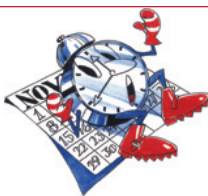




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## Hospital district can change fiscal year

Change will allow behavioral unit to open for Medicare patients in January

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

In a surprising turn of events, Muleshoe Area Hospital District CEO Jason Anglin announced this week that Medicare has approved the district's request to change its fiscal year.

Initially discussed by the MAHD board in August, the hospital's renovation to address the need for an geriatric behavioral unit wasn't going to be completed prior to the beginning of the October 2009 fiscal year.

If this occurred, Medicare wouldn't have reimbursed the district's patients in the unit until the beginning of the next fiscal year, in October 2010.

As reported in the Sept. 3 issue of the *Journal*, Angelin informed the hospital board that one of the key reasons such

a request is denied by Medicare is when the hospital is primarily motivated by a desire to raise its reimbursement rate.

With that in mind, Anglin indicated at that time there was only a small chance the request would be approved.

**"They did a good job justifying the need for such services in this area of Texas..."**

The attitude brightened in the last few days with the receipt of a letter approving the request.

Anglin attributed the approval to the work of Horizon Health, the company which will be managing the unit for the district.

"They did a good job justifying the need for

such services in this area of Texas," Anglin said Monday.

Anglin also expressed the district's appreciation to the office of Cong. Randy Neugebauer, whom Anglin said assisted in expediting the request.

While there is still work to be done on the unit, Anglin said a new completion date shortly before Thanksgiving should allow the state and Medicare adequate time to inspect the work and survey the unit.

In other recent MAHD business, the district's board met in executive session on Oct. 22, to discuss it options concerning the administration of Park View Nursingcare Center.

According to Anglin, the nursing home's administrator Chris Cotton resigned a couple of weeks ago.

Since that time, the center has been under the administration of Kent Emmele, under whose certificate Cotton had operated while he was working toward his own certificate.



Pictured above, the construction crew works on a duct for the behavioral unit at Muleshoe Area Medical Center. Photograph by Larry Thornton



**MHS Homecoming Bonfire**  
is set for Thursday, Oct. 29, near dark, at the New City Park

### Warm Meals

By Larry Thornton

"That's funny," said Sheriff John Bizell as he looked over at the steam radiator against the far wall of his office

Listening to the soft hiss of the radiator, the sheriff could feel the temperature in the office rise until it reached a comfortable level for the first time since the central heating unit for the bottom two floors of the courthouse had quit.

Bizell hit his intercom button. "Martha, come take a look at this," he said.

A few seconds later, Martha Smythe, the department's chief office deputy entered, a puzzled expression on her face. "What is it, Sheriff?" she asked.

"Look at that."

Bewildered, Smythe's eyes followed the sheriff's finger as it pointed toward the far wall. "My goodness," she said, "it's working."

"It sure is. Remind me to call Grover and thank him."

Grover Weems, the courthouse maintenance man, had been working on the boiler in the courthouse basement for the past two days without success, hoping to restore use to the building's "old-fashioned" boiler heating system until the portion of the "modern" system which had recently failed was replaced.

If it had been up to the sheriff, the central heat unit would have been replaced years ago. Unfortunately, the decision, like many others in the small county, had to be made by the county commissioners who weren't troubled by the lack of heat upstairs in their newly renovated offices.

With a contented sigh, Bizell sank back into his chair and enjoyed the warmth which had replaced the chill of earlier. After a couple of minutes, the sheriff leaned forward again and resumed his paperwork,

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### Journal web page now includes video

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

This week marks an exciting change at www.muleshoejournal.com, the *Muleshoe Journal's* web page... the addition of online videos.

In the future, photographs of events in the Muleshoe area will be published in the pages of Muleshoe's leading news source, but the newspaper's webpage will also include links to videos posted on

the *Journal's* web page through Youtube.com™.

And even more than that, our readers will



have the opportunity to submit their videos for placement on the www.muleshoejournal.com video webpage.

Have an interesting

video of your favorite Mule team, etc., or event? Bring us the video for placement on www.muleshoejournal.com, and show your community in action.

To send us a video, email it to "editor@muleshoejournal.com," or go to the webpage and hit the "Send us your video" link.

Video content will be verified, and must meet the newspaper's content policy, before posting.



### County court takes action

Bailey County Commissioners Court met in special session Monday, Oct. 26, to handle business items that required decisions prior to the November regular session.

In regards to the ongoing constitutional election, the court

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### Grrrrr...

Dorothy and Toto might have been on the watch for lions, tigers and bears, but they never encountered the ferocious jungle cat that was "caught in the headlights" at Saturday's Fall Festival at the Bailey County Coliseum. Turn to page 10 for additional festival photographs.

Photograph by Terry Brewster



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### Junior class dinner

The Muleshoe Junior class will be hosting the pre-game turkey dinner on Friday, Oct. 30, from 5-7 p.m., at the Muleshoe High School cafeteria.

The menu will include turkey, dressing and gravy, green beans and mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and rolls, pumpkin cake and tea.

Deliveries will be available from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call 272-7409.

Tickets are available from Junior class members, sponsors, and at the door.

### Noah's Ark Fling planned

New Covenant Church is in the process of planning its 12th annual "Noah's Ark Fling," set for Saturday, Oct. 31, from 5:30-10 p.m.

Individuals, businesses and organizations wishing to contribute are encouraged to call Douglas Lucero, 575-760-8931, or DJ Dominguez at 806-577-6013. Donations can also be mailed to "Noah's Ark Fling" P. O. Box 531 Muleshoe, TX 79347.

To contribute prizes, candy or gifts call Sandy Lucero, 575-760-8932, or Tracie Claybrook, 806-965-2787.

### 'Mule Pride' T-shirts

Muleshoe High School's Sophomore class will be selling "Mule Pride" t-shirts. Black short sleeve t-shirts are available now. The cost will be \$10 for children sizes small and medium, \$12 for adult sizes small to XXL.

Long sleeve t-shirts may be ordered and will be delivered in two weeks. The cost for long sleeve t-shirts children's sizes small and medium for \$16 and adult sizes small to XXL for \$20.

Shirts will be available at pre game dinners, and order forms will be available at the high school.

### Coliseum's hours change

The Bailey County Coliseum will be open an hour later to allow afternoon walkers additional use of the facility. The new hours are 9 a.m. until noon, and 1:30-5:30 p.m.

### Ribbon cutting scheduled

Ribbon cutting ceremonies for Muleshoe High School's expansion project are set for Friday, Oct. 30, at noon at the new front entrance to the high school. An open house is set for that evening, from 4-6 p.m.

### Homecoming breakfast set

Muleshoe Church of Christ will be serving a homecoming breakfast on Friday, Oct. 30, 7-7:45 a.m., at 22nd and W. American Blvd. All students and staff are invited. Pancakes, sausage and bacon will be served.

