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Architect hired for high school expansion

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

MWM Architects of Lubbock was formally hired as the firm to design and oversee the construction of the expansions at Muleshoe High School and DeShazo Elementary during Monday's school board meeting.

"At this point, we're pleased with what MWM has done for us," Superintendent Gene Sheets said prior to recommending the firm be hired to begin the design



MWM Architects presented the school board with a "rendering" of what Dillman Elementary should look like.

work on the second phase of Muleshoe Independent School District's multimillion dollar facility expansion.

After the costs of completing the expansion at Dillman Elementary and Watson Junior High are completed, Sheets estimated that about \$16 million would be available to

complete the projects at the high school and DeShazo.

"They've worked very hard for us," Sheets added, "and I'm sure they will continue working hard for us."

Stephen Faulks, representing MWM Architects, attended Monday's meeting, which

also included a tour by the board of the work to date that has been accomplished at Dillman.

Faulks presented the school board with a "rendering" of Dillman that will be displayed at the district's administration office and possible various other locations in the

community.

"That is as near as we can get to what it's going to look like," Faulks said.

He also noted that architects at the firm are currently working to finish the drawings for the work to be completed on Watson Junior High, and said it would hopefully be the end

of the week.

"We're very honored to bring this project to this point," Faulks said.

"It looks as if the Watson Junior High project may be completed about the same time as Dillman," the superintendent added.

On a related matter, the school board hired Davis Geomatics, LLC, or Lubbock as the surveyors for Phase II, but took no action on the hiring of Lee Lewis Construction at the

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MAHD board approves new MAMC management contract

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Memorial Hospital District's Board of Directors approved a new management contract with Covenant Health Systems during Tuesday's regular meeting.

The cost of the management agreement wasn't an issue as Jim Wurts, Covenant's senior vice president for Rural Community Affairs who was in attendance at the meeting, notified the board that the management fee was being waived, leaving the primary costs associated with the agreement being the flow-through expense of hospital

administrator Ray Mason. However, it was also noted that the new contract included certain clauses that adhered Covenant's Christian-based principals.

"What we're asking you to do is not do abortions, stem cell research or euthanize patients," Wurts said. "We

anything," Wurts added.

"Jim, I want to thank you personally," responded MAHD board president Ronnie Dent.

While Mason said the most important part of the contract is that the local hospital district has complete control of its

'Covenant will not come in and tell you how to do something. You retain control...'

— Ray Mason, MAHD CEO

feel it is very important that we affirm these principals."

As for the ongoing relationship Covenant has had with the local hospital district, Wurts said it has been interesting watching the improvements being made at MAHD over the past couple of years. "We appreciate the relationship," he said also.

"We're here to give assistance as needed," Wurts said about Covenant, referring to a nautical description an official in another community used about the Lubbock-based health system, noting that Covenant was there to help them to "navigate and occasionally throw them a life line."

"We're not trying to run

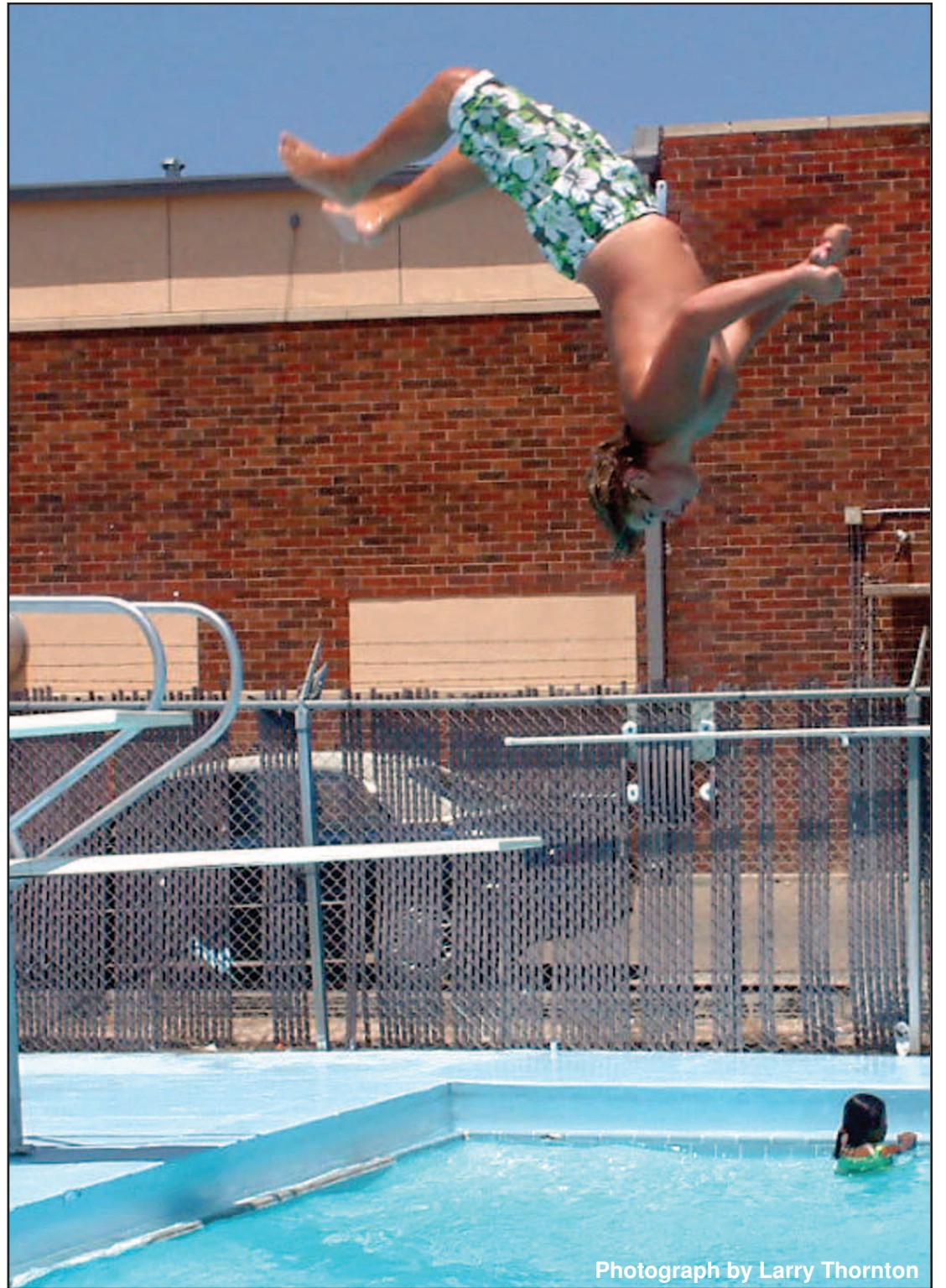
hospital. "You retain control," Mason said. "Covenant will not come in and tell you how to do something. You retain control."

Although the new contract is for a two-year period, it was noted that both parties have a "30 day out" clause.

The hospital district board also approved a proposal from Plains Capital Bank for a \$400,000 working capital loan, which will in turn be invested through the upper payment limits program.

The program allows the hospital to receive about 36 percent in federal matching dollars through the Texas State Comptroller's office

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Photograph by Larry Thornton

Heels over head...

Is there a better way to spend a hot afternoon in Muleshoe than at the swimming pool? No doubt the kids and adults who journeyed to the man-made oasis Friday afternoon for some "fun in the sun" would respond to the question with a resounding "No!" Pictured above, Tanner Bales performs a somersault off the diving board.

Commissioners court restricts parking at coliseum

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Bailey County Commissioners' Court passed an ordinance during Monday's special meeting that prohibits both semi-tractors and semi-tractor trailers from parking in the Bailey County Coliseum parking lot.

Monday's action came at the request of Kevin Smith, director at the coliseum. It was pointed out that about \$38,000 had been spent during the past few weeks repairing the parking lot and



covering it with a "chip and seal" in hopes of extending the life of the asphalt.

Although a public hearing was held for individuals wishing to speak against the ordinance's passage was held prior to the

commissioners' vote no one appeared.

According to the coliseum director, the engineer on the project suggested another chip and seal would be necessary in about two to three years.

The fine for violating the ordinance was set at \$200, but it was also noted that for the first couple of weeks it was hoped by the court that warnings would be issued.

"We're not trying to make money," Commissioner C.E. Grant said, "we're just trying to keep them off of it."

Although Smith suggested that Texas DPS officers be able to utilize the parking lot when stopping semi-tractor trailers, Commissioner Butch Vandiver suggested that would be "defeating the

purpose."

