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Voting Totals	Bailey County Precincts							
	Early	#1	#2	#3a	#3b	#4a	#4b	Totals
Prop. #1 For (Railroads)	85	90	89	14	36	9	13	336
Against	120	130	126	11	56	10	13	466
Prop. #2 For (Marriage)	213	228	219	22	89	19	22	812
Against	14	12	18	5	9	3	9	70
Prop. #3 For (EDC debt)	127	119	122	16	54	14	15	467
Against	74	92	85	10	36	6	13	316
Prop. #4 For (Bail)	177	196	187	15	72	14	20	681
Against	34	28	32	11	20	5	8	138
Prop. #5 For (Loans)	94	80	82	7	37	4	14	318
Against	109	125	129	18	54	16	19	470
Prop. #6 For (Judicial)	121	129	106	13	51	11	17	448
Against	82	77	100	11	40	7	11	328
Prop. #7 For (Mortgages)	105	112	111	17	58	8	11	422
Against	98	89	97	8	33	9	18	352
Prop. #8 For (Titles)	101	99	107	10	40	8	12	377
Against	78	81	85	14	45	8	10	321
Prop. #9 For (RMA)	102	91	110	9	33	11	14	370
Against	95	110	97	17	53	9	14	395

MEDC tables action on revenue bond policy

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

After lengthy discussion, the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation tabled a decision concerning the establishment of board policy concerning the issuance of industrial revenue bonds.

At the beginning of the meeting, board president Wanda Hooten explained that the Muleshoe City Council wanted the MEDC to develop a policy covering the issuance of revenue bonds, suggesting that if the counsel wasn't comfortable with such actions the MEDC would set aside and not use this particular economic

development tool which is allowed by state law.

With that in mind, the board began the process of reviewing a proposed 12-page policy that had been developed from a Dalhart EDC policy.

"Our whole point is to get

whether it would be best to waive such fees for dairies building in Muleshoe trade area, but leave them in place for bond requests from outside the area.

Board member Pat Angeley suggested a flat fee for applicants inside the

'We thought we were going to be a conduit...I don't want to drive the boat' — Max King

somebody to build a dairy near Muleshoe," board member Mark Morton said.

The board discussed the issuance fees listed in the document which was read aloud, page by page, during the meeting, and debated

trade area, and a percentage fee for all others.

And at one point, board vice president Maxwell King expressed concerns that the proposed resolution and

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Marriage proposition pushes county totals

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Bailey County voters turned out in numbers that excited county election officials Tuesday, with the proposed amendment that would clearly define marriage as being between a man and a woman drew record numbers to the polls.

"We've set a record for a constitutional election," Bailey County Clerk Paula Benton said shortly after the polls closed.

The county clerk based her statement on the number of extra ballots that had to be printed as higher

numbers than expected arrived to cast their ballot.

Out of the county's 3,742 registered voters, a total of 888 or 23.7 percent took part in the election.

"I've never had an election like this," one election official commented as she dropped off the ballot box and the precinct totals.

Judging from the ballot box totals, Proposition #2 — the proposed marriage amendment — was the issue which brought the voters in.

Of the 882 voters to mark their ballots on the issue, 812 voted for the proposition, garnering 92 percent of the vote.

Only the vote on Proposition #4 — concerning the denial of bail to certain criminal defendants — approached the numbers tallied by the marriage amendment.

Bailey County voters cast 83 percent of their votes in favor of Proposition #4.

The Bailey County Commissioners Court will not be able to canvas the election at Monday's regular meeting because of state law.

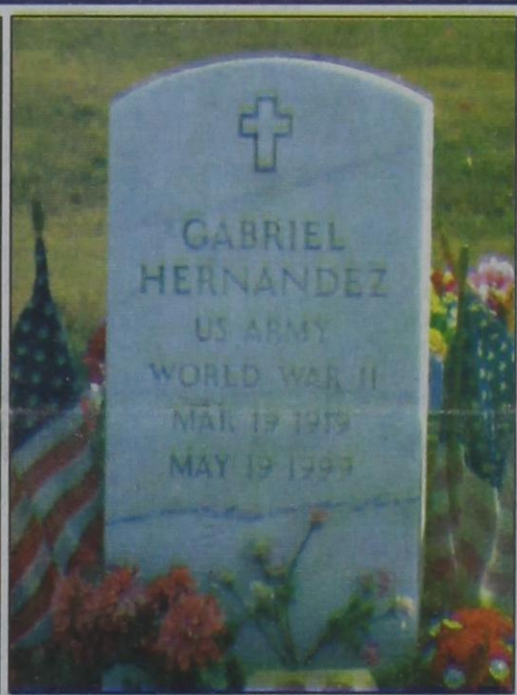
The earliest the action could be taken is Nov. 16.

Thanksgiving deadlines set

Due to the holidays and an early press deadline, the news and advertising deadlines for the *Muleshoe Journal's* Nov. 24 issue have been moved up.

Ad copy and news releases for the Nov. 24 issue must be at the newspaper office by 5 p.m. on Nov. 18.

The printing and home delivery date will be Nov. 22, to allow local readers to their paper prior to Thanksgiving.



Our honored dead

Service and sacrifice... words that ring true in Bailey County and the State of Texas. Pictured here, and on page 12, are the final resting places of just a few of the county's military veterans. For information about the Veterans Day Breakfast on Nov. 11, turn to page 2.



How is the best way to honor our veterans?

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

How do you say "thank you," to the ones who have spilled their blood and lost their lives on the battlefields, oceans, and airways of this world?

How do you say "thank you," to all who have paid the price of lost limbs, lost sons and lost daughters in the countless military actions in which this nation has been involved?

How do you say "thank you," for the pain and anguish our veterans, and current members of the armed forces, have suffered as they fought for the ideals of this country?

Pictured above is a photograph of my uncle, Paul Prather, who served as part of the security detail at Tinian in the Marianas Islands, where



Paul Prather, driving the jeep, in front of the Enola Gay.

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the Enola Gay was scrubbed down following its bomb runs over Japan.

I have been honored to know other veterans and retired service men, several within my family — such as my Uncle John who was among the soldiers to hit Omaha Beach, or my Uncle Roy who shared his memories of transporting

German prisoners.

But, sadly, each of them have gone ahead, passing from this world into eternity. And while we can no longer thank them, we can thank our Lord Almighty for allowing them the opportunity to serve Him through their service to our country. We can also honor their memories, in ways

such as the Muleshoe Journal, their friends and their relatives, do this week on page 10.

We can also strive to live in a manner in which they would be proud, worshipping the one true God, and fighting for the beliefs and ideals that made this country great here at home, just as they did across the seas. And

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Local Weather

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Fri.
Showers..... 63/41

Sat.
Pt. Cloudy... 67/38

Sun.
Mt. Sunny.... 67/38

Mon.
Showers.....65/40

Tue.
Pt. Cloudy... 67/37

Wed.
Sunny..... 67/35

Give It A Thought

In the USA, from shining sea to shining sea, Freedom Rings. But it's not free. Thank you, veterans!

Words to ponder from Beverly

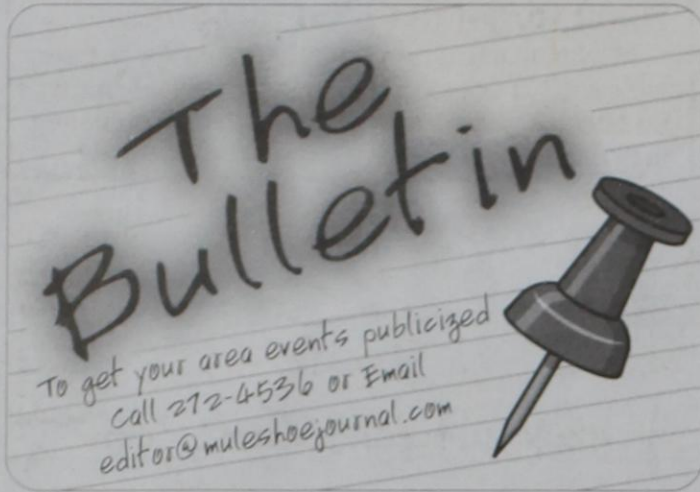
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Pheasant hunt breakfast planned

The annual Bailey County EMS Pheasant Hunt breakfast is set for Saturday, Dec. 3, with the doors opening at 5 a.m. Tickets are \$5 per person. Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy will be served. The organization is also raffling a Browning BPS shotgun with the drawing to be held during the breakfast. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Call 272-4390 for additional information.

Annual Christmas Bazaar scheduled

The Bailey County Extension Education Club and Texas Cooperative Extension have announced their 27th annual Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Bailey County Civic Center, 2200 W. American Blvd. Admission is free.

Special event at First Assembly

Pastor Jack Stone of the First Assembly is pleased to announce special services with Renee Moore on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., and Monday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m.

Moore, who is from Muskogee, Okla., has traveled extensively conducting revival services and ministering in a variety of different churches to various groups, including youth, women and single adults.

She has also conducted music ministries in countries such as Jamaica, Mexico, Russia and Ukraine.

For more information, call 272-3017.

Christmas show set for Dec. 1

The sixth annual performance of "Christmas in the Country" is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m., at Trinity Christian Center Church.

This year's program will include classic Christmas music and Southern Gospel music featuring Reydon Stanford, Kenneth Richards and Sandy Watson of the Anchor Brothers.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted for Muleshoe's Meals on Wheels. Refreshments will be served during intermission. For more information, call 272-3877.

Memory course set for Nov. 22

The next "Master of Memory" lesson will be Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 12:30 p.m. In this lesson, you will learn about medical conditions that may affect your memory but are partially or completely reversible. This lesson will also discuss how grief, depression, stress, lack of sleep, and other disorders may affect your ability to learn and remember things. The six-lesson "Master of Memory" series is sponsored by Oneita Wagnon Senior Center. For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent, Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

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.

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.

Veteran's breakfast

Muleshoe veterans will have their annual Veterans 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.

