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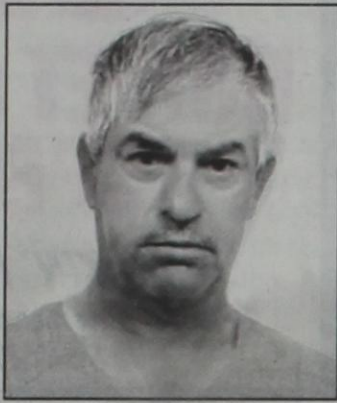
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October 27, 2005

Kitchens' capital murder trial begins

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor
The capital murder trial of Larry Brent Kitchens of Bailey County began at 2:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, after the jury selection process seated six men and six women in the box awaiting testimony.



LARRY KITCHENS

Slightly more than 50 potential jurors began the selection process for the trial of alleged murderer Larry Brent Kitchens Monday morning.

At the start of Monday's voir dire, District Attorney Johnny Atkinson announced that even though Kitchens faced a charge of capital murder, he had made the decision not

to seek the death penalty. "We have waived the death penalty in this case... It's a decision that I make," Atkinson said during his explanation of how the trial process worked.

If convicted, Kitchens would be facing a life sentence for the murder of Vince Simnacher on the night of Oct. 10, 2003.

Kitchens is alleged to have murdered two other people that night at the Simnacher residence, Rhonda Kitchens — the defendant's ex-wife, and Derwin Beauchamp. However, in August 2004, an earlier jury acquitted Kitchens of Beauchamp's murder.

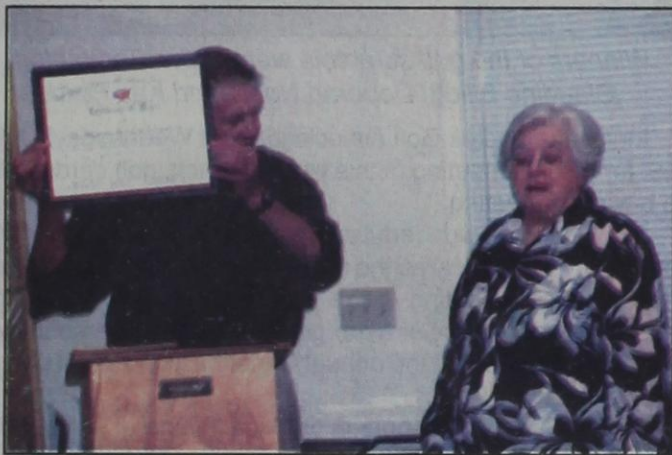
Because double jeopardy attached to the case resulting from Rhonda Kitchens' death, in August 2005, the Texas Court of Appeals barred the defendant's prosecution in his ex-wife's death, leaving the remaining Cause no. 2305, in which it is alleged that Larry Kitchens unlawfully entered the residence of Simnacher with the intent of committing a felony assault.

Although a large number of the juror candidates initially indicated they had formed an opinion as to the defendant's guilt or

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Ann McElroy and Jim Allison receive the check from David Wilder, above center.



Jim Allison and Cara Schuster exchanged awards Tuesday, as she brought in a framed certificate from a 1990 U.S. Department of Interior award.



Foundation member Vivian White receives an award for her years of service during Tuesday's ceremonies.

County's heritage honored

Several Bailey County residents, organizations and businesses were honored Tuesday, Oct. 18, by the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation, which in turned was the recipient of a \$25,000 grant from the Mayer Foundation, represented by David Wilder. Turn to page 8 for additional information.

Veterans Issue to be published

Do you have a family member who is listed among this nation's honored veterans?

Does he or her deserve some special attention on Veterans Day?

The *Muleshoe Journal* will be publishing its annual Veterans issue on Thursday, Nov. 10.

Individuals wishing to include photographs and information about the veterans who have been a part of their lives should complete the form on page 2 and submit it — with a photograph — to the *Journal* by 5 p.m. on Nov. 3.

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Words to ponder from Beverly

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MAMC receives license for 25 beds

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

During Thursday's regular meeting of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's Board of Directors, hospital administrator Ray Mason announced that the hospital has received its license as a 25-bed facility, part of the process required to become a critical access hospital.

Mason also noted that he, along with board member Ann McElroy, had recently toured the hospital at Lovington, which had been able to recover from financial stress similar to MAMC's reportedly due in large part to its change to critical access status.

Mason said one of the things he saw at Lovington was how important it's for the hospital's outpatient services to be utilized by the community. "Outpatient

"I think what we're doing... the direction we're going is correct."

In other business, the MAHD board approved Mason's recommendation

"We feel some of the changes we've made will offset this," Mason said.

Board member Ronnie Dent, who along with Larry Hooten serve on the MAHD's financial committee, voiced support of proposal, but also pointed out that the reviews or evaluations were not automatic pay raises.

Mason agreed, and said he would be looking at how employee evaluations are handled, and would be developing a new evaluation form during the next couple of months.

Board member Anne McElroy also voiced support

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'I think what we're doing... the direction we're going is correct...' — Ronnie Dent

Muleshoe resident among Xcel cleanup, powerup crew

By Stephen Henry
Lamb County Leader-News

Damage reports coming from the Beaumont area didn't prepare area power company linemen and service men for the devastation they saw and worked through the first three weeks after Hurricane Rita.

"I couldn't believe the amount of devastation," said Littlefield Xcel Energy serviceman Terry Smith. "It's a lot worse than what they have shown on TV."

Danny Kelley, an Xcel Energy lineman from Muleshoe, also worked in Florida after hurricanes clobbered that state last year. He said the damage in East Texas was worse than in Florida, primarily because of the trees.

"It's awful pretty country, but those trees caused lots of trouble," he reflected.

"You see all that damage, and you're in awe," he said.



Danney Kelley of Muleshoe and Terry Smith of Littlefield

"It was an eye-opening experience."

Kelley was a member of the first wave of Xcel employees who were sent to help rebuild the heavily damaged infrastructure around the Beaumont area.

Smith was a member of the second wave of area Xcel employees who responded to the critical need for experienced power service men.

The first wave of Xcel employees were rotated out after two weeks. The second wave spent over a week in the ravaged area before being sent home last weekend.

Both waves of men were assigned to restore power to residents in and around Vidor.

"They told us that Vidor sustained winds of over 100 mph for hours," Kelley said, adding that the damages

services are the life blood for critical access," he said. Voicing support for the changes that have been occurring at MAMC, and especially the hospital's change of status, board member Ronnie Dent said,

that the six-month waiting period for employee raises, after evaluation, be dropped. According to Mason, this would have only a minimal affect the hospital and nursing home's budgets.

working. The root systems of some of the giant oak trees which were uprooted are bigger than a pickup.

"We essentially had to rebuilt it from scratch," said Kelley of the daunting work that faced all power company employees.

The men explained that some residents of that area had been without power for weeks and were delighted to see linemen and servicemen.

