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No joy in Muleville!

Mule winning streak ends at 31

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Coaches like routine and the final week of September was anything but routine for the Mules. Six week tests with the rearranged schedules, an early dismissal of Friday and a bus break down are not part of a normal week for the Mules.

The Mules seemed out of step for most of the game in Bushland Friday night, Oct. 1, with fumbles, interceptions, missed tackles and motion penalties all

"We have to take this, learn from it, and get better because of it..."

taking a toll on the Mules.

But even with all the adversity that the Mules suffered the Bushland Falcons were only able to defeat the Mules by the score of 27-20.

"We just have to learn from tonight," said Mule coach David Wood. "You just can not turn the ball

over as many times as we did tonight and expect to win against a team like Bushland."

"We have to take this, learn from it and get better because of it. But even with all the adversity, to only lose by seven tells us we are good. We have to work hard this week and

be ready for Slaton on Friday."

The Falcons took the opening kick and drove to the Mule five-yard line. Isaac Baca stunted and stripped Brett Wilhelm, the Falcon quarterback, of the ball. Royce Strader recovered the ball on the Mule 19.

Cooper Washington's first pass of the night was picked at the Mule 25 and returned to the 15 before Rico Alarcon made the stop.

The Falcons pulled **Continued on page 8**

Bringing the pain

The Mules fell short of a win against the Eagles Friday, but that doesn't mean they didn't have opportunities to "bring the pain" to their feathered foes. Pictured above, Mule Joey Ramirez "zeros in" on a Falcon running back, helping him to understand the expression... "Uh oh!"

Photograph by Stacy Conner

County court begins redistricting process

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Bailey County's commissioners court approved a contract with Lubbock attorney Curtis Parrish to handle the county's redistricting during a special meeting Wednesday, Sept. 29.

Redistricting — which is required after completion of the United States' census every 10 years — is often a contentious process at both the state and federal levels, but after the 2000 census it result in problems for Bailey County as well when a civil suit was filed that

ended in a requirement that at least one of the Bailey County precincts must have an Hispanic majority population, according to officials at Wednesday's meeting, and costing an estimated \$60,000.

"This is more than a mission for me," said Parrish, who described himself as a "West Texas kind of guy," adding that he was tired of this area being "beat up," by people in Austin and Washington, DC.

According to the information Parrish presented Wednesday, **Continued on page 3**

Muleshoe officers to target traffic, parking offenders

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Cell phone use and texting while driving has garnered a lot of media coverage in recent months, but officers with the Muleshoe Police Department are still watching for other motor vehicle offenses, as well.

Monday afternoon, Lt. Benny Parker said the police department has been receiving numerous complaints about the improper use of handicapped parking

around Muleshoe, and the problem has increased to the point that local law enforcement officers will be targeting offenders who choose to ignore the properly marked parking spaces.

"We're going to be enforcing this," Lt. Parker said, adding that the fine can run from \$500 to \$1,200.

Texas statutes allow fines for this particular offense to be increased depending on the number of prior convictions.

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Photographs by Larry Thornton

How much?

"How much wood would a woodchuck chuck, if a woodchuck could chuck wood?"

It may be the question on some people's minds, but here in Muleshoe the question isn't if wood chucking is possible, but rather — as some of the varsity football players demonstrated Sunday evening, with how much style can the task can be accomplished as they prepare the wood pile for Thursday's annual homecoming event.

Homecoming, ribbon cutting included in busy day at Muleshoe ISD

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Homecoming week in Muleshoe is always a great week for fans of the Muleshoe Mules, but this year there is more excitement than usual.

Thursday evening, the activities will focus on the annual bonfire at the new city park, but on Friday, Oct. 8, it will be especially hectic

around the Muleshoe Independent School District.

Lt. Brandon Sheets, USN, the son of Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets, will be returning to DeShazo Elementary to speak to the students at about 9:30 a.m..

According to the superintendent, the lieutenant will bring with the film footage of

his team's daring rescue of a severely injured hiker in Washington State, during which he flew his helicopter under a bridge, with him.

