Templer's room and sang to her.

Tuesday morning, Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard of the Earth Methodist Church directed a celebration of life service for Josephine Fisher. The fisher family attended and participated in the service.

The Volunteer Beauty Shop workers came Tuesday afternoon and shampooed and set the ladies' hair. The volunteers included Pat Watson, Pat Clark, Jan Crawford, Josie Ovalle and Dolores Garrett. Pat Clark gave several haircuts.

Ruby Clark is visited each morning by her two sons.

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

Buster Kittrell, Loyce Killingsworth and Sherry Wisian directed the singspiration and devotional time Wednesday morning.

Kittrell came Saturday morning and cut the men's hair.

Jackie Scoggins came and played the piano in the Day Room and Special Care Wednesday.

Each Saturday afternoon,

Butch Vandiver calls the number for the bingo bash. Butch has ways of making bingo an event the residents don't want to miss.

Phyllis Carrton visited Edna Duncan and Jimmy Dutton recently.

The Ladies in Christ Red Hat Sunday School class, of the First Assembly of God, hosted a devotional and program for the ladies who reside in Park View Sunday.

All of the ladies attending were dressed in red hats and other red accessories.

Refreshments of cookies and punch were served following the devotional.

Afterward, the Red Hat group visited Don and Diane Copley in Diane's room.

Buster Kittrell and Harold Burge teach the Bible study on Sunday morning.

Betty Conklin visited Louise Agee Thursday.

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## Hospital Report

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

- Aug. 19 — Eddie Beene and Michael Martinez
- Aug. 20 — No report.
- Aug. 21 — No report.
- Aug. 22 — Sharlee Huggins and Manuela Alvarez.

Aug. 23 — Oralia Aguirre, Charles Howard, Ruthie Roton, Juan Sanchez and Raymond Scott

Aug. 24 — No report.

Aug. 25 — Leobardo Diaz, Jose Fernandez, James Gore and Virginia Simmons.

Aug. 25 — Jimmy Gay.

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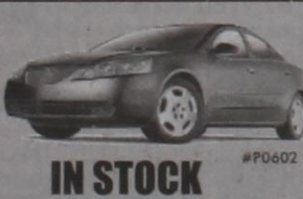
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# Chamber News



## Business of the Month announced

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recognized Leo's Blacksmith & Machine Thursday, Aug. 25, as the September Business of the Month. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Chamber board member Mark Beard, Greg Williams of Leo's, Larry and Cheryl Puckett of Leo's, chamber president Heather Foley, and chamber board member Jake Davis.



## Employee of the Month announced

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recognized Billy Gilbert of the Muleshoe Independent School District Thursday, Aug. 25, as the September Employee of the Month. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Chamber board member Mark Beard, chamber president Heather Foley, Billy Gilbert of MISD and chamber board member Jake Davis.

## Publication of Obituaries

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;

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## Texas still striving for TB-free cattle status

The Texas Animal Health Commission has secured another \$500,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture to support Texas, quest to regain cattle tuberculosis-free status, lost in 2002.

The state is addressing cattle TB with a five-pronged program that has included testing of dairy, purebred and seed stock herds. More than 335,000 cattle in the state, 812 dairies, a task completed last year.

Only Texas and Michigan currently do not have the coveted TB-free status. In 2002, Texas lost its status after two TB-infected cattle herds were detected.

For more information regarding TB testing of purebred and beef seed stock herds in Texas, please contact your TAHC area office or the TAHC headquarters in Austin at 1-800-550-8242. Information also is available on the TAHC website at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us>.

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# Classifieds

Stop and Shop

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Deadline 5 p.m. Friday

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS  
Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: San Antonio  
Contract 6132-14-001 for CLEANING AND SEALING CRACKS IN WILSON County, etc will be opened on September 21, 2005 at 10:00 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$184,237.50.

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.  
NPO: 17569

#### State Office

Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

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District Engineer  
4615 NW Loop 410  
San Antonio, Texas 78229-0928  
Phone: 210-615-1110

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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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Muleshoe ISD will hold a School FIRST public hearing on September 26, 2005, at 7:00 P.M., at the MISD Administration Office, 514 West Avenue G, Muleshoe, TX for the purpose of presenting an overview of the District's Superior Achievement rating on School FIRST followed by a time for public comment on the report. Published in the Muleshoe Journal Sept. 1 and 8, 2005.