Annual Harvest Day dinner, bazaar

The Earth United Methodist Church invites you to its annual "Harvest Dinner and Bazaar," on Wednesday Nov. 9. The bazaar will open at 4 p.m. in the church parlor, 303 E. First Street. Serving time for the dinner will be 5-8 p.m. Prices will be \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Take out plates will be available. Everyone is encouraged to enjoy the evening of festive food and fellowship.

Project MAP meeting

The next meeting of Project MAP (Migrant Acceleration Program), sponsored by Muleshoe ISD Migrant Department, is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. at the MHS cafeteria.

The purpose of Project MAP is to help students who need additional or accelerated instruction. Parents are 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 questions.

La siguiente junta de Proyecto MAP (Programa Migrante Acelerado) patrocinado por el Departamento Emigrante del Distrito Escolar de Muleshoe, será el jueves, 10 de nov., 6 p.m. en la cafetería de la High School.

El propósito de Proyecto MAP es de ayudar los estudiantes que necesitan más instrucción adicional o acelerada. Se le anima a los padres que traigan a su/sus hijo/hijos y que se envuelvan más en el crecimiento académico. El énfasis será en la comunicación. Por favor de ponerse en contacto con Margie Alarcon, 272-7325, si necesitan información.

Basketball season tickets available

Basketball season tickets for adults and students are now on sale at the Muleshoe ISD administration office. Tickets are \$12 for students and \$22 for adults. The tickets will enable the holder entrance to all junior high and highschool home basketball games.

Dillman Elementary needs veterans

Dillman Elementary invites Muleshoe area veterans to come spend Nov. 11 with its students. "The kids and I would like for you to come to school and share your time with us," Principal Todd Newberry said. "We would like for you to come and read to us and share some inspiring stories of your service to the nation." Contact Newberry or Linda Trussell at 272-7382 for more information.

EMT classes to be offered

Bailey County EMS will be holding EMT-B classes beginning Jan. 23, 2006. Students must be registered by Jan. 13. For more information contact Chris Thompson at 272-4390.

Sudan seniors to hold dinner

The Sudan Area Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner is set for Nov. 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call before 10:30 a.m. for carryout or delivery. Suggested donation is \$6.

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'Business After Hours' set

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's "Business After Hours" for November is being sponsored by The Spotted Leopard, at 122 E. Ave. B, on Nov. 14, from 5-6:30 p.m. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Chamber manager Amy Young, Angela Babcock, owner of The Spotted Leopard, and chamber board member "Shorty" Flores.

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we can also take the time to express our appreciation to those veterans still with us.

As for words honoring them, the most amazing words penned honoring our veterans and our war dead were delivered on Nov. 19, 1863, by Pres. Abraham Lincoln at the national cemetery of Gettysburg, Pa.

For all of the veterans, both living and dead, who have served this nation and its people in a similar manner, both here at home and on foreign soil, the Muleshoe Journal offers his words in humble appreciation.

"Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.

We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate... we can not consecrate... we can not hallow... this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract.

The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.

It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion... that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain... that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom... and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Thanks again, veterans!

Newspaper website...

Continued from page 1 classified ads. subscriptions and ads may be placed online. Sports highlights Opportunities for advertisers to purchase a link to their websites at a low monthly fee.

At this time, the Journal's website is scheduled to open within the next 30 day.

2005 Harvest guide available

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

The guide can be downloaded from (http://lubbock.tamu.edu) under the "What's New" section.

Bailey County diabetes support group to meet

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m., in the meeting room of the Bailey County Coliseum. The program will be "Oral Medication for Diabetes." This program is free of charge to everyone interested. The Diabetes Support Group meets the third Tuesday of each month. For more information contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County, extension agent, Family and Consumer Sciences at 806-272-4583.

Don't forget the photographs...

All remaining Journal photographs have been moved to the Oneida Wagnon Senior Citizen Center, on Main St., and are available to the public during the center's hours.

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Muleshoe EDC takes action

Continued from page 1 documentation provided for the ongoing Visser Dairy project – an estimated \$6 million waste system project for which the MEDC had already signed the initial documents, didn't fit the criteria noted in the proposed board policy.

King also voiced concerns about a paragraph in the proposed policy that basically would allow the MEDC board to waive parts of the policy at its discretion.

Prior to being pointed out that the proposed policy would cover future applicants and not Visser, Hooten noted that the policy needed a certain amount of flexibility, and said it couldn't cover everything.

King later said the proposed policy was "way more" detailed than he thought it would or should be. "We thought we were

going to be a conduit," he said. "I don't want to drive the boat."

Several other board members expressed similar feelings, including Angeley, who said she felt the city council primarily wanted the MEDC to develop guidelines about how it was going to handle such situations.

In the end, the MEDC consensus was that a work session was needed with its attorney Alan Rhodes, as well as additional guidelines from the city council about what it wished.

In other business, the MEDC board:

- Approved minutes from previous meetings.
- Approved and signed a resolution regarding industrial revenue bonds for the Visser Dairy project.
- Noted that the next MEDC meeting was set for Dec. 1.

Olton church to hold bazaar

The First United Methodist Church of Olton has planned their annual fall bazaar for Saturday, Nov. 19, at the church, located at 312 Ave. D.

Country store hours are 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.. The store will feature crafts, baked and canned goods and frozen casseroles.

The women of the church will be serving a stew and chili lunch, complete with homemade pie.

Serving hours are 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., and will cost \$5.50 for adults and \$3 for children under 10 years of age.

A "Lucky Star" queen or king size quilt, made by the

ladies of the church, will be given away at 1:30 p.m.

Tickets for the drawing are \$2 or six for \$10, and are available from the ladies of the church or at the bazaar.

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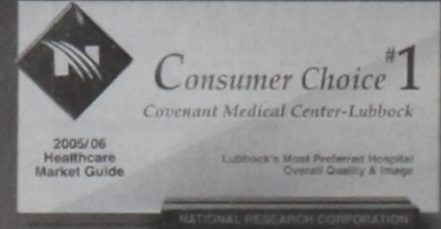
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AND FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS THEREAFTER THE GILEADITE MAIDENS GO UP INTO THE MOUNTAINS, ONCE A YEAR, TO MOURN AND WEEP IN MEMORY OF JEPHTHAH'S DAUGHTER, ALL OF WHICH HAS BEEN RECORDED IN JUDGES, CHAP. 11

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Obituaries

Margaret Collins

Services were held for Margaret Collins on Monday, Oct. 31, at the First Methodist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Monty Leavell and the Rev. Dr. Stacy Connor officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Collins died on Oct. 27, 2005, and was born on Aug. 18, 1915 in Knoxville, Tenn. She moved to Muleshoe with her parents, Carl and Bertha Roach, in 1925, and married Bill Collins on Oct. 31, 1931.

They owned and operated Bill's and Muleshoe Cafe on Main Street from 1933 to 1954, and opened Bill's Drive-in on Hwy. 84 in 1956 and retired in 1979.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Bill, her son-in-law, Donald Harrison and two sisters.

Survivors include three daughters — Billie Jeter of Hereford, Bobbie Harrison of Muleshoe and Bettie



Margaret Collins

Richardson of Austin; three sisters; seven grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the First United Methodist and Progress circle, and a member of the Muleshoe Chapter 792 Order of the Eastern Star.

Memorials may be sent to the Donald Harrison Memorial Fund for Firemen and First Responders, Rt. 3 Box 120, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or the First United Methodist Church.

Nan B. Gatlin

A church service for Nan B. Gatlin, 91, of Muleshoe, is was held Nov. 8, at Trinity Baptist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Bennie Wright officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Cemetery.

Gatlin died Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005, in Park View Nursing Home in Muleshoe. She was born on June 17, 1914, in Gould, Okla., and married Willis Gatlin.

Her husband and five sisters and two brothers preceded Gatlin in death.

Gatlin moved to the Muleshoe community in 1946 from Gould. She was a homemaker and a member of the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

Survivors include two brothers — John H. Sain of Hayden, Idaho, and Walt Sain of Muleshoe; and a sister — Velma Jones of Muleshoe

Marsden Pye, Jr.

A memorial service will be held at a later date for Marsden M. Pye Jr., 74, of Portales, N.M.

Pye died Oct. 6, 2005, at his home in Portales. He was born on Nov. 28, 1930, in Pennsylvania, and graduated from Wattsburg High School in 1948.

During the Korean War, he served with the U.S. Army.

Pye married Sadie Piilani

Allen on Aug. 16, 1973, in Las Vegas, Nevada. He retired in 1996.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother — Clifford Pye; and two sisters — Marietta Perry and Margie Brewer.

Survivors include his wife, Sadie, of the home; a daughter and son-in-law — Malia and Perry Whalin of Amarillo; a sister — Betty Heckler of Pennsylvania; and three grandchildren.

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We had a really busy week this week, our Thanksgiving dinner on Tuesday and Barbara Finney visiting with us on the classes for South Plains college.

We are having great attendance at the center. In October we averaged 73 participants a day for recreation and 68 participants a day for meals. Everyone is enjoying their center. If you have not visited the center, you are missing an enjoyable time.

We will be honoring the senior veterans at our noon meal on Friday, Nov. 11. We invite all senior veterans, 60 and up, to come and join us.

Debbie Crabtree from the Office on Aging and her assistants from SPAG, will begin the sign-up for the Medicare Part D on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

If you have not called Debbie, at 272-3647, for an appointment, please do so now. It will let her know about how many she will have and be able to assist you better.

The sign up begins Tuesday, Nov. 15, and will held through Thursday, Nov. 17. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will be at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, 319 South Main Street.

Our Master Memory Class will not be held on Tuesday Nov. 15, but we will have another one on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

The Bootscooter Band will be playing for the Tuesday night senior dance on Nov. 15. Call your friends and come join us. The music and fellowship is great. The dance is from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. with a break around 8:30 p.m. to share a pot luck supper.

The birthday party will be on Wednesday, Nov. 16. Hopefully, you received a phone call, if you have a birthday in November, reminding you of the party.

