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Board approves software purchase

By JOANNA GALLMAN Journal staff writer

Muleshoe Area Health District board members Thursday voted to purchase a \$16,595 data system that will bring the Muleshoe HealthCare Center up to federal regulations.

The data software is compatible with the HealthCare Center's current equipment, and will permit quicker, electronic transmission of patient records and care plans and financial reports to federal medical agencies.

Karen Cook, business office manager at the HealthCare Center, said the system will allow faster updates in patient status and will expediate Medicaid reimbursement.

"It will just be a whole lot faster and less paper work," Cook said.

The HealthCare Center is required by the Health Care Financing Administration, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to implement the system by Jan. 1, 1997.

Board members voted to purchase the system in full.

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Interim hospital administrator Jim Bone said that the hospital budget will have to be reviewed before a method of payment can be determined. He noted that the hospital would obtain money from a local bank if needed.

The data system can be installed within two weeks of purchase.

In other business, board members voted to replace 907 yards of carpet in the hospital corridors.

"I think new carpet would give the interior of the hospital a pretty good face-lift," said Tim Campbell, president of the hospital board of directors. " I think it would improve the attitude of both the people working here, and the patients. We've been talking about this since the hospital re-opened, and it (the carpet) is in even worse shape now than it was

Bone presented two proposals of \$14,963.38 and \$16,683

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Hide-and-seek

Tori Alvarado, 3, hides her eyes during a game of hide-and-seek Tuesday. Tori was one of dozens of children to take part in United Methodist's Vacation Bible School this week.

City taking bids on Marr's home

By JOANNA GALLMAN Journal staff writer

The City of Muleshoe is now accepting bids on a house purchased from City Manager Dave Marr as part of a severance package approved by the City Council June 13.

The house, located at 1808 West Avenue I, was purchased by the city for \$61,000 — the appraised value of the home.

Marr's resignation will become effective Aug. 15.

"Dave did not want to be burdened with a house in Muleshoe and be in East Texas," said Muleshoe Mayor Robert Montgomery. "It was something we felt that we could do and not be a cost to the City. It is difficult to administer the sale of a house after you've relocated - that was the thinking behind that."

The purchase was made in return for Marr's completion of several ongoing City projects, including the establishment of the City's budget, the paving project in the "flats,"

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Survival rate at rural hospitals declining

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of stories on the Muleshoe Area Health District. By RICK WHITE

Managing Editor

Plowed under by progress, rural hospitals are joining the Main Street general store and corner garage in the scrap heap of days gone by.

It wasn't that long ago when all three were cornerstones of service in small towns, when narrow two-lane highways bridged islands of civilization in the sea of sagebrush and sand of West Texas.

Now, it's no more than an afterthought to hop in a car and drive an hour to Lubbock for a doctor's appointment. Twenty years ago, it was a dreaded, day-long trip.

Specialization steals away their patients. Reduced Medicare and Medicaid payment schedules chip away their profit margin. Meeting federally-mandated staffing and standards further depletes finances.

All leave rural hospitals like Muleshoe Area Medical Center, a 31-bed general care facility, scrambling for ways to survive.

"Rural hospitals have been forced into a role of a first aid station," said Marshall Cook, the hospital administrator from 1962-1981.

Among the saviors for the Muleshoe Area Medical Center was the creation of a hospital district in 1989, which also includes a 50-bed nursing home and a thriving home health agency.

"From the things I've looked at since I've been here, the



Panoramic view

The front desk is always a busy place at the Muleshoe Area Health Center.

UMBERS GAME

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Muleshoe Area Health

■ 31 licensed hospital

■ 54 licensed nursing

■ 92 full time equiva-

■ 5 active medical staff

■ 513 annual hospital

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■ 3,203 annual emer-

■ 15,620 annual home

■ 220 annual surgeries

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hospital isn't in bad shape," said Jim Bone, interim hospital district administrator since June and a rural hospital consultant for Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. "It's not in the best shape, but most rural hospitals aren't. But the hospital is

in a reasonably sound position." Bone credited staff reductions two years ago and the continuing adaptation toward increasingly cost-effective outpatient services as the main contributors to the hospital and the district operating in the black since 1995.

Few rural hospitals can survive without tax support, according to Bone.

Tax levies make up a little less than five percent of the total operating revenue for the Muleshoe Area Hospital District, which had \$6.3 million in operating expenses in 1995.

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hospital district

Bailey County's first attempt at forming a hospital district in 1970 proved divi-

over creation of

Finacially strapped with an outdated facility, the West Plains Hospital Board wanted to build a new hospital that would met more stringent Medicare requirements. They also believed the new facility would attract new doctors.