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Opening for Bilingual Special Education Teacher's Aide at Watson Jr. High School. Must have at least high school diploma, college experience preferred. Skills needed: Spanish-speaking, good people skills, ability to help students with work. Interviews are being held this week, job starts Tuesday, Sept. 6. To apply, fill out application at the Administration Building. Contact: Pam Thompson, superintendent's secretary, 272-7404. 1c9b1

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### REAL ESTATE

**2BR/1 Bath** with patio/sunroom, 508 Furmeaux, Sudan. House in excellent condition. 1/2 acre, 400 sq. ft. Central A/C, located on corner lot one block from school. Buy and move in!  
**3BR/2-1/2 BA/2 CAR GA.** - Brick home, 604 4th St., Earth, TX. Well kept home boasting great floor plan w/roomy kitchen, cozy den, workshop and cement storm cellar. Only 1 block from pool.  
**3BR/1 Bath/1 Studio.** - Brick home, 4 miles south of Sudan, 5 acres well sell with house. Fully enclosed sunroom and storage shed. Well maintained, perfect for someone needing space for animals, etc...  
**3BR/2-1/2 BA/2 CAR GA.** - Brick home, approx. 1920' sq. ft. living area, located 1 block from school in Sudan on Hwy 303. Well kept home, awesome kitchen and nice neighborhood. PRICE REDUCED!!!!  
**3BR/2 BA/2 CARPORT.** - Brick home, approx. 2000' sq. ft., covered patio, storage shed and 2 carport. Great for horses or other livestock, located on 27 acres, 4 miles west of Earth and 14 miles west of Muleshoe on U.S. 70.  
**3BR/1 BA/2 CAR GARAGE.** - 610 Wilson, Sudan, Brick home on corner lot, located 2 blocks from Sudan schools. Sprinkler system, hardwood flooring, recently remodel bathroom, building in back, perfect for workshop or at home business.

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• S. OF FARWELL - 4-3-2 Brick Home, 69.6 acre tract, cent. A&H, built - ins, 4560' lv. area, 350' basement w/vault, 2940' garage/workshop, 2000' loft over garage, 6" well, barns, & corral!! MORE!! \$339K!!  
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• 4Bdrm. 2 bath on 8.7 acres at edge of town, Cent. A&H, DW, workshop/storage, stock shed/pens!! \$39,500K!  
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## Muleshoe Wi-Fi connection... continued from page 1

the telephone cooperative has installed at the chamber office.

All that is required for travelers in Muleshoe to access the connection, according to Vandevender is use a laptop computer or PDA (personal data assistant) equipped for wireless internet within 100 feet of the chamber office.

According to Vandevender, the tour was part of an effort to provide Washington policy makers with information about telecommunications in rural America.

The National Telecommunications Cooperative Association's Foundation for Rural Service hosted FCC officials and legislative assistants from several congressional districts on a three-day tour of rural Texas and New Mexico.

"The purpose of the annual event is to educate policy makers about the operations of — and challenges faced by — independent telecommunication companies that connect rural



Pictured above, from left to right, are: Front row — Lisa Lopinsky, Jill Canfield, Sandy Vandevender; middle row — Randy Clarke, Merritt Myers, Jeremy Marcus, Chad Wykle and Brian O'Hara; and "looking at home" on "Pete"... Jodi Detwiler.

America with the world," Vandevender said.

While in Muleshoe, the officials also toured the Tolk Plant, the junior high's video

production classroom and the high school's ITV facility.

Joining FRS and NTCA staff on the tour were Randy Clarke, attorney advisor to the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau; Jeremy Marcus, legal counsel for the FCC's Wireline Competition

Bureau; Jodi Detwiler, legislative assistant to U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R-Texas); Merritt Myers, senior legislative assistant to U.S. Rep. Nathan Deal (R-Ga.); and, Chad Wykle, legislative assistant to U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.V.)

## Mason... Continued from page 1

the hospital district operates and how it's public funds are expended should be open to the public.