The commissioners' court also conducted a budget workshop at which County Sheriff Richard Wills presented a "wish list" that would raise his department's budget by almost \$160,000 from last year's figures.

Topping the sheriff's list was a raise of about \$20,000 for his base salary, but eliminating his incentive pay of up to \$10,000 for efforts located in the district

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Three Way School Reunion

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There will be an auction of sports trophies, tapes of ballgames, and a few annuals are available. A silent auction will start Saturday morning and end at 4 p.m.

For additional information, contact Jean Abbe of Morton at 806-266-8658, or email questions or address information to granabbe@fivearea.com.

Early registration is Friday, Aug. 3, from 5-7 p.m. Registration will continue on Saturday, Aug. 4, from 8:30 a.m. until noon. The meal will be served at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per adult, and \$25 per child.

AA meeting

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA and Al-Anon meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Friday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. 2nd.

Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.

Men's softball league forming

The deadline for individuals or teams wishing to join the Muleshoe Men Softball League is Aug. 2. Individuals wishing to sign up or seeking additional information should call Juan Sanchez at (806)729-2353 or Diane Moore at (806)729-3433.

Lazbuddie community blood drive

Coffee Memorial Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the Lazbuddie area on Monday, July 30, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., in the fellowship hall of the Lazbuddie Methodist Church, Hwy. 1172.

To schedule an appointment, call 331-8800. All blood types are currently needed.

Calvary Baptist 'wing-ding' planned

Calvary Baptist Church, 18th and W. Ave. C, Muleshoe, will be holding an outdoor "gospel music wing-ding" on Sunday, July 29, from 6-8 p.m.

The public is invited to attend, and should bring their lawn chairs, blankets and cool drinks.

Rasco retirement

A reception commemorating the retirement of Larry Rasco of SPS-Xcel Energy, formerly of Muleshoe and the Tolk Plant, will be held on July 30, from 2-3:30 p.m., at the Jones Station, east of Lubbock, FM 3020.

Addresses for charitable giving

- Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Center, P.O. Box 201, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, (806) 272-4429 or 5873.
- American Cancer Society/Bailey County Relay For Life, c/o Kim Cook, 201 E. Fir, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- MOST Scholarship (given to all graduating MISD seniors yearly), c/o Superintendent Gene Sheets, 514 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, P.O. Box 292, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Hope Chest, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Muleshoe Hospital Auxiliary, c/o Muleshoe Area Medical Center.
- Bailey County Food Pantry, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Meals on Wheels, 300 1st St., Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Lazbuddie EMS and Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 125, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.
- Park View Nursing Home, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- New Mexico Children's Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411.
- Muleshoe Masonic Lodge No. 1237, P.O. Box 521, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Olton Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1055, Olton, TX 79064.
- Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Inc., 104 E. Ave. C, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-5727.
- Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 62, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, 115 E. American Blvd., Muleshoe 79347.

For a complete list of local and national agencies, contact the Muleshoe Community Foundation; Gary Sirkel, 272-4710 or Kay Mardis, 272-3349.

If you would like to be added to this published list, please contact the Journal with your mailing address and phone number at 272-4536.

Alzheimer's disease support group

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting Thursday, Aug. 9, at 12 noon, at Park View Nursing Home. Lunch will be served.

Kenna Dubberly of Garrison Geriatric Center will present "Caring for the Care Giver."

For more information contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 272-4583.

Levelland to host farmers market

The Levelland Main Street Program is ready for all willing and able producers to start selling their goods during its Farmers Market.

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Editorial

Perry's effort deserves support

Although few would call us a fan of Texas Governor Rick Perry, we must say that his efforts to pull Texas dollars out of the coffers of nations and regimes that refuse to denounce terrorist activities, both within their own borders and abroad, deserves widespread support.

In the years leading up to World War II, the support the Third Reich received from individuals and factions from other lands, including the United States, slowed down the world's response to Hitler's aggression and atrocities. To be honest, we can see little difference between Neville Chamberlain's desire to appease Nazi Germany due to the high cost of financing World War I, and the expenditure of Texas dollars to support similar regimes.

For American and Texas dollars to boost the economy of a government that is seeking to destroy an attempt at democracy by a neighboring nation, or to support a government bent on the annihilation of a group within its borders is just as scandalous... and just as wrong.

But, if this is the path the Lone Star State should follow we need to be sure it's carried out across the board, avoiding policies supporting the idea that "the enemy of my enemy is my friend," which placed the United States in bed with the regimes of Ferdinand Marcos, Manuel Noriega and Saddam Hussein.

While we don't think the withholding of Texas dollars alone will have any great or lasting impact on Iran — or even the American companies that choose to do business in such countries — there is a principal involved here that we shouldn't go beyond.

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to maintain a high out of county prisoner population at the jail.

The sheriff also requested two additional deputies and another jailer. "I've got jailers who can't take their vacations because we just don't have the manpower," the sheriff said.

It was also noted that two additional, fully-equipped patrol units would also be needed.

While the court discussed the possibility of an additional deputy, it was clear that the steep recommended salary increase was more than the court was willing to consider, especially if the amount didn't include the incentive for maintaining a high out-of-county prisoner population to help fund the expense of the law enforcement center's construction and operation.

"I think it's the best thing for the county," Judge Harrison said about the incentive portion of the sheriff's salary.

Jacky Wayne Burris, director of county's ambulance service, also presented his wish list for FY 2008 — which included

an increase of slightly more than \$268,000 from last year's budgeted amount, and renewed his request for the ambulance service to be moved out to the coliseum, into a double-wide mobile home he said could be attached to the rear of the coliseum building.

The county EMS ambulances would apparently be stored in the coliseum building.

Vandiver also renewed his opposition to the idea, adding that he would be more in favor of constructing a building to house the ambulance service rather than placing it in a mobile home.

Although the Judge Harrison said the county's general fund was in better shape when compared to the previous two years, it still hadn't been determined exactly how much the commissioners court had to work with for the FY 2008 budget.

In other business, the commissioners court:

- Opened bids for fuel, of which only two were received — West Texas Gas and Western 66.

The commissioners voted to award the fuel contract to

Water conservation district reopens Muleshoe office

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 has returned its Bailey County office to its former location in Muleshoe.

On Aug. 1, the High Plains Water District's Bailey County water well permit office will reopen at the First Ag Credit FCS office, 1601 W. American Blvd., in Muleshoe.

The office phone number is (806)272-3010.

The Bailey County office records were moved to the district's Lamb County office in August 2005, due to personnel changes at the Muleshoe FCS office.

"First Ag Credit FCS Office Manager Don Sharp recently asked that the High Plains Water District's Bailey County office be housed again in their office. We are glad to do so effective Aug. 1," said High Plains Water District Manager Jim Conkwright.

Western 66 due in large part to the bid submitted by West Texas Gas offering no discount from the day-to-day pump price.

"I don't see any advantage there," Commissioner Butch Vandiver said. "No discount... no special billing... no delivery.

According to the bid received from Western 66, the county was being offered a discount on the purchase price ranging from seven to 10 cents per gallon depending upon the product being purchased and the location of delivery.

- Approved new time sheets to be used by county employees. Monday's decision followed the recommendation of Michele Arseneau of the Texas Association of Counties who addressed Bailey County officials about the issue and other labor law requirements on July 9.

- Authorized the county judge to sign an agreement renewal notice concerning the Victim Information and Notification Program. The judge was also authorized to sign the Texas Vine annual maintenance grant contract for the computer

Conkwright thanked Lamb County secretary Bill Wischkaemper of Littlefield for serving as both the Bailey and Lamb County Secretary for nearly two years.

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Hospital district board... Continued from page 1

when the funds become available.

The decision to accept Plains Capital Bank's proposal came after it was learned that Muleshoe's local banks weren't comfortable with the process involved, board member Wayne Pierson noted.

In other business, the hospital board:

- Received a financial report from the district's chief financial officer, Sharon Novak, in which she stated the hospital has been successful in keeping its expenses below the budgeted amount.

And while revenue is also below expectations, board member Bob Donaldson said there probably wasn't anything else that could be done at this to increase the revenue.

During the financial report, Mason noted that Dr. Lansing had finally received his Medicare number, which should increase the district's revenue.

The hospital district board also approved sending debts totaling slightly more than \$33,500 to collections.

- Received a report from the administrator of Park View Nursing Care Center, Sandy Sandlin, in which he said efforts were being made at the nursing home to reduce expenses without reducing the quality of care.