So they proposed the creation of the Bailey County Hospital District and a \$950,000 bond for construction of a new facility.

Backers of the proposal felt that a modern facility would also attract people from the southern parts of the county, who had traditionally sought medical services in either Morton or Lamb County.

Opponents were extremely vocal in their opposition, contending they shouldn't have to pay for something they don't

More than 1,400 voters turned out for the May 16th election, with both proposals passing by almost 300 votes.

A measure of south county voters' displeasure with the proposal - the vote failed by a margin of 277-62 at a ballot box in Needmore, which loosely served as the dividing line in the county.

"We didn't feel we should pay for something we wouldn't

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Ag tour chronicles latest technology

The Bailey County Agricultural Extension Service will display several agricultural experiments underway in four counties during the 1996 Llano Estacado Farm Tour Friday.

The tour will make stops at farms in Parmer, Castro, Lamb, and Bailey County that demonstrate BT corn, irrigation scheduling for sugarbeets, 15" cotton plot and harvest aids, and BXN and Roundup Ready Cotton.

Curtis Preston, Bailey County Agricultural Extension Agent, said the BT corn will exhibit genetically engineered corn that includes insect control through the use of Bacillus Thuringienses, a microbe used as an insecticide.

Preston said the corn is very similar to BT cotton, which is specifically engineered to kill boll-worm larvae as they feed on the leaves, stalk, and square of the cotton.

The tour will also exhibit a farm that uses 15" planting rows. Preston said the farm's cotton is planted with a wheat

drill with every other planter box blocked, and requires no plowing after planting.

"Once you plant you don't go back," Preston said. "It uses a pesticide treatment before planting to control initial weeds. Yes, you do need more seed per acre to get a better canopy, but it requires no cultivating. Very few weeds can grow in the shade. The cotton will make about three bales per

The Roundup Ready and BXN cotton is also genetically engineered so that can be sprayed early with Roundup or Buctril pesticides without being harmed by the spray.

The tour will also address new corn herbicides and weed control, as well as rates of disease pressure on cotton seedlings and various fungicide treatments.

The tour will begin at Flagg Fertilizer, located six miles west of Highway 385 on FM 1524. For more information, call Preston at 272-4583.

Fallen tree limb cause of Thursday's power outage

Nearly 700 Southwestern Public Service customers on the west side of Muleshoe were without power on two separate occasions Thursday night.

The first outage occured at approximately 7 p.m., when a tree limb fell across power lines in an alley in the 1700 block of Avenue B. The outage lasted about an hour.

About fifteen minutes after power was restored, SPS voluntarily shut off the electricity to ensure the safety of employees working on the downed lines.

Bill Crenshaw, spokesman for SPS in Amarillo, said full power was then restored one section at a time.

Muleshoe ISD Board of Trustees slate meeting Monday at 7 p.m.

The Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building.

Items on the agenda include: receiving proposals on student and athletic insurance, review of the renewal contract for school food services, and discussion of administrative procedure for compensating non-contractual personnel for extra duty.

Trustees will also receive resignations and consider the hiring of new personnel.

Muleshoe High School hosting bus driver certification school

Muleshoe High School will host a free bus driving school July 29 through Aug. 2 for all area bus drivers. The course will be held in the high school library at 1 p.m., and will last most of the afternoon.

The course will provide State of Texas bus driving certification. Bus drivers with a current certification may take an eight-hour refresher course. A 20-hour certification course will be taught for those who do not have certification, or have let their certification lapse. David Gray will teach the course.

Muleshoe High School is also seeking full and part-time drivers for the 1996-97 school year.

For more information about the course or employment opportunities, call Gray at 272-4412 or Richard Hawkins at 272-4710.

Bailey County Commissioners slate special session Wednesday

The Bailey County Commissioners Court will meet in special session Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the courthouse.

Items on the agenda include: consideration of bids received on a dump truck offered for sale by Precinct 3, discussion of options in County retirement plans, and consideration of the distribution of a Wildlife Refuge revenue sharing check.

Vendors and classic cars needed for Cannon car show and flea market

Cannon Air Force Base is hosting a flea market, battleof-the-bands, motorcycle show and classic car show August

The event opens at 8 a.m. The battle-of-the bands begins at 2 p.m.

Cannon is looking for vendors to participate in the flea

market and classic car owners to participate in the car show. To enter the show or set up a flea market booth, contact

Schirete Zick 27 SV/SVXA, 101 W. Eureka Avenue, Cannon AFB, NM 88103, or call (505) 784-4723 during work hours.