"They would come out and wave at us as we went by," Kelley said.

"Everywhere we looked there were signs that said, 'Thanks, linemen,'" added Smith.

"It was a really, really good feeling to get the power back on for those people," said Kelley, adding that a lot of people had dumped their refrigerators and freezers after being without power for so long. "Everything they had

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Medicare Part D enrollment set

Nov. 15 is the first enrollment date for Medicare Part D, according to Debbie Crabtree of the Bailey County Office on Aging. County residents wishing to apply for assistance may call her office at 272-3647 to set up an appointment on Nov. 15-17, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Individuals wishing to enroll may do so at the Oneida Wagnon Senior Citizens Center.

Debt seminar scheduled for Oct. 29

"Conquering Debt God's Way" is the title of a video seminar produced by Christian financial counselor Bruce Ammons. The seminar is being hosted at the 16th & D Church of Christ, 1600 W. Ave. D, in Muleshoe, on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and includes lunch. The seminar is free of charge to anyone who would like to attend. Seminar workbooks will be available for a suggested donation of \$12 each but will be free to anyone who can't afford to donate. Testimonials from real people who have been to the seminar are available at www.conqueringdebt.com. For more information, contact the 16th & D Church office at (806) 272-4619.

Rebekah Thanksgiving dinner set

The Muleshoe Rebekah Lodge will host its annual Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the IOOF Hall, 308 W. Second. Adult plates are \$6, and children are \$3. Carry out orders will be available. Tickets are available from lodge members by calling Alene Bryant at 272-4160 or June Green at 272-4920, or at the door.

Personality workshop slated

Dr. Gail Platt, Ph.D., of South Plains College will be conducting a workshop entitled "Personalities in the Workplace" at the Bailey County Coliseum on Thursday, Nov. 17, from 9-11:30 a.m. The event is being sponsored by South Plains College and WorkSource. There is a \$15 admission fee, and CEU credits are available. For additional information, contact Jeff Coffman at 806-272-7540 or email jeffery.coffman@twc.state.tx.us.

Juniors to host pre-game meal

Muleshoe High School's Junior class will be hosting the Oct. 28 pre-game meal from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Deliveries are available from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. by calling 272-7306. The menu will include: Turkey with dressing and gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, a roll, pumpkin cake, tea and coffee. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under, and are available from junior class members or sponsors, or pay at the door.

Memory course offered

Texas Cooperative Extension will begin offering "Master of Memory," a six-lesson class series that will help individuals understand how their memory works and what may affect memory. Medical conditions, medications, diet and exercise, among other things, may all play a role in how memory works. "Master of Memory" will also help individuals identify and use strategies to improve their memory function. The Oneida Wagnon Senior Center is sponsoring the series. In the third lesson — which will be Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 12:30 p.m. — you will learn how different foods and nutrients may affect your brain's function and your ability to remember. For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-272-4583.

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Veteran's breakfast

Muleshoe veterans will have their annual Veteran's Day Breakfast on Friday, Nov. 11, from 6 a.m. to approx. 10 a.m. in the Earl Ladd Fire Station, located at East 5th Street and American Blvd. All veterans and their families and the general public are invited to attend. For questions, contact Peggy Bruton at 272-4122.

Noah's Ark fling

The seventh annual Noah's Ark Fling is set for Monday, Oct. 31, from 5:30p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Come as you are, or dress as your favorite biblical character.

There will be food, games and door prizes. Free admission, but the donation of a can of food for the Bailey County Food Pantry would be appreciated.

The event is sponsored by New Covenant Church and Trinity Baptist Church.

Ladies Golf Assn. News



Winners of the golf scramble were Helen Templeton, Claudine Elliott, Deborah Noble and Kay Field.

Muleshoe Ladies Golf Association met Wednesday, Oct. 19, for the last meeting of this year for lunch, golf, cards and a business meeting.

The lunch was wonderful as always thanks to Tina. MLGA pres. Ann McElroy called the meeting to order and conducted final business meeting of the year. At the end of meeting she gave each member a fun gift befitting their personality. It was decided that the annual Christmas Ornament party would be Nov. 29.

Sheryl Engelking reported on High Plains at Tulia, the last game of this year. Four members from Muleshoe went to the tournament. Sheryl won low puts in the first flight and Analita Haley won low gross in the third flight.

The meeting was adjourned and seven ladies played a golf scramble and four ladies played cards. Melody Hettinga was winner of the card game.

There were 18 members present: Ann McElroy, Helen Templeton, Judy Wilbanks, Shelia Stevenson, Amy Young, Jo Rempe, Jeri Flowers, Deborah Noble, Sheryl Engelking, Claudine Elliott, Elinor Yerbby, Tammy Black, Janet Precure, Kay field, Anita Black, Janet Claborn, Melody Hettinga, Rene Allison.

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

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Jury selected; Kitchens trial begins

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innocence, many of them — under closer examination by the district attorney and defense attorney Richard Wardroup stated they would be able to set those opinions aside and try the case on the evidence presented in the courtroom. Many others, who indicated past or current relationships with either the defendant or the defendant's family or that of the victims or victims' families, also stated this wouldn't affect their ability to render a fair decision.

During his voir dire session, Wardroup asked the candidates about such things as how they felt about hearing a case involving "sudden passion" and various issues that would mitigate the punishment rendered in such a case if a guilty verdict is handed

down. Following their lunch break, the potential jurors returned to find the final decisions had been made about the jury members, and also that the state was ready to proceed with its case, and not wait for Tuesday morning, as Dist. Judge Gordon Green had indicated during a pre-trial motion hearing on Oct. 17. During his opening statement, D.A. Johnny Atkinson told the jurors their job had changed from that of a citizen of Bailey County to being part of the court system.

As to the case against Kitchens', Atkinson said the defendant made a choice to pick up a rifle, drive to Simnacher's house, enter the residence, and shoot the resident in the head at close range, followed by shooting to

death two other occupants. "I don't think the facts of how it happened are much in dispute," Atkinson said. As for Wardroup, his opening statement focused on the events that lead up to the shooting, and the mental state he claimed the defendant was in at the time the alleged murders occurred.

"I guess I've gone insane," Wardroup quoted Kitchens as saying to someone in a telephone conversation that took place shortly after the shootings.

Wardroup spoke of the "bad blood" that had existed between the defendant, Simnacher and others who were at the Simnacher residence on the night of Oct. 10, 2003, saying a telephone call in which the defendant was allegedly taunted by someone at Simnacher's house about the celebration of the anniversary of Larry and Rhonda Kitchens' divorce was "the straw that broke the cowboy's back."

Vince Simnacher lived lavishly, and turned the heads of Rhonda Kitchens and her children during the year preceding the alleged murders, Wardroup said.

The defense attorney said the pain Kitchens felt that night was so great he lost control of his emotions, took up his son Toby's rifle, and responded to the pain in the only manner he was capable at that moment.