W. T and Pat Watson will be entertaining us with their special music.

Thursday, Nov. 17, Tanna Webb with Home Health, will be at the center from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., for blood pressure check and blood sugar content testing.

The computer class will be the second Thursday, Nov. 10, but we will not have a computer class on the fourth Thursday due to Thanksgiving holiday and

the center being closed.

A birthday party honoring Katie Roubinek on her 99th birthday will be Saturday, Nov. 12, beginning at 2 p.m. at the center. All of her friends are invited to come and celebrate with her.

Menu for Nov. 14 - 18:
Monday, Nov. 14 — Baked chicken with mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad, wheat roll, lemon pie.

Tuesday, Nov. 15 — Lasagna, Italian vegetables, tossed salad, garlic rolls, banana pudding.

Wednesday, Nov. 16 — Hot turkey sandwiches, potatoes, mixed greens, tossed salad, cake.

Thursday, Nov. 17 — Hamburger steak, brown gravy, grilled onions, rice, squash, wheat roll, Jello and fruit.

Friday, Nov. 18 — Fish, tator tots, pickles, coleslaw, hush puppies, cobbler.

Military News

Samuel Montes

Marine Corps Pvt. Samuel A. Montes, the son the of Gloria R. and Vince A. Montes of Sudan, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.



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IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS!

The Muleshoe Journal will be printing a special Christmas section devoted to greetings especially written by our readers. We're calling these greetings "A Family Christmas." Ads for this section start at \$45 and we encourage families to include a photo - or two! It's a great way to send Christmas greetings to your neighbors, family and friends.

If you have a baby celebrating his or her first Christmas, let the Muleshoe Journal make it a memorable one by including a special greeting to your little one during this once in a lifetime event! It's sure to be something you'll treasure for decades to come. Call 272-4536 and speak with Leah or Delia about getting your personalized Christmas greeting printed. "A Family Christmas" will appear in the Dec. 22, 2005 edition.

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Sports

Littlefield's 'must win situation' topples the Mules

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

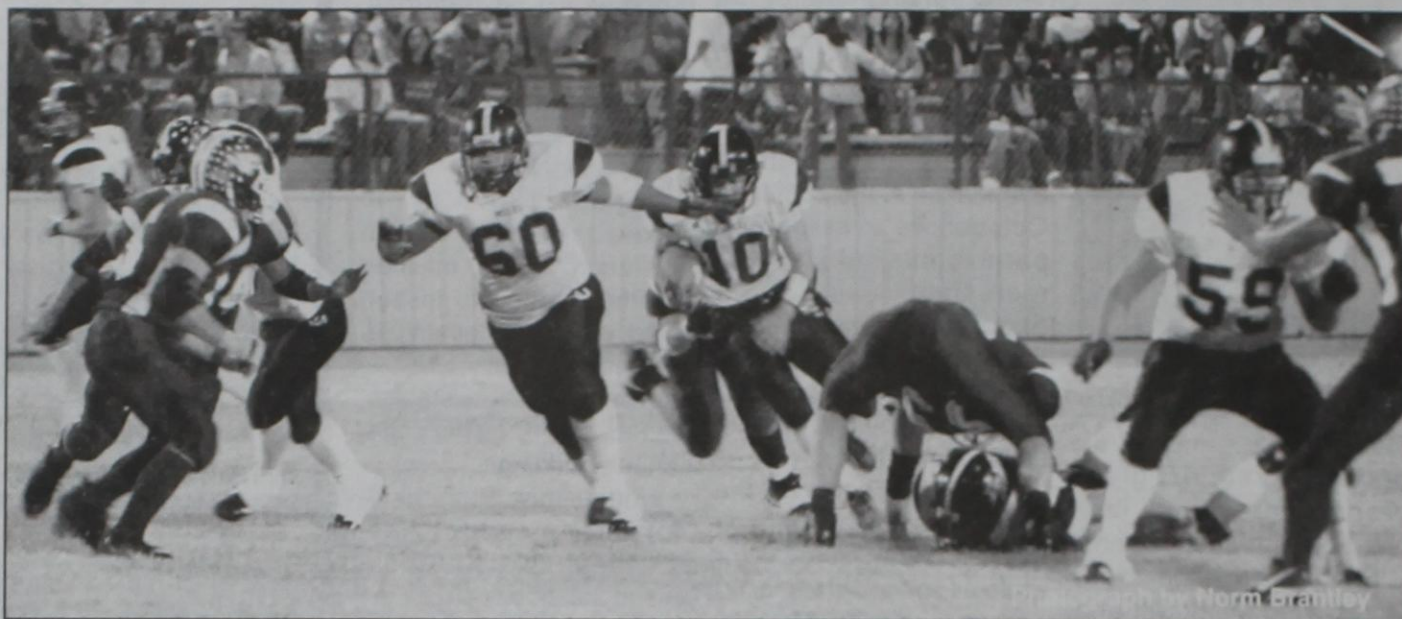
The Littlefield Wildcats found themselves in a must win situation Friday night. The Mules had clinched a playoff berth by defeating the Brownfield Cubs the week before.

The Wildcats had dropped a crucial game to the Levelland Lobos the same night and were staring elimination square in the face. The Wildcats had to not only defeat the Mules but win by more than 12 points to extend their season.

The Wildcats responded by scoring twice in the final period to drop the Mules 30-15. The win earned the Wildcats the right to meet the Borger Bulldogs in a bi-district match.

The Mules had a great week of practice according to Coach David Wood but could not muster the enthusiasm to match the playoff intensity the Wildcats showed Friday night.

"We were uninspired tonight," said Coach Wood. "Littlefield knew their backs



Mule Lorenzo Nunez leads the way for teammate Brant Hamilton during Friday's game.

were against the wall and what they had to do. Coach Huseman is to be congratulated for getting his kids ready for us tonight."

"The bottom line is we are in the playoffs and will meet Perryton next Friday night in Amarillo. Now we have to generate playoff intensity this week as we get ready for the Rangers."

The statistics at the end of the game were almost even with both teams picking up 17 first downs. Littlefield had 329 total yards of offense with 40 rushing attempts for 329 and 57 through the air.

Stephen Viljoen led the

Wildcats with 18 carries for 127 yards and Jonas Camacho had 75 yards on 10 tries. Matt Hall completed four passes for 57 yards.

The Mules had 43 rushes for 255 yards and 47 passing for 302 total yards. Brant Hamilton led the Mules with 24 carries for 135 yards and Brady Black had 17 carries for 109 yards. Hamilton completed four passes for 47 yards.

The Wildcats served notice early by taking the opening kick and stringing together 11 plays for 68 yards. Viljoen capped the drive with a two-yard run and Colby Huseman tacked

on the extra point.

The Mules answered early in the second period with Hamilton capping a six play 63-yard drive. He faked to Black and kept up the middle. When Hamilton reached the defensive secondary he cut to the outside picked up downfield blocking and out ran the defense to the end zone.

Hamilton tossed to Rudy Gonzales for the two-point conversion for the only Muleshoe lead of the night.

The Mule lead only lasted two minutes and 17 seconds. Camacho broke the tie with a nine-yard scamper that completed a seven play 65-yard drive for

the Wildcats. Hall ran for the two-point conversion to give Littlefield a 15-8 half time lead over the Mules.

Hamilton refused to be denied on an 11-yard run for his second TD of the night. Eddie Alvarado knotted the game at 15-15 with the extra point kick. The Mules had

taken advantage of an interception of a Hall toss by Black at the Littlefield 33.

The Wildcats refused to go away and Viljoen scored twice in the final 12 minutes on runs of three and 50 yards to give the Wildcats the points needed to reach the playoffs.

Black led the defense with 10 solo tackles, four assists and an interception. Rigo Mendoza had seven solo tackles and three assists, Logan Caddell had four solo tackles and three assists and Geoff Sirkel had four solo tackles and a sack. Garrett Riley had three solo tackles, one assist, knocked down two passes and intercepted one.

The Mules travel to Amarillo Friday night to meet the (6-4, 3-1) Perryton Rangers in a bi-district match up. The game starts at 8 p.m. in Dick Bivens Stadium.

Pheasant hunt breakfast set

The annual Bailey County EMS Pheasant Hunt breakfast is set for Saturday, Dec. 3, with the doors opening at 5 a.m.

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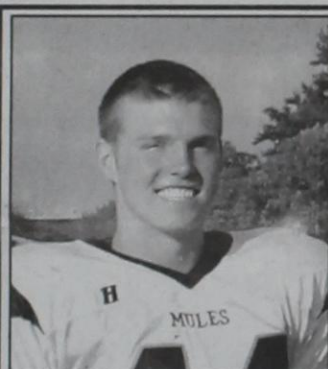
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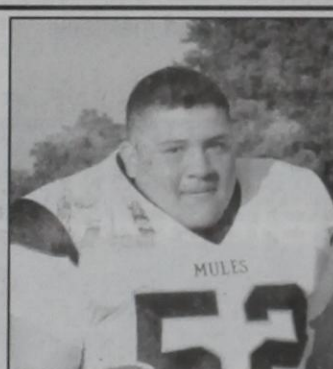
Tickets available

Muleshoe ISD will have advance tickets for the Perryton vs. Muleshoe game on Friday, Nov. 11. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, and available at the MHS office.

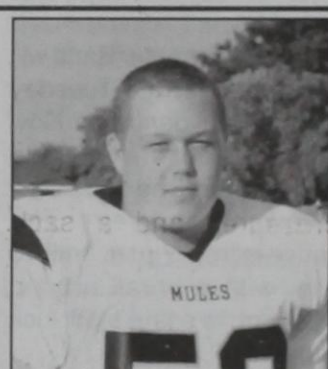
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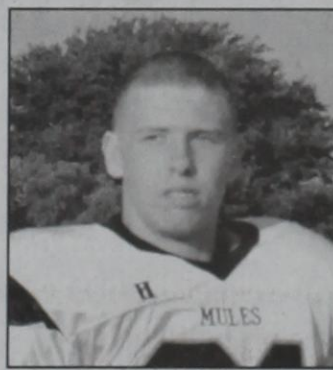


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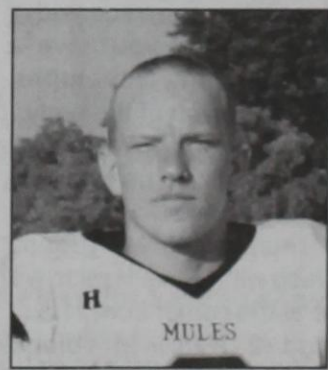


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Sports

Freshman Mules blast the Wildcats in final season game

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The freshman Mules entered the game Thursday afternoon with a perfect 9-0 record. They had rolled over every opponent during the season and had only one obstacle left to defeat. That was the dangerous Littlefield Wildcats.