Lazbuddie junior class garage sale slated August 2-3 in Muleshoe

The Lazbuddie junior class will be holding a garage sale August 2-3 at Jarman Seed in Muleshoe. The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

For more information, call Ellen Gallman at 965-2332.

Bailey County Cemetery Association hosting car wash Aug. 2-3 at Alco

The Bailey County Cemetery Association will be hosting a car wash in the Alco parking lot Friday and Saturday.

The car wash will begin at 2 p.m. Friday and 10:30 a.m. Saturday. It will be held on a donation basis, and all proceeds will go toward the restoration of the Bailey County Cemetery.

For more information, call Gary Gilleland at 272-5268 or Liz Tipps at 272-5898.

Kiwanis hosting miniature golf tourney Aug. 4 at Mule-Putt Course

The Kiwanis club will be hosting a miniature golf tournament Sunday, Aug. 4 at 4 p.m. at the Mule-Putt Golf Course.

The tournament will consist of two age groups: youth and adults. There will be a 36-hole qualifying round. The top four to five teams in each category advance to the final round of competition.

A \$3 entry fee will be charged. All proceeds will go toward local Kiwanis activities.

Two Lazbuddie graduates receive Interscholastic League scholarships

Dawn Lynette Weir and Kimberly Joy Smith, 1996 graduates of Lazbuddie High School, were recent recipients of University Interscholastic League Scholarships.

Smith was one of 30 students to receive an Abell-Hanger Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000.

Weir was one of seven students who received a John Porter King, Jr. Memorial Endowment in the amount of \$1,000.

Both scholarships were awarded for participation in University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet Contests and compiling outstanding records of academic and extracurricular achievement.

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Community calendar

To get on the calendar or for more information, call Norma Perez at 272-4248.

The deadline to appear in the Journal's Community Calendar is Thursday at 5

Monday, July 29

MISD bus driver's school, 1 p.m. in the high school library.

MISD school board meeting, 7 p.m. in the Administration Building. Tuesday, July 30

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., 723 W. Ave. E. For more information, call 272-

Rebekahs, 7:30 p.m., Rebekah Lodge.

MISD bus driver's school, 1 p.m. in the high school li-

The Rotary Club, 12-1 p.m., Bailey County Coliseum meeting room.

Wednesday, July 31 County Bailey Commissioner's meeting, 10 a.m., Bailey County Court-

MISD bus driver's school, 1 p.m. in the library.

Thursday, August 1

Oddfellows, 8 p.m., Oddfellows Lodge.

TOPS, Church of Christ, 6 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., 723 W. Ave. E. For more information, call 272-3002.

MISD bus driver's school, 1 p.m. in the library. Friday, August 2

Kiwanis, 6:30-8 a.m., Snack Shack.

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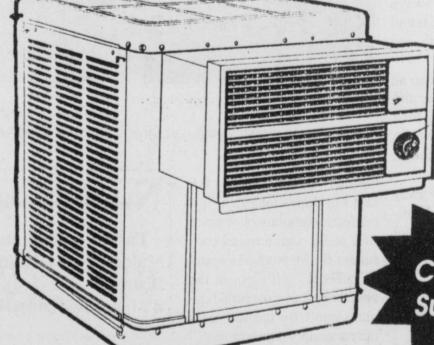
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Survival

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Tax levies of \$550,000 and another \$200,000 in Medicaid rebates were the difference between operating in the black or the red.

"Hospital districts are what makes the difference at rural hospitals," Bone said.

MAHD's tax rate of 25¢ per \$100 of property value is considerably lower than surrounding rural hospitals, which are in the 35-40¢ per \$100 range.

Community support is also a necessity.

"Utilizing the services that are offered goes a long way toward ensuring the services will be there in the future," Bone said. "We don't need to be another Johns Hopkins. But we do need to be a service to the people in the community."

The hospital has been on shaky financial footing for almost three decades, closing for almost a year in the mid 1980s when a California-based management firm running the hospital and nursing home declared bankruptcy.

In late 1984, financially strapped West Plains Medical Center, Inc. contracted with Westworld Community Healthcare to first manage then lease the hospital and nursing home. Worldwide took over in May of 1985. Eighteen months later, without warning, Westworld locked thehospital doors and declared bankruptcy.

thought "Everybody Westworld was a bunch of crooks," said longtime hospital board member Bob Finney. "But it was just a business that didn't work out. They left a whole lot more than they took.

The hospital remained closed for almost a year while the West Plains board of directors tried to find alternative use. financing (the nursing home remained open).