According to Sandlin, systems were now in place to capture all current amounts billed to Medicare and Medicaid. He explained that previously, there was a significant backlog of accounts that hadn't been submitted for federal reimbursement, but he expected these backlogged claims to be filed by September.

"I feel real good about our team," Sandlin said, "We're making progress... it's just a matter of us growing and learning together."

- Authorized advertizing for bids on the replacement of the roof at Park View Nursing Care Center. Due

hail damage, Sandlin said the nursing home's insurance adjustor has "totaled" the roof.

- Approved the purchase of a van with a wheelchair lift from Don Copley for \$7,500. Dent explained that the nursing home has already been using the van for several years.

- Authorized the hospital district to seek a short term bank loan for almost \$75,000 to be used to make the district's bond payment on Park View until sufficient tax funds have been collected.

- Approved the minutes from the board's June 21 meeting.

From God's Holy Word

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

— John 1:14

FBC mission group returns

A group from the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe recently returned from a mission trip to Sebastian where they painted houses and helped with a Vacation Bible School at Sebastian's baptist church.



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; 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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Nevertheless

by Max Lucado

And the king and his men... spoke to David, saying, "You shall not come in here; but the blind and the lame will repel you." ... Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the City of David). (2 Sam. 5:6-7)

Did you see it? Most hurry past it. Let's not. Pull out a pen and underline this twelve-letter masterpiece.

Nevertheless.
 "Nevertheless David took the stronghold..."

Wouldn't you love God to write a *nevertheless* in your biography? Born to alcoholics, *nevertheless* she led a sober life. Never went to college, *nevertheless* he mastered a trade. Didn't read the Bible until retirement age, *nevertheless* he came to a deep and abiding faith.

We all need a *nevertheless*. And God has plenty to go around. Strongholds mean nothing to him. Remember Paul's words? "We use God's mighty weapons, not mere worldly weapons, to knock down the Devil's strongholds" (2 Cor. 10:4 NLT).

You and I fight with toothpicks; God comes with battering rams and cannons. What he did for David, he can do for us. The question is, will we do what David did? The king models much here.

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Do what David did.
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BAILEY COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

Obituaries

Elma Daniel

Elma Daniel was called by our heavenly Father to his presence on July 21, 2007, at the age of 60.

Mrs. Elma Daniel was born on Oct. 12, 1946, in Hargill. Her parents were Lauro and Guadalupe Davila.

She married the love of her life, Luz G. Daniel, on Dec. 5, 1964, in Seminole, and conceived four children.

Her grandchildren were her pride and joy. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior.

She enjoyed shopping, dancing, sewing and traveling with her family.

She would like to be remembered as a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

She will be missed daily by all.

Survivors include her husband — Luz Daniel of Muleshoe; two daughters — Alicia Bailon and her husband Merced of Lubbock, and Leonor



ELMA DANIEL

Arrieta and her husband Eleazar of Muleshoe; two sons — Luis and Javier Daniel, both of Muleshoe; five grandchildren — Yvonne and Rene Bailon, Natasia and Sylvester Daniel, and Marco Daniel; a sister — Maxilliana Guajardo of Seminole; three brothers — Claronaldo Davila of Seminole, Amador Davila of Lubbock and Ruben Davila of Levelland.

She was preceded in death by her parents — Lauro and Guadalupe Davila; a precious niece — Senovia Davila; a sister — Jesusa Lopez; and a brother — Lauro Davila.

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Phase II "construction manager at risk."

Sheets explained that he was still in the process of negotiating a contract with the construction firm, and hoped to bring a recommendation to the board by its next meeting.

In other business, the school board:

- Received a legislative report from the superintendent in which he noted that the TAKS testing dates have changed.

Sheets said school will be starting two weeks later, and therefore, the TAKS testing will be moved back one week. He also said the school board may also have to make some changes in the district's calendar.

- Approved the minutes from the June 11 and June 26 meetings.

- Took no action on a proposed "Goods in Transit" tax ordinance similar to that previously approved by the City of Muleshoe until additional information could be received from Kay Elliott of the Bailey County Appraisal District.

- Discussed the prices of school meals bit took no action regarding an increase at the recommendation of Assistant Superintendent Don Wood.

- Discussed the employee handbook. No action was necessary.

- Approved the Student Code of Conduct, which according to Wood was "pretty consistent with the code adopted two years ago, except for recent changes such as the district's new cell phone policy.

- Approved a fuel bid from Western 66.

- Approved the purchase of a building and land west of the Bailey County Coliseum at a price of \$215,000. Board member Mike Riley abstained from voting on the issue due to personal reasons.

The property will be used to relocate the school district's bus barn, which is required for Phase II at the high school.

- Returned from closed session to accept the resignations of Scotty and Sara Mills, Gaylord Latham and Hellen Adrian. The school board also voted to hire Kerry Moore and Peggy Powell.

- Adopted the goals developed at the school board's June 26 session, and the related objectives.

"You all should approve the campus objectives. Then, the administrators should develop the campus plan (or strategies) to accomplish the objectives," Sheets said.

The school district's listed goals are as follows:

- MISD will be consistent in following rules and regulations and assigning disciplinary actions to students.

- MISD will incorporate positive, consistent strategies to address student disrespect, discipline, and gang related issues, especially at the secondary level.

- MISD will address the changing demographics and needs of our students to ensure high achievement and success of each child.

- MISD will provide a quality instructional environment that will

address the academic needs of all student groups.

- MISD will address budget, safety, and on-going instruction needs during construction, and will design a high school facility to meet the needs of all students.

- MISD will hire and retain quality personnel, recruit bilingual personnel, and assist new staff members in integrating into the educational environment.

- MISD will ensure success for all students in math and science.

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Gene Snell

A church service for Gene Autry Snell, 65, of Muleshoe, was held on Tuesday, July 24, at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Jeff Coffman officiating.

Burial is scheduled in Poe Prairie Cemetery in Millsap at 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 26.

Snell died on Saturday, July 21, 2007, in Park View Nursing Care Center. He was born on April 20, 1942, in Tioga, and married Ruth Austin in Weatherford in April 1962.

She preceded him in death in 1975.

He then married Janice Cain in Clovis, N.M., on Feb. 6, 1976.

Snell moved to the Muleshoe area in 1969 from Weatherford. He was a farmer and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

He was also preceded in

death by a son — Jimmy Allan Cain; sisters — Martha Williams and Ella Lee Sleeper; and a brother — Bill Snell.

Survivors include his wife — Janice Snell; six sons — Andrew Gene Snell of Burleson, Lincoln Wade Snell of Weatherford, Dennis Ray Snell of Weatherford, Jessie Allen Snell of Clovis, N.M., Douglas Winston Snell of Springfield, Ill., and Gary Dale Cain of Muleshoe; three daughters — Rebecca Janene Brayerton of Wichita Falls, Linda Joann Watson of Wichita Falls and Katrina Michelle Scott of Muleshoe; a sister — Mary Monter of Clovis, N.M.; three brothers — John Snell of Muleshoe, Kenneth Snell of Reno and Budney Snell of Azle; 36 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We visited with the Clovis Senior Center on Friday night, July 20.

They were celebrating 50 years of being organized and the repairing of their center after the tornado damage.

We want to congratulate them for a job well done. We appreciate our fellow seniors from our surrounding areas.

If you were not at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizens Center on Wednesday, July 18, you missed a great treat.

Samantha Watson, from Oklahoma City, the daughter of David Watson, and granddaughter of W. T. and Pat Watson, entertained us with Irish dancing.

She is a lovely person and we thank her for some great entertainment.

On Wednesday, Aug. 1, Interim Home Health, Deena Hamilton, will be providing a very interesting

program.

On Wednesday, Aug. 15, she will be hosting a game of Bunko. So all you senior citizens who know this game make plans to come by the center.

The game will begin at 10:30 a.m.

If you need to learn how to play make plans to be here. I hear it is a lot of fun.

Some of our domino players have been out due to illness.

We wish them a speedy recovery. We miss you and I know the other domino players do, too.

La Shea will not be with us this Thursday for Bingo, but we will forgive her this time. She is going with her family on vacation.

LaShea is such a sweetheart to come call for us each Thursday afternoon. We enjoy having her with us.

Have a good time, La Shea.

We will have someone else doing the calling this

week. So bring your can of food for the food bank and enjoy the afternoon playing bingo.

Our thanks to Fred Clements for building the shelves in our closets to store our decorations on. We appreciate all of your help.

Menu for July 30 - Aug 3:

Monday, July 30 — Baked ham, black-eye peas, mixed greens, cornbread and cake.