The Mules kept their season perfect by blasting the Wildcats 55-6.

The Mules returned the opening kick to their 12. They gave the Wildcats a strong dose of Victor Vasquez and Lane Wood on the march to paydirt. Vasquez capped the seven-play drive with a one-yard Hammer to put the Mules up 6-0.

Littlefield returned the ensuing kick to the Wildcat 41

and decided to go for broke on their first play. The Wildcat quarterback threw a bullet from the Shotgun toward a receiver racing behind the Mule defense.

Wes Wood soared to high point the ball and made the grab with his fingertips. The velocity of the ball dropped Wood to the turf on his back but he held on to the ball at the Mule 39.

The Mules ask Lane Wood to carry five consecutive times. L. Wood pounded the ball from the Mule 40 to the Wildcat 15. W. Wood ripped off 13 yards and Vasquez reached paydirt with a two-yard dive. Vasquez added the two-point conversion to push the Mules a head 14-0.

The Mule defense forced Littlefield to go three and out

with a punt that rolled dead on the Mule 16.

The ensuing Mule drive ate the final seconds of the first period and erased two minutes of the second frame. Vasquez reached the Mule 49 on back-to-back carries. W. Wood kept on the option and cut up field off tackle.

A Wildcat made a grab at an ankle and forced W. Wood to put down a hand to regain his balance. Dillon Gallman set him free with a block for the final 30 yards of a 51-yard TD scramble. W. Wood rolled left and found L. Wood in the end zone for the two-point conversion.

The Wildcats only tally came with 23 seconds left in the half. The quarterback scrambled free and launched a prayer to the end zone. The

33-yard toss was caught but the two-point try failed.

Littlefield kicked off deep to Mikey Flores at the 10. Flores returned the kick up the Mule sideline 90 yards. Flores was escorted to mid field by a convoy of Mules. The Mules led 28-6 at the intermission.

Mitchell Forti recovered a Wildcat fumble on the Littlefield 36 as the third quarter began. The Mules took advantage of the miscue with W. Wood scoring on a 33-yard option. W. Wood connected with Austin Wright for the two-point conversion to push the Mule lead to 36-0.

The Wildcats could not get their offense untracked against the Mule defense in the second half. The Mules allowed the Littlefield punt to roll dead at the Mule 47.

Ray Ramirez capped the 53-yard drive with a 14-yard scamper up the middle to make the Mule lead 46-6.

Vasquez picked off a Littlefield pass and a holding penalty after the interception stopped the return at the Littlefield 32. Wright went up the middle for 11 yards to end

the third period.

Flores took a pitch wide around right end and lowered a shoulder to bowl over a defender. He gained 22 yards to the Wildcat one. Ramirez was hit at the goal line and spun in for the score. Roman Martinez tacked on the extra point.

Vasquez ended all scoring by returning a Wildcat punt from the Mule 42 to paydirt. He picked his way through the defense as the Mules mowed a path for Vasquez.

These young Mules bring a lot of promise to Muleshoe's football program for years to come.

JV Mules skin the Wildcats

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mules pitched a shutout to the Littlefield Wildcats in their final game of the season. The Mules skinned the Wildcats 35-0 in front of a large crowd of Mule fans.

The Mules stopped the opening drive of the Wildcats at the Littlefield 38. Jared Mendoza sniffed out the fake punt attempt by the Wildcats and dropped the punter for an eight-yard loss. The Mules took over on the Wildcat 30.

Colton Heinrich went 11 yards on a blast up the middle on the Mules opening play. Dusty Clayton gained five yards and was brought down by his facemask. The penalty moved the Mules to the Littlefield 11.

Clayton capped the six-play drive with a fake up the middle to Heinrich and then went wide left for the TD. Clayton connected with Mendoza in the end zone for the two-point conversion to put the Mules up 8-0 in the first period.

Littlefield returned the ensuing kick to the Wildcat 41 and quickly drove into Mule territory. The Mule defense stiffened at the Muleshoe 31. A quarterback sneak gained two yards.

Heinrich crashed though the line and grabbed a handful of jersey to drop the quarterback for a two-yard loss on the next play. Colby Carpenter had perfect position on pass coverage and batted the ball away from the receiver on third and 10.

Adam Zamora and Mendoza teamed up on a stop that gave the Mules the ball on downs at the Muleshoe 29.

Elias Alvarado picked up three yards on a sweep. Zamora settled into a hole in the Wildcat secondary and Clayton delivered him a

strike. Zamora was yanked down by his facemask. The penalty moved the Mules to the Littlefield 30.

Clayton kept on an option around the left side. As he turned the corner he lit the rocket and flew 30 yards for the Mules second TD of the first period. The Mules led 14-0 at the quarter break.

The Wildcats had driven to the Mule 35 before Heinrich blew up an option pitch. Patrick Precure covered the ball for the Mules on the Muleshoe 42. The Mules returned the favor with a fumble on the Littlefield 25.

Alvarado and Austin Thomas stopped the Wildcats two-yards short of a first down. Tony Guzman and Nick Brewster plugged up the middle and threw the Wildcats back three yards. Doc Fullmer rushed the punter and got a hand on the ball.

The partial block gave the Mules position on the Wildcat 47. Clayton gained nine yards on first down and then connected with Zamora for 14 more. Alvarado moved the Mules ahead to the Littlefield 20. Heinrich led Clayton through the hole in the Wildcat defense for a 20-yard TD jaunt.

AB Flores booted the ensuing kick to the Wildcat goal line. Clayton raced down field to drop the return man on the five-yard line.

The Wildcats fumbled on their 29 and Mendoza recovered for the Mules. Clayton faked up the middle to Heinrich and pitched wide right on the option to Alvarado.

The Mules cut down the Wildcat defenders as Alvarado scooted 25 yards for a TD. Clayton tossed to Heinrich for the two points and put the Mules up 28-0 at the half.

The Mules added their final

tally late in the third period. The Mules forced Littlefield to punt and the ball rolled dead on the Mule 44.

Clayton connected with Carpenter on a curl at the Wildcat 27. Carpenter slipped out of the grasp of the safety and zipped to paydirt for a 56-yard catch and run. Alvarado tacked on the extra point to put the Mules up 35-0 and end all scoring.

Mendoza led the defense with 14 tackles and Guzman and Alvarado had eight apiece. Zamora, Heinrich and Carpenter each had seven tackles. Alvarado picked off a pass and Mendoza caused a fumble, recovered a fumble, and had three quarterback pressures and a sack. Heinrich caused a fumble and Precure recovered a fumble.

The Mules went 8-1-1 on the season and displayed great improvement in execution and gained confidence in themselves as the season progressed. The JV Mules will join the varsity for the playoffs and travel to Amarillo Friday night to meet Perryton.

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Getting Ready For Winter!

I scratched up this old scarf from under the bottom of my nest.

What are you and your family doing to get ready for winter? People have to prepare for the period of time when the temperature drops. In some places, the ground freezes and the rain turns to snow and ice!
 Indian Summer is a time in the fall when the weather warms up again after the first frost. It is a good time to finish all the chores that we need to do around the house to get ready for the coming winter.

People are getting ready for winter. Animals must prepare too! They seem to know just what to do!

Snakes simply slither into and snuggle in their dens.

Read these clues to fill in the crossword puzzle to find out what some creatures do:

1. carry seeds in their cheek pouches for storage
 2. eat and eat, put on layers of fat before they sleep
 3. make a cocoon before winter, emerge as moths
 4. the fur of snowshoe _____ changes color to white
 5. grow thicker coats of fur and wander in the woods
 6. bury themselves into the mud
 7. many of these die, but their eggs are on leaves or in the ground ready to hatch in the spring
 8. they live, sleep and eat in their hives
 9. waddle into their hollow logs
 10. slither deep into dens under the ground

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Speaking of blends...can you find and circle 12 words on this page that begin with these consonant blends: sc, sk, sl, sn, sp, and st?

Hey! I ordered an all-white fur so I could blend in with the snow!

I'd better go store this pile of acorns.

Digging It Out!

At the end of the fall season we have to unbox winter clothes and dig out shovels. Some of us will need shovels to dig out of the snow! **Find and circle things that we are digging out:**

storm windows snowblowers shovels
 quilts snowpants sand mittens
 blankets boots hats jackets
 scarves snow tires antifreeze

Can you dig up last year's sweater?

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Checklist of Chores!

What are you and your family doing now that winter is coming? Some people are covering plants in their gardens. Kids are pulling out their sweaters and jackets from under their beds and the bottom of their closets! **Read the checklist below. Put a check in the boxes if you know someone who is:**

1. cooking larger, hot meals? 7. bringing plants or small trees in pots into the house for winter?
 2. canning or freezing foods?
 3. vacationing in warmer areas?
 4. lining the attic to slow the loss of heat?
 5. harvesting a garden or field? 10. cutting and stacking firewood?
 6. watching the first flurries of snow? 11. taking a boat out of the water?
 12. having the furnace checked and cleaned?

Baby Shower

Jaimie Clark honored

Jaimie Elizabeth Clark, the daughter of Joshua Clark and Stephanie Pierson was honored with a baby shower on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Hubert H. Kidd Community Room. Hostesses for the event were Jacque Boutell, Paulette Foster, Tonya Gartin, Colleen Hailey, Patti Kent, Melinda Locke, Felicia Mumau, Cindy Pena, Danna Perez, Margaret Quintana, Clea Robertson, Sharla Saylor and Margie Silguero. Among the gifts received were an Evenflo Citi-tour double stroller.