### St. Ann's dinner set for Nov. 1

St. Ann's Catholic Church, located at 401 Third St., Bovina, will be hosting its annual Turkey Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 1, from 11:30 am to 2 p.m., in the St. Ann's Parish Hall.

The menu will include turkey and dressing, potatoes and gravy, green beans, homemade bread, cranberry sauce, a relish plate, desserts, tea and coffee. Donations will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 6. Take-out plates will be available at no additional charge.

### MHS choir poinsettia sales

The Muleshoe High School choir is selling poinsettias. Orders are due by Nov. 2, at a price of \$12. The available colors are red, white and pink.

Call 272-7307 to place an order. Leave a voice mail if no one answers, with name, phone number, how many you want, and what colors.

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## Praise for the ladies, and their part in economic recovery

While we couldn't be accused of being a fan of President Barack Obama or many of his administrative ideas or initiatives, we totally agree with him on one point from the past week... the importance of small business to the economy of the United States.

In Saturday's radio address, the President pointed out that to a large degree, it was this nation's small businesses which provided the funding for the bailout received by this nation's financial institutions and "big business."

And, it is this nation's small businesses, according to the president, have been responsible for two-thirds of the country's

## Editorial

new jobs in the last 15 years.

Are n't these astonishing statements?

While it's most often the huge conglomerates... the mega company's, the industrial giants that draw the majority of the national publicity and recognition, it's the small business... the "Mom and Pops," the boutiques, and the often family-owned businesses that made the initial victories in the recent economic problems possible.

Amazing! A special section in this week's *Muleshoe Journal* honors the efforts of an important part of this country's business

community... the women of business.

Women have been an important part of this nation's work force since long before "Rosie the Riveter" gained national prominence during World War II.

Whether it was

through their support roles within the home, or working outside the homes, the business community then... and today could not exist without them.

As you deal with our "local women in business" this week, take the opportunity to thank them for their part in making these United States what they are.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Speaking against Prop. 11

**To the Editor:**  
 I am writing this letter to bring awareness to the City of Muleshoe, as well as surrounding communities, about Proposition 11, one of the items on the ballot for the upcoming constitutional amendment election.

Proposition 11, which deals with eminent domain, is the last of the 11 constitutional amendments and will help in achieving eminent domain reform and prohibiting the taking of one's private property and giving it to another.

Proposition 11 is a response to the US Supreme Court's decision in the Kelo versus New London case in 2005.

In that case, the court ruled that the city could take private property to expand their tax base, but the court ruled that the states could pass their own laws.

Proposition 11 is Texas' response to ensure that future takings are for legitimate public use. So, it is very important to vote "yes" for Proposition 11 on Nov. 3, or everyone in Texas who owns property could be affected by the Kelo ruling.

Overall, Proposition 11 is a positive step for the future of Texas.

**Kem Bales,**  
 Bailey County Farm Bureau board president

### Court...

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 appointed Cindy Barrett as the county's alternate judge for early voting, to replace Janell Turner, who has moved from Muleshoe, according to County Judge Sherri Harrison.

In other business, the court:

- Approved payment of bills from FY2008-09 totaling \$38,938.41, and bills from FY2009-10 totaling \$50,364.24.

- Approved a resolution regarding the county's \$35,000 Energy Efficiency and Conservation block grant.

- Approved amendments to the FY2008-09 budget.

- Approved minutes from the court's Oct. 13 meeting.

## Births

**Cruzito Soto**  
 Dolores and Felix Soto announce the birth of their son, Cruzito Cortez Soto, on Oct. 20, 2009 at Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield.

Cruzito weighed seven pounds at birth, and was 18 -1/2 inches in length.

He has three siblings — Angelita De Leon, Felix III and Anita Soto.

His grandparents are Margie and David Caberra and Margie Aguilar.

**Thanks for reading the Journal!**

*Thank You*

**From the Muleshoe PTO**

We are happy to say that this year's PTO Fall Festival was a success. This would not have been possible without the support of the following:

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*Thank You*

We would also like to give a special thank you to the administrators, teachers and parents who gave their time and energy to make this year's festival a success. We could not have done it without you!!



# A season for everything: A time to unplug

I've always liked the words of the wise man in Ecclesiastes 3: "There is a time for everything, / and a season for every activity under heaven: / a time to be born and a time to die, / a time to plant and a time to uproot, / a time to kill and a time to heal, / a time to tear down and a time to build, / a time to weep and a time to laugh, / a time to mourn and a time to dance..."

I suspect that in our day he might add, "a time to log on and a time to unplug."

I write that almost as an admission because I have never evidenced much awareness that "a time to unplug" does indeed exist.

I love my computer. My family and friends know I love my computer. On the dark day a couple of years ago when I baptized my laptop computer with an almost full cup of Starbuck's coffee, one of my daughters-in-law, hearing the news, gasped, "Is Curtis alright?"

She naturally thought



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

I might be hospitalized under sedation and suicide watch.

If the house was to catch fire, I'd rush out with my wife, my dog, and my computer. (Yes, in that order. I'm appalled that you'd ask!)

I'll admit to some concerns about addiction. When my wife and I went to visit the kids and granddaughter (just one little beauty in the family then) a couple of years ago, and I discovered that I'd left my computer's power cord at home and had at best just a few hours of battery time, I remember getting almost shaky and nauseous.

So last week when the time rolled around for my brothers' and my biannual pilgrimage to our grandparents' old homeplace at Robert Lee,

and I told a friend I was leaving my computer at home, he absolutely refused to believe it.

His response was akin to the Apostle Thomas' reaction at the news of the Resurrection: "Unless I see your machine sitting at your house and reach my hand into the bag and feel its cold metal presence, I will not believe."

I admit that I wondered myself if I could do it. But I was traveling on two wheels. Motorcycle packing is challenge enough without adding worries about what road rattle and the vibration of a big V-twin engine might do to laptop bits and bytes and electronics.

I did fine. And though I understood both the work-related need and the addiction that caused my two older brothers to have their computers fired up at Robert Lee, I received an added blessing from not having mine.

I was able to adopt the

stinky, self-righteous, condescending attitude of the fellow who's just quit a four pack a day habit or lost 30 pounds and thus feels superior to poor smokers and pitiful porkers the world over.

I better go. I'm home. 627 e-mails to look through. Twenty might matter. And I need to write a column on the virtue of humility.

## CRP meeting set for Nov. 4

Texas Agrilife Extension Service, NRCS and FSA will be presenting options for land that has or will be expiring from the Conservation Reserve Program. Grazing and wildlife management, economics, and technical and financial assistance offered by USDA will be discussed.

This meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. until noon, at the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 W. American Blvd..

For additional information, contact Curtis Preston at 806-272-4583 or Mark Hall at 806-272-4538, ext. 3.

## Journal office hours change

The Muleshoe Journal office will close on Friday afternoon, at 4 p.m., and reopen on Monday morning at 8 a.m.

**Correction Policy**

Although the *Muleshoe Journal* tries to be accurate in the news stories and releases it publishes, the newspaper recognizes that errors occasionally occur.

