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Voting Totals	Bailey County Precincts					
	Early	#1	#2	#3	#4	Totals
Prop. #1 For (Buffer area)	29	39	50	11	3	132
Against	29	45	53	13	2	142
Prop. #2 For (Homestead)	32	55	74	12	4	177
Against	26	34	34	12	1	107
Prop. #3 For (Appraisals)	24	42	48	7	1	122
Against	33	43	56	17	4	153
Prop. #4 For (Higher ed)	29	38	56	13	3	139
Against	29	48	46	11	2	136
Prop. #5 For (HJR36-2)	30	48	52	8	3	141
Against	25	37	49	16	2	129
Prop. #6 For (Vet Land)	36	43	68	14	3	164
Against	21	42	31	9	2	105
Prop. #7 For (TxSG)	36	59	76	14	2	187
Against	19	25	26	11	3	84
Prop. #8 For (Vet Hosp)	39	63	79	20	2	203
Against	19	22	27	5	3	76
Prop. #9 For (State beach)	31	47	66	18	2	164
Against	25	34	33	7	3	102
Prop. #10 For (ESD terms)	41	42	62	18	3	166
Against	15	40	36	6	2	99
Prop. #11 For (HJR14-1)	49	78	86	14	4	231
Against	5	11	14	10	1	41



## Fast moving color

Not all of the action at Muleshoe High School is by the football teams. Pictured above, the Mighty "M" Band's color guard takes part during one of its recent UIL competitions, creating an unusual photograph as the flag corp, with Natalie Head in the lead, creates waves of action with their flags.

Courtesy photograph by James King

## County heritage honored

County historians honored area ranchers Saturday, Oct. 31, with the third of the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation's "branding parties."

Pictured on the right, Burl Mardis burns the "C" brand into the building, honoring the accomplishments C. C. Mardis.

Photograph by Larry Thornton



## MISD appeal denied by TEA

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District's appeal to the Texas Education Agency regarding the "academically unacceptable" label it received in August has been denied... not because the information provided in the letter of

appeal was wrong, but because it wasn't received in a timely manner.

According to the letter the school district received from Texas Commissioner of Education Robert Scott, had until the close of the 2008 school start window to locate or determine the status of "non-completers" from the district's alternative school at Pep, in essence

penalizing the students attending high school at Muleshoe this year for the actions and decisions of students more than a year ago.

The school district improved its Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) scores for the 2008-09 school year from 20 to 41 percent — in every grade, subject

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## MAHD receives 'double-windfall'

Thursday's meeting of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors included a "double-windfall" with the board taking action on Medicare's approval of a fiscal year change and the information that Covenant Health Systems intended to donate the two clinic buildings it owns in Muleshoe to the hospital district.

While the action taken by Covenant's board has to be ratified by St. Joseph's board of directors in December, David Shaw, MAHD's

liaison with Covenant, indicated it would probably be approved without any problems. When the hospital district initially began looking at expanding its rural health clinic, Covenant vice president Jim Wurts indicated CHS would probably sell the building for a nominal fee; however, changes at Covenant since that time suggested this wouldn't be the case.

Recently, according to Shaw, CHS changed its direction once more, recommending that even a nominal fee be

waived for Muleshoe's financially strapped hospital district, a decision that will undoubtedly help get the expansion back on track.

The MAHD board also approved the recommended change to the district's fiscal year, a move that will allow the district to receive Medicare reimbursement for the geriatric behavioral unit that is currently under construction,

While the district wasn't able to meet

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## This week's new videos

- Muleshoe Heritage Foundation branding party
- MHS homecoming bonfire band
- Homecoming bonfire fireworks
- Muleshoe High School ribbon cutting
- Pep rally parade
- MHS cheerleaders at the pep rally



## MHS History

Muleshoe High School students joined Principal Alex Salazar Friday to cut the ribbon at the multi-million expansion, while civic leaders, school patrons, faculty and students watched.

Students and faculty members moved into the new classrooms on Oct. 21, clearing out the high school's existing classrooms for additional renovations.

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# It's always exciting at Dillman Elementary

## School News

By Dr. Gene Sheets

You just almost cannot walk down the halls at Dillman Elementary without smiling.

There is always something exciting and fun going on at Dillman Elementary. As I was walking down the hall the other day, I noticed a display of some beautifully decorated pumpkins.

Several classes at Dillman Elementary had pumpkin decorating contests. The pumpkins were provided by Kelly Kettner. The students worked on the pumpkins at school and then took them home for a little "touch-up" from their parents.

We had some fantastic pumpkins that came back to school with our students. We had ballerinas, bats, witches, fish and all kinds of other decorated pumpkins. The students and parents alike really put their imaginations to work to make this a great contest.

I have also noticed some older students in some of the classes periodically at Dillman Elementary. We have some aspiring teachers who come to Dillman Elementary and help in the classes.

We have an innovative class at Muleshoe High School taught by Valerie McCamish called "Ready, Set, Teach." The class introduces the teaching profession to high school students. Students are given the opportunity to work in elementary

classes to give them an idea of what goes on inside a classroom from the teacher's perspective.

The high school students have already had some great observations. Many of them are fascinated to learn just how much goes on in such a short period of time in an elementary school. They are all excited to get to work with young students and learn from the teachers. It is the hope of the program and the class to inspire students to go to college and earn a teaching certificate.

We hope many of these students will come back and teach in Muleshoe. We currently have a number of teachers who grew up in Muleshoe and wanted to come back and teach in their home town.

By the way, our annual Fall Festival was a huge success. Parents and teachers worked extremely hard to organize the annual event. The Fall Festival was held Oct. 24 at the Bailey County Coliseum. We had a wonderful turnout of parents, teachers and students.

Everyone had a lot of fun, and the PTO raised enough money to donate \$6,600, split equally between DeShazo Elementary and Dillman Elementary.

It's exciting for students who are just beginning

their educational journey to be at Dillman Elementary.

We have a wonderful and caring staff at all of our campuses that

love children and want to do their very best to help students have a successful educational experience.

We strive to provide the very best for all of our students, and as we say, "It all starts at Dillman."

### Athletic booster meetings

The Athletic Booster Club will now be meeting in Room 9 of Muleshoe High School, one of the new classrooms. People can park near and enter through the new front doors.

### Annual Thanksgiving dinner

The Jennyslippers', and Rebeakahs', annual Thanksgiving dinner is set for Thursday, Nov. 5, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the First Assembly of God, 521 S. First Street, Muleshoe.

The tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$3.50 for children under 12. Carryout is available.

Call June Green at 946-8182 or 272-4920; or Elaine Parker at 272-3408 or 272-3165 for tickets.

### Muleshoe Explorer Scout Post

Individuals, ages 14-21, interested in taking part in an Explorer Post focusing on emergency services — fire, emergency medical services, and law enforcement should contact Muleshoe Police Chief Brian Frieda at 272-4569.

According to the police chief, the City of Muleshoe is in the process of chartering an explorer post through the Boy Scouts of America, regardless if they have previous scouting experience or not.

"These programs will hopefully develop and encourage volunteerism here at home or some other part of the state or other states as they grow," Frieda said.

While the post's organizational meeting was held Tuesday, Nov. 3, at Muleshoe City Hall, there is still time to join.

## MAHD board action...

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its October deadline for the behavioral unit renovations, the fall back position was to petition Medicare for the a change in its fiscal year, a request MAHD CEO Jason Anglin said would probably be rejected.

After the renovation is completed, prior to Thanksgiving, the hospital will need to take in patients for the required survey prior to receiving Medicare patients in the unit.