STEPHANIE AND JAIMIE CLARK

Special guests attending included Zoie Pierson, Jaimie's big sister; Brenda Clark, her grandmother; Margaret Stevens, her great-grandmother; Billie Ruth Clark, her great-grandmother; and June Whitson and Tandy Clark, her great-aunts

Lamplight

By Larry Thornton

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names, and with small American flags mounted on either side of it.

The seven-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning, Pastor," Alex replied, still focused on the plaque.

"Pastor, what is this?" he asked the pastor.

The pastor said, "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear, asked, "Which service, the 9:45 or the 11:45?"

I got a kick out of above piece when I received it in an email this past week, but when you get to thinking about it, there's something that's a little scary about it as well.

It's the thought that for one reason or another the names of the men and women who served our country might be remembered, but what it means to "serve" in such a manner won't be.

Yes, we've got the latest military actions in the middle east to help us define "service." And our men and women who are currently serving or have served in the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan are well deserving of honor and our appreciation.

But there are things about each military conflict in which this nation has taken part that separates it from the others. And now, as the years pass, there are quite

a few former service personnel who are disappearing from our ranks, and with them are disappearing some of the ideals that lead them to stand in uniform for our country... and some of the wartime experiences that changed them for the decades that followed.

When you look around, do you see all of the men who returned to talk about the horrors of trench warfare in World War I? No, for the most part, except for the recordings of history, the things this group suffered through as they served our nation are gone.

Likewise, the ranks of our military who carried the flag and ideals of our nation through the battlegrounds and across the oceans of World War II, and later through the fields of Korea

are thinning rapidly. As this Veterans Day rolls around, let us remember that in the 13th chapter of Romans, God tells us it is right for us to submit to government authority — as long as such service does not oppose God's law — and this includes taking part in military service. And in the 21st chapter of Judges, we see how the men of Israel were conscripted into military service.

How then, can a Christian oppose such service, speak dishonorably of those who took part in military service, or allow themselves to forget what this service meant.

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers..." 1 John 3:16, NIV.

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Hospital Report

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

- Oct. 27 — Jerry Gonzalea.
- Oct. 28 — No report.
- Oct. 29 — No report.
- Oct. 30 — No report.
- Oct. 31 — No report.
- Nov. 1 — Kelly Heinrich, Hyrum Orcutt
- Nov. 2 — Clara Flores, Wanda Griffin, Barbara Lewis and Ramona Sanchez.

Wildlife Refuge News

On Nov. 1, Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge had 14,000 sandhill cranes on Goose Lake and White Lake, and approximately 10,000 ducks on the refuge. Grulla National Wildlife Refuge, located at the Bailey-Roosevelt County line is harboring an estimated 125,000 sandhill cranes.

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Cox Farms, Morton	8	Mxd. bulls	268 lbs.	at \$192.50
Cox Farms, Morton	10	Mxd. bulls	312 lbs.	at \$110.00
Cox Farms, Morton	7	Mxd. bulls	388 lbs.	at \$139.00
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EDR Cattle, Whiteface	10	Char. str.	624 lbs.	at \$110.00
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Cox Farms, Morton	8	Mxd. hfrs	222 lbs.	at \$140.00
Cox Farms, Morton	7	Mxd. hfrs	302 lbs.	at \$129.00
Ginger Byrum, Plains	4	Mxd. hfrs	384 lbs.	at \$126.00
Ginger Byrum, Plains	3	Mxd. hfrs	538 lbs.	at \$119.00
J.D. Cage, Muleshoe	14	Mxd. hfrs	415 lbs.	at \$135.00
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EDR Cattle, Whiteface	8	Char. hfrs	609 lbs.	at \$105.00
EDR Cattle, Whiteface	5	Char. hfrs	736 lbs.	at \$96.00
QW Cattle, Muleshoe	14	Blk. hfrs	763 lbs.	at \$105.00
David Hough, Friona	4	Mxd. hfrs	965 lbs.	at \$89.50
Bill Bradley, Amherst	2	Blk. pairs		\$1085.00
Bill Bradley, Amherst	1	Blk. cow P8		\$930.00
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Larry Carter, Levelland	1	Blk. cow	1555 lbs.	at \$47.00
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Trueman M. Nix

Trueman Nix was in building construction for years and later owned a heating and air conditioning company. He is now a resident of Parkview. On October 17, 2005, he was 85 years old.

He served in the U.S. Army, Company "E" of the 398th Regiment Corps of Engineers during World War II, from March 16, 1943 to Oct. 6, 1945. He boarded the ocean liner the "Queen Mary" which was being used as a troop transport at Pier 10, New York Harbor on July 4, 1943, to sail to Glasgow, Scotland. Then, he was stationed in England, France, Belgium, Germany and Italy. He fought at the Battle of the Bulge under General George S. Patton and was in the second group of soldiers to land on the beach at the Normandy Invasion.

Among the honors he received were a Bronze star for the Northern France Campaign, a Bronze star for the Rhineland Campaign, Silver stars for liberation of concentration camps, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbons, Marksmanship medals, and Good Conduct Medal.

Nix married Frances Slayton in Seymour on June 14, 1941. Frances died March 15, 2001.

They had two daughters, Teresa Nix of Dallas and Beverly and Dennis Tumey of Muleshoe. Among his grandchildren are: Monty Tumey, and Melinda and Chris Locke of Sudan. Chelsea and Branden Locke of Sudan are his great-grandchildren.

Nix was among the soldiers who were assembled to watch war hero and film star Audie Murphy receive the French Legion of Merit from the French government.



Lewis W. Shafer

Lewis Wayne Shafer served in the U.S. Navy from 1955 to 1957, the period between the Korean War and the Viet Nam War, aboard the minesweeper USS Lucid.

He is married, has three children and four grandchildren, and farms in the Needmore community.



Raleigh Mason

Staff Sergeant Raleigh Mason served in the Army Air Corps with the 340th Bomb Group, 486th Bomb Squadron. He was a turretgunner on a B-25 aircraft.

His plane was shot down while on a mission to bomb enemy gun positions at Rovereto, Italy on April 4, 1945. The aircraft met with exceptionally heavy and accurate enemy anti-aircraft fire which damaged the air ship to such an extent that it was unable to hold its altitude and stay in formation.

The aircraft called to the formation that there were wounded on board and that they were going to attempt a crash landing in enemy territory. Afterward, the crew was taken

prisoner and classified as missing. They spent the rest of the war in a prisoner of war camp in Germany.

Among the battles and campaigns in which Mason was engaged were: Rome-Arno, North Apennines, Air Combat Balkans, and the Southern France Campaign.

He was awarded a Good Conduct Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with four Bronze Stars, Overseas medal, and an Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters.

After the war, Sgt. Mason returned to Snyder, and married his high school sweetheart, Laurantette Hawkins and farmed and ranched in the Snyder area.

The Masons moved to Muleshoe in the 1950s, where he also farmed until his retirement.

The Masons have two daughters — Beckye Conklin, who is married to Norris Conklin of Muleshoe, and Sheryl Sullivan of Waxahachie.

The Masons have four grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Heidel of Eau Claire, Wis., Mason Conklin of Norman, Okla., Jason Sullivan of Dallas, and Jacob Mustafa who is currently serving in the Armed Forces.

Mason died on July 21, 2005. He was extremely proud to have served his country.



Richard Chitwood

Richard Dee Chitwood served in the U.S. Army from August 1968 to August 1970, including a tour of duty as a 1st Lieutenant during the Vietnam War in Saigon.

He was awarded the Bronze Star.

Chitwood graduated from Lazbuddie high School, received a bachelor of science from Texas A&M, and a masters from Texas Tech University.

He is married Sandra Busch in 1968, and they have two children — Kristin Duncan of Grapevine and Doug Chitwood of San Angelo. They also have one granddaughter — Haley Chitwood, also of San Angelo.

After his service, Chitwood operated a peach and pecan orchard outside Wichita Falls, and is currently farming and teaching high school science at Bovina.



John L. Purdy Jr.

John L. Purdy Jr. served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1947, and from 1950 to 1951.

Among the WWII conflicts in which he took part were the Invasion of Europe and the Battle of the Bulge. He fought in France, Belgium and Germany. Later, he served stateside as an instructor during the Korean War.

Purdy was awarded the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct medal, the presidential Citation for Victory in Europe medal, the WWII victory medal, and three European Campaign medals.

Prior to his death, Purdy was married to his wife Frances for 52 years. They had two sons — Bruce, who is a physician in Muleshoe, and Cary, who is deceased; two daughters-in-laws — Cindy and Debra, and three grandsons — Aaron, Tyson and Derek.

Purdy worked in the ginning business for many years, and ran the XIT Drive In Theater for 10 years before retiring.



J.K. Adams

J.K. Adams served in the U.S. Navy and saw action in WWII. His naval base was Corpus Christi and he was engaged in antisubmarine duty as Captain of the YP148 during the battle of Attu and Kiska.

At one point, he was on antisubmarine patrol in sight of Kiska while that island (located in the Aleutians) was being recaptured from the Japanese.

Adams made Captain of PARB C9445 after six months of service in the Aleutians. He was then promoted to Captain of YP148 after seven more months in the Aleutians. He entered submarine training and was made ensign in the U.S. Navy in 1942.

From there, Adams made Lieutenant Junior Grade and then Navy Lieutenant.

He attended submarine training in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, but was injured and honorably discharged in 1945.

Adams currently lives in Muleshoe with his wife, the former Margaret McMillan, who he married upon finishing officer training at Northwestern in 1942.

The Adams have two children, Joyce Beadle, born in 1946, and Joe Adams, born in 1948.

Adams was hired by Bailey County to serve as county agent where he served for 27 years before retiring.