The first witness on the stand Monday afternoon was Bailey County Sheriff Richard Wills, who talked about his initial call to the scene and his requests for assistance from the Muleshoe Police Department and Texas Ranger Lt. Dusty McCord.

McCord concluded his testimony Tuesday, during a long list of evidence he'd collected from the crime scene was submitted to the court, including spent cartridge cases, blood and DNA evidence, and "projectile fragments."

The jury also viewed a video recorded at the crime scene about an hour after the shooting occurred on Oct. 10, 2003.

Both the jurors and the defendant sat with stoic expressions as they watched the camera pan over the bodies of the victims.

At one point, Wardroup asked McCord about the defendant's state of mind at the time of the crime, and if the ranger took this into consideration during his investigation.

Wardroup referred to statements Kitchens allegedly made that might have indicated he was mentally unstable when the shootings occurred.

"That's a charging type of consideration that I don't participate in," McCord said.

Watch for additional trial coverage in next week's issue of the Journal.



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MAHD board takes action

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of the idea, adding that she felt the hospital district should be rewarding employee performance and not longevity.

The MAHD board also:
• Approved minutes from the Sept. 15 meeting, the Sept. 16 public hearing and the Sept. 29 meeting.

• Discussed the hospital's quality assurance report.

• Discussed a van fundraiser for Park View Nursing Home.

• Discussed marketing strategies for the hospital district and the appointment of a marketing committee charged with working on the task.

"I'd like to see us get aggressive," McElroy said, referring to the issue under discussion.

Dent voiced agreement, noting that educating the public about what the hospital district is doing was important.

While Mason said, "We have to let the people know what we do," referring specifically to the many services, especially outpatient services, that are available through the hospital and at Park View.

• Approved a \$32,485.83 bad debt write off.

• Discussed a fund raiser for Park View Nursing Home proposed by nursing home administrator Paul Chaisson in which a new vehicle from Muleshoe Motor Company would be raffled. Proceeds from the raffle would be used

to purchase a new van for the nursing home.

"We've seen how the community comes together for the nursing home," board member Larry Hooten said.

"I don't think you'll have any problem selling the tickets. People would buy the tickets to help the hospital," he said.

Although supportive of the nursing home's fund-raising efforts, McElroy said she didn't feel the MAHD board or the hospital district's staff should be generating the fundraisers.

Board member Marilyn Riley expressed a similar view, suggesting that it might be better if the auxiliary handled the fundraiser.

No action was taken during Thursday's meeting after board president Mike Miller suggested there might be legal questions that needed to be answered first. He also said there should be a mechanism by which the ticket funds could be returned to the purchasers in the event an insufficient amount is received to pay for the raffled vehicle.

In other MAHD news:

• Chaisson reports the dietary department at Park View served 82,940 meals to nursing home residents and MAMC patients last year. He said the nursing home's annual survey by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services was held recently, and Park View passed without any deficiencies.

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OH, MY DAUGHTER, MY DAUGHTER!
 THIS DAY AM I DEALT A HARD BLOW, MY DAUGHTER—VICTORY IS TURNED TO SADNESS!
 FOR KNOW NOW...

I HAVE MADE A VOW UNTO THE LORD—AND I CAN NOT GO BACK ON IT!

WHATSOEVER THOU HAST VOWED UNTO THE LORD, FATHER, DO UNTO ME ACCORDING TO THY WORD! ONLY GRANT ME ONE WISH...

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Obituaries

Christy Parmer

A church service for Christy Parmer, 83, of Sudan was held Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church of Sudan with the Paul Poyner officiating. Burial will follow in Littlefield Memorial Park Cemetery, Littlefield.

Parmer died on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005, in the Hospitality House of Littlefield. He was born on Nov. 11, 1921, in Cisco, to Ernest and Jessie Parmer.

Parmer and his family moved to Sudan in 1924, where he attended school. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a farmer.

He married Betty Doubles Parrott in Clovis, N.M. She preceded him in death in 1984. On Oct. 20, 1985, Parmer married Nina Truman Lee Arms Willingham in Brownfield.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, three sisters — Jessie Vernell Parmer, Flora Gunn and Yvette Gage.

Survivors include his wife — Truman Lee Parmer; three sons — Glenn Dale Parrott of Baton Rouge, La., Joe Don Parrott of Amarillo and David Lynn Parmer of Texico, N.M.; four daughters — Earline Atkins of Tyler, Christy Janine Blake of Elkton, Ky., and Shelly Lee Farlander of Levelland; two sisters — Mary Lena Maxwell of Sudan and Zexia Wellmaker of Abilene; a brother — Sardis Parmer of Littlefield; 17 grandchildren and numberoud great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Lamb County Veterans Memorial Fund, c/o m.T. Cotter, 300 E. 19th, Littlefield, TX 79339, or Hospice of Lubbock, P.O. Box 16800, Lubbock, TX 79490.

Sports

Lady Mules take fifth district championship

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mule Cross-Country team surprised their fans, coaches and even themselves last Wednesday at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

The Lady Mules won their fifth consecutive District 2-AAA Cross-Country Championship.

The Lady Mules had 42 points to defeat the Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates with 46 points. The Levelland Loboettes finished third with 67 points and the Lady Cubs of Brownfield had 69. The Littlefield Ladycats only had one runner to compete in the meet.

"We really had not had much to brag about this season," said cross-country coach Carey Sudduth. "We had struggled with injuries and had won only three top 20 medals all season. This Lady Mule thing is for real."

"We had four girls pass at least one Lubbock Cooper girl in the final 400 yards to move from down four points to up by four points. It was so cool to watch these girls compete and do what they needed to do to win," the coach said.

"I had not talked much about a fifth championship because I did not want to put that kind of pressure on these young

girls. But they knew what they had to do and just put their head down and went and got the girl in front of them at the end," concluded Sudduth.

The Lady Mules will compete in the Region I Cross-Country meet Nov. 5 on the course in Mae Simmons Park.

Lupita Andrade, a freshman, led the Lady Mules with a third place finish on the two-mile course with a time of 14 minutes and two seconds. Kelsy Tipps, a sophomore, finished fifth with a 14:06 and Ashley Grumbles, a sophomore, was sixth with a 14:16.

Amy Withrow, a freshman, took 11th with a time of 14:51, Renessia Hernandez, a sophomore, finished 17th with a 15:47 and Sarah Sexton, a senior, ran 23rd with a 17:11.

The Lady Mules had finished third in a practice meet behind Lubbock Cooper and Levelland on the same Mae Simmons course earlier in the season.

Sunny Snider took third in the junior varsity division with a 16:22, Natasha Daniel was sixth with a 17:49 and Belen Martinez placed seventh with a time of 18:17.

Two Mules competed and Zane Mathews finished the three-mile race in 13th place with a time of 20:29. John Michael Salinas took 16th with a 21:35.