Tuesday, July 31 — Taco salad, rice, beans, lettuce, tomato, onions, cheese, peaches and cookies.

Wednesday, Aug. 1 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and banana pudding.

Thursday Aug. 2 — Pork roast, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, wheat roll, jello and fruit.

Friday, Aug. 3 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

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Spinning Rowels

by Larry Thornton

North Korea taking steps to keep the world safe

With concerns about nuclear radiation on the rise after the recent earthquake in Japan, it shouldn't surprise any of us that north Korea has finally acknowledged that danger exits within its borders.

That's right! With the possibility of the United States taking a harsher stand against North Korea due to its unwillingness to close down an atomic reactor capable of producing weapons-grade plutonium, the national leaders in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea have taken steps to outlaw karaoke bars as being "a danger to society."

Yes, before long the tunes that have become harbingers of karaoke horror will once again be silenced, unable to render the populations of nations surrounding North Korea senseless.

Ever since the movie "Mars Attacks" hit the silver screen, the tenor warbling of Slim Whitman has garnered the reputation of being one of the more deadly vocalizations, but apparently the karaoke croonings of "Feelings," "Margaritaville" and "Desperado" are more dangerous than the DPRK's plutonium packing plant.

For years, the United States and the Soviet Union have been engaged in Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, hoping to reduce the world's nuclear arsenal. Only now, we learn that the true danger wasn't the proliferation of nuclear weapons but rather the karaoke parties the negotiators attended to celebrate the peace treaties.

Just think of all the money our respective governments would have saved! Instead of all the research teaching our militaries how best to deliver a quarter-pound of plutonium halfway around the world, they just needed to figure out a way to get a half-drunk wanna-be vocalist inside the warhead with his or her karaoke equipment set to turn on a few seconds before reaching the target.

Can't you see it? Deep in the Pacific Ocean a U.S. nuclear submarine receives a message that the "war to end all wars" has arrived. U.S. military forces are at Defcon 4, and receive the order to launch their missiles.

With a roar, a missile takes off, its mighty rocket only dwarfed by the sound of its payload... "Feeeeeellllinnngsssss!"

Business of the Month selected

Carolyn's Christmas Creations was selected as the July Business of the Month by the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture. Pictured below, from left to right, are: Chamber board members Cheryl Puckett, Shorty Flores, Don Wood, Tadd Young, Carolyn Johnson of Carolyn's Christmas Creations, and Chuey Gonzalez.



Baby Showers



KARA AND KINLEY JEFFERS

Jeffers mother, baby honored


A baby shower honoring Kinley Brynn Jeffers, the daughter of Kara and Michael Ray Jeffers, Jr., was held on Saturday, July 14 in the parlor of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

Hostesses included Pam Atwood, Kay Lynn Brantley, Staci Burris, Tammy Cannon, Nancy Carlisle, Starla Ellis, Linda Flores, Mary Furgeson, Lisa Gonzales, Dee Grumbles, Rhonda Hood, Janie Hughes, Connie James, Kim Kimbrough, Carolyn Kirby, Anna B. Lane, Beverly Layton, Rachel Lopez, Pam McCaul, Amanda Perez, Mary Ellen Robertson, Michelle Standard and Dawn Williams.

The hostess' gift was cash.

Special guests included Mary Kindel, Paula Foley, Kelly Heinrich, Tomi Jeffers, De'Aun Autry, Heather

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Heritage Foundation News

By Jean Allison

"We have glorious news to report which we will report at the end of this meeting," Muleshoe Heritage Foundation president Joe Bob Stevenson said at the beginning of the monthly meeting on Monday, July 16, at the Santa Fe Depot.

Gary Hooten began the meeting with prayer followed by minutes read by Secretary Jenne McVicker which were approved.

Treasurer Hooten gave the financial statement emphasizing the value of all of the structures at the Heritage Center.

Board members noted the beauty of the center this summer due to generous rains. Those present at this meeting gave board

member Sammie Simpson a round of applause for all of the work she has done at the center's newest addition, the Virginia City Hotel.

"It will be fun to soon show this unique building to the public," said the board president.

Ladene Spears, manager of the Heritage Thrift Shop, gave an update explaining all of the work it takes to keep the Thrift in "tip-top" condition and expressed appreciation for all of the volunteers.

She also expressed appreciation to citizens of the area for the contributions they bring to the center, making it one of the best thrift shops anywhere.

Hostess Dolores Harvey reported on happenings at the center saying again there have been many interesting guests visiting.

A letter from the Texas Historical Commission was received which tells about the new brochures that feature the Heritage Center, as well as old Pete the mule.

She then explained about some of the repairs completed and also asked for assistance in repairing the sprinkler system.

Harvey further noted that she now has copies of all of the bills received covering expenses of the annual Tour de Muleshoe Bike ride.

Board members again noted how valuable this is for the Muleshoe area.

"Now we can discuss the glorious news," said Stevenson.

"Due to the generosity of a former Muleshoe High School graduate, Ray West, the Heritage Center has been able to purchase the Lowe property south of the center, where Sain Irrigation was located," he said.

"This has been a long-time dream of many who are interested in the value of the center to this area."

Exciting plans were discussed about how to celebrate this purchase and how to give a tribute to West and his family.

Board member Ann McElroy was thanked for all of the hard work she did to bring this about.

She noted that former board member and former Muleshoe resident Jim Allison needed to be thanked for his help in contacting and interesting West in the center.

Allison and West graduated together from Muleshoe High School.

When plans are finalized for this event, much more will be reported.

The final business was a report from Alice Liles who has directed several activities to fulfill the requirements for the cultural and arts grant given earlier to the Heritage Center by Xcel Corporation.

She said that the Kid's Bicycle Rodeo held in conjunction with the Tour de Muleshoe was greatly enjoyed by the young contestants.

Shelly Turnbow and Jo Pierson helped with this rodeo and are excited about holding the event again next year.

Liles then explained to board members attending about another activity being planned to complete this grant requirement.

This will be a grooming and style show for young ladies which will include the Heritage Thrift Shop.

As plans are completed, more will be reported.

Board members expressed excitement about all of these future plans.

Meeting adjourned.

Health

Tips offered for a safe and healthy harvest

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

Now that it is summer, you may be enjoying fresh fruits and vegetables right from your own garden or you may be purchasing them from the local grocery store, market, or roadside stand.

Wherever you choose to get the fresh fruits and vegetables that are so good this time of year, it is important to know how to select, store, wash, and serve them the safe way.

Any fruit or vegetable can be contaminated with bacteria.

Here are a few tips in selecting, storing, washing, and serving fruits and vegetables that can help maintain their quality and safety and to prevent the possibility of a foodborne illness:

- Shop often for fruits and vegetables. Buy only items that can be eaten within two to three days.

- Look for fruits and vegetables with good color, shape, texture, and fresh smell.

- In selecting pre-cut fruits and vegetables, choose those that are cold and properly packaged in air-tight containers. Check the use-by-dates on the package.

- Store fresh fruits and vegetables in clean, safe, cool, and dry areas. Store out of direct sunlight and away from heat sources.

- Store fruits and vegetables in the refrigerator crisper. The refrigerator should be cold at 41°F or below.

- Keep raw meat, poultry, fish, and seafood separate from fresh fruits and vegetables in the refrigerator.

- Raw meats should be stored on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator on a tray or pan.

- Throw out spoiled foods immediately.

- Store cut fruits and vegetables in clean, air-tight packages.

Fruits and vegetables should be refrigerated within two hours of cutting or peeling them.

- Wash hands before preparing fresh fruits and vegetables. Wash hands for 20 seconds with hot, soapy water. Dry with a paper towel.

- Wash whole fruits and

vegetables thoroughly under cool, clean, running water.

Do not soak fruits and vegetables in water. Do not use bleach, soaps, or detergents.

Rub soft fruits and vegetables with your hands under cool water.

Scrub the skins of firm fruits and vegetables under cool, clean running water with a clean and sanitized fruit and vegetable brush.

To wash berries, place them in a colander and spray with a sink sprayer or rinse and agitate berries under slow running water.

- Wash all fruits and vegetables even if the rind or skin is not eaten.

- Use clean and sanitized knives and utensils when serving.

To clean and sanitize, wash with hot, soapy water; rinse with hot water; and sanitize with chlorine bleach.

(Sanitizer Recipe: Mix 1 tsp. chlorine bleach with 1 quart of water.)

- Use separate cutting boards, knives, and utensils for fresh fruits and vegetables and raw meats. Always wash your hands thoroughly after handling raw meat and before handling fresh fruits and vegetables.