Joe B. Stevenson

Joe Bob Stevenson served in the U.S. Army Reserve from Aug. 1, 1968 until May 31, 1970.

He served in Viet Nam with the 4th Infantry Division, 4th Administration Company, Judge Advocate General, and received a Sharp Shooter medal and a Good conduct medal.

Stevenson is the son of Elton Stevenson and Vivian Harris Stevenson White. He is married to Sheila Stevenson, has two daughters — Katie Akens and Tessa Stevenson, and one granddaughter — Megan Stevenson.

Stevenson worked with the King Grain company for 33 years, and is currently with New Tex Feedyard of Friona.



Alfredo Anzaldua

Alfredo Anzaldua served in the U.S. Air Force, after completing basic training at San Antonio followed by training at Biloxi, Miss.

He was stationed at Omaha, Neb., for two years, Itaklion, Crete, for 18 months, during the Vietnam War.

Anzaldua was born in 1954 to Noe and Viola Anzaldua, and has been married to Mariann Madrid for 33 years. Their son, Audree, was born while they were stationed in Nebraska. Anzaldua has two grandsons.



Ray B. Reed

Ray Belton "Mack" Reed, deceased, served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He served as a Combat Infantryman in the 12th Cavalry Division. Mr. Reed was involved in the following battles and campaigns: Bismark Archipelago, New Guinea GO 4 WD 45, Southern Philippines and Luzon GO 33 WD 45.

For his service Reed was honored with the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Bronze Stars.

After his tour of duty ended, Mr. Reed was a farmer and barber in Sudan and Muleshoe. He was born March 23, 1913 in Wichita Falls and died Dec. 9, 1997 in the Farwell Convalescent Center. At the time of his death, he was married to Ruby Lillian Thomas who he had married Oct. 12, 1956. Mr. Reed had two stepdaughters, Rosemary Bell of Muleshoe and Gloria LeVeque of Amarillo. He also has six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



Elias Anzaldua Jr.

Elias Noe Anzaldua Jr. was born in 1934 in Merced, and married Viola Anzaldua in 1953. In 1957, they moved to Muleshoe.

Anzaldua served with the U.S. Army in Germany, during the Korean War, January 1953 to December 1955.

His basic training was with the 4th Armor Division at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Elias and Viola have two sons — Alfredo and Rogelio; and two daughters — Noemi Anzaldua Garza and Noelia Anzaldua Rodriguez; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



Rogelio Anzaldua

Rogelio Noe Anzaldua was born in 1956 to Noe and Viola Anzaldua at Merced, and married Rosemarie Fabela in 1977.

He served with the U.S. Army from December 1973 until November 1976, after receiving his basic training at Fort Polk, La., and additional training at Fort Knox, Ky.

At one point, Anzaldua was serving overseas at Geouppingen, Germany.

Rogelio and Rosemarie have a daughter, Kimberly, a son, Jason, and one granddaughter, Hailey.

Time and again, our country's veterans have been on the front lines in defense of our freedom. On Veterans Day, we take this opportunity to say thank you to the brave souls who have served in our Armed Forces.



Gary A. Sirkel

Gary Alan Sirkel served in the U.S. Marine Corps during Desert Storm.

He was awarded a Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Service Navy Achievement Medal, Cold War Medal, and a Liberation of Kuwait Presidential Unit Citation.

Sirkel has been happily married for more than 21 years to Sandy Sirkel. They have four children — N Stephanie, Geoffrey, Samuel and Kail. Gary also has one grandchild, Mallory Grace Sirkel.

Sirkel is currently a loan officer for First National Mortgage Sources.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe, and coaches in the Muleshoe Football League.



Billy D. Bell

Sergeant Billy Dan Bell, deceased, served in the U.S. Army, 4th Army Area, 223rd Infantry Regiment as a Personnel Clerk in the Korean Conflict. He was awarded the Presidential Award, the Occ. Medal (Japan), Korean Service Medal W/1 Bronze Service Star, and the UN Service Medal. His separation point was Ft. Hood, Texas.

Mr. Bell was inducted into the U.S. Army Ready Reserve (active status) Oct. 5, 1950 and was transferred to the Army Reserve Sept. 26, 1952. He was honorably discharged on Sept. 18, 1956 by authority of "AR 135-133 and paragraph 3a, SR 140-177-1."

Mr. Bell died June 10, 1979. He was born Feb. 23, 1928 in Vernon (Wilbarger Co.), Texas to Loy Wayne "Pop" and Lillian "Gran" Bell. He was one of nine siblings. He married Rosemary Stinson Dec. 31, 1954 and had four children: Stephen, Sharla, Lynda and Leah.

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Thank A Veteran Today

Veteran's Day November 11, 2005

Armistice Day officially became a holiday in the United States in 1926, and a national holiday 12 years later. On June 1, 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans. In 1968, new legislation changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

*God Bless Those Who Serve
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Veteran's Day Facts

Tomb of the Unknowns

Official, national ceremonies for Veterans Day center around the Tomb of the Unknowns. To honor these men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army honor guard, the 3d U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), keeps day and night vigil. At 11 a.m. on November 11, a combined color guard representing all military services executes "Present Arms" at the tomb. The nation's tribute to its war dead is symbolized by the laying of a presidential wreath and the playing of "Taps."

Unknown Soldier Identified

On Memorial Day (which honors U.S. service people who died in action) in 1958, two more unidentified American war dead, one from World War II and the other from the Korean War, were buried next to the unknown soldier of World War I.

A law was passed in 1973 providing interment of an unknown American from the Vietnam War, but because of the improved technology to identify the dead, it was not until 1984 that an unidentified soldier was buried in the tomb.

In 1998, however, the Vietnam soldier was identified through DNA tests as Michael Blassie, a 24-year-old Air Force pilot who was shot down in May of 1972 near the Cambodian border. His body was disinterred and reburied by his family in St. Louis, Missouri.

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Bailey County Extension Office News

Coloring your child's plate with fruits and veggies

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

Most of us know that eating fruits and vegetables are important for good health. Unfortunately the majority of us, including children, are not consuming enough of these nutrient-rich foods. In fact, an estimated eight out of every 10 children are not getting the five servings of fruits and vegetables recommended each day. "And, as many as one-third of the vegetables that children are eating are potatoes," notes Jenna Anding, PhD, RD, LD, and associate professor and Nutrition Specialist with the Texas Cooperative Extension.

The lack of a variety of fruits and vegetables in the diets of children is a concern to nutrition and health professionals because these future adults may be missing out on important vitamins, minerals, and phytochemicals. "Phytochemicals are unique compounds found only in plant foods," says Anding. "Emerging research suggests that many phytochemicals can promote health and may even prevent chronic diseases such as heart disease and certain forms of cancer."

What can parents do to help their children eat more

fruits and vegetables? "First, the whole family needs to commit to the goal of eating at least five servings of fruits and vegetables each day," says Anding. Other tips to encourage fruit and vegetable consumption include:

- Keep a bowl of fresh fruit on the counter top for quick snacks.
- While preparing dinner, snack on crunchy vegetables and low-fat dip.
- Add fruits and vegetables to favorite foods. Examples include carrot "coins" added to chicken soup, sliced peaches on top of breakfast cereal, and mashed bananas or grated zucchini in bread.
- Let children take a role in the fruits and vegetables that are served at mealtime. When possible, let them help plan meals and prepare fruits and vegetables.
- For young children, make eating fruits and vegetables fun. Each day, eat fruits and vegetables that begin with a

letter of the alphabet. For example, on one day feature the letter "C" and offer cantaloupe, carrots, or cauliflower.

Don't be surprised if children refuse new vegetables the first time they are offered. Research suggests that forcing or bribing a child to eat vegetables probably doesn't work in the long run. Studies show that repeated exposure is a good way of getting

Getting children to eat more fruits and vegetables can be a challenge, but the rewards are great. The foods children eat today may very well affect the foods they eat tomorrow as well as their health in years to come.

For more tips to help encourage children to eat more fruits and vegetables, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent, Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-272-4583.



This is only a representative selection of the county's many veterans who have gone ahead, and whose service is appreciated.

Engagement



Hurt, Piercy engaged

Tommy and Kate Hurt of Matadore are proud to announce the engagement and approaching wedding of their daughter, Amanda Jane, to Joshua Piercy, the son of Ken and Rhonda Williams of Sudan.

The prospective bride is the granddaughter of Thomas and Dora Hurt of Matador and the late Manley and Ruby Thompson.

The prospective groom's grandparents are John and C.A. Williams of Sudan, and the late Bud and Carolyn Piercy.

The wedding has been set for Dec. 17, at the First Baptist Church of Matador.

Both are students at South Plains College.

Dillman Elementary needs veterans

Dillman Elementary Newberry said. "We would like for you to come and read to us and share some inspiring stories of your service to the nation." Contact Newberry or Linda Trussell at 272-7382 for more information.

Publication of Obituaries

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information: date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren) will be included; and where memorials may be directed. We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid. Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home.



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Sports

Lady Mules cross country team competes in UIL meet

The Lady Mule cross-country team finished 22nd in the UIL Region I Meet held in Lubbock's May Simmons Park Saturday. Canyon, Decatur and Perryton took the top three

spots on the two-mile course with team average times of 12 minutes and 15.08 seconds, 12:32.64 and 12:50.62 respectively. Lupita Andrade led the Lady Mules with a 51st

place finish with a time of 13:37.08. Ashley Grumbles ran 107 with a time of 14:47.03 and Kelsy Tipps followed her with a 14:47.99. Amy Withrow took 128th

place with a 15:10.71 and Renessia Hernandez finished in 129th with a 15:11.66. Sarah Sexton rounded out the Lady Mules with 145th place with a time of 16:06.05.

Club News

Muleshoe Student Community Action Club meets

The Student Community Action Club met Oct. 20 at Muleshoe High School during lunch.