On a related issue, the board approve a \$37,500 change order in unit's renovation expense, due to building code changes for heating and air conditioning that have occurred since the building's initial construction.

In regards to the district's cost report, the district's auditors will have to do a three-month cost report at the end of December, along with a budget for the upcoming

fiscal year. Approved the change of the hospital district's fiscal year to the calendar year.

In other business, the hospital district approved Kent Emmele as the administrator at Park View Nursingcare Center, following the resignation of Chris Cotton.

Previously, Cotton had been working under Emmele's license while attempting to receive his own certification.

Following Cotton's resignation, the district's board met in closed session on Oct. 22, to discuss its options regarding Park View's administration and at Thursday announce that it was decided contracting with a private company would be too expensive at this time.

"At this time we didn't think we could afford them," MAHD board president Bill Liles said, adding that the district's main goal is to provide the best care it can have for its residents, and to get the nursing home back to the position that it is breaking even or making money.

### Earth UMC to host annual dinner, bazaar

The Earth United Methodist Church will be hosting its 74th annual "Harvest Dinner and Bazaar," on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

The bazaar will open at 4 p.m., and the dinner will begin at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

Take-out plates are available.

### Correction...

In last week's issue of the *Muleshoe Journal*, the headline to a letter submitted by Bailey County Farm Bureau board president Kem Bales suggested the organization was opposed to Prop. 11. In truth, the organization supported passage of the proposition.

The *Journal* apologizes for the headline error, and regrets any problems it might have caused.

### Don't forget your family photographs!

Have a blank spot in your photo album? Photographs that have been submitted for publication in the *Muleshoe Journal* may be picked up during regular business hours.

At this time, a large number of photographs have been accumulated at the *Journal*, and may include your missing photographs.

Stop by and look for your missing pieces of family history!

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<b>Leal's Restaurant</b>	<b>Maple Co-Op Gin at Muleshoe</b>
<b>Shear Shack</b>	<b>Top of Texas Apples</b>
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Special thanks to: Guest Speaker, Mark Richards, www.myashleah.com, Musical Performance by Micah Short, follow Michah Short on Facebook. For more information about Noahs Ark Fling 2010 email noahsarkfling@yahoo.com or for information on any youth activities at New Covenant Church email nccyouth@yahoo.com.

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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.

## Veterans Breakfast

Veterans of Muleshoe will be hosting a free Veterans Day breakfast on Wednesday from 6-9 a.m. at the Earl Ladd Fire Station. All veterans and their families are invited to come out and enjoy a wonderful breakfast and visiting.



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# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Wimm

Monday, Nov. 9, the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center's board of directors will hold their monthly meeting in the senior center, beginning at 1 p.m.

The meeting is open to the public and the board invites anyone to come with ideas to improve our center.

Tuesday night is Senior Dance night. If you have not taken part in one of the senior dances at the center you are missing great fellowship and fun.

The dance begins at 7 p.m., with a pot luck supper break at 8:30 p.m., and ends at 10 p.m.

Senior Citizens from all the surrounding area comes to enjoy in the exercise and fun.

Wednesday, Nov. 11, the center will be open to honor our service men.

We invite all you service men who have given your time and courage to protect our country, to come have lunch with us. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The Senior Companion Group will be having lunch with us on Wednesday. We always welcome them.

Thursday, Nov. 12, Ben Jackson, with Hearing Technology of Lubbock, will be in the center at 10 a.m.

If you should need his services please mark your calendar.

Remember we have Bingo on Thursday, from 1:30-3 p.m. LaShea Mason is our caller and we really enjoy and appreciate her sharing her time with us.

Friday is our catfish day. Joe does an excellent job cooking the fish and chicken for us. Come and

enjoy. Friday is also football night. How about them Mules! The senior citizens are backing you all the way.

**Menu for Nov. 9 - 13:**  
Monday, Nov. 9 — Brisket, potato salad, beans, cornbread and lemon cake.

Tuesday, Nov. 10 — Pork pasola, salad, tortilla and cinnamon twist.

Wednesday, Nov. 11 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and cherry cobbler.

Thursday, Nov. 12 — Stew, salad, cornbread, crackers, yogurt and peaches.

Friday, Nov. 13 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

(As Pogo® would say, "Friday the 13th is falling on Friday this year.")



## Chamber Employee of the Month announced

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently selected Margaret Colley of Family Dollar as the October Employee of the Month. Pictured above, from left to right, are Celie Parham, Margaret Colley, Family Dollar employee, John Hurtado, store manager, Dave McNeil and Mark Anthony.

## Jennyslipper, Rebekah's annual Thanksgiving dinner set

The Jennyslippers/ Rebekah's will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 5, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Patrons may dine in or carry out. The price of a meal will be adults \$7 and under twelve \$3.50, First Assembly of God

Family Life Building, 521 S. Main. For tickets call June Green at 946-8182 or 272-4920. Or Elaine Parker at 272-3408 or 272-3165.

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WE SHALL OVERTAKE JACOB FOR WE ARE NOT HINDERED BY THE SLOWNESS OF THE FLOCKS AS IS JACOB.

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I MUST OBEY FOR HE IS POWERFUL GOD!

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# Obituaries

## Lena Skeen

A celebration service for Lena (Mickey) Nix Skeen, 85, of Clovis, N.M., formerly of Sudan, was held on Monday, Nov. 2, 2009, at the First United Methodist Church in Sudan with the Rev. Lyndall Fletcher of Morton and the Rev. Monty Leavell of Muleshoe officiating.

Burial followed in Littlefield Memorial Park Cemetery, preceding the celebration service under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Sudan.

Mrs. Skeen died on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, in Muleshoe. She was born on Feb. 29, 1924, to Brad and Gladys (Ferguson) Glenn in Memphis, and married Matt Nix, Jr., on March 15, 1941, in Amarillo. He preceded her in death pm Feb. 9, 1999, as well as her parents, two sisters — Pearl Opsal and Betty Masten, and a brother — Windy Glenn.

She married Ray Skeen in Sudan on March 7, 2003.

Mrs. Skeen was a longtime resident of Sudan, and had moved to Clovis and was a member of Kingswood United Methodist Church of Clovis, where she was a member of woman's Bible Study.

She had been a longtime member of the Sudan First United

Methodist Church, where she was a member of the UMW, and taught all levels of Sunday School.

She was involved in her children's life and a member of the PTA. She was a member of Rome Demonstration Club. She faithfully attended Ala-Non in Muleshoe and was a mighty prayer warrior. She was a singer for a number of weddings and funerals.

Survivors include her husband — Ray Skeen of Clovis, N.M., a son and his wife — Mike G. and Sandy Nix and wife Sandy of Belton; two daughters and their husbands — Marilyn and Reagan Cox of Muleshoe, and Debbie and John Ridlon of Sudan; a sister — Sandra Becker of Georgetown; four brothers — Steve Glenn of Littlefield, Earl Glenn of Amarillo, Don Glenn of Amarillo and Clinton Glenn of Canyon; nine grandchildren — Marleea, Brandon, Stephanie, Kaylenn, Aaron, Shane, Fawn, Summer, and Candy; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Sudan EMS, PO Box 491, Sudan, Texas 79371, or the Muleshoe Area Medical Center c/o Marilyll Cox, 2400 US Hwy 70, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

## Ruthie Routon

Church services for Ruthie Routon, 88, of Oklahoma Lane, were held on Wednesday, Nov. 4, at Oklahoma Lane Methodist church with the Rev. Ken Peterson of Lazbuddie officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Routon died on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009, in Muleshoe. She was born on Dec. 23, 1920, to Forest Dudley and Minnie Reeves in Knox City, and married Earl Routon in Haskell, on Oct. 9, 1937.