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We had a very active week at the center last week.

On Tuesday, Mandi Seaton had the program on nutrition, that is always good and interesting. About 12:30 she held her first session on memory training. There was a very good crowd for both activities.

The birthday party, on Wednesday, was a huge success. Many thanks go to Pat and W.T. Watson, Monty and Mary Lou Leavell for the great entertainment of beautiful music.

On Friday, Mr. Milner with the Diabetic Shoe program was here and assisted several of the area citizens. His next visit will be in January.

The computer classes will be held on the second and fourth Thursdays starting in November. Classes will start at 1:30 p.m., and any senior interested in learning the fundamentals of using a computer should come in.

Patty Banks will be holding the classes, and she is very good and willing to help you.

Also, if you are planning a trip and need to make airline reservations, check prices, or just get information on a trip, come in and we will help you get this information. We can make reservations, print your confirmation, and boarding pass.

Sometimes, the fare will be cheaper if you make it on the computer. If we can help you, come see us at the center.

Thanks to all senior citizens for their cooperation in completing and signing the new intake forms needed for the new year. Your willingness to help us out is greatly appreciated.

Menu for Oct. 31-Nov. 4
Monday — Baked Ham, beans, carrot raisin salad,

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Thursday-Roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, rolls and brownie.

Friday- Fried fish, blackeyed peas, coleslaw, rolls and cherry cobbler.

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Sports

Pirates sink Mule's hope for undefeated season

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules fell from the ranks of the unbeaten Friday night as the Lubbock Cooper Pirates sank the Mules hopes the 2005 District Championship. The Pirates appeared unstoppable with their heavy-duty front lines on offense and defense.

"Tonight's loss was my fault because I had two weeks to get these kids ready for Cooper," said Mule coach David Wood. "I thought we had done what needed, but it was obvious that we were not ready."

"We made adjustments at half time and the kids did a great job of executing those changes. The momentum seemed to be shifting to our side in the second half but we ran out of time."

"Everyone that saw this game knows there is no quit in this group. They played hard all 48 minutes. Maybe if we had another quarter things would have been different," concluded Wood.

Cooper strung together a fourteen play opening drive and moved from their own 22 and capped the drive with a ten-yard run by Jamar Cooks. Taylor Snodgrass tacked on the extra point to put the Mules behind for the first time all season 7-0.

That opening drive set the tone for the game as the Pirates over came third and seven needed for a first down twice. The Mules refused to give up the big play but the Pirates were able to chip away and reach paydirt. The Pirates defeated the Mules 20-6.

Juan Reyes picked off a Trey Wood pass on the Mule 34 to stop a Pirate drive early in the second period. Brant Hamilton dropped back and looked off the defenders as Logan Caddell staid home and blocked before cutting across the middle on a delay route.

Caddell stretched out his 6-5 frame to scoop the pass just off the turf for a first down at the Mule 46. Hamilton took the deep snap and started around

left end. The defensive end stood his ground and just before the collision Hamilton pitched to Brady Black.

Black reached the corner and shot out his patented stiff arm and fed the inside line backer the turf. Dustin Barker chopped down the corner back and Black was off to the races down the Cooper sideline.

Black's run covered 54 yards as the Mules execution was flawless. A low snap on the extra point kick caused Eddie Alvarado's timing to be off and he struck the ball to low and pop the ball up short of the crossbar. The Mules trailed 7-6 with 10:08 left in the half.

The Mule defense halted a Pirate drive on the Mule 45 and forced a punt that rolled dead on the Mule 25. A penalty set the Mules back five yards and they could not dig out of the hole, as the Pirate defense was relentless.

Hamilton hurried the punt as pressure came pouring in and he shanked the ball out of bounds at the Mule 31.

The Mule defense was holding the Pirates out of the end zone but on third and seven on the 15, Trey Wood escaped the Mules for a TD with 4:21 left in the half. The point after was good and the Mules trailed 14-6 at the intermission.

Reyes returned the opening kick of the second half to the Mule 35 but the Mules could not sustain a drive and punted from their 41. Hamilton's punt sailed deep into Pirate territory

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and Jarad Flores raced down field to drive Roy Santoyo to the turf on the Cooper nine.

The Mule defense stalled the ensuing Pirate drive at mid field and forced a punt. The Mules could not escape their end of the field and had to punt back to the Pirates.

The Pirates marched down field and erased four minutes off the clock in the final period. Wood fumbled on the Mule 27. Geoff Sirkel was there to claim the ball for the Mules and keep their hopes alive.

The Mules marched downfield on short passes to the sideline to Caddell and Rudy Gonzales. A penalty and two incomplete passes stranded the Mule drive on the Cooper 40.

The Pirates put the game out of reach with a six-play 63-yard drive. Cooks broke loose for his longest run of the night, a 37-yard TD run. The Mules blocked the kick to trail 20-6.

The Mules had their fewest yards of the season on offense with 66 yards rushing and 81 yards passing for 157 total yards. Black led the Mules with 53 yards rushing, Hamilton had eight and Caleb Heinrich picked up five.

Hamilton was 11 of 22 passing. Caddell had four catches for 45 yards and Gonzales caught three for 20 yards. Reyes made two grabs for 14 yards and Black had two for two yards.

The Mule defense held the Pirates to their fewest total yards of the season at 321. Cooks rushed for 129 yards and Wood had 114. Wood was three of seven through the air for 49 yards and had one interception.

Kirk Craddick had one catch for 15 yards and Santoyo caught two for 34.

The Mule defense seemed to always be on the field and Black led the Mules with 12 solo stops and 8 assists. Flores had eight solo tackles, six assists and one tackle for a loss.

Freddie Tovar made seven solo tackles, two assists; two tackles for a loss and caused a fumble. Mendoza had six solo stops, three assists and a sack. Sirkel made five solo tackles, three assists, two tackles for a loss and recovered a fumble.

After practice on Monday Brady Black said, "We had a good practice today and are

trying to get our game back on track. There is still a lot of football to be played by this team and we have to get passed this loss."