An effort will be made to correct typographical errors, or misstatements of facts, in news stories voluntarily submitted for publication as soon as possible — if brought to the newspaper's attention in a timely manner, but will not include rerunning the news story or related photographs.

Corrections necessary from inaccurate or illegible information provided to the newspaper will not be published free of charge.

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## Muleshoe's Mighty 'M' Band honored

Muleshoe High School Band students received a I, and two IIs during recent competitions, literally one rating away from advancing to the Area Marching Competition in Amarillo.

"I'm very proud of our students," said band instructor Nicholas Stephenson.

"Marching band is a very demanding activity and they almost

achieved at the highest level possible in region competition," he said.

"Our past ratings the previous two years were straight IIs, so this was a definite improvement in the UIL," he added.

In the band's previous competitions, it achieved the following honors:

- Finished third in 2A at the Tumbleweed Classic on Oct. 3.
- Finished first in 2A

at the Plainview Pioneer Marching Contest on Oct. 10.

• The Color Guard finished second at the West Texas Auxilliary Competition in 2A on Sept. 26.

"Our band is looking at increased size and quality in the coming years as we strive to be the best student organization on campus," Stephenson said.

# Muleshoe ISD

Proudly Invites You To Attend The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony For **Muleshoe High School New Front Entrance** Friday, October 30, 2009 12:00 p.m. Open House, Friday Evening 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Myrtle Puckett



Myrtle Puckett

Church services for Myrtle Puckett, 90, of Muleshoe, were held on Tuesday, Oct 27, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Monty Leavell of Muleshoe officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Puckett died on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, in Muleshoe. She was born on June 9, 1919, in Kress, to Ed and Simmie Stevenson, and married John H. Puckett in Muleshoe on Dec. 8, 1938. He preceded her in death on 1965. A granddaughter also preceded her in death.

Puckett had lived in Muleshoe most of her life. She was a homemaker, and a member of First Assembly of God Church of Muleshoe.

She is survived by three sons — D.W. Puckett and John H. Puckett, Jr., both

## Josepha Campos

Graveside services for Josepha Campos 77, of Muleshoe, were held on Monday, Oct. 19, at Bailey County Cemetery with Father Leo Pahamtang officiating.

Rosary was said on Sunday, Oct. 18, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Campos died on Friday, Oct. 16, 2009, in Parkview Nursing Home.

She was born on Aug. 15, 1932, in Kingsbury to Jose Angel and Ynocencia Garcia Campos.

Campos moved to Muleshoe in 1954 from Kingsbury. She was a homemaker and a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and five brothers.

Her survivors include a sister-in-law, Bea Campos, of Muleshoe.

of Muleshoe, and Eddie Puckett of Sweetwater; four daughters — Mary Janice Brantley and Joyce Scott, both of Muleshoe, Catherine Mobley of Surprise, Ariz., and Wilma Nicewarner of Amarillo; 17 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Bailey County EMS, 715 W. Second Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, PO Box 373, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

from Wheeler. She was an LVN and worked for Muleshoe Area Medical Center from 1964 to 1991.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe, a member of Muleshoe Eastern Star, and was a past Worthy Matron.

Survivors include her two sons — L. Dwain Epting of Midland and Michael Epting of Mansfield; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Scottish Rite & Learning Center, 1101 70th St. Lubbock, Texas 79412.

## Margaret Epting

Church services for Margaret Epting, 93, of Midland, formerly of Muleshoe, were held on Oct. 28, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Epting died on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009, in Midland. She was born on Feb. 3, 1916, to Claude and Bertie Black in Miami, and married Alton Epting in Muleshoe on Dec. 23, 1934. He preceded her in death on Sept. 12, 2009. She was also preceded in death by her parents, a sister and two brothers.

Epting had moved to Bailey County in 1933

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## Muleshoe residents part of ENMU record enrolment

Six students from Muleshoe are enrolled as new freshmen at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

They are Juan Salamanca, Isaac Bryan, Ashley Johnson, Justin Wood, Hilda Rascon and Wesley Wood.

ENMU has a record enrollment of 4,685 this fall. The previous record of 4,342 in the fall of 1972 had stood for 37 years.

Among the record enrollment is 627 new freshmen, a 10.4 percent increase over the 2008 fall semester.

## Births

### Joseph Lozano

Joe Lozano and Misty Daniel announce the birth of their son, Joseph Inez Lozano, on Oct. 21, 2009, at the Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield.

Joseph weighed six pounds, 10 ounces at birth, and was 18-1/2 inches in length.

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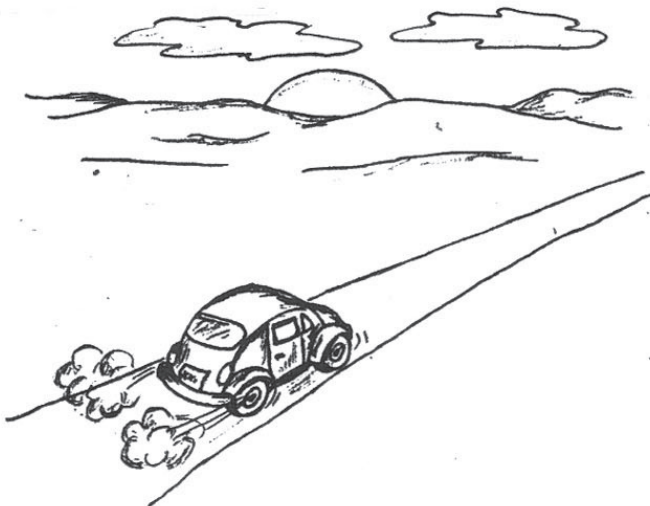
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# Sports

## The Bobcats fall to the determined Mules, 34-26

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules made the long trip to Childress Friday and met an inspired group of Bobcats. The Bobcats had lost in overtime to the Floydada Whirlwinds the previous week and appeared determined not to be eliminated from the post-season.

Childress knew they must defeat both Muleshoe and Friona or depend on Dimmitt to take out Floydada if they could only defeat the Mules or the Chieftains. They did not want to leave their fate in the hands of Dimmitt if they could prevent it.

Childress out gained the Mules by 31 yards, made eight more first downs and were penalized 35 fewer yards. But statistics do not decide football games. It is the final score that counts and when the last whistle blew the Mules were on top 34-26. The win extended the Mule's winning streak to 23 games, are 8-0 on the season and 3-0 in the 2009 District 2-2A race.

"I told the kids before the game that Childress had their backs against the wall," said Mule coach David Wood. "They would come out swinging and they gave us all we wanted tonight."

"We got up by three touchdowns but they did not have any quit in them. They just kept on coming and we let them back in the game late. Our hats are off to Childress as they played us a tough game tonight. We are learning that you can never take Childress lightly."

"But we will take a win any way we can get it. We will try to learn from tonight and now we will make the long trip home and start getting ready for Dimmitt."