The first attempt to create the Muleshoe Area Health District in 1987 failed. The proposal was rejected during a special session of the Texas Legislature that summer, partly because the Lamb County Commission strongly objected to Southwestern Public Service's Tolk Station being included in the health district. The Tolk Station is located in the western edge of Lamb County.

All the while, the hospital remained open for the next two

years, operating on a shoestring budget with a skeleton crew and mostly volunteer help, until a new health district proposal, excluding the Tolk Station, passed through the legislature in 1989 and was approved by voters.

"There was a very large tax liability for payroll taxes," Finney said, who estimated the owed taxes to be in excess of Longtime friend six figures. The hospital disrepayment of a long-deliquent Farmers Home Administration loan (about \$500,000) borrowed in the mid 1970s to build the current hospital. The debt has limited any major renovations or projects.

Basically, the health district includes Bailey County to just below Needmore, and the southeastern corner of Parmer County.

Most of southern Bailey County is conspicuously absent from the health district, but Muleshoe civic leaders were painfully aware that their southern neighbors wanted no part of belonging to the health district.

Two decades earlier, a civil war nearly erupted over the creation of the Bailey County Hospital district.

Bailey County voters approved the health district and a \$900,000 bond to enlarge the current facilities in May of 1970. But less than a month later, a group of citizens in southern Bailey County filed a lawsuit contesting the vote.

Most of the population in the southern part of the county used health facilities in either Morton or Lamb County, and didn't want to pay for something they felt they wouldn't

Even though several judges ruled in favor of the district in the course of the next year, the lawsuit effectively stalled the implementation of the district long enough so that the hospital district was dissolved within a few years. Just one tax was levied — to cover the legal costs of the hospital board.

Cook remembers the facility being woefully inadequate at the time, making it increasingly harder to meet Medicare requirements. The hospital was also having difficulty attracting doctors.

"We were down to two doc-



Dr. Bruce Purdy started at the Muleshoe Area Medical trict is also responsible for Centerthe same month it opened, in June of 1976. Purdy is a Muleshoe native.

> tors," Cook said. "Idon't think by any stretch of the imagination you could call it a nice layout. The handwriting was on the wall."

With the hospital facing extinction, the board raised nearly \$450,000 in private donations, secured for a \$700,000 FHA loan and a matching federal grant, to build a \$1.9 million hospital. The addition was added on to the existing facility that was built during the World War II area by the legendary Dr. L.T. Green, who delivered his fair share of Bailey County baby boomers. The new hospital, opened in June of 1976 and still called West Plains Medical Center, was basically built around the old hospital.

Bailey County was in its infancy when the first doctors arrived. Most worked out of offices along Main Street in Muleshoe, the county seat.

In 1941, the first clinic was established by Dr. L.T. Green on Main Street in the building now occupied by Southwest-

ern Public Service. A few years later L.T. Green built Green Memorial Hospital at the current site of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

District -

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use," said Richard Black of Circle Back, who also carried on a Letter to the Editor campaign in opposition for nearly a year. "We weren't against the hospital, we just didn't think we should have to pay for it."

Within a month, a lawsuit with about 300 petitioners was filed contesting the election.

One hundred and ninety-two witnesses were subpoenaed for the trial, which lasted a dayand-a-half. The judge ruled in favor of the hospital district.

The plaintiffs appealed to a higher court, and lost, but the damage had been done.

The petitioners were trying to tie up the election in court

long enough so the hospital district would miss a deadline for a matching federal grant and long enough to gain some seats on the board during the next election.

They succeeded.

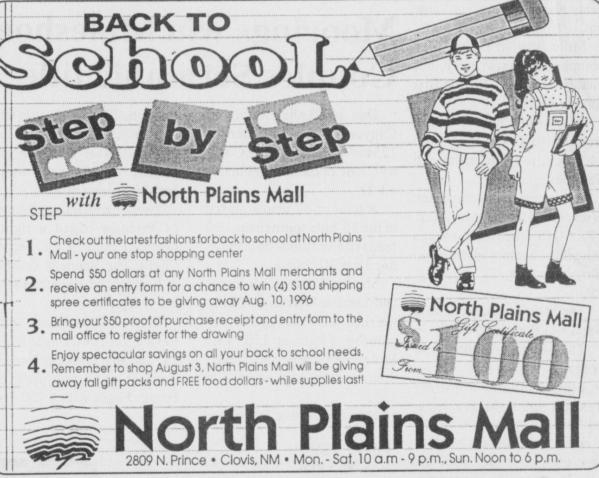
"We knew we weren't going to win," Black remembered.