The lieutenant is also scheduled to address students at Watson Junior High later in the day.

There will also be a ribbon cutting at DeShazo Elementary, at 1 p.m., marking the completion

of that campus' expansion — which included the kitchen, the new administrative offices and library, and entrance.

Retired principal Barbara Finney will be honored at the event.

The daughter of former principal Mary DeShazo, after whom the building and campus was named, will be on hand to speak

and help cut the ribbon.

There will be a tour of the facility after the ceremonies.

At Muleshoe High School, the activities will begin at 2:30 p.m., with the Homecoming game pep rally, and between 3:30 p.m. and the conclusion of the "pre-game" dinner, at 7 p.m., there will be tours of the high school's

new science wing.

Then, at 7 p.m., the 2010 MHS Football Homecoming Queen will be crowned at the renovated Benny Douglass Stadium.

This year's homecoming game, at 7:30 p.m. against the Slaton Tigers, will be the varsity Mule's second gridiron battle on the stadium's AstroTurf™.

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Sophomore pre-game dinner

Muleshoe's sophomore class will be hosting the fund-raiser pre-game dinner on Friday, Oct. 8, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

The meal will feature carne guisada, and tickets are \$7. Call 272-7306 for takeout meals.

Noah's Ark Fling

The New Covenant Church's 13th annual "Noah's Ark Fling" will be held on Sunday, Oct. 31, at the Bailey County Coliseum, from 5-8 p.m.

Individuals and businesses wishing to participate in the event should contact Colleen Wilson at 806-252-8180, Gena VanMeter at 806-549-1061, or New Covenant Church at 965-2787.

Senior class fund raiser

Muleshoe High School senior class is currently conducting a Gourmet Frozen Cookie Dough and Pie fundraiser. To order your cookie dough and pies, contact any senior class member or sponsor — Jim Daniel, Kit Diaz, Belinda Head, April Smith, Carey Sudduth and Sharon Villa.

The phone number at the high school is 272-7303 or email an order to asmith@muleshoeisd.net, jdaniel@muleshoeisd.net or bhead@muleshoeisd.net.

The sale will end Oct. 15, Cookie dough and pies will be delivered approximately two weeks after the end of the sale.

MHS fall blood drive

Muleshoe High School will be hosting its fall blood drive on Oct. 25, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:15 p.m., in the donor coach, located in front of the Muleshoe High School office. Students 16 years of age must return a signed parental permission slip to donate.

To schedule an appointment, contact Sharon Villa, MHS nurse, at (806)272-7309.

Senior class pre-game dinner

Muleshoe's senior class will be hosting the pre-game dinner at the high school cafeteria on Friday, Oct. 15, from 5-7 p.m., featuring stuffed baked potatoes with chili and all the fixings, salad, chips and salsa, cobbler and ice tea.

Tickets are \$5. For delivery orders, call 272-7306 between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Harvest Fest 2010

The First Baptist Church of Muleshoe is planning its Harvest Fest 2010 to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 7-8 p.m. in the church's east parking lot. The evenings activities include fun, games and "trunk or treat."

Athletic boosters meet

The MHS Athletic Boosters meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the MHS Commons area. Parents and individuals interested in the MHS athletics program are invited to attend.

Crimestoppers phone number

Individuals wishing to contact Parmer-Bailey County Crimestoppers with information related to offenses in either county should call 1-800-744-8477.

It's Fire Prevention Week

As part of its observance of Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 3-9, the Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department encourages area residents to check their smoke alarms once a month.

Along with checking their alarms monthly, residents should also remember to replace the batteries yearly. "Why not during Fire Prevention Week?"

'You must read and understand these instructions'

I just bought a new weed-eater.

The old one was sputtering along just fine in excellent two-cycle engine form, but two of my sons have just moved into a different house and needed weed-whacking equipment.

In a gesture of paternal magnanimity, I donated the old weed-destroyer to the cause. I didn't tell them that it will likely out-value anything else left in the estate for them when I've departed. But they seemed appreciative.