Childress returned the opening kick to the Bobcat 39. They may have surprised the Mules with an 11-yard pass on their first offensive play of the game. They reached the Mule 37 before the Mule "Bend-But-Don't-

Break Defense" began to tighten the screws.

Jordan Bledsoe picked up three yards on a quarter back option on first down. Seth Simpson went off tackle for six yards on second down. Cooper Washington halted Simpson one-yard deep in the Bobcat backfield on third down. Juan Gonzales chased down Simpson from behind for no gain. The Mules took over on downs.

Jared Skipworth found Washington open for five yards and Issac Baca powered up the middle for four more. Skipworth pushed forward for five yards behind the blocking of center, Austin Bamert.

Justin Griswold was on the receiving end of a five-yard roll-out pass and held on to the ball when a Bobcat blasted him from behind. Adrian Muniz picked up seven yards on a wide receiver screen and pushed the Mules across midfield.

Baca picked up 10 yards on a middle screen pass to reach the Childress 37. Baca then took a hand off up the middle and blew through one tackle at the line of scrimmage before breaking into the open. Adrian Chacon made the final block at the 10 to keep Baca's path to the end zone open. Saul Elizalde booted the extra point with 3:58 left in the opening quarter.

After an exchange of punts the Bobcats scored on a seven-yard run by Simpson that capped a seven-play 65-yard drive. The extra point kick was blocked by Rico Alarcon to keep the Mules in front 7-6 with 9:01 left in the first half.

Ryan DeLeon caught a 27-yard touchdown pass that was called back on an ineligible receiver penalty. That backed the Mules up five yards and Skipworth saw Adrian Muniz racing down field and hit him in the end zone with a 32-yard toss. Elizalde gave the Mules a 14-6 lead with 6:29 left in the half. The Mules continued to lead 14-6 at the half.

The Mules were forced

to punt on the first possession of the second half but Skipworth pinned the Bobcats on their eight yard-line.

Washington jarred Simpson loose from the ball on a pitch wide to the right and Muniz claimed the ball for the Mules at the Childress eight. Baca squirted through a small hole in the line for an eight-yard TD run. Elizalde tacked on the point after to give the Mules a 21-6 advantage with 9:58 remaining in the third quarter.

There was no quit in the Bobcats and Simpson scored on a five-yard run to cap a 93-yard 10 play drive. The two-point conversion failed and the Mules led 21-12 with 5:19 left in the third quarter.

Baca scored his third and final TD of the night on a 67-yard run with 2:49 left in the third quarter. Elizalde's kick was blocked and the Mules led 27-12.

The Bobcats scored for the second time in the third period on a 29-yard pass and Alarcon again blocked the extra point kick. Childress trailed 27-18 with 1:44 left in the third period.

Skipworth hit DeLeon and he scored on a 42-yard pass and run. Elizalde added the point after for a 34-18 Mule lead with 6:15 left in the game. It was a three play 59-yard drive for the Mules.

Childress scored for a final time with 31 seconds on the clock. The two-point conversion was good for the final points of the game.

The Mules rushed 22 times for 168 yards and Skipworth completed 11 of 27 passes for 155 yards for a total offense of 323 yards. Baca carried eight times for 137 yards and three TDs and caught one pass for ten yards. Juan Sanchez carried seven times for 34 yards.

DeLeon made three catches for 89 yards and a touch down and Muniz grabbed two tosses for 39 yards and a TD. Griswold caught two passes for 10 yards, Washington made three catches for

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Justin Griswold runs from the Bobcats and picks up block from Cole Hawkins.



Juan Sanchez goes up for a catch against Childress.



Larry Richards returns a kick off.



Isaac Baca scores a touchdown in Childress.

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# JV Mules trample the Bobcats

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The JV Mules blanked the Childress Bobcats Thursday night 34-0 to improve their district record to 3-0.

The Mule defense forced a fumble on fourth and one-yard needed for a first at the Childress 34.

Four plays later Steven Durben pitched left to Damien Trevino and galloped into the end zone with 6:02 left in the first quarter. Durben tossed to Adelaido Godinez for the two-point conversion to put the Mules on top 8-0.

Childress went four and out on their next

possession. The Mules marched down the field on 12 plays. Durben tossed to Eric Orozco over the middle for a 19-yard TD with 7:49 remaining in the half. The Mules led 14-0.

Childress was held to three and out by the Mule defense.

The Mules started on their 24 and scored in just seven plays. Durban launched the pass and Devon Cantrell had to accelerate to make the catch at the Bobcat three and took two more steps to reach pay dirt.

Durben kept for the two-point conversion and a 22-0 Mule lead with 4:28 left in the half.

The Mules held the Bobcats and took over on downs at the Childress 38. Durben connected over the middle with Mark Quezada for a 33-yard TD. The two-point conversion failed and the Mules led 28-0 at the intermission.

The Mule scored on a 65-yard 10-play drive that was capped by a four-yard run by Durben.

The Mules were content to run out the clock after that. The Mules are 3-0 in District 2-2A and will travel to Dimmitt Thursday night.

The Mules will return home for their final game of the season Nov. 5 when they host Friona.

# Freshmen Bobcats learn there is 'no joy' in Muleville

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The freshmen Mules got off to a fast start Thursday night with an early start time.

The Mules led 22-0 before Childress scored with six minutes left in the first half. Those early touchdowns were not available at press time.

The Mules got the ball with just 39 seconds left in the first half at their 36 on a fake punt by

Childress. The Mules emptied the back field and Osmar Diaz found Felipe Espinoza five yards behind the defense. Diaz lofted him the ball and he raced into the end zone to put the Mules on top 34-8 at the half.

The Mules kept the Bobcats under control in the second half and defeated Childress 40-15.

Baca scored the Mules final TD of the night on an eight-yard run off

tackle by Jr. Baca to cap a four-play 40-yard drive. The two point conversion failed to put the Mules up 40-8.

Childress scored the final points of the game on an 85-yard run.

The Mules will travel to Dimmitt Thursday night to tangle with another Bobcat team. The Mules will return home for their final game of the season Nov. 5 against Friona. The game will start at 5 p.m.

# Heritage Board Report

Driving into the Muleshoe Heritage Center one might think that all the beauty you see is natural. The fact is that many hours are spent by board members and many supporters to bring about this beauty.

At the monthly board meeting on Oct. 19, board members discussed some of the different facets that it takes in maintenance of this very successful Muleshoe Heritage Center.

The first order of business at the October meeting occurred when Tom Watson introduced new board members Rodger and Peggy Buhrman. The attendees then heard the minutes of the September meeting read by board secretary Jenne McVicker. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Gary Hooten explained the Heritage Foundation's financial statement, now prepared by David Sudduth, P.C., and the report was also approved by members after discussion about some of the items listed.

It was noted that the Heritage Thrift Shop had another good month. Money from the thrift shop is used for the day to day expenses at the center.

Center Hostess Delores Harvey, noted that membership dues are still coming in and members are urged to send in the annual dues which are \$25 if you have not already done so.

Delores told of some of the repairs which are going on — such as repairs to the Janes House basement. The

membership dues paid by supporters are extremely important in the running of the center.