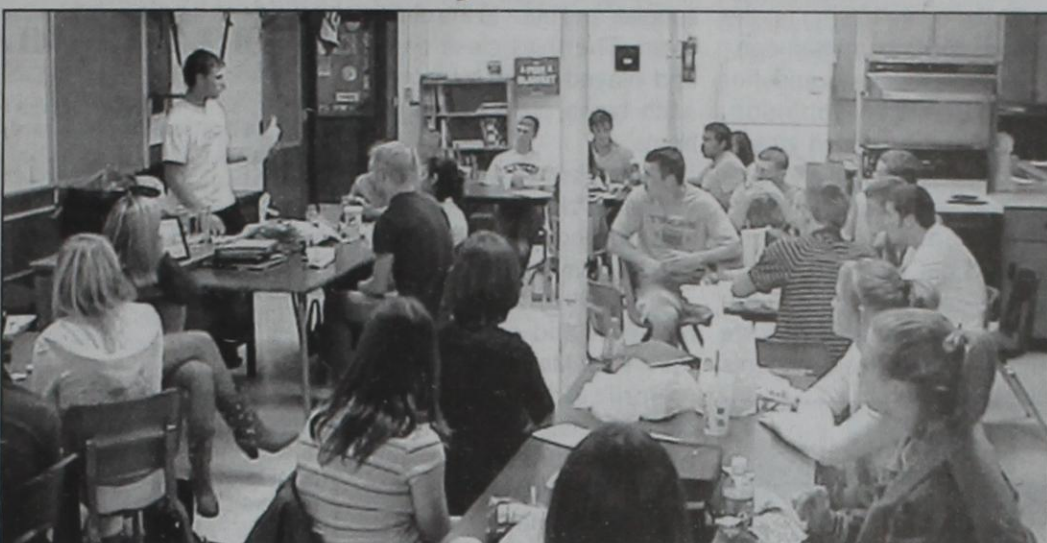
The SCAC president, Brady Black, called the meeting to order.

Black also read a thank you letter from Mrs. Allison thanking SCAC for nominating her for the Channel 6 Award.

The organization also discussed the following committee reports:

- Fundraising report, given by Myles James.
- Project report, given by Brady Black.
- Shirt report, given by Kate Lepard.

The Citizen of the Month for October was Donna Kirk,



SCAC president Brady Black conducts the October SCAC meeting.

who works with the Bailey County Food Pantry.

The treasurer, Myles James, presented the guest with a gift in

appreciation for her work.

SCAC will meet at the Heritage House to decorate the Jane's Ranch House for Christmas.

The next official meeting will be held on Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m., in the home of Abby Lawrence.

Publication of announcement in the Muleshoe Journal

The Muleshoe Journal invites your news of weddings, engagements, showers, anniversaries and births.

In order to be fair to everyone, we must limit the amount of space for certain events.

For weddings and quinceaneras 25 column inches, which includes a photo if desired, will be the limit. If the photo and announcement run longer, we reserve the right to eliminate parts of the story or the person placing the article may indicate which portions may be left out. However, if a longer write-up is desired, it may be purchased in the form of an ad.

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Birth announcements with one-column photos are run free of charge with names of immediate family, including grandparents and great-grandparents. Please understand that the permission of both parents is required for a birth announcement to be published.

Small stories describing showers are run free of charge after the fact and may include the names of the principals, items served at the showers, a brief description of the decor and the names of special or out-of-town guests.

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An Open Letter to the Citizens of Muleshoe and Environs



green and full of life being now only a somber dead gray, combined with the overwhelming stench left an indelible impression in my mind. We managed by navigating a circuitous route to get to our street. The home where my wife and I had raised our family was accessible only by struggling past downed trees, wrecked cars and a thick layer of filth unimagined. It was not even possible to attempt to look inside. My heart sank lower than the power lines strewn about the streets. I know someone was praying for me, because it was beyond my strength to endure the labor ahead.

The next day I plunged myself into the work at hand, long days gutting out the houses of those who had been more fortunate and still had possessions to save. I slept and ate where I could, and MRE's became the blue plate special of every day. It was several weeks before I was again able to get to our home to begin the arduous cleanup that I had performed for others until that time.

Things have improved since those first few weeks. I have managed to salvage a few impervious items from the front of the house, the mementos of a lifetime of love and labor. The toxic, salty waters have destroyed anything the least bit absorbent, and all things metal. I consider each item one more thing than nothing, and am grateful for each.

A handful of neighbors have trickled in, most just to attempt to salvage something, and vowing not to return. The streets are mostly cleared for traffic, but the green spaces where children once played are now covered in piles of debris thirty feet high and hundreds of yards long. It is still utterly dark at night and an eerie silence has replaced the songs of formerly abundant birds. The stench has somewhat abated, but clouds of choking dust hang in the air. However, to the trained eye, things are slowly improving nonetheless.

With that said, it is time for me to recall my wife and children from their high plains sanctuary. The separation has become almost unbearable for me and I need their help and motivation to try to rebuild our lives together. To know that they were safe and in a place where food, water and normal services were available was a great comfort to me. To know that they were surrounded by caring people who have helped to make life as normal as possible for them is something for which I am eternally grateful.

I know that Jesus Christ walks the earth today, for I have seen Him in the hearts, minds and hands of the people of West Texas.

Thank you again, and may God bless you beyond your capacity to receive.

Jay Ridolfo
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Nursing Home News

Thursday morning, the cooking class decorated sugar cookies for the "Hee Haw" fest on Friday afternoon.

The residents having birthdays were feted with a party Thursday afternoon. Among the residents who were honored were Alliene Lasiter, Cynthia Crawford, Nathan Bommer, Ardith Long, Argilee Millen and Virginia Barrett.

Volunteers Plus and the activity department hosted the event. Decorators Floral provided fresh flowers corsages and boutonnières. Lasting Impressions gave each birthday resident a beanie baby with a matching balloon attached. Liz Howard provided entertainment. Our many thanks to Jan Crawford, Pat Prater, Marilyn Wilson, Dianne Brown and Joan Lewis for assisting with serving.

Friday afternoon, the "Hee Haw" fest was kicked off with the judging of costumes, and the announcement of Mr. and Mrs. Mosley as the winners for the Mr. & Mrs. Hee Haw contest.

Ruth Clements, Earl Tarkington and Marlina Mosley won the award for best costumes among the residents, and Joy Radford, Liz Worm, Sherrie Keithlay and D.J. Domingues were the winners for the employees. Gerald Shanks, Ann Sinclair, Presley Newton and Terry Kemp set the mood for a "hee haw" good time with their music and song.

Marilyn Wilson, Volunteer Plus and the activity department hosted the fest. Refreshments of corn dogs, pig skins, decorated cookies, candy corn, and Mountain Dew were served. Out thanks to Joan Lewis, Marilyn Wilson,

Peggy Dent and Dianne Brown for helping with the event, and also for participating. We had a surprise visit from Helen the witch, who rode in on her broom and than vanished.

Saturday morning, Buster Kittrell came to cut the men's hair and visit.

Butch Vandiver called bingo at the bingo bash Saturday afternoon.

The Muleshoe Church of Christ directed a communion service Sunday morning.

The Farwell Church of God in Christ came to sing for the residents Sunday afternoon.

Brenda Lackey, and her aide Brenda Robinson, brought their third grade reading class to visit and "trick or treat" the residents Friday afternoon. The students handed out their art work of jack-o-lanterns to the residents. Thirteen very polite and well-mannered students

were welcomed to Park View.

Amber Fuller and her F.C.S. classes visited Park View Monday afternoon. The first class played dominoes and Skip-Bo with the residents and put up some decorations. Ms. B class came at 2:00 and assisted the residents in getting ready for Trick or Treating the department heads. The residents wore fine and creative hats, made and created by the FCS classes. The students pushed the residents to each trick or treat supplier and back to the dining room. The third class came and played bingo and gave each bingo player a bag of treats.

Doris Palmer brought her mother to bingo and assisted with the Bingo Bash, Saturday and Monday afternoon.

Juan Chavez visited the residents and employers at Park View Monday.

April Smith and her computer lab class of MHS, typed and printed the Nov. activity calendars, delivered them on Monday.

Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard from the Earth Methodist Church came Tuesday and conducted a devotional praise and music service with the residents. The Hubbards visited several of the residents in their rooms before and after the service.

Pat Watson, Dolores Garrett, Jan Crawford, Mary Jo Burge and Eva Nell Dale came Tuesday afternoon to shampoo and set the ladies hair.

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

Following Coffee Time, Buster Kittrell, Loyce Killingsworth, James and Ann Sinclair and Anna B. Lane directed our devotional and singspiration time.

The resident and family Thanksgiving meal is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 5:30 p.m.

Pat Watson and the Honor Guard from Cannon AFB in Clovis, N.M., will direct a special tribute to veterans, Thurs. Nov. 11 at 10:30 a.m. We especially want to honor the veterans at Park View.

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What Blessings May Come From a 1:00 a.m. Phone Call?

"I've got some work I need to finish up, but I'll go to bed soon," I told my already-in-bed wife last night as I kissed her goodnight. "I don't want to stay up too late, so I won't work much longer."

"I'll believe that when I see it," she smiled sleepily back.

She was right. Again. When I did hit the bed, it was way later than I'd intended, but I went to be feeling good because of a phone call I'd just made to Uganda.

If you're a regular reader of these columns, you know that my wife and I have two sons there right now doing mission

work. And, yes, we know how to call Uganda. It's not hard, and it generally makes me feel good. But the call I made at 1:00 a.m. last night to Uganda (10:00 a.m. Uganda time) was not to our sons. It was to a man I've never met.

The quality of the call could have been better. I probably could have talked to Chris or Stephan on that connection easily, but it was just weak and staticky enough that talking to an honest-to-goodness Ugandan speaking English well but not as his first language and with a British accent was challenging.

It was probably a challenge for him, too. I was trying to speak the King's English and lay aside my Texan tongue as much as possible, but I'm not sure I succeeded very well. As they've been on the phone to us, I've heard the boys say a phrase or

two to Ugandans. It's sort of surprising, but our guys sound just like Brits when they do that because that's the English that folks over there understand. They don't savvy Texan.