Anyway, I ceremonially handed over the old weed-eater and straightway departed (in a less final sense) to procure a new one. The shopping trip was like all my shopping trips. I wasted gas going to four stores to save money and ended up back at the first store lined up to pay twice as much as I thought the item would cost. Oh, well.

When I got my shiny new weed-whacker home, I was tempted to fire it up just to check out the brand new thimble-sized engine, but it was midnight. And I'd given my (mixed) gas can away, too, and couldn't buy a new one and get the petrol cocktail mixed up (shaken, not stirred) until Monday.

That gave me time to sit the new machine in the living room floor for the weekend and actually look through the instructions.

Once I'd trimmed the two manuals down to the King's English only, I was left with eighty-four pages of weed-eater literature. Actually, only twenty-six pages of that counted as "instructions." The lion's share was the "safety manual." This is evidently a vicious machine.

Of course, there was very little plot to the two-volume novel. Most of the pages were covered with lawyer droppings. Safety booklets will

Don't forget to 'stuff the bus'

Volunteers with the Bailey County Food Pantry will be on hand Saturday, Oct. 9, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., in the United parking lot to help area residents "stuff the bus," with non-perishable food items that are desperately needed to fill the food pantry's shelves to feed area families in need.

'Ace of Cakes' issues available at the Journal

If you watched the "Ace of Cakes" presentation to the Muleshoe Police Department on Thursday, Sept. 30, and wish you had kept your copies of the June 24 and July 1 Muleshoe Journal, featuring stories and photographs of Chef Duff Goldman's visit, stop by the Journal office and pick up another copy.

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soon come, no doubt, attached to every nail you buy at your local hardware store. It's a wonder restaurants don't include such manuals with their toothpicks.

But I read and learned...

The muffler is hot. Good.

The State of California (which knows so much more than other states, except how to balance budgets) knows that sucking in weed-eater exhaust can cause birth defects.

This thing could amputate my fingers. I'd have to be pretty determined to be fingerless, but it could happen.

It's a bad idea to run it indoors, to use it to shorten power lines, or to operate it when drunk.

And so on.

I'm not finished reading yet, partly because reading these manuals, I'm warned, is not enough. I must "read and understand" all of these warnings. I'm not sure I'll ever be able to check off that last part.

The Maker of this world was kind enough to include a manual that we really should read and, yes, do our best to understand.

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After years of work, the end is in sight

This Friday, Muleshoe ISD will hold its final ribbon cutting ceremony from the 2006 Bond Program. We hope everyone will come out and celebrate the end of the construction projects with us.

We have completed all of the priorities given to us by the original Citizens Facilities Committee. We added classrooms, offices, cafeteria, and kitchen at Dillman Elementary.

We added classrooms, offices, and a new north entrance at Watson Junior High. We built a new high school around the old high school, including new classrooms, cafeteria, commons area, gymnasium, offices, and entrance.

We added five classrooms at DeShazo Elementary.

We replaced the heating

School News

By Dr. Gene Sheets, Superintendent, MMSD

and air conditioning units on all campuses. We replaced the roofs on all campuses. We moved the Transportation Department off of the high school campus to the west end of town.

Because we were able to save \$4 million in construction costs and earn \$2 million in interest over the four years of the bond program, we were able to add a new entrance, offices, kitchen, and parking at DeShazo Elementary.

We also expanded the football stadium, including new artificial turf, running track, bleachers, concessions stand, ticket booth, and rest rooms.

And, we also put \$2

million back into our fund balance for future needs of the district.

A big reason that we were able to save the money in construction costs is the work of Sam Whalin. An example of many things Sam has done over the past four years happened a few weeks ago.

I saw Sam Whalin out on the football field taking measurements every few feet or so. He would mark a spot, walk several feet, and put down another marker. He did this over and over. He did this for several hours. I just had to know what he was doing.

It turns out that he was marking the spots where the new stadium lights

were to be aimed on the field for the electrician. Sam had kept the original stadium light schematics drawn by lighting engineers years ago.

These drawings showed where each stadium light had to be aimed to achieve the maximum amount of light for every part of the football field. Now that we were re-lamping all the light poles (not just the new ones), someone had to tell the electrician where to aim the new light fixtures.