She noted that the Ray Wests were here for the annual meeting and they made another donation to the center. Ray is a former graduate of Muleshoe High School.

The 26th annual September meeting was very successful. The high school SCAC (student Community Action Club) played a big part in the success of the meeting.

Austin Bamert chaplain of the SCAC brought the invocation and in "Support to America" portion SCAC members sang "God Bless America."

Then SCAC president Jessica Behrends made a donation to the heritage Foundation. In the past

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# Football Contest Results

By Terry Brewster

This week's Muleshoe Journal Football Contest had some near perfect guesses. Five contestants guessed nine out of 10 games correctly this week. So once again we used the tie breaker to determine this week's \$25 winner.

The combined score of the Muleshoe and Childress game was 60, Gabriel Acevedo guessed 59, so he is on his way to a movie.

The Texas Tech/Texas A&M game was the biggest upset in the football contest this week. I can see that we have several Raider fans. Guns up for the next game!

The top 10 contestants this week were Gabriel Acevedo, Ruben Mata, Debbie Weir, Alene Bryant, Devnie Orozco,

Fernando Toscano, Travis Bessire, Bruce Bruns, Woody Villa and Terry Field. We have two weeks left in this contest. Two more chances to win \$25 and a chance to win \$200, so keep playing.

I will have details of the next contest that will start after the regular season ends soon. Keep watching for the details. We will be backing the Mules all the way to state. You won't want to miss the fun.

As we've noted before, anyone over the age of 12 can play our weekly contest.

Remember this contest is free to enter.

Entries can be mailed to us at: Football Contest, P. O. Box 449, Muleshoe, TX 79347. They must be received at the Journal office no later than 4

p.m. on Friday prior to that week's games or be postmarked on that date.

You can also put your entries in the metal box on the wall outside the office. Entries will be taken from the metal box at 4 p.m. on Friday.

Or, you can fax your entries to 806-272-3567. Just remember that no late entries will be accepted, so send your entry by 4 p.m. on Friday.

And, entries may be emailed to adsales@muleshoejournal.com. Put "Football Contest" in the subject line of your email.

The emailed entries must be shown sent by 4 p.m. on Friday prior to that week's game. You need not have an original copy of the contest to enter.

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seven yards and had a touchdown called back.

Royce Strader and Sanchez led the Mule defense with 12 tackles each. Washington made 10 stops, two for losses, three quarterback hurries, caused a fumble, made two big hits and one special team tackle.

Gonzales had nine stops, two tackles for losses and two sacks. Beau Avila made six tackles, two for losses, two sacks and one special team tackle. Muniz made four tackles, recovered two fumbles and broke up two passes. DeLeon had four tackles and broke up four passes. The Mule defense two fourth

down stands.

The Mules will host the Dimmitt Bobcats Friday night in the Mules final home game of the season. Muleshoe High will celebrate both Homecoming and Senior Night for the game. Pre-game festivities will start at 7 p.m. and the kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m.

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# Friday's ribbon cutting ceremony discussed

This Friday, Muleshoe High School will conduct a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of its new classroom wing, offices, library, parking lot, and gymnasium.

We invite everyone to come and celebrate with us. The ceremony will be conducted at noon at the new entrance on the east side of the high school.

We invite all former board members, administrators, teachers, staff members, students, community members, and all stakeholders to come to the high school and see the new changes.

We have 11 new classrooms, new offices for principal, assistant principal, nurse, counselor, receptionist, and secretary. We have a new library, new sound

## School News By Dr. Gene Sheets

booth for the auditorium, new restrooms, and new storage areas.

We have a new gymnasium with three gym floors in it. The new gym has four locker rooms and a training room.

We have installed state-of-the-art technology in every classroom, library, and office area. The teachers and students moved into the classroom area last Monday. The teachers have already begun to use the technology in their classrooms.

You should begin seeing the demolition of the south part of the existing high school in about two weeks. The contractor

has already begun disconnecting wiring, plumbing, and heating and air conditioning from the existing classrooms.

Phase II of the high school construction should be completed by the beginning of next school year.

There are a lot of activities going on this Friday. The Senior Pep Rally will be at 9 a.m. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at noon. The Homecoming Pep Rally will be at 2:30 p.m. in the junior high gym. And, we will conduct tours of the new facilities from 4-6 p.m.

We invite you to come for the Homecoming Pre-Game Meal at 5 p.m.

in the new high school cafeteria. We will have tours going on throughout the pre-game meal until 6 p.m.

We will recognize the seniors and their parents prior to the homecoming football game. The Senior Recognition will take place at 7 p.m. on the football field.

We will crown the Homecoming Queen at half-time of the football game. It's going to be a full day of activities!

This is a day that we will all remember for many years to come. It is an historic occasion that may not happen again in the lifetime of many of the people reading this newspaper today.

Come and join with us as we celebrate the beginning of a new era at Muleshoe High School.

## MULESHOE CATTLE MARKET

The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on U.S. 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday, beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle following at approximately noon.

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Hey! 'Which' and 'witch', aren't they homophones?

Homophones! That's a big word!

They are words that are usually spelled differently and have different meanings, but sound the same when you say them.

I'm so proud of myself!

Which of my ideas will you use to brew a safer Halloween? Match the first part of each idea to the second part to make good sense.

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| 1. trick or treat                    | A. to see and be seen                  |
| 2. have an adult or a friend         | B. brightly colored clothes            |
| 3. carry a flashlight                | C. walk with you                       |
| 4. have Mom or Dad check             | D. only at homes of people you know    |
| 5. wear                              | E. will allow you to see things better |
| 6. wearing make-up instead of a mask | F. all treats before you eat any       |

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!

The words below are called "homophones" because they sound the same, but are spelled differently and have different meanings.

Can you match each word to its homophone?

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| 1. creak (squeaking sound)               | A. clause (extra idea in a contract) |
| 2. moan (low, mournful cry)              | B. towed (pulled by rope)            |
| 3. groan (short, strong sound from pain) | C. rack (stores items)               |
| 4. wrack (damage)                        | D. creek (a stream)                  |
| 5. night (late part of day)              | E. sole (the only one)               |
| 6. chilly (frosty temperature)           | F. grown (gotten bigger)             |
| 7. toad (hopping animal)                 | G. chili (spicy food)                |
| 8. wail (loud cry)                       | H. mown (cut grass)                  |
| 9. claws (sharp fingernails)             | I. knight (hero in armor)            |
| 10. soul (your spirit)                   | J. whale (largest mammal)            |