She was preceded in death by her parents — Forest and Minnie Reeves; a sister — Betty Meinzer; a granddaughter and a great-great-grandson.

Routon had lived in the Oklahoma Lane area since 1946, having moved from Goree.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church.



Ruthie Routon

Survivors include her husband — Earl Routon of Oklahoma Lane; three daughters — Betty Ramage of Muleshoe, Faye Gulley of Amarillo, Carolyn Owen of Salado; two sisters — Birdie Helton of Knox City, Faye Corley of Mineola; eight grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Samaritan Hospice, 426 Main St., Ste E, Hereford, Texas 79045, or Park View Nursingcare Center, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

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*Cherished Moments*

*I want to thank everyone who came to help me celebrate my 80th Birthday. It was a wonderful day! Words cannot express my gratitude for the many cards, gifts, and birthday wishes. Thank you for them all. I've been so blessed through the years with so many friends in Muleshoe and the surrounding area. Thank you so much for your love and many kindnesses.*

*God's blessings to you all,*

*Willie Mae Graves*

## Births

### Kyler Edwards birth announced

Matthew and Trisha Edwards of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, Kyler Matthew Edwards, on Oct. 12, 2009, at 7:18 a.m., at Covenant Womens and Childrens Hospital.

Kyler weighed five pounds, 13 ounces at birth, and was 18-1/2 inches in length.

His grandparents are Kyle and Mandy



Kyler Matthew Edwards

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The family of **Argilee Millen** would like to express our appreciation to all who showed us such love and kindness following the loss of our loved one.

We thank you from the depths of our hearts for all the food, flowers, cards and contributions given in love expressing your sympathy.

We also want to thank the First United Methodist Church members for their love in providing and serving the noon meal. Mother and Dad were devoted members of this church.

Thanks to the employees of ParkView who cared for Mother, especially the CNA's.

We are blessed to have such good friends and neighbors.

The families of:  
**Rose Lee Powell**  
**Linda and Mack Hall**  
**Zona and JC Gatewood**  
**Sharon Hutson**  
**Ted and Becky Millen**

## School district receives denial

Continued from page 1 and sub-population. However, the district's "completion rate" at the Pep alternative campus for the 2007-08 school year has placed the district on dangerous ground.

In August, Dr. Gene Sheets, the MISD superintendent, explained that while the state looks at the most recent year in determining its accountability rate, the numbers determining the completion rate are from the previous school year.

That means a school district's accountability rate for next year can actually be affected by the decision of a few students two years ago.

If too many students start their freshman year,

but fail to complete their four years of high school, their decision to drop out can seriously impact the school district, Sheets said at that time.

After three years of unacceptable ratings, the state can take direct control of the school district Sheets said, and with a fourth unacceptable rating the state can close down the school district.

"This can get serious in a hurry," Dr. Sheets said in an interview at the time the school district received its initial letter regarding the academic status.

At least a portion of the problem can be attributed to a conflict in state law and education regulations.

While state law says

a student may legally decide not to attend school after reaching the age of 17, the state's education regulations require completion of high school.

In other words, Muleshoe's school district is being penalized for the actions of students who legally aren't required to attend school... a hard pill for any school district to swallow.

In the case of the MISD Pep campus, it is thought the decision of two students to drop out is what resulted in the academically unacceptable rating. That's two too many. In all, the district reported 10 dropouts, according to TEA records, a figure the superintendent says may be incorrect.

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# Sports

## Varsity Mules stomp the Bobcats

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

Mule coach David Wood had talked all week to the Mules about tradition and what is expected because of tradition.

He had emphasized to the Mules they needed to play as well as they were capable against the Dimmitt Bobcats.

Not because the Bobcats were having an outstanding season but because tradition dictates that a team needs to play well every time they take the field.

Dimmitt had lost seven straight games before Tulia forfeited to them.

The Mules responded well to their coach's challenge and came out firing on all cylinders in the first half.

The Mules scored 42 points in the first 24 minutes to lead 42-0 at the intermission.

They added 14 in the second half despite a running clock for most of the second half.

The Mules defeated Dimmitt 56-0.

"Tonight we came out focused on the job at hand," said Mule coach David Wood. "We held on to our tradition that we have started here and got momentum on our side early in the game."

"After tonight there is a gold ball at stake at the end of every game. We had a great crowd here tonight and one of the biggest crowds we



The Mules upend the Dimmitt quarterback during Friday's game.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

have had. It was a great atmosphere in which to play football," he added.

"It was a great night to play football and everyone put out good effort. We all feel great about the win and now we start getting prepared for next week," Coach Wood said.

Dimmitt took the opening kick and marched to the Mule 17 before the Mule Bend-But-Don't-Break defense took over and backed the Bobcats up to the 30. The Mules took over on downs.

Cooper Washington was on the receiving end of Jared Skipworth's first pass of the evening and went 16 yards. Juan Sanchez look a pitch wide left for 33 yards. A face mask penalty advanced the Mules to the Dimmitt 11.

Sanchez capped the

drive with a scamper up the middle. Saul Elizalde booted the point after to give the Mules a 7-0 lead with 3:39 remaining in the first quarter.

It was three and out for the Bobcats on their next possession. The Mules allowed the punt to roll dead at the Mule 36.

Skipworth put a lot of air under the ball that he launched the ball to Ryan DeLeon racing down the Mule sideline. DeLeon adjusted his course and went high in the air to snag the pass in stride between two defenders.

When his feet again touched the turf in Benny Douglas Stadium he out raced the defenders to the end zone. It was a one-play 64-yard drive and consumed only 12 seconds.

The point-after kick was off the mark and the Mule's led 13-0.

The Mules again held the Bobcats without a first down and forced them to punt again. DeLeon caught the punt, raced across the field and handed off to Larry Richardson coming to meet him. Richards raced 26 yards up field to the Mule 47.

The first quarter ended on a 26-yard gain by Issac Baca as he spun his way to the Dimmitt 32.

Skipworth found Washington open over the middle for 29 yards and he was pulled down on the Dimmitt four.

Adrian Muniz left his defender in the dust and made the catch for a four-yard TD.

Skipworth tossed to Sanchez and he burrowed in for the two-point conversion and a 21-0 lead with 11:29 left in the half.

The Mule defense

### Players of the Week

- MVP ..... Juan Sanchez
- Offensive Player ..... Jared Skipworth
- Defensive Player ..... Beau Avila
- Special Teams ... Larry Richardson
- Lineman of the Week ... Adrian Chacon
- Slobber Knocker ..... Cooper Washington
- JV Team Player ..... Matt Ambriz

held and forced Dimmitt to punt. The ball was allowed to roll dead on the Mule 45. A four-yard pass to Justin Griswold set the Mules up on their 49.

Baca raced through a gaping hole that the right side of the Mule offensive line had blown in the Dimmitt defense.

Baca went untouched for 51 yards to give the Mules a 27-0 lead with 9:49 left in the second quarter.

Richardson returned the next Dimmitt punt 50 yards to the Bobcat 22. Washington made seven yards on a toss from Skipworth.

Skipworth threw to Sanchez running behind three wide receivers on a screen pass. He went the final 15 yards to pay dirt. Sanchez carried over for the two-point conversion and a 35-0 lead.

The Mules started their final drive of the half at the Mule 30 with just under one a half minutes before the intermission.