The Mules will host the Cubs

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This Week's Schedule
Muleshoe vs. Brownfield
Levelland vs. Littlefield
Cooper is Open
JV/Fresh vs. Brownfield
8th Grade/7th Grade vs. Brownfield

Last Week's Scores
Muleshoe 6, Cooper 20
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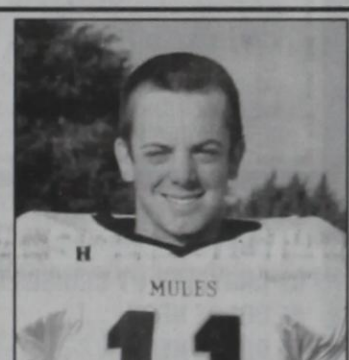
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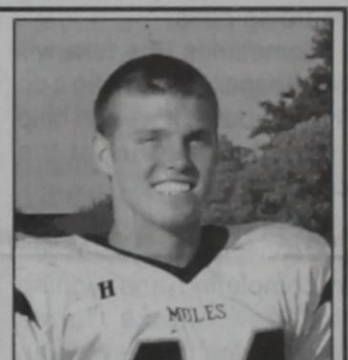
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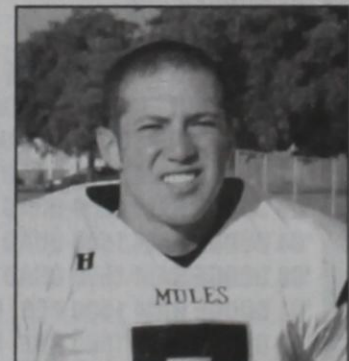
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Heritage Foundation News

Tuesday night, Oct. 18, supporters and volunteers of the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation gathered at the old Santa Fe Depot to honor 20 years of giving and to receive grants.

Coming as special guests were Myrt and David Wilder of Plainview representing the James and Eva Mayer Foundation.

Acting as master of ceremonies was Jim Allison, president of the foundation board. Allison welcomed the many guests attending and then, as a means of describing the evolution of the center, gave out the following Lifetime Achievement Awards:

Judge Glen Williams was an early board member and acted as one of the contacts between the Santa Fe Railway System and the City of Muleshoe. He volunteered his expertise in the process of establishing a Heritage Foundation and Center.

Jenne McVicker attended the first meeting of citizens of the area in 1982 who joined together to "save the Santa Fe Depot," and she has given many hours as a volunteer doing the necessary tasks needed to make the center successful. Continuously she has served as the memorial chairman and has been the secretary of the board for the past two years.

Ruth Hall was elected as second president of the Heritage Foundation Board, and she was one of the early volunteers who helped set up guidelines for the new board. She was valuable in this capacity as she had earlier museum experience. She served as president for two terms, and it was noted that she conducted the meetings many times with a baby on her hip.

Her husband John remarked that she contacted many entities for expert information, and added, "She had a baby on her hip and I at home had two on my hip."

Vivian White came on the board early and has held many offices including president, treasurer and for years was the manager of the Heritage Thrift Shop.

She is still an active member of the board and has freely given many volunteer hours. Oct. 18 was Vivian's birthday, and at the close of the meeting, those attending enjoyed eating her birthday cake and singing happy birthday to her.

Jean Allison was contacted early in 1983 by a group of ten seniors at MHS to help "save the Depot," which she agreed to do.

The following September of 1983 junior and senior students at MHS organized the Student-Community Action Club (SCAC), and the group became honorary board members of the foundation board.

She served 22 years as a sponsor of SCAC before retiring this year leaving the club in the capable hands of Chris and Gina Mardis and Jessie Hanna. Jean has served on the Heritage Board since its inception and for years has been the publicity chairman.

SCAC was then honored for its 22 years of support at the Heritage Center by assisting with the many activities at the center. Through the years the club has donated more than \$25,000 to the center, and donates all money made by the club to the Heritage Foundation.

The president of SCAC this year is Brady Black, who joined the other SCAC members present to receive the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Megann Rennels was honored as one of the original board members, getting out to the public the vision of the center through advertising. She recommended Ruth Hall for the board and did much hands-on work at and for the center. She has also been faithful in getting the word out on channel 6.

Channel 6 was presented one of the Lifetime Achievement Awards of the Heritage Foundation. Allison thanked both Megann and Jack Rennels and noted that all three of the Rennel's sons were SCAC members while in high school. Jim said, "So it's a

family affair for the Rennels to support the center."

Cara J. Schuster was on hand to receive the award as she was an early board volunteer, and she served in many capacities. The president noted that she had the honor of being the author of the first grant applications. He further noted that the current grant writer, board member Ann McElroy, marveled at the professionalism of these early grants. After receiving her award, she told the president she had something for the Heritage Foundation, and presented him with a framed

award that was given to the foundation by the U.S. Department of the Interior in 1990.

This was the "Take Pride in America" competition, of which Muleshoe was one of only two winners in the State of Texas. As she presented Allison with the award, she noted that the SCAC was what made the difference.

Maurine Hooten was honored as an early volunteer at the center and has been a continuous supporter. She and Schuster designed the scrapbook for the "Take Pride in America" competition, and accompanied

Schuster and Vivian White to Washington, D.C., to receive the award.

Hooten has given many hours to the center, has a son on the board, and has had four grandchildren who were SCAC members. She has also been a valuable decorator at the center, especially at the Janes Ranch house.

R. A. and Marie Bradley received an award for their hours of volunteer work. He was instrumental in getting outside volunteers and civic groups to come to the center to do all types

of repair work, a monument to his dedication. She was the first manager of the thrift shop, serving three years in this capacity.

Dan and Millie Throckmorton were honored for their contributions through labor and in other areas. Lately they have worked at additions to the center, the Figure 4 Ranch House and the Virginia City Hotel.

Allison stressed the importance of community support when applying for grants. He then honored community groups, the first being Bailey County. Accepting the award were Judge

Sherri Harrison and Commissioner C. E. Grant. The judge was one of the original students who worked to save the Santa Fe Depot.

The City of Muleshoe was honored for the years of support to the center financially and with labor. Accepting this award was Councilman Mark Beard. Also representing the city were Janet Claborn and LeeAnn Gallman.

Present to accept the award for the Muleshoe Journal was Leah Bell, the newspaper's general manager and a former SCAC member and vice president.

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- trick or treat
- have an adult or a friend
- carry a flashlight
- have Mom or Dad check
- wear
- wearing make-up instead of a mask

- to see and be seen
- brightly colored clothes
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Don't you love stories and movies filled with flying bats, moaning ghosts, monsters and creatures that make you shiver? On Halloween many people dress in costumes to look like scary creatures. Can you read the clues below and fill in the crossword with the names of magical or scary creatures? (Use the word bank above when you need to.)

- person who practices magic
- supreme spirit of evil
- giant monster who breathes fire
- imaginary horse-like creature with long horn on its forehead
- framework of bones that is inside us
- giant ape in movie that ran wild in New York City
- a headless character who rode a charging stallion
- lumberjacks named this mysterious creature after finding huge footprints along the Pacific coast of North America
- small, evil creatures believed to have lived in dark places
- large creature said to be living in a deep lake in Scotland
- Egyptians created this by wrapping a body in specially treated cloth and placing it in a case sealed in a tomb
- in folk tales, a fanged creature that rises at night
- in the Himalayas strange footprints in the snow led to stories of this hairy, ape-like creature
- spirit of a dead person showing itself to a living human
- a human being who can change into a wolf

Whaaaaaat is it?

Do you like my Halloween mask? This is my first time out on a Halloween night. I like this bright, smiling thing in front of me, but don't know what it is. Can you connect the dots so I can see it?