- When in doubt about the safety of a fruit or vegetable, throw it out!

- Carry cut fruits and vegetables in cooler using ice or frozen gel packs.

The summer's fresh fruits and vegetables can be an important part of healthy diet. Just remember these tips in selecting, storing, washing and serving to prevent a foodborne illness.

For more information on the safe handling of fruits and vegetables, contact Mandi Seaton, County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas Cooperative Extension, Bailey County, 806-272-4583.

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Lunch will be served.

Kenna Dubberly of Garrison Geriatric Center will present "Caring for the Care Giver."

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I Love Harry Potter, But I Do Have One Complaint

My life is not so boring that I need to go out of my way to poke somebody, offend a few, or otherwise provoke e-mail to further bury my in-box. (My saved e-mails just broke into five figures.) But, I'll tell you anyway: I love Harry Potter.

If confession is called for, I confess: I am a serious fan. I've got all the books. I've read them, loved them, and I think, somewhere along the line, I've listened to all of the unabridged audio versions on

as my hair is gray. By the way, Latin is only one of the 50 languages into which the Harry Potter books have been translated.

But I've got a complaint about the most recent one, and my gripe has nothing to do with the subject matter.

You see, for my part, though I respect others who disagree, I think the Harry Potter story is just that—a brilliantly imaginative and delightful story, and, by the way, a story based on the Christ-like sacrifice of the main character's mother. The story is based on a fight against evil.

But maybe I ought to be more worried about my own tastes. Two of my all-time favorite book series—*The Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis, and *The Lord of the Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien —also have a few witches and wizards scurrying about the pages.

I'm not worried. Aside from the usual decisions about "age appropriateness" that are always called for, I doubt Harry Potter will do any harm to kids or adults, and my wife thinks I'm old enough to read it.

I love John Wayne movies. I've watched them all my life, and it's been years now since I shot anybody in a saloon. I even like the Little Red Riding Hood story, but I'm quite against siccin' wolves on sick grandmothers. A story is a story, and a good story is a wonderful gift.

But I do have a complaint. They released this last book on a weekend. I was off at a wedding. The book came. Good. It was left on the porch. That would have been good, but the rain got home before I did. One very soggy book.

Maybe God does have something against Harry Potter. But I really don't think so.



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Curtis Shelburne

CD at least once. (The guy who reads for those audio recordings is outstanding.) I'm ashamed to say that, now that the sixth movie has been released (I've heard it was great), I'm two Harry Potter movies behind, but I'll enjoy catching up.

Two of my all-time favorite gifts were given to me by the same dear friend. Both have to do with Harry.

One is the first edition English version of *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, bought in person at a bookstore across the street from Buckingham Palace.

And the other? Well, it's an edition of the very first book, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*—in Latin: *Harry Potter et Phosphori Lapis*. No, I've not yet sat down to try to read much of it. I was blessed to go to school when Latin was available, and I still think this "dead" language, very much alive in its influence on English, probably should be required for students. But my Latin is as rusty

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Jump! Leap! Hop!

Animals **jump** to move to somewhere, to get out of danger, to catch food and to show off for others.

Dolphins jump through the air to save energy.

Not all animals can jump. Can you unscramble these letters to name one animal that cannot jump?
 H P N L E A T

Next, read the clues and fill in the puzzle with the names of animals that do jump!

Across:
 3. can jump up to 20 feet out of the water; easier for them to move through the air than the water-it saves energy
 4. live all around us; they jump using a silk line
 6. active during the day, they blend into the grass, and jump using their "spring loaded" legs
 7. also called mountain lions, can leap up to 18 feet in the air and as far as 40 feet
 9. carry their young in their pouches; they are from Australia
 10. can be trained to race and jump over obstacles in a certain amount of time
 11. are antelopes; most live in Africa

Down:
 1. a rodent; can jump up to 12 feet; likes to eat grass seeds and fruits
 2. do not really fly; a loose fold of skin between their front legs and their hind legs lets them glide from tree to tree
 5. are active at night; can jump up to 20-30 times their body length, or about 3 feet
 8. hop along everywhere except in Antarctica; they like carrots

Flies jump backward when they take off.

I am a jumping mouse. I weigh under an ounce and am 3 to 4 inches long. I can jump up to 13 feet!

Kangaroos cannot walk backwards like I can!

You try walking backwards with this big tail and these clohdopper feet!

Humans Jump Too!

Humans jump to move to a new spot or to get out of danger. They also jump for fun, to compete, to entertain and to exercise! **Match the people below to what they do:**

1. hopscotch players
 2. high jumpers
 3. deep seadivers
 4. ballet dancers
 5. basketball players
 6. skydivers
 7. gymnasts
 8. stunt people
 9. cheerleaders

a. jump into the ocean
 b. hop in the squares
 c. bounce and turn on a trampoline
 d. jump off buildings in movies
 e. jump as high as they can over a set bar
 f. leap into cartwheels
 g. jump out of airplanes
 h. leap into the air
 i. jump to reach the hoop

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I'm a joey!

When a little worm living inside a "Mexican Jumping Bean" moves, it makes the bean look as if it is jumping.


Five Little Jumping Monkeys

Can you fill in this well-known rhyme about monkeys jumping?

Five little monkeys _____ on the _____.
 One fell off and bumped his _____.
 Mama called the doctor and the doctor _____,
 "No more monkeys _____ on the _____."

jumping
 bed
 head
 said
 bed
 jumping

★ The main idea of this teaching rhyme is to warn kids that it is not safe to _____ on the bed!



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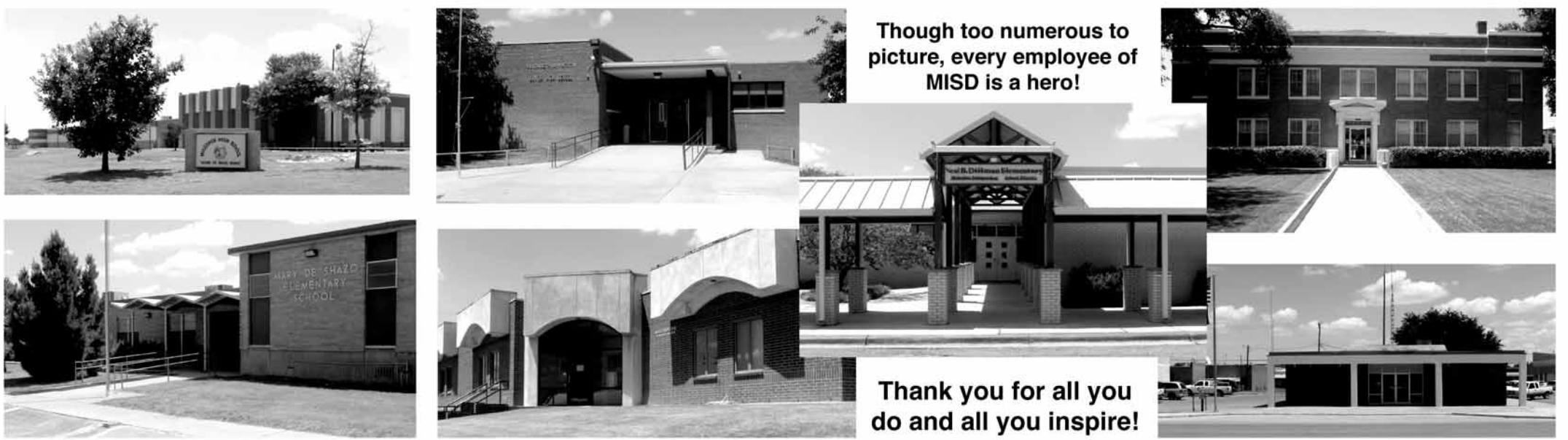
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Taking on the task and responsibility of leading our city or teaching our children isn't an easy decision to make and sure isn't one which can be taken lightly. To the educators, administrators and city government officials who accepted the challenge and are bravely leading Muleshoe into the future, we say thank you.



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Bailey County Judge Sherri Harrison - Function - The Texas Constitution vests broad judicial and administrative powers in the position of County Judge, who presides over a five-member Commissioners' Court, which has budgetary and administrative authority over County government operations. The County Judge has judicial responsibility for certain criminal, civil and probate matters. The judge prepares the County budget along with the County Treasurer.

Justice of the Peace Deb Stone - Function - Hear small claims and Justice Court suits, collect traffic fees, perform wedding ceremonies, inquests. Magistrate duties; Jurisdiction - Entire county of Bailey; Number of personnel - one clerk, Gail Wilcox; Goals or Projects - I want the public to know that I am here to serve you.