Elizalde made a catch on the right side that was good for 35 yards. Baca made the grab on a swing pass that went for 10 yards.

Skipworth saw Muniz open on a post pattern and fired a 21-yard touchdown toss. Skipworth booted the point after to extend the Mule lead to 42-0.

Baca made a 23-yard touchdown catch in the third period with 9:26 left in the quarter. Skipworth again booted the point after for a 49-0 Mule lead.

DeLeon threw the Mules final TD to Jonathan Garcia from one-yard out. Skipworth tacked on the final point of the game.

The Mules rolled up 502 yards of offense

with 286 through the air and 216 on the ground. Skipworth completed 16 of 27 passes for 269 yards and five touchdowns.

DeLeon completed three-of-five tosses for 17 yards and a TD. He rushed for 23 yards and caught one pass for 64 yards and a touchdown.

Baca rushed 10 times for 114 yards and a touchdown and caught two passes for 16 yards and a TD. Sanchez carried four times for 81 yards and a touchdown and caught five passes for 48 yards and a TD.

Washington made four receptions for 62 yards, Muniz had two grabs for 25 yards and two TDs and Elizalde had one grab for 35 yards.

Garcia had two catches for 20 yards and one touchdown.

Beau Avila, Sanchez and Rico Alarcon made eight tackles each to lead the Mule defense. Avila also had a tackle for a loss, a sack, two quarterback hurries, caused a fumble, intercepted a pass, broke up a pass and was credited with a big hit.

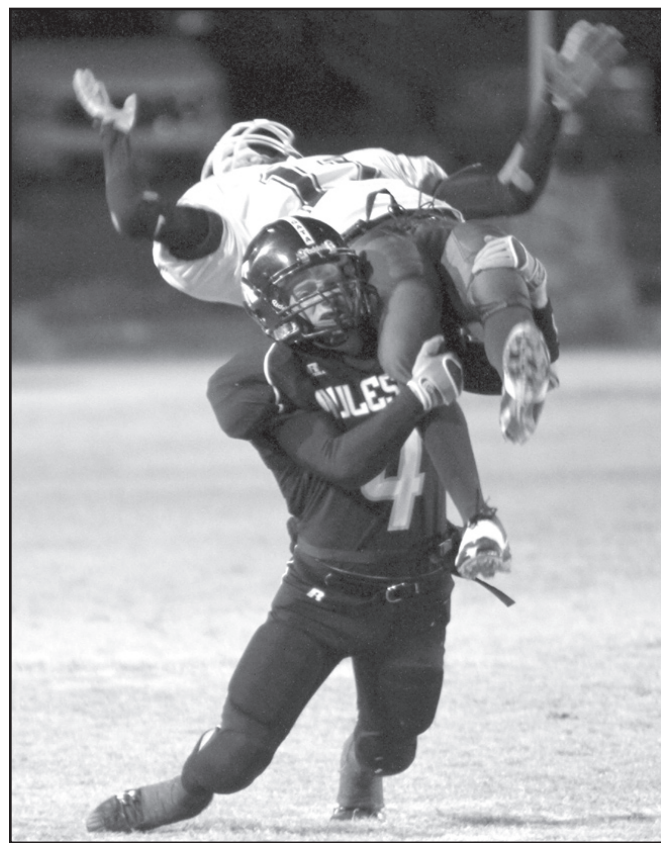
Alarcon also had a quarterback hurry, recovered a fumble and made two special team tackles.

Washington made six stops, two for losses, two sacks, caused a fumble and made a big hit.

Juan Gonzales had four tackles, two for losses, a sack and two special team tackles.

The Mules will put their 24-0 winning streak on the line Friday in Friona when they play for their second consecutive District 2-2A title.

The Chieftains are 7-2 on the season and 4-0 in district, and would love to be the team to put a halt to the Mule win streak.



Pictured above, Mules Ryan DeLeon and Justin Griswold celebrate a touchdown.

Pictured on the left, Mule Caleb Conner upends a Dimmitt receiver.

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# Lady Mules cross-country team take ninth Dist. win

**By Delton Wilhite**  
*Sportswriter*  
The Lady Mules won their ninth consecutive District Championship in cross-country October

27th. The Lady Mules finished with 41 points to beat out the other teams from District 2-2A. The teams raced the

two-mile course in Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. Floydada (45) finished second and Tulia (45) tied for second place. Childress (99), Dimmitt

(138) and Friona (138) round out the balance of the district.

Yvonne Gardea, Sarah Whitworth and Shayla Carpenter all finished in the top ten in the district. Gardea was third with a time of 13 minutes and 25 seconds to set the pace for the Lady Mules. Whitworth took fifth with a 13:48 and Carpenter placed sixth with a 14:03.

Sandy Mojica was 13th with a time of 15:03 and Sarah Johnson placed

14th with a 15:04 to round out the scoring for the Lady Mules.

Stephanie Martinez and Jessica Behrends would have been 15th and 16th with times of 15:05 and 15:08 respectively.

The JV Lady Mules scored a perfect 15 to win the junior varsity division in the District 2-2A Meet.

Linda Sanchez earned the gold medal on the two-mile course with a time of 15:35.

Belinda Pacheco was just steps behind in

second with a 15:40 and Ali Eagle completed the medal sweep for the Lady Mules with a 16:20.

Brittany Soliz took fourth with a 16:27 and Abigail Regalado rounded out the scoring for the Lady Mules in fifth place with a 16:45. BreAnn Baca and Samantha Reyna also ran but no times were available for them.

The Lady Mules will compete in the Region I Meet in Lubbock's Mae Simmons Park on Sunday, Nov. 8.

## Mules take second in Dist. cross country

**By Delton Wilhite**  
*Sportswriter*  
Sterling Leopard completed the Mae Simmons' three-mile course in a time of 16 minutes and 48 seconds to claim the individual gold medal.

The Mules placed second with a total score of 37 points.

Muleshoe cross-country coach Jessica Stovall said, "Sterling (Leopard) should hopefully go to state if he runs as well as he has been. He has been putting in a lot of time on his own preparing for today. Mae Simmons is

almost his home course so he knows how to run in this park."

"I am really pleased with the way all of our kids ran here today. Most of our boys play football as well as run cross-country. That is quite a fete for a young athlete," Stovall said.

Dimmitt (32) won the Dist. 2-2A title and the Mules (37) were second. Tulia (61) placed third and Floydada (109) took fourth. Childress and Friona had competitors but did not field teams at the meet.

Junior Baca ran sixth with an 18:52, Jon Paul Rosas was ninth with a

19:53 and Luis Ruvalcaba rounded out the top 10 with a tenth place finish in a time of 19:53.

Jonathan Garcia finished 11th with a time of 19:54 to complete the Mules' scoring.

Matthew Ambriz competed and finished 14th with a 19:59 and Angel Alvarez was 15th with a 20:05.

Roman Chavez was the only Mule competing in the JV division and finished in second place with a time of 31:56.

The Mules will compete in the Region I Meet on Nov. 8, in Lubbock's Mae Simmons Park.

## Eighth grade Mules defeat the 'Cats

**By Delton Wilhite**  
*Sportswriter*

The eighth grade Mules found themselves in a cat fight Thursday night with the Dimmitt Bobcats. The Mules fell behind 16-6 before battling back to take a hard fought 30-28 win.

Dimmitt scored first on a 23-yard run up the middle to jump in front 8-0 with 1:22 left in the first quarter.

The Bobcats booted the ball to the Mule 26 where Visente Solano scooped up the ball and raced untouched for a 74 yard kickoff return for a TD. The two-point conversion failed and the Mules trailed 8-6 with 1:09 left in the opening period.