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Agricultural News

Area residents named to TCFA board

The Texas Cattle Feeders Association, during its 2005 annual convention in Grapevine, named the officers and directors who will lead the group for the coming year, including several from the Bailey County area.

John Gillcrist of Kansas City, Mo. is chairman of the board; Don McCasland of Clovis, N.M. is chairman-elect; and Walter E. Lasley of

Stratford is vice chairman. Cattle feeders elected to one-year terms on the board of directors are Michael Bentley of Canadian; Monte Cluck of Gruver; John Gillcrist of Kansas City, Mo.; Jason Hitch of Guymon, Okla.; Scott Nelson of Dalhart; and Gene Scivally of Amarillo.

Directors chosen for two-year terms are Mike Engler

of Amarillo, Tom E. Fanning of Buffalo, Okla.; Don McCasland of Clovis, N.M.; Jonny Miller of Amarillo; Daryl Berlier Owen of Amarillo; and William W. Snead of Dalhart.

Directors elected to three-year terms are Michael Bezner of Dalhart; Laphe LaRoe of McLean; Walter E. Lasley of Stratford; Steve Lewis, DVM, of Hereford;

Lonnie McDonald of Muleshoe; and Bob Tabb of Dimmitt.

In addition, the two past presidents serve as members of the board. They are Ernie Morales of Devine and Charlie Sellers of Amarillo.

TCFA represents cattle feeders in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, an area that produces 30 percent of the nation's fed beef.



Bamert takes reserve grand championship

Brett Bamert of Muleshoe took the trophy for Reserve Grand Championship Steer at this year's 2005 South Plains Fair's Steer Show. Brett, the son of Nick and Raynell Bamert, is a member of Muleshoe FFA and Bailey County 4-H.

Sports

Lady Mules finish in top six cross country spots

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh and eighth grade Lady Mule and Mule cross-country teams swept the District 2-AAA Meet in Mae Simmons Park with a score of 16. Five Lady Mules finished in the top six spots of the Junior High Girls Division.

Ashley Cisneros led the Lady Mules around the two-mile course in a time of 13 minutes and 42 seconds. Sarah Johnson was second with a 13.54 and Vivian Ronquillo placed third with

a 14.36.

Sandy Mojica rounded out the top four places with a time of 14.57. Heather Gutierrez ran sixth with a 15.32. Jessica Behrends placed ninth with a 15.52, Tessa Burris took 15th with a 16.47 and Caitlyn Durben was 17th with a 16.58.

"The girls had performed well most of the season," said junior high cross-country coach J'Layne Kemp. "They really came together at the district meet as a team. I am very proud of their performance today."

This was the only meet many of the junior high boys ran in because of conflicts with football. The Mules took the District 2-AAA Championship with a team score of 44.

Kyler Steinbock led the Mules with a fourth place finish in a time of 13.17. Dallas Davidson finished sixth with a 13.37 and Chris Babcock took seventh with a 13.38.

Daniel Galindo placed 13th with a time of 14.42, Tyson Turnbow was 14th with a 14.51 and Isais

Guerra was 16th with a 15.13. Carlos Bustillos rounded out the Mule team in 21st place with a 16.38.

"If the boys had been able to compete in a couple of meets and had a feel for the race they would have had a much lower score," said Coach Kemp. "They really came out today and showed a lot of heart and competitive spirit. I am very happy for them."

Harvest guide available

The 2005 Harvest Aid Guide has been released by Dr. Randy Bowman, extension cotton agronomist, of the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center.

A downloadable version of the guide is available from the center's website (<http://lubbock.tamu.edu>) under the "What's New" section.

County Questions

In 1903, who purchased land in several Texas panhandle counties that became known as the Muleshoe Ranch?

Answer on page 14.

Juniors to host pre-game meal

Muleshoe High School's Junior class will be hosting the Oct. 28 pre-game meal from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Deliveries are available from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. by calling 272-7306. The menu will include: Turkey with dressing and gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, a roll, pumpkin cake, tea and coffee. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under, and are available from junior class members or sponsors, or pay at the door.

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NM Ranch	14 Blk. hfr	428 lbs. at \$123.50
NM Ranch	5 BWF hfr	671 lbs. at \$102.00
Ber M Cattle, Muleshoe	Char. hfr	515 lbs. at \$111.00
Paula Nix, Springlake	17 Mxd. hfr	909 lbs. at \$84.25
Robert McCurry, Springlake	Red pair	\$900.00
Lexie Fennell, Springlake	3 Blk. cows P6	\$950.00
Bullseye Cattle, Sudan	Blk. cow P6	\$830.00
Hanley Cattle, NM	5 Mxd. cows P	\$690.00
Tom Bowers, Seagraves	2 Red cows P	\$570.00
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Xcel employees return... Continued from page 1

was molded." Because most of the rural residents depend on wells, water was at a premium. Kelley said they saw lines of cars up to two miles long waiting for basic assistance such as fuel, water and ice from FEMA. Because of the danger of restoring power to lines while men were working on them, crews were assigned specific work areas and did not venture out of those areas. "We didn't go over where other utilities were and they didn't cross over into our area," said Smith. Another danger were the portable generators Vidor residents were using because they can back feed into the power lines. Essentially, all lines had to be

disconnected and then reconnected as power was restored. "We rebuilt it from scratch," stressed Smith. Having enough materials was a constant problem. "They were hauling poles and transformers to us daily," said Smith. Kelley said that at first, crews even had to salvage some transformers so they could keep going. Downed trees, mud, snakes, spiders, poison ivy, aggressive bumble bees and big dogs were all a part of the daily threats that the workers dealt with. "Everybody out there has three of four big dogs. We all carried doggie snacks to toss to them," said Smith. The first wave of workmen went into the area prepared to

stay in Beaumont and to sleep on the ground or in their trucks but the company was able to find 40 rooms at The Woodlands. As a result, they were bused two and a half hours each day to their trucks and equipment. Equipment was serviced by their own mechanics. Xcel employees were later moved to a Marriott Hotel at the Houston International Airport but still faced long bus rides to and from work, leaving before daylight and returning to rest after dark. Xcel workmen put in 14-16 hour days, seven days a week. They carried lunches with them and ate some meals at the fairgrounds in Beaumont. Kelley said the first time they ate there, they stood in line for an hour and a half. That improved as everyone gained experience in feeding a volume of workmen. Up to 10,000 utility workers were served daily. When his crew first arrived in the area, it was 102 degrees with a heat index of 118. Humidity was over 90 percent. "We about cooked," he said. "We were drinking lots of water and Gatorade."