Sam was on the field marking the spots as the electrician in the bucket truck at the top of the light pole aimed the lights on that exact spot.

I don't know exactly how much it would have cost to hire a lighting engineer to draw up a lighting scheme again to tell us how to aim our new lights, or how much it would have cost to hire another electrician to measure the field to direct the lights.

I am just thankful that Sam Whalin kept the plans from years ago and was willing to do the work needed to direct the lights so we didn't have to pay that expense again.

This is just one example of hundreds of other examples through this four-year construction project where Sam has saved the school district many thousands of dollars with his expertise and knowledge.

County court discusses redistricting

Continued from page 1 preliminary figures obtained from the census bureau showed Bailey County had suffered a five percent population decrease during the past decade, but he noted that was "pretty good," compared to the majority of area counties, such as Parmer County which he said is down 15 percent.

Because of the population drop in many rural counties, Parrish said there may be a time when counties are forced to merge their services

with other counties.

Parrish said the census numbers indicate Bailey County's population is younger than the State of Texas as a whole, with the majority of those younger residents being from the Hispanic community.

Currently, Bailey County has one unconnected precinct, Precinct 4, meaning a portion of that precinct isn't directly touching the majority of the precinct's geographic area.

At the same time, the majority of Precincts 1

and 3 are connected by long narrow passageways to the county courthouse and Muleshoe's public library, as was required prior to changes in 2006 that required a polling place to be physically located in the precinct.

Now, all of county's election day ballot boxes are located the Bailey County Colliseum.

During his presentation to the commissioners court, Parrish reminded them that the redistricting criteria are set by the federal government, and that Texas is among the states requiring prior approval by the US Justice Department due to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

During the redistricting process, the precincts must be within 10 percent of each other in population.

Once the official census numbers are released, Parrish said the figures could be "plugged into the current map" to see what changes need to be made to the precinct lines.

"Redistricting here will be driven by the numbers," Parrish said, noting that in most areas both race and numbers drive the process.

"Whatever we do... will get Justice Department approval," Parrish said. "That is our goal here."

Muleshoe police watch...

Continued from page 1 "We're giving everyone a chance to know what the law is," Parker added.

It was also pointed out that improperly displaying the handicapped parking placards obtained from the county clerk's office is another problem that will be addressed by the officers. Statutes are very specific about how the placards are to be hung from the rear-view mirror.

Parker also said the individual assigned to the placard must be either the driver or a passenger in the vehicle before it can be legally used.

Citations for handicapped parking violations can be issued for offenses committed on both public and private parking lots.

Two traffic offenses for which local law enforcement officers will be watching include center turn lane violations and pedestrian crossing encroachments.

The center turning lane is not a "merging lane," it

was noted, something a large number of drivers on both American Blvd. and First Street tend to forget.

Drivers traveling on one of those major roadways in Muleshoe can utilize this center lane to make a left-hand turn only from American or First at an intersection or into an adjacent parking lot, according to Parker, but the distance the driver is allowed to travel in this lane is limited.

To turn left from such an intersecting street or parking lot into this center lane to allow other traffic to pass before continuing on constitutes its use as a merging lane.

It is not a passing lane, it was noted.

As for pedestrian crossing encroachments—in which a vehicle enters the striped safety zone assigned for pedestrian foot traffic, it should be pointed out that such inconsiderate driving habits can almost lighten a pocketbook faster than someone can say, "Call an ambulance."