Among the things Mason says are important for the hospital district to become more successful is to determine what services the community needs and to provide those services to the best of the hospital's ability. This is part of the reason behind the decision to change to critical access.

As the number of "baby boomers" approach the age requirements for Medicare reimbursement, Mason explained the hospital would benefit from the higher federal reimbursement MAHD would received under critical access status.

And while the change will require the hospital to decertify five of its beds, changing from a 30-bed facility to a 25-bed facility, Mason said this shouldn't matter because they were five beds that weren't being utilized anyway.

"Nobody will ever know the difference," Mason said. ...Except for the hospital's improved financial status. Under the hospital's current status, the hospital district receives a federal reimbursement of 46 cents on the dollar from Medicare,

but as a critical access hospital, the district will receive a 100 percent reimbursement on hospital costs.

Mason, who was born in California but raised at Denver City, has been in the field of hospital management for about 25 years, with much of it being with the Methodist hospital system's Regional Services division, that predated the merger from which was Covenant formed.

Most recently, he was with the hospital district at Hereford, but also served at Colorado City's hospital district for nine years.

Although the length of Mason's interimship at Muleshoe has been left open, Mason indicated he liked Muleshoe and wasn't opposed to a permanent position and had already placed his house in Hereford on the market.

## New child safety seat law takes effect Sept. 1

Effective Sept. 1, a new law in Texas will require every child under the age of 5 or 3 feet tall to ride in a child safety seat.

Current law in Texas applies to children under the age of 4 or 3 feet tall. This means that children who may already be out of car seats will have to use an age and size appropriate booster seat.

Placing a child in a lap or shoulder belt before they are big enough can actually cause injury instead of preventing it.

For parents of children now legally required to ride in booster seats, or who are ready to move their children into a booster seat, the following tips are provided:

- Explain to your child from an early age that when he or she is older, a booster seat will still be needed.

- When it is time to graduate to a booster seat, demonstrate to your child how the new seat will offer better protection than an adult seat belt.

Remember that a child's age does not necessarily determine whether or not they should be in

a booster seat. The easiest way to know if he or she needs to be in a booster seat is to ask a few simple questions:

- Do the child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the auto seat?

- Does the belt cross the shoulder between the neck and the arm?

- Is the lap belt as low as possible, touching the thighs?

- Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?

If the answer is no to any of these questions, he or she should be using a booster seat.

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**Fall Piano Lessons For All Ages!**  
Call Fran Hamilton @ 272-4759

**CARDIO CLINIC IN MULESHOE**

When: Thursday, September 8 beginning at 11:00 a.m.  
Where: Muleshoe Area Medical Center Specialty Clinic 708 S. 1st St.  
Cardiologist: Juan Kurdi, M.D.

For an appointment, please call 1-877-60HEART (1-877-604-3278).

For more information visit [www.covenantheartinstitute.org](http://www.covenantheartinstitute.org)  
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**State hunter education course offered at Littlefield Sept. 10-11**

The Texas Parks and Wildlife will sponsor a 10-hour Texas Hunter Education course on Sept. 10-11, at the First United Methodist Church of Littlefield's fellowship hall, 700 W. 14th Street, in Littlefield. The course will be from 6 - 10 p.m. on Sept. 10, and from 2-8 p.m. on the Sept. 11. You must attend both days to receive your certification card. The minimum age of certification is 12 years, and there is a \$10 certification fee. If you plan to attend, call 385-6788 or 385-5495 for more information. A hunter education course has not been planned for Muleshoe.

**Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce Business & Employee of the Month**

If you've had great service from an individual or business in our community, get them recognized for their excellent customer service by nominating them for the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce's Business or Employee of the Month award! Write down their name and a brief description of why they deserve the award (use extra paper if you need to), clip this form and mail it to the Chamber office, P.O. Box 356, or drop it off at the Chamber office, 115 E. American Blvd., Mon.-Fri., 10 am to 4 pm. The "employee" selection can be different than the "business" selection.

**Employee of the Month**  
Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

**Business of the Month**  
Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

The City of Muleshoe will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on Monday, **September 12, 2005** at 5:30 PM in the City of Muleshoe Council Chambers 215 S. First, Muleshoe, TX for the 2005-2006 Budget

**Last Chance.**  
If you haven't joined our family yet...

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