Bailey County - District Judge Gordon Green, Rosemary Castorena, Sherri Harrison, Paula Benton, Misty Prater, Shakara Richards, Rebecca Espinoza, Elaine Parker, Gerry Pierce, Deborah Stone, Gail Wilcox, Carrissa Cleavinger, Carla Greene, Debra Redwine, Shonda Black, Donna Kirk, Berta Combs, Serina Marquez, Kevin Smith, Alex Garcia, Chris Thompson, James R. Hiatt Jr., Enrique Lopez, Ray Precure, Dennis Turney, Butch Vandiver, Bennie Chavez, C.E. Grant, Robert Lopez, Jeryl Bellar, Joe Kindle, Reynaldo Morin, Juan Chavez, Jose Ramon, Jose Fernando Ramos, Debbie Crabtree, Carol Ring, Linda Bomer, Curtis Preston, Mandi Seaton, Sid Felan, Dianne Brunson, Bruce Gibson, Dianne Grumbles and Kent Wiley.

Function - Provide EMS service for the entire county, provide and maintain County roads, law enforcement, provide the Bailey County Coliseum; **Jurisdiction** - all of Bailey County, which covers 827 sq. miles; **Personnel** - 57 full-time, 7 part-time, 4 contract and 6 volunteers; **Subdivisions** - County Judge's Office, Office of Aging/Veteran's Affairs, county Treasurer's Office, Tax Assessor/Collector/Voter Registration, District Clerk's Office, County Clerk's Office/Elections Administration, County Attorney's Office, Bailey County Extension Office, Bailey County Coliseum, County Commissioners (4) - 4 Precincts with 4 County barns; **Goals or Projects** - We have an excellent working relationship with the City of Muleshoe and Muleshoe Economic Development Corp. Together, we are striving to add to the economic growth of Bailey County and provide quality services to our citizens.

City of Muleshoe - City Manager David Brunson, City secretary LeAnn Gallman, Utility Clerk Denise Esparza, and Utility Billing Clerk Zaena Carpenter. **Function** - The City of Muleshoe is a Home Rule city and operates under a Council/Manager form of government. The city is governed by a four-member council elected from Districts and a Mayor who is elected at large. The day-to-day operations of the city are directed by the City Manager. Services provided by the City of Muleshoe include: Water production, storage, treatment and distribution, wastewater collection, treatment and disposal, garbage collection and disposal, utility billing, street and alley maintenance, park maintenance and improvement, swimming pool, animal control, code enforcement, police and fire protection, emergency dispatching (police, fire, EMS, etc.), public library, municipal court and economic development; **Jurisdiction** - The city limits of Muleshoe, approx. 3 sq. miles; **Personnel** - The City employs 35 full-time employees. During the summer months, the city hires part-time employees to operate the swimming pool and to work in the Parks Dept.; **Subdivisions** - The City has the following departments each directed and supervised by a department head - **Administrative**: City Secretary, Public Works; **Public Works Director**, Police Dept., Police Chief, Fire Dept; **Fire Chief** (volunteer), Library, Municipal Court, Economic Development; **Goals or Projects** - The city is anticipating growth due to the economic development activities in the area and making plans to be prepared for that growth. Those plans include review and upgrade of the city's infrastructure, controlled expansion of the city limits and the development of suitable housing.

Muleshoe Eco. Development Corp. - MEDC is committed to the promotion of high quality development in the Muleshoe area and to improvement in the quality of life for its citizens; **Members** - Janet Claborn, Wanda Hooten, Max King, Pat Angeley, Mark Morton and Jose Sanchez.

Muleshoe Independent School District Personnel - Custodians: John Banks, Ray Bara, Shane Berry, Jeff Carpenter, Freddy Castillo, Kelly Clark, Phillip Espinoza, Emilio Estrada, Bill Gilbert, Mart Long, Peggy Kelly, Glenda Price, Luis Quintana, Dolores Salazar; **DeShazo personnel**: Connie Alanis, Rachel Alvarado, Dale Arnold, Twila Arnold, Nancy Benham, Erin Boatman, Terri Bohler, Mitzi Branscum, Vicki Bundick, Peggy Burnett, Nora Burris, Estela Duarte, Gregoria Franco, Tammy Frieda, Debbie Gallman, Beatrice Garcia, Maria Garcia, Maria E. Garcia, Erica Gill, Shanna Glover, Shelby Kennedy, Debbie Kemp, Jan King, Toni King, Barbie Lovell, Debbie Magby, Donna McFadden, Valinda Miller, Kyra Newberry, Rhonda Roberts, Rebecca Sanchez, Tanya Steinbock, Mikayla Stephenson, Traci Sherrill, Shelly Turnbow, Lynda Washington, Chantel White, Christie Whitt, Nelda Wilhite, Tonda Wood, Gloria Agundiz; **Dillman personnel** - Kathy Ambriz, Cathy Anthony, Rosemarie Anzaldua, Dora Bermea-Toscano, Kim Berry, Sharon Berry, Brittni Black, Kay Lynn Brantley, Claire Brown, Sandra Burciaga, Donna Burton, Terry Byers, Lynn Cain, Santana Chavez, Joyce Conn, Patricia Dial, Kit Diaz, Dora Diaz, Sylvia Dominguez, Denise Dunham, Charlotte Field, Vickie Garner, Victoria Garza, Myndi Green, Kimberly Griffin, Anna Gutierrez, Latricia Gutierrez, Kathy Hunt, Amy King, Brenda Lackey, Linda Latham, Debbie Lovelady, Rosemary Lowe, Gina Mardis, Donna Mason, Christy Montiel, Angela Murphy, Todd Newberry, Joan Nix, Flora Orozco, Marjorie Powers, Magdalena Ramirez, Juanita Regalado, Matilda Reyna, Wilma Robinson, Dana Rogers, Stephanie Salazar, Joyce Scott, Diane Skipworth, Tammy Smith, Rhonda Stevens, LaTonia Stroud, Melody Thomason, Letti Tovar, Lenda Trussell, Lora Wallace; **District Wide personnel** - Margie Alarcon, Brian Arnold, Cindy Bessire, JoEllen Cowart, Yolanda Galindo, Pam Hancock, Philip Hall, Debbi Hutto, Debra Jennings, Linda Lewis, Cindy Magby, Dave McNeill, Trae McNeill, Noemi Mora, Darla Myatt, Dana Rasco, Frances Recio, Diana Rodriguez, Gene Sheets, Pamela Thomason, Lisa Whalin, Sam Whalin, Don Wood, Dana Wright; **High School personnel** - Valton Acree, Cordy Aguirre, Ray Altman, Michele Barton, Wesley Boatman, Staci Buie, Vickie Burch, Linda Cogliandro, Debbie Conner, Jimmie Daniel, Linda Erdmann, Vince Erdmann, Annette Escobar, Amber Fuller, Shane Fuller, Janet Fountain, Gayla Gear, Ana Guerra, Josie Guerrero, John Gulley, Kate Handrich, Belinda Head, Laura Hill, Benjie Jay, Laura Johnson, Ted Johnson, Chris Mardis, Lorissa Mason, Ralph Mason, Rachel Mata, Dr. Kerry Moore, Beatrice Padilla, Kent Price, Greg Poynor, Keith Rogers, April Smith, Judy Steinbock, Nicholas Stephenson, Carey Sudduth, Kay Taylor, Brandon Thomason, Elizabeth Ward, Dustin Wilhite, David Wood, Joshua Woolbright, Joe Pat Wright; **Watson Jr. High personnel** - Jennifer Andress, Nanette Anglin, Elisa Baca, Andrew Barnett, Nancy Barrier, Tracy Been, Brenda Black, Dean Black, Tom Boutell, Gail Bruns, Sandi Chitwood, Collene Cox, David Dominguez, Clayton Ferguson, Diana Gallegos, Jennifer Givens, Donna Green, Kay Griswold, Diana Harrison, Virgie Hartline, Dani Heathington, Hollye Hooten, Kay Leopard, Elena Lopez, Sally Messenger, Jan Morris, Steve Myatt, Peggy Petersen, Jo Pierson, Peggy Powell, Alex Salazar, Lindy Schuster, Tori Smith, Tommie Stiles, Barbara Turner, Jimmy Wilson, Jody Wood; **Transportation** - Martha Alvarado, Vera Callaway, Aurora Gomez, Wesley Conway, Patricia Diaz, Bob Donaldson, Richard Hawkins, Jack Henderson, Vangie Leal, Donald Phelps, Rene Ratliff, Leon Seales, Howard Watson, Marshall Williams; **Board of Trustees** - Nick Bamert, Thurman Myers, Cindy Purdy, Bruce Barrett, David Tipps, Daniel Guzman, Mike Riley. **Function** - Educate students in Muleshoe ISD; **Goals or Projects** - In the process of renovating, adding additions to Dillman Elementary and Watson Jr. High.