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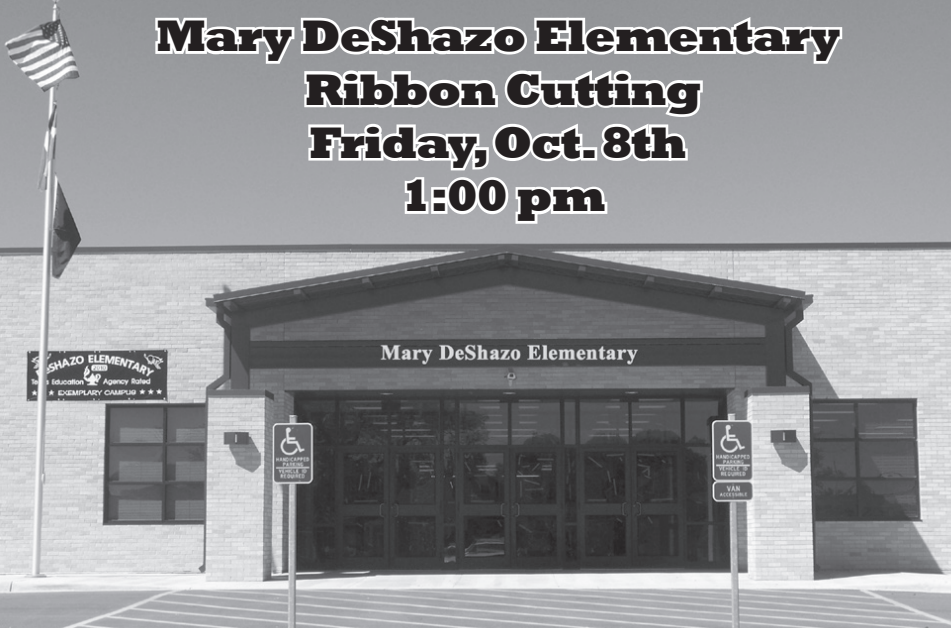
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• **Mary Nell DeShazo Weems, daughter of former principal of Mary Deshazo will cut the ribbon.**

• **Barbara Finney, Muleville founder will be honored.**

• **Tours of school will be given by Muleville Board of Directors.**

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

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Our heartfelt appreciation to all of you that has contributed with your attendance and your donations to make this the great center it is.

We have had good donations made that help to meet the finances required to keep the center open. Our annual donations are a very big part of meeting the bills for the center.

The memorial donations also are a big help with the finances. We do appreciate the donations made to the center to honor someone on a birthday or just to give a friend a gift of

appreciation.

The center is one of the best assets Muleshoe has for senior citizens retiring here. Many of our out of town visitors have commented on what a great place to be able to come to each day.

We are a tax-free organization and any donation can be deducted from the tax paid to the government. So think about helping the center in the future.

Monday, Oct. 11, the board of directors will meet in the center, at 12:30 p.m., for their monthly meeting. The meeting is open to the public and are invited to come and bring good suggestions to help the center.

Tuesday, Oct. 12, Calvert Home Health will be at the center from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. with flu shots. Make plans to come and get your flu shot before the flu season begins. You will need to bring your

medicare card.

Legacy of Love will also be here Tuesday, Oct. 12, with cookie baking. This is always a good time. Come have a cookie and coffee on this date around 10 a.m.

Remember our senior dance on Tuesday, Oct. 12. If you need some good exercise and fun just come out to the dance. There is good food, music and fellowship from 7-10 p.m.

The Senior Companions will be having lunch at the center on Wednesday, Oct. 13. We enjoy and welcome them.

Thursday is Bingo day. Come and have fun with LeShea Mason and the players. The games begin at 1:30 p.m.

Menu for Oct. 11-15: Monday, Oct. 11 — Chicken salad, pickled beets, carrots, French bread, fruit and cookies.

Tuesday, Oct. 12 — Salisbury steak, brown gravy, scalloped potatoes,

sweet peas, salad, wheat roll and cherry yogurt.

Wednesday, Oct. 13 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and apple cobbler.

Thursday, Oct. 14 — Taco salad, beans, rice, cheese, chips, salsa and chocolate pudding.

Friday, Oct. 15 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

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Obituaries

Ted Harrison

Church services for Ted Harrison, 77, of Muleshoe, were held on Saturday, Oct. 2, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner and the Rev. Randy Miller officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Harrison died on Sept. 29, 2010, in Muleshoe. He was born on Oct. 1, 1932, to Walter Franklin and Clara Bell Harrison in Wellington, and married Bettie Logan in Portales, N.M., on Nov. 8, 1957.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister — Noretta Miller, and brother — Donald Harrison.

Harrison had lived in Muleshoe most of his life and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe.

