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## What's Happening

**Story-time** at the Chandler Public Library will resume Thursday, September 4, at 10 a.m. Lynda McQuaid will be returning as story-teller. For more information call the library at 903-849-4122.

Murchison FUMC will sponsor a benefit for the **Murchison Volunteer Fire Department** Monday, September 1, from 4 pm to 6 pm at the church serving BBQ. All donations go to the fire department.

Sunday, August 31, **Candice Myers** will be in concert at First Baptist Church, FM 773 and FM 1313, Murchison, TX. She will sing in the afternoon following a free BBQ lunch and will present special music in the morning worship service. For questions, call 903-469-3704.

Forest Grove Baptist Church will hold its fifth **Sunday Singing** on August 31 at 6 pm. Everyone is invited, admission is free. Bring your guitar or trac and join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and singing. Featured artist is Ms. Lacy Larsen; a love offering will be taken. Church is located eight miles south of Chandler at the corner of Highway 315 and Forest Grove Drive. Call 849-2378 or 849-2368 for more information.

TVCC will host orientation for **adult education and GED classes** the first week of September. Orientation is at TVCC-Athens September 3 in Room LA110, TVCC-Palentine on September 4 (Room C114) and TVCC-Terrell on September 8 (Room E112). Sessions begin at 6 pm and end at 9 pm. For more info, call 903-675-6398 or visit www.tvcc.edu/communityservices.

On Sunday, August 31, at 6 p.m., **First United Methodist Brownsboro** will host the 5th Sunday community worship service. Join us for an evening of fellowship, worship, and study! Cookies and punch will be served following the service.

**Chandler 4-H** will hold its first meeting of the 2008-2009 club year on Tuesday, September 2, at 7 p.m., at Faith Baptist Church in Chandler. New members are welcome! For more information, call Club Manager Dr. Timothy M. Roddam at (903) 681-3161 or (903) 852-5225.

**Edwards Reunion** Sunday, August 31, at Cain Center, 915 South Palestine St., in Athens, from 10a.m.-2p.m. Bring a lunch and enjoy the time with the Edwards Clan. Hope to see another large crowd!

**Antioch Baptist Church** will have their Board of directors meeting Tuesday, September 2, at 6 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m., in the Antioch Baptist Church cafeteria. All people 50+ are encouraged to attend.

**East Texas Back Roads Band**, formerly known as Marvin and The messengers 4, has recently changed their name due to the passing of Marvin Jones. East Texas Back Roads Band will perform from 6-8:30p.m., at Parkside Shores Clubhouse, every first and third Monday of the month. Though the name has changed, this definitely does not mean the good sound of the band has. Free admission, free food and free country gospel. It's a free-for-all. Free doesn't get any better than that! For more information contact Gwen Gann at (903) 849-4180.

## Chandler Elementary is Exemplary

By Nathan Straus  
Statesman News

The City of Chandler and its Elementary School teachers have a good reason to celebrate. This year the teachers learned their school was elevated to Exemplary status, the highest Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills testing level possible.

Sonya McCoy, CES teacher, said the school's bump from Recognized status to Exemplary status comes as a huge honor to the school.

"We've worked real hard, and now we are going to work to refine it," she said.

The school was extremely close to achieving Exemplary during the last school year. Its "At Risk" category of students was slightly lower than it needed to be for the school to hit the highest rank. Now, even this category is up. Thanks to interventions, small groups and continued hard work, the efforts to bring the "At Risk" student scores up paid off.

Duane Hauser, an experienced teacher new to CES, also voiced his enthusiasm for the school's new rank.

"I have taught at a num-

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The teachers of Chandler Elementary. Back: Shanda Booth, C.J. Hughes, Daniena Seale, Sandy Carter, Carol Munch, Ami Patterson, Beth Adair, Rachel Barnes, Janet Kiker, Linda McKeever, Sonya McCoy. Next to back: Gary Roberson, Michelle Ashbreck, Susan Baley, Cindy Mitchell, Mary Alice Cade, Stefanie Parker, Eileen Reid, Julie McCullough, Susan McAdam, Natalie Smith, Shelia Spencer, Jana Sherman, Michele Hopson, Brenda Tullos, Christa Tompkins, Rachel Hauser, Duane Hauser. Row before: Paula Phillips, Joann Ellis. Front Row: Briana Drake, Kim Birdwell, Bridget Walker. Not pictured: Johnice Weisinger, Ginny Phelps, Juanita Duke, Toni McCallie.

## First Brownsboro Beautification cleanup shows strong numbers



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**Brownsboro Beautification Organization President Charles Cox finishes up at the group's cleanup day Saturday, August 23. The morning brought around a dozen people to Brownsboro in the never-ending effort to make the city a nicer place to live.**

## MISD rock wall repairs delayed

By Nathan Straus  
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The Murchison Independent School District Board of Trustees held off on action regarding the repair of the rock wall behind the school. Action on this issue, along with the selection of bids for the repairs, will be held off on until next month's meeting. This came as part of the board's regular meeting Thursday, August 21.

The repairs could also include cleaning the wall.

In addition, no action was taken on setting a new fire alarm system throughout the school.

There were a few information points in the meeting.

Jerry Landrum from Texpool spoke with the

board about how Texpool can benefit the district with its saving needs.

Also, the preliminary expenditures for the 2008-2009 school year were detailed to the board.

As for decisions made during the meeting, Board Member Gerald Wood made the motion to approve the school's annual contract with Hibbs Hallmark Insurance for property and vehicles. Nelda Tillison, board member, seconded.

The employee handbook for 2008-2009 was similarly approved, with Wood making the motion and Board Member Mike Davis seconding.

Next up was action for a contract to become part of a shared service agreement for energy, which would help

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## Mullins found guilty, gets life sentence

Timothy Lee Mullins, a Chandler man in his mid-40s, was found guilty for the June 21, 2007, murder of



Timothy Lee Mullins

Susie Lynn Strong. The jury took only a few minutes to come to its guilty verdict, and after an hour and 39 minutes, the man received his life sentence in prison.

Judge Mark Calhoun of the 3rd District Court passed down the sentence.

Mullins was indicted on Sept. 5 on the charge of murder. He was also indicted for the unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, according to the Henderson County District Attorney's report.

Tony Duncan, an investigator with the Henderson County Sheriff's Office, said the case started on June 21, 2007, when a call came in

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## Back to school!



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Chandler Elementary students fill the doorway to get to class before the bell rings. District schools recommenced classes Monday.