worked as long as we did," said Kelley. "Florida wasn't nearly as organized. We slept where we could," he reflected, adding that Xcel sent three waves of employees to Florida. The National Guard or Department of Public Safety officers blocked every entrance into Beaumont in an effort to keep people out. Both men observed signs that there was some concern over looters, citing signs that conveyed messages like: "You loot, we shoot," and "The eyes of the Lord are upon you and so are my crosshairs." When the first wave of utility workers got to the Beaumont area, more than 750,000 customers were without power. When Xcel's second wave left last weekend, the estimate was that less than 10,000 residents were without power. Smith admits that his crew was surprised they were being sent home early. Area Xcel employees who were a part of the first wave included Kelley, Roger Elliott and Delwin Britton of Levelland, Robert Malcom of Plainview, Mike Henry, Johnny Gonzales, James Conright and Leroy Freeman from Lubbock. Members of the second wave included Smith, Don Foreman of Guymon, Scott Hindman of Hereford, John Perez of Plainview, J.R. Jennings and Brian Lelvo of Carlsbad, Tom Cassida, Mike Braden and Billy Harris of Borger, Freeman Miller and Richard Mauldin of Levelland and Steve Faulkner of Guymon. Xcel employees from Lubbock who went included Joey Zahn and Blake Davis, both former Littlefield residents; Tim Lieck, Rick Smith, Daniel Cavillo, and Jerry White. "I've never seen so many Bobcats, bulldozers and loggers in my life," adds Smith. The downed timber has to be logged as soon as possible for it to have any value as lumber. "You could get a truckload of firewood pretty cheap," said Kelley with a smile. "Everywhere you looked, people were using chain saws to clean up around their places."

County Questions

A "community dream" was realized when it opened its doors on Dec. 15, 1971. Answer on page 14.

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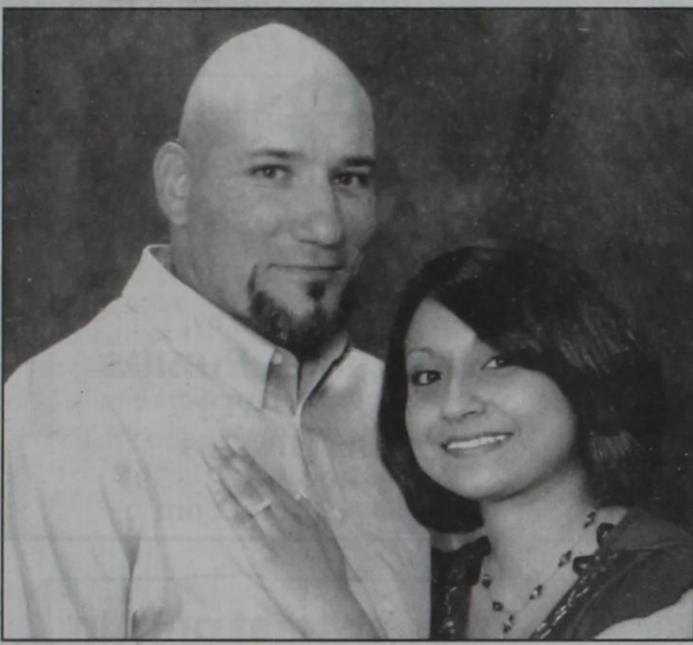
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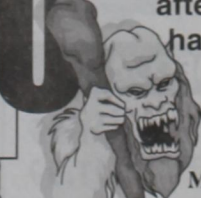
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Lazbuddie students honored

The Students of the Month for September have been named at Lazbuddie elementary school.

These students have displayed outstanding qualities of character, citizenship, and leadership, and have proven to be an asset to their class and to their school, according to school officials.

Each of the following students were presented a ribbon and commended for their efforts.

Pre-Kindergarten — Andres Solano, the son of Javier and Sulema Solano; Kindergarten — Maria Neufeld, the daughter of Isaac and Justina Neufeld;

First grade — Arrick Estrada, the son of Ricky Estrada and Esmeralda Romley;

Second grade — Kennedi Nickels, the daughter of Chad and Kayla Nickels;

Third grade — David Guenter, the son of David and Eva Guenter; Fourth grade — Haley Beasley, the daughter of Allen and Stacey Beasley; and Fifth grade — Anna Harder, the daughter of Peter and Katharina Harder.

Nursing Home News

Amita Johnson directed the craft class Thursday morning. The class assembled scare crow tin pails. Volunteers Plus was the support of the class.

Zona Gatewood played the piano and directed the singing with Janis Morrison for our fun with music and song program following craft class.

The Church of God in Christ youth came and sang for the residents Friday evening.

The residents who attended the bingo bash Saturday afternoon had a great time. About 20 residents participated in the game.

The Church of Christ of Earth directed the church services Sunday afternoon.

W.T. and Pat Watson came Monday and directed a music, poen and reminiscing program. The residents' favorite songs were played as everyone sang along.

Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard of Earth came Tuesday morning and visited the residents and directed the devotional, sing and praise time.

Betty Burlsmith of Lubbock, formerly of Muleshoe, visited Hattie Heathington Tuesday afternoon.

Pat Prater had supper with

Project MAP meeting scheduled

Muleshoe ISD Migrant Department will have an organizational meeting for Project MAP (Migrant Acceleration Program) on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 6 p.m., at the MHS cafeteria.

Project MAP is to help students who need additional or accelerated instuction.

Parents will be encouraged to attend with their child and become more involved with their child's academic growth. Communication will be strongly emphasized.

Contact Margie Alarcon, 272-7325, if you have any questions.

El Departamento Emigrante del Distrito Escolar de Muleshoe tendra' una junta para organizar el

Proyecto MAP (programa de aceleracion) el martes, 1 de noviembre, a las 6 p.m. en la cafeteria.

El proposito de este proyecto es ayudar a los estudiantes que necesitan mas ayuda o instruccion acelerada. Se les anima a los padres que asistan con sus hijo/hija para poderse envolver mas con la educacion de su hijo. El enfasis sera el la comunicacion. Contacto con Margie Alarcon, al 272-7325 si tiene preguntas.

her husband Arnold Prater Tuesday.

Virginia Barrett celebrated her birthday Tuesday, received a visit from her friend June Gore, and received cards flowers and gifts.

James Wedel ran errands and went shopping for us Wednesday morning.

Buster Kittrell, Loyce Killingsworth, Anna b. Lane and Jo Ellen Cowart directed

the singspiration and devotional time Wednesday morning following coffee time.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins directed the sing-a-long Wednesday afternoon.

Hattie Heathington went out to the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Aubrey and Margaret Heathington Saturday to celebrate her 99th birthday.

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Demonstrations of more recipes from 2-4 PM on Saturday. Come & enjoy!

SPC CNA registration being held

South Plains College is holding registration for Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) courses on October 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the dining room of the Muleshoe Area Medical Center. The CNA classes will begin on the evening of Oct. 31 and will be held at the Muleshoe Area Medical Center with more detailed schedule information to be released at registration.

The course provides detailed coursework, work-based training and direct patient/client care at a clinical site. Students develop skills to work in long-term care, home health or hospital environments.