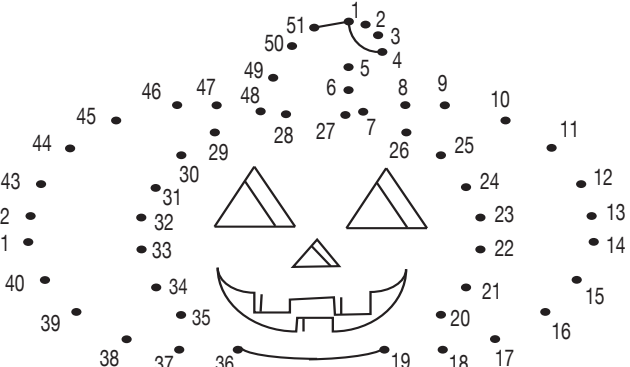
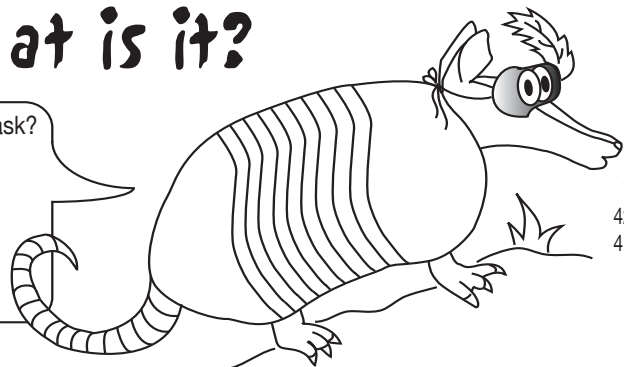
## A Howling Halloween!

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 and fill in the crossword with the names of magical or scary creatures?

- person who practices magic
- supreme spirit of evil
- giant monster that breathes fire
- imaginary horse-like creature with long horn on its forehead
- framework of bones inside us
- giant movie ape that ran wild in New York City
- 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 live 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
- 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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26 years the SCAC has donated more than \$26,000 to the center. Most of this money is raised at the annual Bake Auction.

At this annual meeting MHF president Tom Watson explained the by-laws which were changed and approved at this meeting. For instance, members approved increasing the number of board members from nine to 15, at the discretion of the board.

Two other by-laws changes were approved.

Lonnie Adrian gave a short update about the annual Tour De Muleshoe Bike Ride which was held in June this year and was successful despite the rain. He told of the support of the local merchants in Muleshoe and area supporters.

Further discussion followed about other necessary improvements at the center.

The center needs public restrooms and members discussed some of the

options. This was tabled until further information is gathered.

The election of officers then followed: President re-elected — Tom Watson; vice president re-elected — Jay Cage; treasurer — Gary Hooten; secretary — Jenne McVickers and publicity chairman — Peggy Buhrman, after Jean Allison asked to be replaced. Then elected Bobbie Harrison as secretary.

It was noted that another branding part will be held at the center on Oct. 31. It will be a noon meeting with a large group of people expected to participate.

The branding parties under the supervision of Kenneth Henry have been extremely successful. The second branding drew a tremendous interest by the public.

Watson will again be here for this branding party with his chuck wagon preparing barbecue, beans, potato salad and cobbler.

## Jennyslipper News

The Jennyslippers met for their regular noon meeting on Oct. 13 with 15 members present. President June Green called the meeting to order and prayer was led by Joy Williams.

A welcome was extended to Alecia Soto-Pope, guest of Nelda Merriott.

Alecia is the new Daisy Leader for the Girl Scouts.

The group decided on Oct. 15 to meet at the Jennyslipper Mule-putt Golf Course to close the Golf Course for the season putting tables and benches and other items in storage.

Plans are to re-open in the spring on May 15 which is Armed Forces Day and present a tribute to our Armed Forces.

Plans were finalized for their annual Jennyslipper/Rebekah Thanksgiving Dinner, which will be held at the First Assembly of God Family Life Building

on Thursday, Nov. 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Plans were made to expedite the take-out service so that there will be no waiting. Twenty six turkeys have been ordered.

Thirty-four cobblers will be baked. Old-fashioned cornbread dressing will be served, along with green beans, mashed potatoes and giblet gravy.

Tickets for all-you-can-eat are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under

12. Brenda Tapley brought a detailed work list for the group and posters to put out.

Proceeds will be used for projects in the community, such as donations to the Prescription Fund, Meals-On-Wheels, a scholarship, decorating three floats a year and operational expenses for the Jennyslipper Mule\_Putt Golf Course.

It may, also, include a donation to the Girls

Scouts to help them reach their goal of getting storm windows for the Girl Scout Little Hut at 815 W. Second.

The group welcomed Alecia Soto-Pope as a new member.

The Jennyslippers are delighted to have Alecia and hope that other young women will join.

All ages interested in doing fun things for our community are warmly invited to be a part of the Jennyslippers.

## Baby Shower

### Villalobos, Delgado honored with shower

Whitney Villalobos and Anaya Jordan Delgado were honored at a baby shower on Oct. 10, at Trinity Christian Center Church.

Hostesses for the event included Esmeralda Campolla, Candice Campolla, Gina Smith, Sharon Sadler, Tracy Beene, Jim Ella Clemmons, Tracy Claybrook, Janice

Bradshaw, Toni King, Sonya Lopez and Laura Steele.

Gifts included a stroller, carseat combo, Winnie the Pooh® playpen, blankets, outfits, and diapers.

Special guests included Julia Hurtado, Felix Vallenuela, Berna Bradley, Nora Villegas and Frankie Delgado.



Whitney Villalobos



# The Sudan Buzz

## 'Harmonica Ludie' performs at Sudan Senior Center

The Sudan Senior Citizen's met Monday, Oct. 26, at the Senior Center for an evening of harmonica playing by "Harmonica Ludie" Stone Ludie of Amarillo.

Stone is 88 years old, and has been playing the harmonica since she was five years old.

Her daughter, Rudene Wible, also plays along with her on some of the tunes.

Stone told tales of her

young years growing up on the farm.

She wanted to learn to play the harmonic so after one of the harvests her father bought her, her own harmonica.

He paid 25 cents for it, and she said that she still has that harmonica.

Stone has made 17 commercials and two of them have gone national.

She has also made two videos for the Baptist

convention.

To close out her program she played a melody of songs that represented all of the divisions of the military.

Soup and desserts were served to all.

Nov. 23, Lanytte Whitley and the FCCLA students will bring the program and refreshments.

All area senior citizen's are invited to the meetings.



"Harmonica Ludie" and Wayne Swart, president of Sudan Senior Citizens.

## Buzz-A-Licious" Recipes

### Green Chili Pie

- 1 lb. Hamburger
- 1 Can Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 1 Onion chopped
- 1 small Can Chopped Green Chilies
- 1 Cup Grated Cheddar Cheese
- Tortillas

Cook hamburger meat and onion until done. Add soup and chilies. Put one layer of tortillas in bottom of baking dish then a layer of hamburger mixture, repeat layers and top with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes or until bubbly.

## Veteran information sought

The Sudan High School Student Council is in the

process of compiling a list of Sudan citizens, young and old, who have in the past or are presently serving in the military.

If you are related to or know anyone from Sudan who has served in the military, contact nealkleman@sudanisd.net or send to Neal Kleman, Sudan High

School, P.O. Box 659, Sudan TX 79371.