The gentleman on the phone with me last night had one of those wonderfully rich and deep African voices, pleasant to the ear even though I'm not sure how well we really communicated.

I think he understood me when I said "Rotary," for I'd gotten his phone number from the Rotary International web site as the contact person right there at the Mbale, Uganda, Rotary Club, meeting in the very hotel where our boys often eat dinner. I think I got his e-mail address. I think he got mine. In any case, I'll be sending Chris & Stephan to see him.

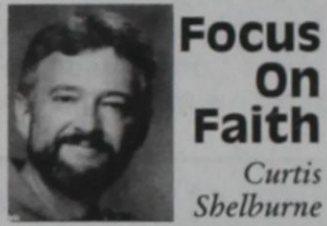
I wonder if he understood my words "Rotary Foundation Matching Grant"? No matter, he will. And I went to bed feeling good, no matter how well we communicated, knowing that because two guys halfway around the world from each other had just said, "Hello," that two Rotary Clubs are connected, and, with God's help and blessing, that connection may well mean that \$15,000-\$20,000 will find its way to Uganda to help make the lives of AIDS orphans there much better.

"Is it the truth?"
 "Is it fair to all concerned?"
 "Will it build good will and better friendships?"
 "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

That's Rotary's "Four-Way Test." If this gentleman, whose name I don't know, and I both really live by that, yet another Muleshoe-Mbale connection is going to be an exciting thing!

Seems to me that Rotary's Four-Way Test well embodies what God has long told us is the very best way to live.

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



Focus On Faith
 Curtis Shelburne



Chamber welcomes Muleshoe Metal Art

Members of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture officially welcomed Muleshoe Metal Art to the business community Thursday, Nov. 3. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Chamber manager Amy Young, Krista Wilson, Randie Williams and Bill Durben, all of Muleshoe Metal Art, and chamber board member "Shorty" Flores.



Students of the Week

Among the Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of Nov. 7 are, from left to right: Front row — Britney Crandell, Joey Guerra and Edgar Anaya; back row — Starlit Schonasky, Alyssa Leal and Abel Mendoza.

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SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

College-credit courses to be offered at Muleshoe High School

SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education

College Information Night
 November 17, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Bailey County Courthouse

Classes start Jan. 18 and will be held at Muleshoe High School in the ITV Classroom. All classes will be held from 6:00-8:00p.m.

Classes offered:

- Monday - History 1302
- Tuesday - English 1302
- Wednesday - Psychology 2301
- Thursday - Math 1314

Students must contact Linda Lewis at 806-272-7318 at the high school to get permission to attend classes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ALOMA PINKERT AT 806-894-9611, EXT. 2180 OR EXT. 2341

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Stop and Shop Deadline 5 p.m. Friday

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock
 Contract 0145-02-023 for SAFETY TREAT DRAINAGE STRUCTURES T in LAMB County, etc will be opened on December 01, 2005 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
 NPO: 18415

State Office

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

Dist/Div Office(s)

Lubbock District
 District Engineer
 135 Slaton
 Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771
 Phone: 806-745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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Published in the Muleshoe Journal November 10, 2005.

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GARAGE SALE

1 mile west of Flyn's Corner. Some furniture, small appliances and some decorative items. Sat., Nov. 12, 9 am-3 pm. 1pd11/10

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Two sales in one! 9 am-5 pm, Fri., Nov. 11 and 9 am-1 pm Sat., Nov. 12. Lots of housewares & tools. 1503 W. Ave. C. 1pd11/10

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REQUEST FOR BID Muleshoe Area Hospital District is soliciting bids for six Texas Red Oak trees, meeting the following specifications:
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- **In Country on Highway** - Approx. 2100 sq. ft. Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home, built-ins, large utility, 800 sq. ft. of master bedroom and bath with garden Jacuzzi tub, spacious closets, 2 fireplaces, large wooden deck with hot tub and pond, shop, outbuildings, 160 acres of dryland grass, great for cattle plus a lot more! Call for more details!!
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- **Lot for Sale - 67x122 Parkridge Addition.**
- **New Listing - 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home, built-ins, ref. air, central heat, single car garage, carport, storage building, workshop, deck and fenced back yard.**
- **Thinking about building?** Take a look at this house first. For half the cost of new construction, you can own this beautiful, spacious 4BR, 3-1/2 bath, brick home, approx. 5,000 sq. ft., built-ins, ref. air, central heat, 2 living areas, dining room, lg. utility, 2 fireplaces, office, lg. closets, lots of storage, sprinkler system, 2 car garage, nice fenced back yard, plus a lot more, all on a corner lot.

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• Trees shall be straight with evenly spaced branches and a full crown.
• Bid should include delivery to Muleshoe Area Health Care Center/Park View at 1100 West Avenue J, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, a Non-Profit Organization.
Bids must be received at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 S. First Street, Muleshoe, Texas, 79347, Administration Office, no later than 1:00 p.m. Monday November 14, 2005. The Muleshoe Area Hospital District, Board of Directors, will review bids at the November 17, 2005 Board Meeting scheduled for 7:00

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3 BR/2 BA/2 CAR GARAGE - 610 Wilson, Sudan. Brick home on corner lot, located 2 blocks from Sudan schools. Sprinkler system, hardwood flooring, recently remodeled bathroom, building in back, perfect for workshop or a home business. Owner is Texas Realtor.

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Agricultural News

Program announced for the Texas Commodity Symposium

The fifth annual Texas Commodity Symposium will be held Nov. 30, and is hosted by Corn Producers of Texas, Texas Grain Sorghum Association, Texas Wheat Producers Association, Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. and the Texas Peanut Producers Board.

Once again, the symposium will be held in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show in the Grand Plaza Room at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the symposium will begin at 9 a.m. The symposium is free to all and will conclude with a catered lunch at noon.

"This year's program will focus on preparing for the 2007 Farm Bill and the rising cost of energy," said TWPB's executive vice president, Rodney Mosier.

Cong. Jerry Moran, chairman of the U.S. House Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, has been invited to speak about farm programs and their future in the 2007 Farm Bill.

Clay Sell, deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy, has been invited to speak about the rising costs of energy, options to ease the situation in the short term and projections for future energy policy.

"The Texas Commodity Symposium provides a unique opportunity for producers to hear first-hand about issues affecting their operations," said CPAT executive vice-president David Gibson.

Speakers for this year's program will focus on state and national issues facing the agricultural industry.

Topics will include updates on negotiations for the 2007 Farm Bill, solutions to rising energy costs, rural development opportunities, updates on key issues facing Texas legislators and FSA and conservation updates.

Confirmed speakers include Texas State Senator

Kel Seliger, Texas USDA Rural Development director Bryan Daniel, Texas FSA executive director John Fustone and USDA NRCS Texas state conservationist Larry Butler.

Chris Albracht, Morning Show host and program director for KGNC Radio, will serve as the master of ceremonies for the event.

"The symposium allows

producers from all commodities to come together, exchange ideas and learn about the issues that impact their operations," said PCG executive vice-president Steve Verett.

All producers are encouraged to register early for a chance to win special door prizes. For more information, please contact Lauri Vaughn, director of

Producer Relations & Communications for the Texas Wheat Producers at (806)352-2191 or email (lvaughn@texaswheat.org).

Cotton Market Weekly

Commodity fund and local liquidation drove cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade lower on Thursday. The board opened higher on good export sales news but soon lost its upward momentum.

In its weekly export sales report released Thursday morning, USDA showed net export sales of 260,300 bales in the week ended Oct. 27 were more than twice the previous week's sales and 56 percent more than the four-week average. Featured buyers included China, Mexico, Turkey, and Ireland.

Export shipments of 141,900 bales were 32 percent more than the previous week's figure and four percent more than the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Mexico, Turkey, and South Korea. Although sales were higher than expected, sources said, exports still were in need of improvement.

"Shipments were better than last week but still need to improve," one trader said, "and we fully expect that they will." On a less optimistic note, an analyst said, "Shipments are not much better and continue to concern me." He continued, "The market is quickly approaching the 25 percent mark of the season, the 13th week as of last Thursday, with only three-quarters of the season left to meet USDA's export estimate of

16.0 million bales."

Meanwhile, sales continued to be healthy in the spot cotton market. Online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas in the week ended Nov. 3 totaled 12,087 bales compared to the previous week when 4,356 bales were traded. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 47.14 to 53.74 cents per pound compared to 48.81 to 53.02 cents per pound the previous week.

Open skies ruled across most of the Cotton Belt this week allowing outside activities to progress with little interruption. Harvesting is gaining momentum in the Southeast and the Far West with pickers running after dark. Growers are taking advantage of favorable conditions in West Texas, rushing to get the crop off the stalk before any adverse weather begins. The hauling of modules from fields to gins continues at a steady pace, and backlogs of seed cotton supplies are building. Gins are operating at full capacity, and many expect to work well into January. Picking is winding down in Central Texas, and if good weather holds, fieldwork likely will be completed by the end of the month.

In the Memphis Territory, final harvesting activities are drawing to a close, and farmers are making great strides in getting fields prepared for winter.

Although a few small gins have finished the season, many large gins likely will continue for several weeks.

In other news, continuing negotiations between U.S. and Chinese textile trade representatives ended without a comprehensive agreement Thursday, however, a short-term deal was signed regarding imports of Chinese socks.

"Our discussions this week have yielded substantial progress on a large number of issues. We look forward to meeting again soon," said a U.S. trade representative. He added that the U.S. wants to get something worked out before Pres. Bush goes to China in mid-November.

Obituaries

Anna Grace Lopes

Anna Grace (Jackson) Lopes will be laid to rest at the Dixie Cemetery, near Whitesboro.

Lopes passed away Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005 at a Waco nursing home. She was born in Whitesboro to Stonewall Jackson and Almeda (Chisum) Jackson on Feb. 28, 1919.

She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Phillip Lopes, a retired Methodist minister.

Lopes was a member of the Methodist Ladies UMW and an active member of the church.

After retiring, the Lopes settled in Sudan.

She is survived by a brother — Francis Jackson of Whitesboro; two

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