"We just wanted to stall long enough to gain control of the

" And we did," Black said: with a certain sense of satisfac-

After a couple of years, the district was dissolved after levying just one tax — to cover the legal costs of the lawsuit.

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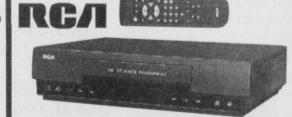


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Muleshoe FB practice starts Aug. 7

New Muleshoe High School football coach David Wood gets his first full look at this year's team when the Mules start two-a-day practices Aug.

Wood is trying to turn around a team that finished 0-10 and has won three games in the last three years.

"I'm excited like everyone else," said Wood, who came over from Amarillo Randall High School.

Wood said he expects between 85-90 players from 9-12 grade to come out this year, a significant jump in participation from previous years. Last year, about 50 players came

Muleshoe will also play complete freshman and junior varsity schedules for the first time in years.

Two-a-day practices run from 8-10:30 a.m. and from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m through Saturday.

An intrasquad scrimmage is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 17. MHS has scrimmages scheduled against Morton and Floydada Aug. 22 and Aug.

The Mules open the season Sept. 6 at Portales (NM).

The Mules have three new coaches.

Flint Bigham, a former Texas Tech defensive back, will take over as defensive coordinator, plus coach defensive ends and help with the offensive line. He comes from the Randall school system, where he was the junior high school football coordinator.

Jesse Russell, a veteran coach from Cireno High School in East Texas, will coach the defensive line and is the junior varsity defensive coordinator.

Among the returning coaches, Ralph Mason will serve as offensive coordinator and call most of the plays. Wood said he will be very involved with the offense, especially the passing game.

Ron Welch is the offensive line coach and junior varsity offensive coordinator.

Brad Hill is the freshman coach.

Ted Johnson continues as the junior high school coordinator, Jimmy Orr coaches the eight-graders and Jesse Inman takes over the seventh-graders. Inman comes from Pecos.

The junior high begins practice the first day of school, Aug. 15.

In other MISD athletic news, Kim Zollinger was hired as the head girls track and cross country coach, and will also be the girls junior varsity basketball coach.

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Muleshoe CC golf pro Jeff Baker checks Kyle Atwood's grip during a junior clinic Thursday at the country club.

Moorings win Muleshoe Couples Scramble title

Don and Kelli Mooring of Canyon fired a 15-under-par 125 to win the Muleshoe Country Club Couples Scramble July

A total of 37 teams played in the 36-hole tournament that featured five flights on the treelined par 70 course.

Stanley Wilson of Muleshoe and Denise Wilson of Dallas finished second in the Championship Flight at 126, with Muleshoe's Larry and Sandra Sutton another stroke back at

Jerry and Janene Jesko cap-

1 year ago July 30, 1995

Kuka's Burritos opened. They serve "Mexican food in the convenience of a burrito."

Keisha Whitt qualified for the Junior PGA by winning at Olton with an 88.

August 3, 1995 Muleshoe Pea & Bean, Inc.

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Two men, one a Friona Police Officer, were indicted by the Texas Grand jury after allegedly stealing 17 John Deere tracors, which they sold in

August 4, 1991

Corn at Thriftway was 10 ears for \$1.

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Gun shots were fired at a man trying to enter one woman's home, according to the police report.

August 3, 1986

tured the First Flight title with a 5-under 135. Royce and Jayme Bethel and Jim and Phyllis Vardeman of Portales tied for second at 136.

Jimmy and Jackie Bennett of Portales edged a tightly bunched field in the Second Flight. The Bennetts finished at 2-under 138. Four teams tied for second.

Fred and Kathleen Smith topped the Third Flight with a 141 and Shannon Copeland and Tate Symons captured the Fourth Flight with a 150.



Randy Lackey of Muleshoe allegedly stole an air plane from Clovis Municipal Airport after escaping from the Bailey County Jail.

A Greenville County deputy questioned Lackey when he landed the plane on an old runaway. The next morning, he was apprehended in Sparrington County, about 30 miles away in a stolen vehicle.

25 years ago July 29, 1971

Muleshoe Boy Scouts Billy Wimberly and Tim McCormick went to Tokyo for two weeks for the World Scout Jamboree.

August 1, 1971

Charles Lee Howard, 19, in jail for violation of probation for four years for burglary and theft charges, escaped from the Bailey County Jail.