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Bridal Shower

Flores honored

Melissa Flores, the prospective bride of Eric Smith, was honored with a bridal shower on Sunday, July 15, at the La-Tea-Da Tea Room.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Joe and Linda Flores. The prospective groom is the son of Ronnie and Carol Smith.

Hostesses for the event included Dawn Williams, Joy Whitt, Christie Whitt, Ruth Locker, Irma Leal, Anna Mendoza, Josie Ovalle, Rachel Lopez, Juana Shelburne, Nina Cortez, Dana Wright, Adena Johnson, Jana St. Clair, Lindy Schuster, Barbara Milburn, Jo Jinks, Linda Lee, Michelle Barton and Tammy Black.

The hostess' gift was an armoire.

Special guests included Juanita Flores, Adella Rodriguez, Linda Flores, and Tiffany Flores.



MELISSA FLORES



July Employee of the Month selected

Shirley Hood of NursCare Home Health, pictured here receiving her certificate from chamber president Tadd Young, was selected as the July Employee of the Month by the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Front row — Cheryl Puckett, LaShae Mason, Tanna Webb, Debbie Tillman, Shirley Hood, Tadd Young and Shorty Flores; back row — Don Wood, Beverly Felan and Sharla Stanford.

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Hart Farm - These two half sections are 2 miles apart north and west of Hart. The north half section has 3 wells, 2 are 500 gpm and one is 200 gpm. The south section has 3 wells all about 500 gpm. All wells were metered in Nov. '06.

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Muleshoe - 6000 sq. ft. space for lease on American Blvd. next to Dollar General and across the street from McDonald's. As is or build-out would be considered for a long term lease.

Muleshoe Area Farm in Prime Dairy Location - 1149 acres NE of Muleshoe. This farm consists of seven quarter sections that have been very well maintained with newer center pivot sprinklers all packaged for 700 gal/min.

Lazbuddie - 2451 County Road X: House and 8 acres of land two miles N of Lazbuddie. This is a well maintained country home with many updates and additions as well as a 50' x 60' shop building.

Olton - 160 acres NW of Olton 7000 Valley with 750 gpm package deal. 1/2 acre of Olton both with 7 tower valley sprinklers & 550 gpm packages.

Lazbuddie Farm - 1120 acres with center pivots on all quarters. Two beautiful homes and two miles of highway frontage.

Dodd Farm - 967 acres with center pivots 2 miles E of Dodd in a good water area. A very nice home and barn on the highway.

Muleshoe - 105 acres 3 miles E of Muleshoe. 50 acres under a pivot and 2 wells.

623 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, TX - A thriving business in a progressive rural city. The business currently includes tree and plant sales, landscaping projects of all sizes, yard sprinkler planning and installation, and yard and tree spraying. Great opportunity!

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- **Irrigated farms** - Spade, Earth, Levelland, Plainview and 6 at Littlefield, also 3/2/2 brick, 102 E. 23rd, \$94,750.
- **Amherst** - 2 irr. labors. 5/2/2 on 2 acres, \$43,000.

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PARMER CO. - Exceptional two-story country home south of Farwell situated on 11.411 surveyed acres. 4 bdrms, 3 1/2 baths, two car garage, lots of storage/closet space, central heat, 8 1/2 ft. ceilings. You will not believe the hardwood floors in this home!!

PARMER CO. - 616 acres +/- west of Bovina, sprinkler irrigated, wells, wood frame house, 2000 sq. ft. house, various other out buildings with pipe rail cattle working pens, pavement. Excellent dairy location!

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT OF INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER

PROPOSED PERMIT NO. WQ0004811000

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Reliant Processing Group LLC, 3700 Kermit Highway, Odessa, Texas 79764, which proposes to operate a carbon dioxide manufacturing, storage and distribution plant called Reliant Processing - Muleshoe Facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a new permit, Proposed Permit No. WQ0004811000 to authorize the disposal of once-through condenser water at a daily average flow not to exceed 4,320 gallons per day via irrigation of 1.95 acres of private bermuda crop land. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into water in the State. TCEQ received this application on November 6, 2006.

The facility and land application site are located six miles west of Muleshoe on Farm-to-Market Road 1760 in the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. The facility and land application site are located in the drainage area of Double Mountain Fork Brazos River, in Segment No. 1241 of the Brazos River Basin.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Bailey County Courthouse, 300 South 1st Street, Muleshoe, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name; address, phone; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.TCEQ.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Reliant Processing Group LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Heath Babcock at (800) 523-5566.

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REAL ESTATE



• **4BR-2BA-2CP-2GA** at 401 Hornet Drive in Sudan. Approx. 1942 sq. ft. brick home with storm cellar located 2 blocks from Sudan ISD Campus on corner lot - \$59,500. Pictures available at: <http://associates.era.com/montyedwards>.

• **2BR-1BA-2CP** at 505 Fournaux Street in Sudan. Excellent home with 2 car garage, potential at 950 sq. ft. good floor plan, w/ utility, kitchen and dining area - \$27,500.

• **3BR-1BA-1GA**, 309 Worth Street, Sudan. Home with app. 1284 sq. ft. living area sits on double lot w/ separate detached 2 car garage/workshop. Nice house with lots of potential.

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Extremely nice country home on highway - 3 bedroom, 1-3/4 bath brick home, fireplace, cent. A/H, built-ins, wood blinds, large utility, den, enclosed swimming pool, sprinkler system, patios, 2 car garage, 40' x 80' barn, separate office, all on 5 acres. This home has too much to describe. Call for more details. Priced to sell!!

This home will not last long. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage brick home. 2 living areas, central heat and air, whirlpool tub, large utility, sunroom, storage building, sprinkler system, fenced back yard, all on corner lot.

Priced to sell!! - Nice 3 bedroom, 1-3/4 bath home, central air and heat, large utility, 2 car garage, FP, wood floors. Storage bldg., and fenced back yard.

Cute 3 BDRM/1-3/4BA brick home, built-ins, Central air and heat, patio, fenced back yard, 2 car garage. Priced to sell.

Park Ridge - Nice 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath brick home, built-ins, central heat & air, fireplace, sprinkler system, fenced back yard, 2 car garage.

New Listing - 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath brick home, cent. heat and air, sunroom, large utility, sprinkler system, fenced back yard.

Nice 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick home, cent. heat & air, built-ins, large utility, new flooring, nice storage, fenced back yard, 2 separate garages, all on corner lot!

New Listing - 160 acres on highway includes very nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home. Refrigerated air and central heat. Built-ins, fireplace, large utility and 2 car garage. Has circular sprinkler, 2 wells, 70'x100' hay barn, 24'x25' storage building, and more.

Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home, sunroom, 2 fireplaces, built-ins, large master bedroom, lots of closet and storage space, indoor grill, finished basement, sprinkler system, storage building, fenced back yard, plus more.

Spacious - 4 bedroom, 3 bath brick home, built-ins, refrig. air/central heat, 2 living areas, utility room, sunroom, built-in grill, fireplace, dining room, sprinkler system, fenced back yard, 2 car garage. Plus more!

Lazbuddie area - 2 bedroom, 1 bath brick home, built-ins, ref. air/central heat, 2- car garage, all on approximately 2-3 acres.

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• **Lamb County** - Earth - Beautiful, red brick home. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 4 park garage, lots of storage, fenced back yard, sprinkler system, \$130,000. Too nice to pass up.

• **Parmer County** - 480 acres northeast of Farwell on FM 3333. 3 sprinklers, 3 wells, good direct payment.

• **Castro and Lamb Counties** - 637 acres in 3 tracts in Dodd area. Some pavement. 4 sprinklers, 5 wells. Very good direct payment. A clean, well groomed farm.

• **Lamb/Castro County Line** - 316 acres north of Earth, 2 central pivots, 4 wells. Very productive.

• **Lamb County** - Northwest of Littlefield. 5 labors, 5 pivots, good allotment. Growing alfalfa and wheat for hay. A lot of depreciable assets.

• **Bailey County** - 350 acres, joining Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge. Some cubs on site. Excellent recreational place. Potential to develop into a great recreational place. Financing possible for qualified buyer.