Upon completion of the 60 hours of classroom and 24 hours of clinicals, students are required to take the State of Texas Certified Nurse Aide Competency Exam.

The course fee is \$441 plus textbook. CNA exam fee is included in the course fee. Students must provide a valid driver's license, social security card, proof of immunization including two measles shots if born after 1957, tetanus booster no older than eight years, hepatitis B series, at least started and a TB test that has been read and is no older than six months.

Enrollment is limited to 10 students and those that satisfactorily complete the course will receive continuing education units. For more information, contact Audrey Sanzotera at 806-894-9611, ext. 4038.

County Answers

Questions and answers selected for "County Questions" are from *Tales and Trails of Bailey County, 1918-1988*.

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Students of the Week

Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of Oct. 24 are, from left to right: Front row — Yesenia Magallanes, Patrick Mendoza and Adrienne Fulton; back row — Lucera Granados, Michael Olivas and Ryan Hall.

Miller re-elected to conservation board

Mike Miller of Lazbuddie was recently re-elected to the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors. Miller represents Zone 5 of the District.

The purpose of the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District is to promote sensible soil and water conservation programs on agricultural lands within the district and to serve as a voice for farmers, ranchers and local community entities on conservation matters.

The district board of directors coordinates the conservation efforts of various local, state and federal agencies and other organizations. The district has the authority to enter into working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes.

The PCSWC District's

offices are located at 109 Third Street, Farwell, in the Farm Service Agency building.

The five members serving on the district board of directors, each representing a specific area of the district, are responsible for district policies and procedures carrying out the district program within the framework of the Texas State Soil Conservation District law.

District members must own land in the area he or she represents and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. Zone 5 of the district consists of all land in the Lazbuddie school district. Miller has been a member of the board of directors since 1983, serving as chairman since 2001.

He is also president of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's Board of Directors and has served on the Lazbuddie School Board.

Miller has been farming in the Lazbuddie area for more than 30 years.

Other members of the PCSWCD Board are vice-chairman Mike Beauchamp, secretary Kevin Welch, member Dennis Anthony and member Todd Christian.

Board members serve staggered four-year terms. The board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. The meetings take place at the Friona RC&D Building.

Unlike most other legal subdivision of state government, SWCDs do not have powers of taxation or eminent domain. All conservation programs managed by the districts are of a voluntary nature to the landowner, operator or other potential users of the PCSWCD's programs.

Contact board members or the district office for more information.

A Beautiful Morning at Robert Lee, Texas

It's been a beautiful morning in Robert Lee, Texas. My brothers and I have been back here together at the old home place for a few precious days. I've been imitating my great-grandfather and grandfather by spending some time this morning just sitting in a lawn chair by the side of the old house under the shade of the old—very old—Arizona cypress tree, and just thinking.

I've spent some enjoyable minutes simply trying to be still and breathe and watch the finches playing in the hedge. If I'm quiet and still, I wonder if those little birds will be brave enough to venture back up toward the

I love those chimes! Whoever programs them (I'm quite sure they're computerized) has great taste in hymns.

Every hour they chime. "Be Thou my vision . . . Let there be peace on earth . . ."

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! . . ."

Those chimes have been a well-loved part of the Robert Lee landscape for years. I wonder how they came to be?

Did some dear saint who'd loved that church and community for years bless them by leaving in her will provision for that beauty—and thus relieve them of the need for Option 2?

Option 2: Did the church follow the time-tested church pattern for such things by forming a committee to consider forming a committee whose task would be to talk about forming a committee to perhaps form a committee to discuss chimes? And then at the last of 124 meetings, did some pious or persnickety parishioner (take your pick; I know what I think, and I guarantee you his fellow members know) on the committee intone, "I think we ought to use all that money for missions or to give to the poor"?

Sometimes that's exactly what you should do. I know. Add up the missions time of various of my family members and it mounts up well past 50 years. I'm for missions. But all that passes for piety at committee meetings ain't. (Read John 12:4-6.) And I'm glad Brother Pious got voted down.

For years, those chimes have blessed that whole community. Every time they waft through the breeze and into my ears, they call me to deeper faith and point me to words that direct me to God and remind me of whose I am and who has given me the precious gift of life.

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



Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

bird feeder not far from my chair. I hate to bother them. They're busier than I am today.

And there's an exceptionally busy and adventurous bee flying around and occasionally venturing inside the spent root beer can a few feet away.

A couple of new birds have started singing songs I don't recognize, and a raunchy grackle has just zipped by. I wish I had my grackle gun. I've heard someone say that those dirty birds are endangered. Only if my aim is on.

Ah, and there refreshing my ears comes the sound of the chimes from the First Methodist Church down the street.

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4-H News

Black honored for photographic skill

Cody Black, 17, has been a member of Bailey County 4-H for about five years, and while most of his projects

have been with animals a couple of years ago he decided to try something different... photography.

"It's unique," Cody said. So Cody, along with his younger brother and sister — also 4-H members — picked up their cameras and started looking around their community.

At the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation, Cody found what he was looking for.

"They have a lot of old antique farm equipment at the heritage center," he said.

One of the photographs he took there was chosen to be the cover of this year's Texas Cooperative Extension holiday greeting cards that are sent out at Thanksgiving, said Coleena Burt, extension communications specialist and graphic designer.

Each year a photograph taken by a Texas 4-H'er is chosen for this honor. This year Cody's photo won.

"It's a beautifully taken photograph, depicting a typical Texas Thanksgiving scene," Burt said. "We looked through several others and felt Cody's was the best for this year." Entitled "Well-Deserved Rest," the photo is a closeup of a weathered farm wagon and wagon wheel.

Photography turned out to be an unexpected pleasure for Cody. "I enjoyed doing it. It's different from other 4-H activities," he said.

A senior at Muleshoe High School this year, Cody plans to attend West Texas A&M University next year and major in animal science. His eventual goal is to become a veterinarian.



Pictured above, from left to right are: Front row — left to right, Erica Strawn, Sarah Whitworth, Shelbi Harrison, Baylee Bessire and Kayla Preston; back row — Carl Brints, owner of Apple Country.

County 4-Hers tour orchard

Five members of Bailey County 4-H toured Apple Country Orchards, in Idalou, on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Cal Brints, owner of the orchard, led the group through the orchard explaining how the farm operates. It is designed as a pick-your-own operation.

Apple Country orchards have 6,000 apple trees comprised of 30 varieties of apples. Brints said the first apples are ready to harvest July 4th and the last variety is ready the first of December.

He explained the pruning, fertilizing, and pest management practices he uses. Each 4-H member was allowed to pick a Pink Lady apple, and then choose from Granny Smith and Fuji apples to take home. Lunch was served at the orchard, in the gazebo on the grounds.

Among those attending were Kayla Preston, Baylee Bessire, Erica Strawn, Shelbi Harrison, Sarah Whitworth, and extension agent Mandi Seaton.

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