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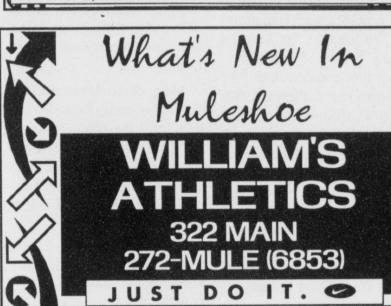
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Alta Gore, of Muleshoe, has lived in Bailey County since 1929. She was married to Lyn Long until his death in 1954. She then married Hugh Gore in 1961. He died in 1987. The children are Dorthy Turner of Muleshoe and Billy Gore of Circle Back with 5 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

When Mrs. Gore was able, she loved to crochet. She likes to keep in touch with people by calling and sending them notes. She feels she has had a very good and enjoyable life.

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Mary Nell and Vernon Bleeker

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bleeker of Muleshoe will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Aug. 3. They were married in 1946 in Olton. Their children, Wanda Cockerham of Eddy, Vondale Mann of Friona, Alford Bleeker of Houston and Delmer Bleeker of Trophy Club, Texas, and families will hold a reception in their honor from 2-4 p.m. Saturday in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe. No local invitations will be sent. All friends and family are invited and they ask no gifts please.

Hicks feted with shower

Chantelle Hicks Lazbuddie, bride elect of William Scott Julian of Guyman, Okla., was honored with a bridal shower July 6 in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie.

Chantelle is the daughter of Priscilla Hicks of Lazbuddie. William is the son of Thomas and Oleta Julian of Moore,

Special guests at the shower included Priscilla Hicks, mother of the bride-elect, Effie Hicks of Friona, grandmother of the bride-elect, and Tiffany Hicks of Lazbuddie, sister-inlaw of the bride elect.

The hostess gift was a vacuum cleaner. Hostesses in-

ADIES GOLF

The Ladies Country Club Association met July 17.

The Playday report was given by Jeanine Gunstream. The following ladies won a golf ball:

Last month: Yolonda Phillips for most 7's; June 26: Jeanine Gunstream, Yolonda Phillips and Jo Rempe for longest drive on #8; July 3: Dorothy St. Clair and Analita Haley, closest to the pin on #18.

The door prize was won by Claudine Elliott. Fourteen ladies played in the scramble.

Members present at the meeting included: Anita Allgood, Linda Elder, Claudine Elliott, Neets Foster, Jeanine Gunstream, Analita Haley, Ruby Hart, Mary Francis Holt, Argilee Millen, Anita Mitchell, Deborah Noble, Yolonda Phillips, Jeaneta Precure, Jo Rempe, Helen Templeton and Lavern Winn.



Pyrophobia is a fear of fire.

PUBLIC RECORD

BITUARIES

E.A. "Bud" Logan

MULESHOE — Funeral services for E.A. "Bud" Logan, 53, of Muleshoe were held Thursday, July 25, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Handel Vargas of the Spanish Baptist Church and Rev. Robert Brown of the Trinity Baptist Church of Muleshoe, officiating.

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

Mr. Logan died Monday, July 22, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock after a lengthy ill-

He was born May 19, 1943 in Littlefield. He married Blanca Lujan Aug. 1, 1986 in Shallowater. He had been a resident of Muleshoe since 1989, moving here from Shallowater. He was a veteran of Vietnam, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was employed as the Muleshoe Area Medical Center Director of Engineering.

Survivors include his wife, Blanca; one son, Harley Logan of Lawrence, Kan.; two daughters, Rebecca Logan of Pittsburg, Kan. and Irene Logan of Muleshoe; his father, Hermean Logan of Indianapolis, Ind.; one brother, Bobby Logan of Hesperia, Calif.; five sisters, Sandy Currie, Kelly Cleverly, and Marty Perkin, all of Indianapolis, Ind., Toni Ledbetter of Chesterfield, Ind. and Janice Logan Puch of Hesperia, Calif.; two grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials to the Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

R IRTHS

Hannah Elizabeth Borden

Terri and Matthew Borden of Rapid City, S.D. announce

Hannah Elizabeth Borden. She was born July 5, 1996 at weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. at birth. Ellsworth AFB Hospital, S.D. She has a sister, Kaitlyn. She weighed 8 lbs. 14 1/2 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Webb and the late Cleo Webb of Muleshoe, and Bill and Ann Borden of Eugene, Ore.

Aunts and uncles are Tammy and Louis Smith of Dallas, Tana Webb, Tracie and Steve Claybrook of Muleshoe, and Rose and Robert Collins of Eugene, Ore.