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• **VERY NICE 3-2-5-2** Brick Home, Dual Fuel Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, basement, cent. vac. & humidifier systems, auto. splkr, workshop/storage, fenced yd., corner lot!! \$169,500!!

• **VERY NICE 3-2-2** Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fans, basement, cov. patio, 26' x 30' metal bldg. w/A&H, fenced yd.!! \$170,000!!

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• 2-1 Home, 1 car detached garage, wall furn. heat, win. evap. air!! \$11,900!!

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HIGH SCHOOL AREA
• **NICELY REMODELED 2-1-2** carport, new electrical, plumbing, fixtures, cabinets, texture & paint, Cent. A&H (elec. heat pump), new shingles & storm windows, workshop/storage!! \$47,500!!

• 4-3 1/2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, approx. 3880' lv. area, auto. splkr, fenced yd.!! \$169,500!!

• **VERY NICE 3-2-2** Brick Home, Cent. A&H, nice tile & laminate floors, 3 car garage, fenced yd.!!

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• **308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/paved area!!** \$49.5K!!

• **FORMER RICHLAND HILLS TEXACO** - 1414' Bldg. + 1080' canopy + 16,530' asphalt paving!!

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• **LAZBUDDIE AREA** - 3-2-2 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, deck, hot tub, cellar, stor. bldgs., on 2 acre tract!! \$95K!! Additional 156 acre farm w/circle sprinkler, 3-20 hp. sub. wells!! \$495 per acre!!

• **CLAY'S CORNER** - 320 acres, 2 wells, 2 circle sprinklers, 3 bedroom 2 bath, 2 carport home!!

RURAL
• 3 bdrm, 2 bath home on 30 acres, 24' x 36' workshop, 13' x 36' storage, domestic well, irrig. well!! MORE!! \$75K!!

• **NICE 4.8 acre** homesites, close to town, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!

• **NICE 3-2-5** carport Home on 2 acres, Cent. heat, Cent. evap. air, built-ins, fireplace, fans, utility, cellar, large shop, stor. bldg., MORE!! \$129,500!!

• **SUDAN - VERY NICE 2-1-1** carport Brick Home, elec. baseboard heat, window evap. air, fans, large utility, approx. 1220' lv. area, cov. patio, 3 car detached carport with storage, corner lot!! \$32,500!!

• **CLAY'S CORNER** - VERY NICE 3-2-75-2 HOME on 5 acre tract, Cent. A&H (Elec. Heat Pump), built-ins, FP, 1100 sq. ft. new in 2005 plus additional updating w/carpet, tile, paint, fenced yd., cov. patio, 600' workshop/storage Bldg.!! Numerous other amenities!! \$189,500!!

• **SUDAN-NICE 4-2** Mobile Home on 94' x 140' lot, 1848' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, Mstr. bath has garden tub & separate shower, 1 car detached garage, deck w/hot tub!! \$45K!!

• **NICE 3-2-2** Home on 60 acre tract!! Central A&H, built-ins, approx. 2575' lv. area, 10 hp. well, workshop, barns, corrals, fenced!! MORE!! \$130,000!!

• **PROGRESS** - NICE 3-2 Mobile Home on 1.24 acres, approx. 1876 sq. ft., Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 5 fans, 2 carport, 1250' Metal shop, 160', 480', & 96' stor. bldgs., domestic well, fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$75K!!

• **3-2 BRICK HOME** on .67 acre, W. Hwy. 84, built-ins, office, geothermal heat pump, whirlpool tub, basement, paved circle drive & conc. parking!! MORE!! \$120K!! Additional 6.66 acres can be purchased!!

Social security fairness for Texas' public servants

Imagine sitting around the kitchen table with your spouse, planning for a well-deserved retirement, only to learn that your monthly Social Security benefits will be hundreds of dollars less than expected.

Unfortunately, this nightmare is experienced by many of our state's teachers, police officers, firefighters and other public servants due to a bureaucratic rule that causes Social Security to report erroneous projected benefits and arbitrarily reduce their benefits.

To prevent this, I have introduced legislation that protects the retirement savings of our hardest working public servants and ensures that they are not caught off guard by unfair regulations.

Instead of paying into the Social Security system, many state employees and public servants contribute to



Capitol Comment

By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

a non-Social Security plan such as the Teacher Retirement System of Texas or a firefighters' pension fund.

When they retire, they receive benefits from these plans rather than from Social Security.

But difficulty can arise for Texans who spend part of their career as public servants not eligible for Social Security, and another part of their career in a Social Security covered job.

When the Social Security Administration (SSA) attempts to estimate future benefits for a person with

this type of career history, it does not know that they will be receiving pension payments from a public sector retirement plan.

As a result, the SSA over-estimates the monthly amount this person is eligible to receive in Social Security benefits, and passes the incorrect estimate on to them to use when planning for their retirement.

It is only when these retirees actually apply for benefits that the SSA "corrects" its mistake and reduces the amount of their monthly Social Security

check using a rule called the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).

After many years of saving, planning and trusting that the government will provide what it promised, too many Texans affected by the WEP are left holding the bag.

The amount that a person's Social Security is reduced due to the WEP is arbitrarily decided by the SSA and may not properly reflect the amount of Social Security the person has earned.

And, contrary to its original purpose, the WEP tends to have the most negative impact on people with lower incomes.

Rep. Kevin Brady and I have introduced the Public Servant Retirement Protection Act of 2007 to amend the WEP and ensure that Texas' public servants are not undermined by discriminatory Social Security formulas.

Estimated benefits statements produced by the SSA should not mislead Texans about the amount they have paid into the Social Security system, and the amount they can realistically expect to receive in return.

The difficulty many Texans have with the WEP and other regulations reflects broader problems with our nation's Social Security system.

It is a 1930s government program that needs major reforms to remain viable in the 21st century.

Millions of Texans depend on it in their retirement years, and trust the federal government to give them accurate information about their benefits.

I am committed to keeping our promises to

today's seniors and the hard-working Americans who will rely on this safety net in the future. Social Security reform is long overdue, and I will continue to work toward a lasting, bipartisan and comprehensive solution.

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Cotton Market Weekly

Active commercial selling Thursday sent cotton futures prices on the New York Board of Trade sharply lower.

Traders were not impressed by USDA's weekly export sales report and seemed to take it in stride, analysts said.

Net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 29,400 bales in the week ended July 12, down 43 percent from the previous week and 80 percent less than the four-week average.

Purchases by Turkey, China, and Thailand were partially offset by cancellations by El Salvador, Taiwan, and Hong Kong.

Net sales for delivery in the 2007-08 marketing year, which begins Aug. 1, were primarily to El Salvador, China, and Mexico.

Export shipments of 423,700 bales were nine percent more than the previous week and one percent more than the four-week average.

Primary destinations included China, Turkey, Pakistan, and Mexico.

"Shipments for the week were right on track to reach USDA's shipment forecast of 13 million bales," a trader said. "Over the next three

weeks, total cotton exports need to stay at the same pace if we plan to reach the government's figure."

Trading also slowed considerably in the spot cotton market as online sales by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas totaled only 1,483 bales in the week ended July 19 compared to 48,956 bales the previous week.

Average prices received by producers ranged from 33.00 to 60.07 cents per pound compared to 56.35 to 59.11 cents per pound the previous week.

Meanwhile, more unwanted rain fell onto the waterlogged South Texas cotton crop this week, while the northern areas of the Southeast remained in desperate need of precipitation.

Some South Texas farmers now are concerned the rainy weather will have an adverse affect on the quality of lint in open bolls. Statewide, the health of the crop weakened during the period ending July 15, according to USDA.

Forty-nine percent of stands were categorized as good to excellent, down three percentage points on the week.

Scattered showers fell in

the Memphis Territory and Southeast, and although it helped ease stressful growing conditions, fruit shed already has been reported in areas that are extremely dry.

Water table supplies have risen in Alabama and Georgia, but conditions there still range from abnormally dry to exceptional drought, according to governmental reports.

An improvement in plant health was reported by USDA in most states this week with the exception of Arkansas, North Carolina, and Virginia.

However, many analysts still are reluctant to find any solace in the figures. Some say the U.S. crop does not look nearly as good once you get in the field as it does from the car.

"It has not been a typical weather year, and if historic patterns persist, we will continue to see a typical climatic conditions right through harvest," a trader said.

"I find it difficult to see how the fantastically higher yields established over the past three record-setting seasons will be maintained in the year ahead," he added.

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