A pass interference penalty aided the ensuing Dimmitt drive and they scored on a 10-

yard run. The two-point conversion was good to give the Bobcats a 16-6 lead with 4:15 remaining in the first half.

Joel Regalado returned the Bobcat kickoff to the Mule 36. A motion penalty and a high snap put the Mules in a second and 26 situation. Ross Austin carried wide left and battled for 16 yards.

Regalado blasted off right tackle for five yards to bring up fourth down and three yards needed for a first. Eli Leal made the catch on fourth down that was good for 11 yards. The ball was knocked loose from Leal but Regalado jumped on the loose ball for a Mule first down.

Blaine Hurtado threw a strike to Trevor McCall for an 11-yard gain to the Dimmitt 20. McCall was on the receiving end of a

second Hurtado pass for the 20-yard TD. The two-point conversion failed and the half ended with the Mules trailing 16-12.

Early in the second half Leal broke on a Dimmitt pass and picked it off and returned the ball to the Bobcat 39.

Hurtado wasted no time and fired a strike to Solano at the Dimmitt 15. He scooted to pay dirt to give the Mules their first lead of the night. The Mules led 18-16 with 4:14 left in the third period.

David Diaz and JP Regalado made back-to-back stops to force the Bobcats to punt. The punt sailed over the Bobcat punter's head and Leal recovered for the Mules on the Dimmitt one.

Hurtado sneaked in from the one to give the Mules a 24-16 advantage

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## Football Contest Results

By Terry Brewster

The Muleshoe Journal Football Contest nears the end.

I have had fun watching the competition between co-workers, families and friends.

Many of played with all of your heart and all the loyalty of a good fan.

You picked teams to win that you knew probably wouldn't win because you just couldn't pick your favorite team to lose.

Some have studied the stats and made very educated guesses, while other just circled with no method to their madness.

And even if you didn't get money for dinner and a movie, I hope you have had fun.

But the fun hasn't stopped yet. As the Mules go into playoffs we will launch a new game. So watch for details of the new fun game to play.

The week's football contest saw one clear winner. Claire Brown picked all 10 games right and takes home the \$25

weekly prize.

And there were 10 people right behind her with nine out of 10 correct guesses.

The top contestants this week were Claire Brown, Lindsey Kitchens, Travis Bessire, Daniel Rey, Vicki Gonzales, Brandon Hill, John Paul Garza, Debbie Weir, Sherri Harrison, Alene Bryant and Scott Brown.

The following contestants have played almost every week and accumulated the most points: Alene Bryant and Terry Fields, 81; Lindsey Kitchens, 79; Sherri Harrison, 78; Butch Green, Shonda Black and Travis Bessire, 77; Debbie Weir and Rene Valle, 76; Joe Abeyta and Ruben Mata, 74; Rudy Gonzales and Sue Bessire, 74; Troy Moore and Claire Brown, 76; Vickie Gonzales and Buck Johnson, 71.

This is the last week of this contest. You still have one more chance to win the \$25 weekly prize. But be sure to watch for the next new fun game.

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, PO 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 metalbox on the wall outside. Entries will be taken from the metalbox at 4 p.m. Friday.

And, you can fax your entries to 806-272-3567. Just remember that no late entries will be accepted.

Don't forget, that entries may be emailed to [adsales@muleshoejournal.com](mailto: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.

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# Writer notes: 'On this point, the Pharisees were right'

It's one of the most wonderful facts about our Lord: Jesus liked ordinary people.

Jesus loved everyone, but the Gospels seem to indicate that he didn't like self-righteous Pharisees. Except when I'm busy playing the Pharisee myself, I like that.

The Pharisees knew that about Christ and didn't like it. Of course, they didn't like anybody. They could never forgive God's Son for loving the wrong people, loving life



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

and, deeper still, loving God more than rules and rituals.

Pharisees tend to be miserable people. If you love only rules and tables of stone, you find that they are cold and can't possibly love you back.

Loving people is a far better way to go, but

you quickly discover a problem. Imperfect people are the only kind available to love. People make mistakes. Get hurt. Hurt others. Foul up and fall. Act foolish and don't "fly right."

Loving people is a very messy and untidy business. Jesus knew that, and loved us anyway.

And it gets worse. Or better. Our Lord not only loves ordinary people, he likes them. Oh, he wants us to be growing in grace and love and holiness. But,

knowing how imperfect we are, he not only loves us, he likes us. He places a higher value on honesty and transparency, humility and reality, than on perfection. Amazing! (And, by the way, holiness and perfection are not the same things.)

All religions other than Christianity are fundamentally about "Here's how you by your power can reach God." Christianity says, and this is a marvelous scandal, "Here's what God has

done by His power to reach you."

Whatacontrastbetween Jesus and Pharisees! Jesus was winsome and warm. The Pharisees were scary and cold. Jesus was genuinely and joyfully holy. The Pharisees were just persnickety and frigid. Jesus was real. The Pharisees were fake.

Make no mistake: Pharisees can always whip up a crowd. "Do it yourself" religion is twisted but appealing. It appeals to our pride,

though it distrusts joy and knows nothing of the real power of God in our lives. Pharisaical religion spends all its time trying to turn wine back into water. But it tickles our pride to think we get all the rules right.

Jesus' approach was different and wonderfully scandalous. He not only loved ordinary people whose haloes had seriously slipped, he liked them! It just drove the Pharisees crazy! Still does. **Continued on page 10**



# The Sudan Buzz

## Sudan students to honor vets

The Sudan High School student council will have an assembly honoring the Sudan area veterans on Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., in SHS auditorium.

Sixth and seventh

grade student were asked to write an essay about what Veteran's Day means to them.

A winner will be picked and the essay will be read at the assembly.

A cake and punch

reception will be held for the attending veterans in the library following the assembly.

A list and pictures of the the Sudan area veterans can be found on the Sudan ISD website.



## 'Bold Gold Band' on its way to sweepstakes

The Sudan Bold Gold Band is on its way to its 11th straight sweepstakes by making straight 1's at

the regional contest on Oct. 17.

The band played selections from

Bannockburn.

The Sudan Bold Gold Band is directed by Byron and Karol Morgan. Drum majors are Savannah Sain and CeCe Williams.

The band marched at area contest but missed qualifying for finals by one point.

Morgan was extremely proud of the band since the members consisted of mostly eighth and ninth graders.



## Sudan Harvest Festival held

Through the combined efforts of the First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church and Fellowship Christian Church, children and adults enjoyed a harvest festival Saturday, Oct. 31, at Sudan

There was all kinds of fun and games including a cake walk, jump house, face painting, a train to ride and all

kinds of door prizes being given away and some guessing games.

This year's fun-filled activities took place on the First Baptist Church parking lot.

Approximately 250 people came out to enjoy the evening of fun.



## Sudan UMW fall bazaar set

Sudan First United Methodist Church, 411 Main, in Sudan, will be the place to come on Friday, Nov. 6., as it hosts its annual fall bazaar. Doors will open at 8 a.m.

There will be homemade items, crafts and lots of home baked goodies available.

A lunch of chili, beans and stew will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Take out plates will be available.

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# The Master said, 'Launch out in the deep'

And let down your nets for a draught: This is an order given to Peter by Christ, and recorded by Luke, chapter five

And it seems to test Peter's faith and willingness to obey the Master's command.

For his response was: "Master we have toiled all the night and have taken nothing,"

No doubt they were tired, and maybe a bit discouraged. At least that's the way I would feel in that situation.