Hadlea Mariah Geissler

Gregg and Shonnee Geissler of Earth announce the birth of a new daughter, born July 23, 1996, in the Muleshoe Area

the birth of their first child, Medical Center.

Hadlea Mariah Geissler

Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hodnett of Su-Grandparents include Beth dan and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Geissler of Earth. Greatgrandparents are Ora Geissler and Ora King, both of Turkey, Texas and the late Fred Mapes of Muleshoe.

OSPITAL ADMISSIONS

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center has reported the following admissions:

July 19 - Heather Jaramillo, Shirley Gillian, Hattie Coleman, Robert Johnson, Novalene Seaton,

Mary Williams

July 20 Heather Jaramillo, Shirley Gillian, Hattie Coleman, Robert Johnson, Eugene Black, Mary Williams

July 21 — Marzena Hess, Hattie Coleman, Robert Johnson, Toy Lee, Eugene Black, Mary Williams

July 22 — Barbara Bartholf, Darrell Kennemer, Toy Lee, Eugene Black, Mary Williams, Shonnee Geissler

July 23 — Adrian Garza, Barbara Bartholf, Lucille Tuggle, Javier Garza, Eugene Black, Mary Williams, Shonnee Geissler

July 24 — Adrian Garza, Barbara Bartholf, Wanell Stanley, Lucille Tuggle, Eugene Black, Mary Williams



Like most churches, we receive in our post office box each day one or two worthwhile pieces of mail and a world of utter junk! This necessitates my spending a part of each trip to the post office standing at the trash can separating the few grains of wheat from the box-



Chantelle Hicks

cluded Joyce Johnson, Celie

Parham, Betty Smith, Janelle

Smith, Darlena Burnett, Adell

Treider, Evelyn Winders,

Debbie Gallman, Sandy

Watson and Debbie Treider.

Chantelle and William

A "Church for the

married July 20 at the First

Baptist Church in Lazbuddie.

Dead"?

Focus Faith Curtis Shelburne

car load of chaff!

Sometimes the address is more interesting than the actual letter. One came addressed to "Owner & Proprietor, 16th & D Church of Christ." That would be God, I suppose. Just last week, one came addressed to "Mr. C. H. Christ." Hmm.

As I was busily trashing bulk mail one day, I came to an interesting letter from a congregation in a distant state.

After a polite salutation, the letter, obviously an appeal for funds, began, "We have begun a renovation of our building." The writer then detailed his church's plans to replace an inadequate heating system and to build a fellowship hall which he hoped would, among other things, provide the group's young people with a place to meet.

Then came the line that stopped me cold: "The building here is also used for the deceased "

In the moment before I finished that sentence my mind conjured up images of a blackclad preacher droning on and on to a congregation sparsely scattered over several pews, worshipers leaning this way and that, all stone cold dead! (Has any preacher ever been sued for throwing a member of his congregation into a fatal coma?)

I was somewhat relieved when the next line explained that their building served also as a mortuary for their very small rural community. For a moment, though, I thought I was reading a letter from the first church I'd ever heard of actually admitting to being a church for the dead!

It is a sad fact that there are some (and size has precious litte to do with it). But seven little words from the pen of the Apostle Peter are the best safeguard I've ever heard against filling up a church with the spiritually dead: "Love one another deeply from the heart" (1 Peter 1:22)

No church practicing that imperative will ever become a congregation for the deceased! Curtis Shelburne is minister of Church of Christ in Muleshoe.



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Arrests

City

mon."

July 16 — Eleuterio Sigala Venegas, Jr., 21, was charged with felon in possession of a firearm.

July 17 — Duane Alan Snell, 23, was charged with public intoxication.

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HOME program.

several grant programs, and the

"The severance package

was in return for his completion

of those projects," Montgom-

ery said. "In situations like this,

these packages are not uncom-

The City is required by law

Crume, 21, was charged with runaway.

July 21 — Carlos Joshua Rodriguez Solis, 25, was charged with public intoxica-

July 22 — Jose Guadalupe Contreras, Jr., 13, was charged with failure to identify to a police officer.

July 23 — Lucevea Nancy July 17 — Jason Douglas Sigala, 16, was charged as a

to sell the house by means of a

tise in the local paper the sale

of the house two consecutive

times, and then wait 14 days,"

Montgomery added. "And so

Bids will be received no later

that's what we're doing."

"We are required to adver-

bidding process.

HERIFF'S

July 16 - Randy Mack Lackey, 44, was charged on a local warrant with class B theft of service.