He owned and operated H&W Hay Company in Muleshoe, and served on the Bailey County Stock Show Board, and as a Muleshoe volunteer Fireman.

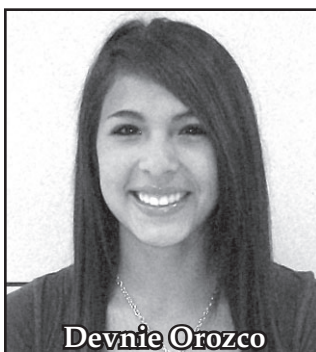
Harrison had served in the US Army during the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife — Bettie, of the home; two sons — Alan Harrison of Muleshoe and Kelly Harrison of Lubbock, two sisters — Jeanetta Precure of Muleshoe and Denice Simpson of Bentonville, Ark., a brother — Jerry Harrison of Muleshoe, and five grandchildren.

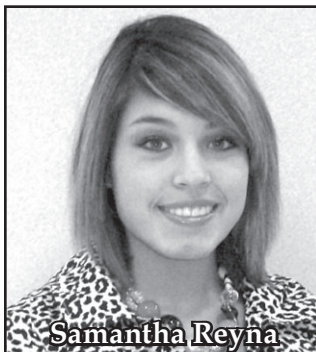
Memorials may be set to the First Baptist Church, 220 W. Ave. E, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, 319 S. Main, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.



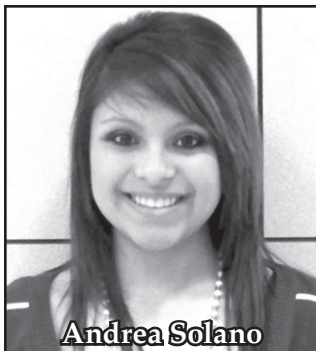
Shayla Carpenter



Devnie Orozco



Samantha Reyna



Andrea Solano



Jennifer Vasquez

Mac Brown

Church service for Mac Brown, 64, of Muleshoe, were held on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

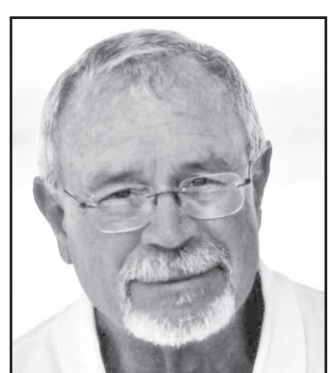
Brown died on Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010, in Lubbock. He was born on May 28, 1946, to the late Dee And Dorothy Brown in Clovis, N.M., and married Della Ross in Las Vegas, Nev., on April 26, 2008.

Brown was a graduate of Lazbuddie High School and attended Eastern New Mexico University.

He was a member of the Muleshoe Country Club.

He was a farmer and a member of the Muleshoe Coop Gin Board.

Survivors include his



wife — Della, of the home; three sons — Russell Brown of Granbury, Brandon Brown of Spring Hill, Tenn., and Burton Brown of San Clemente, Calif., and stepson Johnny Puckett of Amarillo; two daughters — Stephanie Wright of Midland and stepdaughter Connie Taylor of Muleshoe; a brother — James Brown of Muleshoe; and 11 grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Muleshoe Relay for Life or the Muleshoe Junior Livestock Show.

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- Andrea Solano, the daughter of Osvaldo Maria Solano.
- Jennifer Vasquez, the daughter of Isauro and Maria Vasquez.