I've never fished, but very little. The total results of my fishing is two little catfish about eight to ten inches long.

But Peter was a fisherman, it was a business with him. I fished for pleasure. He fished to make money.

It seems that he wanted Christ to understand that he had worked at it all night, and the fish "just weren't biting," as the story goes.

"Nevertheless" he said "I will let down the net." That is a principle of life with which are all confronted many times, and in many ways..

As we've always heard, it's the darkest



just before dawn. They were washing their nets, getting ready to quit, but were now commanded to go back to work. And it was a divine order.

Do it this way, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for catch."

"Into the deep" means more than deep water. It was one step in preparing Peter for what would be his work from there on.

And Jesus said unto him, "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." It was a call to the service. "And they forsook all, and followed him."

To me this is one of the most practical and beautiful pictures I've ever seen on the subject of teaching:

Christ entered into the boat with them. First the teacher must get "with" the ones he is going to teach.

That is he must establish a relationship, he must speak in words

they can understand and must speak with commitment so they not only understand but believe the things they are being taught.

And he prayed that they thrust out a little from the land.

That's the thing-set with them- and thrust out into the practice of the things that is being taught.

Then he commanded Peter to "thrust into the deep."

I think of the deep being" that which reaches far back from the front."

Thus he ordered Peter to a position of leadership-an absolute necessity if there is to be success.

Whether we speak of a business, a civic club, a ball team, a church, a family or whatever there must be leadership.

And the leaders must have constructive ideas and be of such a character as to get them

into action.

As you know Peter launched out and let down the net and caught more fish than he could handle, Then what happened?

Did he give up? No, not hardly. They beckoned to their partners who were in the other boat. And they came and helped them.

That is a key element to our way of life. We can not — I repeat — we can not, get through this life without love, friendship and the help of others, no more than we can walk on water.

So they came to their rescue. But when they loaded those fish on Peter's boat it began to sink.

At that point we see the real Apostle Peter come to the surface, down on his knees saying "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord." Then they forsook all and followed him.

I think teaching is one of the most important vocations to which people can apply themselves.

My father was a school teacher, my mother was a school teacher, and both of my sister were school teachers. So I suppose I may have been a teacher had I been permitted to attend school and qualify.

For I love to teach, and the little bit of teaching I do I do it in the spirit of the Apostle Peter, "such as I have I will give unto you."

## Athletic booster club meeting location change

The Athletic Booster Club will now be meeting in Room 9 of Muleshoe High School, one of the new classrooms.

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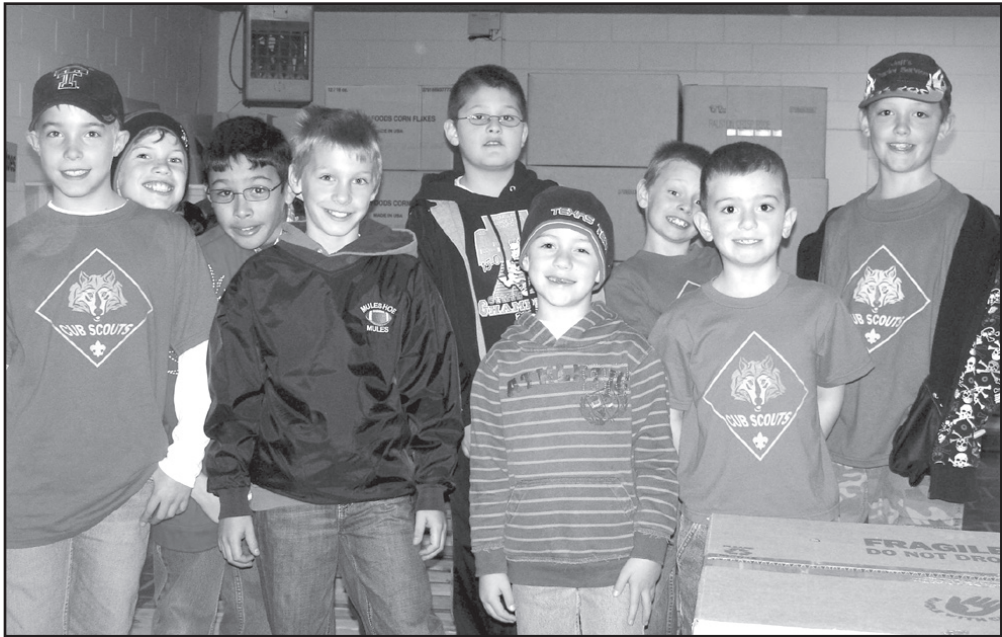
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## Good deeds, and helping hands abound

The Muleshoe Cub Scout Pack 620 and Bailey County 4H Club collected about 400 pounds of food for the Bailey County Food Pantry on Oct. 10. There were about 22 Scouts and 4-H kids who participated.

## Ladies Golf Assn. News

The Muleshoe Country Club Ladies' Golf Association met Wednesday, Oct. 21, for their monthly luncheon.

Club president Pat Kirk opened the meeting with a prayer of gratitude led by Deborah Noble.

Elinor Yerby, Kay Field, Tammy Black and Christy Whitt served the meal. Sheila Stevenson called roll and read the minutes.

There were 18 members in attendance. Ann McElroy and Christy

Whitt were our guests. Treena Matthews celebrated her birthday on Oct. 17.

Marlene Martin gave the treasurer's report.

Yerby will finish this year's scrapbook after our Christmas party and volunteered to continue doing our scrapbook.

Judy Wilbanks will be in charge of our Christmas party. Matthews presented Kirk with a beautiful western

wooden cross for the superb leadership and hard work.

Kirk gave her officers brushed silver golf picture frames.

Claudine Elliott awarded the play day balls to the following:

Sept. 23 — First on the green Anita Black, Yerby and Field.

Sept. 30 — Analita Haley won best score on last hand in cards.

Oct. 7 — In cards

Jerrie Flowers and Anita Black won most times not down.

Oct. 14 — Matthews and Haley won most putts; in cards Elliott and Anita Black won most times to go out.

The name drawn by LaVern Winn was Stevenson for our door prize.

We also had a special drawing for the pumpkin decoration, which Elliott won.

## Focus on faith

Continued from page 9 Exhibit A in the religious leaders' case against Jesus was a) that Jesus had far too much fun, and b) that he loved all the wrong people.

Wrong as they were, on this point the Pharisees were right. Jesus liked ordinary people far better than he liked them. What kind of God would like ordinary "real" people and prefer their company to that of "high and holy" folks who love "religion" more than people, life, or even God?

What kind of God? Praise God, exactly the kind of God we actually have! Amazing!

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### Scouts take a trip to the 'wild side'

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## Seventh grade Mules defeat the Bobcats

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules over come a slow start to nail the door shut on the Dimmitt Bobcats.

A high snap over the head of Saul Sanchez on fourth down pinned the Mules back on their five yard line.

A motion penalty on Dimmitt's first offensive play backed the Bobcats up five yards.

The Bobcats mishandled a pitch wide right and Braden Bessire claimed the ball for the Mules at the Mule 25.

Sanchez moved the Mules 10 yards on three carries of his own before rolling left on what appeared to be a quarterback sweep.

He tossed to Bessire on the sideline and he scooted 65-yards for the Mules first touchdown.

Sanchez threw a strike to Bessire in the end zone for the two-point conversion to put the Mules in front to stay.

The Mules added 14 more points to before the half ended to lead 22-0 at the intermission.

The Mules were content to run out the time in the second half to take their fourth win in district action.