July 18 — Jimmy Dale Francis, 40, was charged with probation violation.

than Aug. 6. The City Council

will review the bids at a meeting

Aug. 7. The minimum cash bid

just make the transition a whole

lot smoother and better for

everybody," Montgomery said.

"We both benefitted from it."

"The severance package will

will be \$61,000.

July 21 — Malcolm T. Leeder, 29, was charged with

Continued from page 1

July 18 — Jose Alfredo

Urquidi, 25, was charged with

Solis Rodriguez, 25, was

charged with public intoxica-

no driver's license.

for the project.

Board

If a public project is valued at less than \$15,000, a bidding process is not required for the project.

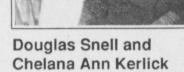
Trustees requested that Bone obtain two more proposals, preferably local, to review in addition to the previ-

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Mr. and Mrs. Gene A. Snell July 21 — Joshua Carlos of Muleshoe announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Douglas, to Chelana Ann Kerlick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Holland of Mineral Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kerlick of Harlem, Georgia.

> The future groom's grandparents include Mary Austin of Weatherford, Texas and Julia and Vernon Symcox of Farwell.

> The couple plan to marry Sept. 7 at the First United Pentecostal Church in Iowa Park, Texas. Douglas is employed at Tranter of Wichita Falls and Chelana is employed



at Hodges Truck Center in Wichita Falls. They will reside in Wichita Falls.

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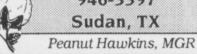




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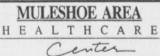
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3-2-2 home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fenced yd., corner

lot. \$30's !!! HL-2 VERY NICE 3-2-1 carport Home, heat pump, builtins, nice carpet, fans, storage-workshop! MUCH

MORE!!! \$40's !!! HL-6

\$30's!! HL-3 VERY NICE 3-11/2-2 carport home, Georthermal Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., Stor. Bldg. !!! HL5

COUNTRY CLUB

2-1-1 carport home, wall furnace heat, nice carpet, storm shelter, storage bldg., fenced yd. MORE!!! \$20'S.

LENAU ADDITION
Nice 2-2-2 Brick, on corner lot, heat pump, fenced yard, storage bldg., MORE! \$40's !!! L-1

NICE 3-2-1 carport Home, geothermal heat pump,

pump, extra insulation, fenced yd., stor. bldg., \$30's!!!

HIGH SCHOOL

NICE 3-2-2 Brick, cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. NICELY REMODELED 3-2-2 carport Home, Heat Pump, built-ins, fans, fenced yd., stor. bldg., & MORE!!!

> NICE 2-1-1 Brick, Heat Pump, nice carpets, well insulated, storm windows & doors. \$30's!!! HS6 NICE 3-2 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, nice carpet,

fans, stor. bldg., fenced yd. \$30's HS5

PRICE REDUCED-NICE 3-2-2 carport home, cent. A&H, Tov-incorrence A chapartment, insul. wkshop-stor. bldg. \$39K HS2

JUST LISTED -2-1-1 Home, floor & wall furnace, NICE 3-2 Home, Heat Pump, FP, fenced yd., stor. bldg. evap. air, siding exterior, stor. bldg., fenced yard !!!

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bldg., MORE !!! \$20's11 HS-4 NICE 4-3 Home on corner lot, Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., stor. bldg., 3100'+ Lv. area, storage basement, MORE!!!\$70's!! HS-9

RURAL HOMES NICE 3- 2-2 Brick, cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 15 acres, irrig. well & equip., barns, corrals, MUCH MORE!!! \$95K!!! HR-4

NICE 3-2-2+2 Carport Brick Home on 2.5 acres on pavement, close to town, Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, MUCH MORE. \$70K !!! HR-3

JUST LISTE. 3-2-2 Home 1.36 ac. on pavement, Cent. A&H, built-ins, freshly painted interior & exterior, fans, fenced yd., 31' x 40' barn !!! \$40's!!! HR-2

2-2-1 carport Mobile Home on .665 acres on pavement close to town, Cent. heat, evap., air, DW, large barn, stor. bldg. and MORE!! \$25K!! HR-5

VERY NICE 3-11/2-1 Home on 8 acres, on pave of nt close to town, Cent. A&H, built-ins, sun room; con te cellar, storage bldgs., fenced yd., RV cover, mobile home hookups, stock pens, fenced acreage, & MORE!!!

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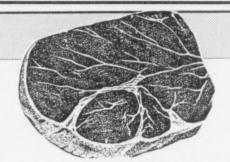
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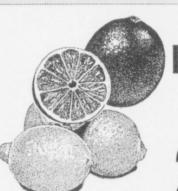
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