The following information is needed: name, address, date of birth and death, branch of service, rank, years of service, war (if applicable), if Sudan graduate — class year, and list any special honors, medals and if possible send a photograph, scan or photocopy in military uniform.

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# 2009 Muleshoe Fall Festival



## Fall Festival Costume Contest Winners

**Baby-PreK (top right):** Most Original — Gyson Nickels and Jaci Nickels; Best Homeade — Cheyanne Wilson; Scariest — Austin Bosemen and Abigail Boseman.

**Kindergarten – Second Grade (bottom right):** Most Original — Logan Bennett and Hagan Bennett; Best Homeade — Katelyn Kelley and Briane Shaw; Scariest — Carter McCamish; Most Beautiful — Addison Boehning.

**Third Grade – Fifth Grade (above):** Most Original — Emily Precure and Abigail Boehning; Best Homeade — Ethan Gonzales; Scariest — Georgia Taylor.

## Fall Festival Best Decorated Booth Winners

**Best Decorated Booths:** First place — General Store-PreK, second place — Hay Ride (Mrs. Vandevender); third place — Cake Walk (fourth grade) and Shooting Gallery (Power/Lovelady).



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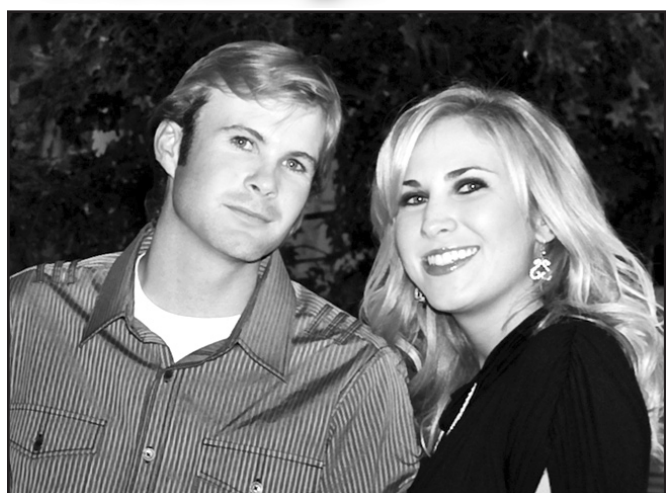
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# Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. Jered Nickels

## Sawall, Nickels wed

Miranda Jennifer Sawall and Jered Trey Nickels were united in marriage on Sept. 6, 2009, at Stained Glass Chapel, Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of Betty Sawall of Lubbock, and Ron Sawall and Angela Medlock of Lubbock.

The groom is the son of Nicky Nickels of Lazbuddie and Deborah Nickels of Muleshoe.

A celebration of the marriage, hosted by the parents of the couple, was held in Lubbock on

Oct. 9, in the home of Ron Sawall and Angela Medlock.

The bride is a graduate of Monterrey High School in Lubbock, had a bachelor of health science, and holds a doctorate of physical therapy from Texas Tech University, and is currently employed by Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

The groom is a graduate of Lazbuddie High School, and is self employed in farming and machine hire in Parmer and Bailey Counties.

## Final direct payments to producers total nearly \$4 billion

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently announced that approximately 255 million base acres on about 1.7 million farms were enrolled in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program.

USDA will issue nearly \$4 billion in 2009 final direct payments to eligible producers on approved contracts.

Producers have already received advance payments of approximately \$900 million.

"The sign-up numbers demonstrate that producers value having the option of two programs from which to choose the greatest benefit to their individual farming operation," said Vilsack.

"I also want to remind all producers that 2010 sign up for DCP and ACRE has already started and the deadline is June 1, 2010," he added.

Producers who signed

up their farm under DCP are eligible for direct payments, counter-cyclical payments and marketing assistance commodity loans.

The optional ACRE program, added under the 2008 Farm Bill, is an alternative revenue-based safety net to the price-based safety net provided by counter-cyclical payments for crop years 2009 through 2012.

Producers participating in the ACRE program are also eligible for direct payments and marketing assistance loans, but direct payments are reduced by 20 percent and the loan rate is reduced by 30 percent with respect to covered commodities and peanuts on a farm.

"I commend Secretary Vilsack and the administration on efficiently implementing and enrolling producers in the new ACRE program. We included ACRE in the 2008 farm bill so that crop producers would have

a new farm program option to protect them against shortfalls in crop revenue and I am pleased that there has been strong interest in the program among producers across the country," said Sen. Tom Harkin (IA), former chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture Nutrition and Forestry.

"Looking ahead, I encourage farmers to carefully examine their farm safety options, including ACRE, and I look forward to reports from those farmers who did sign up for ACRE," he said.

"Farmers in Ohio and across our nation need protection against fluctuating prices and uncertain yields," said Sen. Sherrod Brown (OH).

"I fought hard to ensure that farmers have a strong safety net, and I'm pleased by the number of farms participating in ACRE this year," he added.

This was the first year of the ACRE program

and approximately eight percent of the total number of farms enrolled in the 2009 DCP and ACRE programs elected to participate in ACRE, representing nearly 13 percent of the base acres.

Of the 22 different crops eligible for enrollment, corn had the highest number of base acres enrolled, followed by wheat and soybeans, and producers mainly planted these three crops.

The states with the largest number of base acres enrolled are Illinois, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and North Dakota.

Producers are encouraged to speak to representatives at their local land grant university or USDA Farm Service Agency county office to get more information on the benefits of electing ACRE for the remainder of the 2008 Farm Bill.

Tables showing the number of farms and base acres enrolled for each commodity by state can be found at [www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp).

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Smythe's voice was almost frantic, "Sheriff, Carl Adams has escaped!" she said.

Bizell leaped to his feet and ran out of his office. As he moved, he drew his sidearm and checked its working condition with practiced ease, before re-holstering it.

"What happened," he asked as he reached Smythe at the front desk.

"I don't know. Johnson called down and said Adams wasn't in his cell."

A sigh fell from the sheriff's lips. "Okay, how many deputies are in the building right now?"

"None. Albert and Willard just left. Johnson and you are the only two here."

"Call in everybody," said the sheriff, "and see if you can get some city police to cordon off the building until the deputies arrive. There's a small chance he's still in the building. I don't want anyone leaving until we can be sure it's not Adams."

"Right," Martha said as she grabbed for a telephone and the radio's microphone.

Turning to his left, Bizell rushed for the jail elevator and the cell area on the top floor of the courthouse. As the elevators opened, Bizell stepped out. Moving cautiously, and using his peripheral vision, he walked through the corridor to the cell blocks. He had little desire to be surprised by Adams, a dangerous and violent prisoner awaiting trial for a series of armed robberies, leaping from around a corner.

"Dan?" the sheriff called out as he reached the cells.

A response came from a cell further down, well past the main cell area. "I'm in here, Sheriff."

When he reached the cell with the open door, Bizell looked inside and found Dan Johnson, the daytime jailer, looking closely at the cell's east wall. Before the sheriff could open his mouth, the jailer suddenly reached out and pressed

against one of the blocks that made up the wall.