Dimmitt returned the ensuing kick to the Bobcat 38.

The first quarter ended with the Mules leading 8-0.

Dimmitt marched to the Mule three and needed only one yard on third down from the Mule three.

Pablo Flores plugged the middle for no gain. Medardo Andrade blitzed for a seven yard

loss on fourth down to give the Mules the ball on their ten.

Sanchez kept on an option around the left side and romped 90 yards for the Mules second TD with 3:15 left in the half.

Andrade picked his way through the Bobcat defense for the two-point conversion.

The Mules had extended their lead to 16-0.

Flores and Blayne Shipman made the stop on the ensuing kick at the Dimmitt 38.

The Bobcats pounded the ball down the field to the Mule 34.

Shipman and David Rodriquez plugged up the middle to only allow four yards on first down.

The Mules jarred the ball loose from Dimmitt and recovered at the Mule 30.

A sack cost the Mules six yards on first down with the half winding down.

Sanchez moved to running back and took the hand off and hit the hole in the left side of the Mule line.

He raced 76 yards for the Mules final tally.

Sanchez had rushed for 201 yards to lead the Mules ground attack. Bessire led all receivers with 88 yards.

Shipman paced the defense with eight tackles and Flores made seven.

Bessire recovered two fumbles and Andrade and Christian Lopez made one recovery each.

The Mules will complete their season in Friona Thursday afternoon.

## Engagement



Courtney Cravens and Tyrel Gear

### Cravens, Gear to wed

David and Judy Cravens of Carrollton announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Cravens, to Tyrel Gear of Irving.

The prospective bride is a May 2004 graduate of Newman Smith High School of Carrollton, and a May 2007 graduate of Texas Tech University.

She is employed by Infosys Consulting Inc. as a campus recruiting leader.

The prospective groom is the son of Joe and Gayla Gear of Muleshoe.

He is a May 2004 graduate of Muleshoe High School, and a December 2007 graduate of Texas Tech University, and is employed by Wells Fargo Bank as a personal banker.

The wedding has been set for Saturday, March 20, 2010, at 4 p.m., at St Andrew United Methodist Church of Plano.

A reception will follow at the Old Red Museum and Courthouse in Dallas.

## Births

### Rennels birth announced

Payton and Alicia Rennels of Gibsonton, Fla., announce the birth of their daughter, Eila Ann Rennels, on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, at 4:43 a.m., in Brandon Regional Hospital in Brandon, Fla.

Eila weighed six pounds, 11 ounces at birth, and was 19 inches in length/.

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Eila Ann Rennels

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Attribute to a beautiful lady; that is what happened on Saturday, October 24, 2009, in Muleshoe, Texas at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Friends, family, and former employers of Willie Mae Graves gathered to honor and to say thank you to this truly unique long-time resident of Muleshoe and Lazbuddie area. Ask her daughter Sandra and she will tell you her mother is a devoted Christian who loves to read the Bible and is close to her Lord. Willie Mae loves talking on the telephone, and as she says she has a full-time occupation trying to keep all of her kids under control.

A very large number of Willie Mae's family and friends (some where between 150 and 200) gathered at the Church on Saturday between 2 and 4 on this special day to show appreciation for all she has done for the community and everyone who knows her. If you listened to some of the things being said about Willie Mae you would hear: wonderful friend, hard worker, a good mother, Willie Mae would do anything for you if you needed help, devoted to her family and her friends and she is a true Christian.

All of Willie Mae's children were present and family members and friends from as far away as Michigan California, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.





### Business of the Month announced

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently selected Jarman Seed as the October Business of the Month. Pictured above, from left to right, are Mark Anthony, Celie Parham, Gene Paul Jarman and Dave McNeil.



### Raingutter regatta held

Muleshoe's Cub Scout Pack 620 participated in a "Raingutter Regatta" on Oct. 3, at the First United Methodist Church. Other packs that took part in the event came from Levelland, Littlefield and Whitharrel. A total of 40 boys competed in the races. They made wooden sailboats from a kit at home and at den meetings. At the meet, rain gutters were filled with water, and the scouts used a straw to blow on the sails to race the boats down the gutters. This was the first year that the scouts have had this event

### Lazbuddie ISD honor rolls released

Lazbuddie ISD has released its honor rolls for the second six-week period of the 2009-10 school year.

The students honored include:

- Elementary "A"**  
 Presley Agee, Garison Bohler, John Henry Schacher, Eric Bartley, Rebecca Berry, Coby Glover, Tyler Haseloff, Miranda Salazar, Preston Stewart, Devon Pacheco, Andres Solano, Sidney Urbantke, Bernardo Lopez, Casey Bartley and Ashley Scott.
- Elementary "AB"**

- Maribel Gomez, Eduardo Martinez, Josh Cox, Adrian Fernandez, Damian Juarez, Gerardo Reyes, Gunner Russell, Avery Timms, Marisol Gomez, Eduardo Pantoja, Ashlyn Timms, TJBallard, Triston Bomer, Ginsyn McGehee, Priscilla Salazar, Cambree Glover and Daniela Ramos.
- Junior High "A"**  
 Lacey Jesko, Haley Beasley, Ashton Mason and Shyann Rainey.
- Junior High "AB"**  
 Iridian Fernandez, Juan Samarron, Micah Vera, Haldon Ivy, Albert

- Moran, Cutter Glover and Allison Weaver.
- High School "A"**  
 Jarrod Jesko, Jordan Hernandez, Cassidy Lowe, Lydia Campos, Katie Chavez, Darin Ivy, Kayle Jesko, Logan Mason and Kinzi Schacher.
- High School "AB"**  
 Jessica Estrada, Karina Galaviz, Shea Scott, Ross Steinbock, Paola Estrada, Jordan Mason, Kylie McGehee, Todd Nichols, Justin Schacher, Carrie Beth Gilly, Elias Ramos, Colton Weaver, Riley Smith and Monica Vera.

### Phlebotomy course starting date changed

SouthPlainsCollege will offer a basic phlebotomy course starting Monday, Nov. 9, and running through Dec. 16.

Classroom and clinical instruction in skill development of blood collection methods will be provided.

The tuition is \$390 plus a required textbook, "The Complete Textbook of Phlebotomy," 3rd Edition by Lynn B. Hoeltke. The course will have 24 hours of classroom instruction Monday through Thursday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 101 of the Technical Arts building Monday, Nov. 2 through Dec. 2.

The 24 hours of clinical instruction will be arranged from Nov. 30 through Dec. 16.

Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR, Tetanus, Hepatitis B series and a current negative TB test. Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR,

Tetanus not older than eight years, Hepatitis B Series and have a current negative TB test not older than six months, photo identification and social security card.

Students that satisfactorily complete the course will receive

a certificate for 4.8 continuing education credits.

Enrollment is limited to 10 students.

For more information, contact the SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at (806) 716-2341.

## Best Wishes, Mules!

Support the MEL Mules as they participate in the "Top of Texas" Tourney this weekend at Bushland.

### Muleshoe Football League



### Chamber welcomes new business

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture welcomed Aurelia's Cakes with a ribbon cutting recently. Pictured above are Charla Johnson, Ray Ybarra, Cory Collins, Debbie Floyd, Aurelia Alaniz, Rey Alaniz, Billie Alaniz, Bianca Alaniz, and Brenda Alaniz, and Cheryl Puckett.

### Sudan fall bazaar set

Sudan First United Methodist Church, 411 Main, in Sudan, will be the place to come on Friday, Nov. 6., as it hosts its annual fall bazaar. Doors will open at 8 a.m.