After several long seconds, Bizell found his voice. "How'd he get out?" he asked.

"Danged if I know," replied Johnson. "I was checking the prisoners. When I got back here and looked through the opening in the door, I found the cell empty and the door locked."

"Locked?"

"Yep."

"What about the other prisoners? Did they see or hear anything?"

"Nothing they'll admit," Johnson said with a shake of his head.

"Alright, you stay up here. We'll start searching the building floor by floor," Bizell said as he left the cell.

Before the elevator doors had shut again, Johnson had resumed his search of the cell.

The cell in which Adams had been incarcerated was the result of recent remodeling. Many years earlier, when the courthouse and jail were initially constructed, the cell had been built separate from the two large cell blocks, its obvious purpose to serve as an isolation cell.

However, before the new courthouse had been in service for even a year the sheriff who was in office had stopped using the isolation cell and replaced its original bars with an ordinary wooden door. Since then, it had been used for storage.

More than 30 years later, when Bizell was elected, it was still being used for storage.

After assuming office, Bizell fought bitterly for departmental improvements. Among those were the funds to renovate the cells and other areas in the department. The sheriff was only partially successful.

The cell blocks and the old isolation cell were renovated, as the state jail inspector had been threatening to close them down for years, but the only offices in the courthouses to be renovated had belonged to the county commissioners.

It was because of the cells' renovations that

Johnson was suspicious. He was searching for anything that might indicate that Adams escaped with the aid of the workmen.

An hour later, Sheriff Bizell's men had finished searching the courthouse. Every room, closet and crawl space had been thoroughly searched, without success. Assuming that Adams had made it out of the courthouse, law enforcement officials widened the manhunt to include the entire county and eventually the state.

For the next week, county deputies contacted their informants, trying unsuccessfully to pick up a rumor of Adams' whereabouts. To top things off, after working for only a few days, the old boiler had quit, returning the sheriff's department to the cold.

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Shortly before noon, Sheriff Bizell rubbed his hands together. When his intercom buzzed, he took a second to flip the small electric heater at his feet to high before turning his attention to the intercom.

"Whatcha got?" he asked.

"Sheriff, George Bassit has gotten into another fight."

"Dang it! Can't he leave anybody alone?"

"Guess not," replied Smythe at the other end. "Do you want us to switch him into the other cell block?"

Pursing his lips, Bizell thought for a moment. "Better not," he said eventually. "He'll just get in a fight with someone else. Tell ya what. Put him in solitary."

"Sure thing, Sheriff."

"Oh, and Martha..."

"Yes, Sir?"

"Tell Johnson to watch a little closer this time."

Smythe cackled.

"Right, Sheriff. I'll tell him."

Ten minutes later,

Johnson closed the cell door behind Bassit and locked it. The tumblers moved noisily as the heavy brass key was turned.

"Alright, George, just lay down and take it easy," he said as he looked through the opening in the cell door.

"Hey, where's the mattress?" asked Bassit, jerking his head at the concrete bunk built into the wall. "Sorry," Johnson replied.

"We don't normally keep one in there... They tend to rot if they're not aired out regular. I've got to take someone down to court. Soon as I get back, I'll bring you one."

As the sounds of Johnson's footsteps diminished, Bassit mumbled an obscenity and walked over to the bunk. After sitting for a few minutes with nothing to do, he laid down to take a nap.

Eventually, Bassit rolled over on his side, resting his head on his left arm. As he lay there, an odor assailed his nostrils. "Can't they mop up after the drunks," the prisoner muttered to himself as he sat up he looked cross the cell floor for the source of the odor.

"Smells like somebody lost his stomach in here." Finding nothing, Bassit

leaned forward, resting his chin on his fists, his elbows on his knees. He'd sat in that position for several minutes before he realized that the odor of bile and stomach fluids seemed to be getting stronger.

Glancing at the wall to his right, he noticed for the first time that it was covered by moisture. "No wonder the mattresses mildew."

Even as he watched, the amount of moisture seemed to increase and run down the wall. Then he noticed that the other walls were also covered with moisture.

An uneasy feeling gripped Bassit. For a moment, he reached out, almost touching the wall on his right, before drawing his hand back with a shudder.

Still staring at the wall, he lowered his hand to his side, and then rested it on the bunk. The moisture there startled him.

Jerking his hand up before his face, he could smell the moisture

which covered it. The reek of bile was strong... nauseating.

Bassit leaped to his feet, unaware of the puddles which had appeared on the floor. When his feet slid out from under him, Bassit fell back, striking his head against the bunk and losing consciousness.

The flow of moisture increased. A few seconds later, it was dripping from the ceiling also, covering Bassit in digestive juices.

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Sheriff Bizell was still doing paperwork at 3 p.m. when Smythe rushed into his office.

"Sheriff, Johnson just called down. Bassit's escaped from his cell," she said.

Bizell threw his pen down. "Not again!"

Furious with the thought of another jail break in less than a month, Bizell didn't hear the hiss of the radiator as it began to work once more.

The End.

## Homecoming breakfast set

Muleshoe Church of Christ will be serving a homecoming breakfast on Friday, Oct. 30, 7-7:45 a.m., at 22nd and W. American Blvd. All students and staff are invited. Pancakes, sausage and bacon will be served.

## Have a safe Halloween!

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# Halloween Safety Tips For Everyone

## Trick-or-Treaters

Only go to houses that have their lights on. • Carry a flashlight and wear reflective material or tape on your costume. • Your costume should not drag the ground. • Wear shoes that fit you ... even if they do not match your costume. • Always walk, do not run. • Stay on the sidewalk and if there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic. • Obey traffic signals. • Trick or treat in neighborhoods you are familiar with. • Do not cut across yards or driveways to avoid tripping over something. • Take your mask off when walking to the next house to see things better. • Do not pet animals you do not know, your costume may scare animals that are normally friendly.

## Parents

An adult should always accompany young children. • Your child's costume should be made of flame-retardant material and should not drag the ground. • Use make-up instead of a mask • Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home. • Give your child quarters or a cell phone to call home • Know where your child is going and when they should be home. • Give your child a watch, preferably one they can read in the dark • Tampering with trick-or-treat goodies is rate, but tell your child to bring fruit and candy home to be inspected before they eat any of it • Look at the wrapping of candy carefully and throw away anything that looks suspicious • Consider trick-or-treating at the local business instead of homes.

## Homeowners

Clear your yard of all ladders, hoses, flower pots and other things that can trip a trick-or-treater. • Turn on outside lighting. • Secure your pets ... unusual costumes can sometimes scare animals. • Use battery operated jack o'lanterns when possible ... avoid open flames. • If you do use candles, place pumpkin far away from where the trick-or-treaters will be approaching your home. • Consider healthy food alternative for trick-or-treaters, such as packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single-serve boxes of cereal, packages of fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single serve pockets of low-fat popcorn that can be microwaved later. • Consider non-food treats: plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers, coins.

## Have a safe & happy Halloween!

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