There will be homemade items, crafts and lots of home baked goodies available.

A lunch of chili, beans and stew will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Take out plates will be available.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children, age and under.

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- VERY NICE 4-4-2 Brick Home on corner lot, approx. 3500' lvg. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, auto, spklr., large finished basement!! MUCH MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$249K \$225K!!
- NICE 2-1-3 carport Home, carpet, tile, fans, fenced yd., storage bldg. MORE!! \$45K!!
- 2 NICELY REMODELED DUPLEX UNITS & 1 NEW Duplex unit!! PRICED TO SELL!!
- NICELY REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick, new Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 3125' lvg. area, spklr. sys., fenced yard, MORE!! REDUCED \$200K
- NICE 3-2-1 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, office, auto, spklr., fenced yd., garage/workshop/storage bldg. in back yd.!! \$117,000!!
- 4 bedroom, 5.5 bath, 2 car garage, geothermal (cent. A&H), built-ins, FP, approx. 5100', loads of storage, workshop/storage, RV port, auto. spklr., REDUCED TO \$185K!!
- 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 car garage, Cent. A&H, built-ins, basement, fenced yard!! \$79,900!! PRICE REDUCED \$74,900!!
- VERY NICE 2-2-2 Brick home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, storm windows and doors, auto. spklr., workshop/storage, fenced yard!! \$79,500!!
- VERY NICE 3-1 1/2-2 Brick home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fireplace, thermal windows & doors, metal trim, workshop/storage, fenced yd., MUCH MORE!! \$139,500!!

**HIGH SCHOOL AREA**

- NICE 2-1 1/2-1 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, basement, screened patio, fenced yard, approx. 1762' lvg. area!! REDUCED - \$82,000 \$75,000 \$65,000!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2336' lvg. area, auto. spklr., fenced yd, MORE!! \$125K!!
- 3-1 1/2, 1+1 CP, tile, carpet, auto. spklr., Tile and Carpet, fenced yard. \$70,000!! Price Reduced \$65,000!!
- 3-2-1 Brick home, total electric, Cent. A&H, (heat pump), built-ins, approx. 1318' lvg. area, fenced yd!! \$69,900.00
- 3-1 1/2-2 w/workshop, wall furnace heat, window refig, plus efficiency apt, storage bldg, fenced yard, corner lot. \$77,000!!

**IN CONTRACT**

- Six Unit spartan duplex, on Hwy 107, 2 bedroom Mobile Home!! \$119,500!!
- 2-1-1 car detached garage, Cent. A&H, built-ins, nice carpet, den, MORE!! \$49,500

**RURAL**

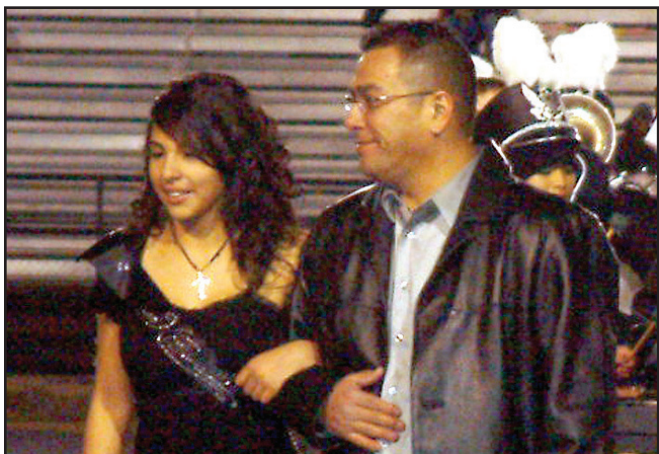
- VERY NICE 4-3 doublewide (2006) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., 25' x 40' Metal Bldg. septic system, domestic well, on pavement close to town!! \$452K \$130K!!
- Nice 3-2 Home at edge of town on .8 acre tract, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, efficiency apt. or guest cottage, horse barn & corral!! PRICE REDUCED! \$92,500
- NICE 4.8 acre homesites, close to town, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!
- NICE 3-2-5 carport Home on 2 acres, Cent. heat, Cent. evap. air, built-ins, fireplace, fans, utility, cellar, large shop, stor. bldg., MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$109,500!!
- CLAY'S CORNER - VERY NICE 3-2 3/4-2 Home on 5 acres, approx. 2500' lvg. area, remodeled, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, whirlpool tub, fenced yard, 600' workshop/storage!! \$185K !!

**COMMERCIAL**

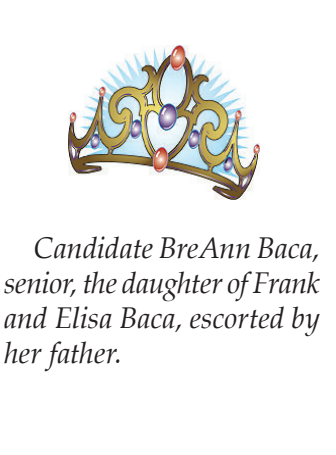
- NICE commercial bldg. w/approx. 3300' plus 1040' upstairs, Cent. A&H, 2 restrooms, MORE!! \$39,500!!
- NICE OFFICE/SHOP/WAREHOUSE on 7 acre on N. Hwy. 214, Cent. A&H, insulated shop & warehouse, has 1-3/4 bath & 1-1/2 bath!! MUCH MORE!! PRICED TO SELL!! \$85K!!
- 1900' OFF Bldg., 106' x 140' lot on Hwy. 70 and 84!! \$79.5K!! PRICE REDUCED \$62K!!
- VERY NICE CHURCH BLDG. WITH PARSONAGE - Possible Owner Finance!! Price Reduced!!
- GOOD INCOME PROPERTY-LONG TERM LEASE- Approx. 8,075' office bldg. w/ approx. 20,000' paved parking area!! PRICE REDUCED \$350K.
- 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheet iron bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!!
- 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84-1760' Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-50' x 12' metal canopies w/paved area!! \$35K!!
- FORMER RICHLAND HILLS TEXACO - 1414' Bldg. + 1080' canopy + 16,530' asphalt paving!!
- Approx. 5350' retail/warehouse bldg., with chainlink fenced area, 10' roll up door & entry door, corner lot!! \$45K!!
- Approx. 1080' metal building including an office and 3 bay garage/workshop area plus chain link fenced area!! \$39,500!!



# Muleshoe High School 2009 Homecoming Coronation



Devnie Orozco, junior, the daughter of Marissa Orozco, escorted by her uncle, William Orozco.



Candidate BreAnn Baca, senior, the daughter of Frank and Elisa Baca, escorted by her father.



Candidate Caitlyn Durben, senior, the daughter of Pat Durben and Bill Durben, escorted by her father.



Candidate Sarah Johnson, senior, the daughter of Chris and Adeana Johnson, escorted by her father.



Candidate Alyssa Martinez, senior, the daughter of Fabian and Yolanda Martinez, escorted by her father.



The 2009 MHS Homecoming Court



2009 Homecoming Queen BreAnn Baca, and Frank Baca

Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture  
invites you to spend...

## Christmas Around Muleshoe Nov. 7 to Dec. 12

"Christmas Around Muleshoe" participants will give one entry for every \$10 purchase (up to \$100) every day between Nov. 7th and Dec. 12th. The merchants will also have four special days customers will receive double entries - Nov. 7, Nov. 21, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12. You will receive two entries for every \$10 purchase (up to \$100) on these four days! \$1000 Chamber Mule Bucks certificates and Gift certificates up to \$50 from sponsoring businesses will also be given away. Enter at the participating businesses listed below.

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