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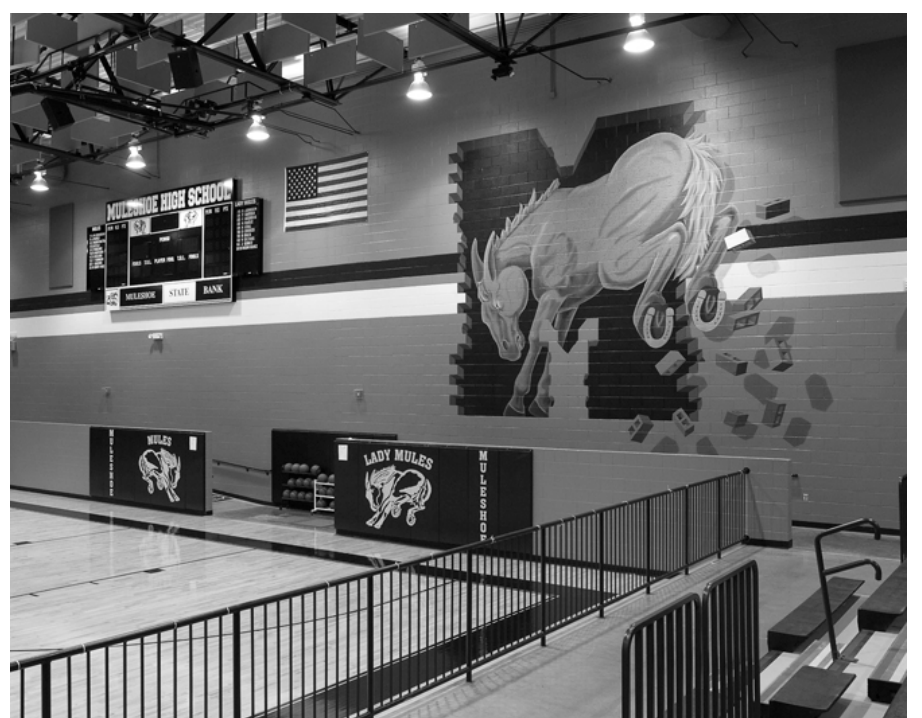
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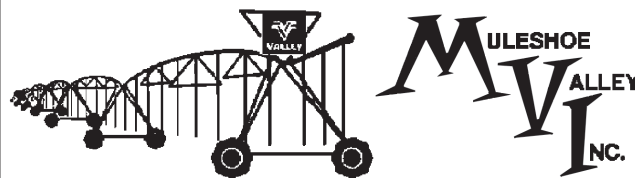
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Sports

Mules take a tough loss from Bushland Falcons

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out all the stops and scored on a reverse half back pass to the end zone. That put the Falcons on top 7-0 with 8:37 left in the opening period.

The Mules next drive stalled near midfield and Coach Wood decided to go for it on fourth down. The pass fell incomplete and the Falcons took over on downs.

The Mule defense forced a punt but Saul Elizalde fumbled the return and Bushland recovered. The Mule defense was up to the challenge and held on the first three downs forcing a fourth and goal from the four.

Elizalde made up for the fumble by reading the eyes of the quarterback and breaking on the ball. He intercepted the pass at the Mule three and returned to the Bushland 39 before being pulled down.

The Mules drove to the three and a motion penalty set them back five yards. The Mules ran the back-to-back-to-back Hammer plays but were held on the two.

The Falcons stalled out near midfield and punted to the Mule 20. Elizalde scooped up the ball and returned to the 36. Washington was sacked for a 10-yard loss before hitting Ryan DeLeon with a bullet

pass at the Bushland 38. Washington faked like his was about to run up the middle and then tossed to DeLeon open at the Falcon 28. He spun away from a defender's grasp and finally went down at the Falcon 10.

Washington rolled to his right on third down, stopped and threw back across the field to Erik Orozco in the back corner of the end zone. A motion penalty backed the Mules up five yards and Elizalde's kick missed. The Mules trailed 7-6 with 6:47 remaining the first half.

Bushland returned the ensuing kick to the Mule 12. A swing pass toward the Mule sideline was caught. Orozco appeared to jar the ball loose from the receiver near the one-yard line and the ball rolled into the end zone.

The sideline official was five yards behind the play ran up to the goal line and signaled touch down. The kick was good and the Mules trailed 14-6 with 5:15 left in the half.

The Mules started their final drive of the first half at the Mule 19. Junior Baca started wide, saw a hole and cut up the middle for 10 yards. Washington picked up five yards on first down and with stood a big hit in the backfield before he found Isaias Guerra for a

little dump pass. Guerra twisted and turned his way for eight yards. Washington had back-to-back runs of eight and 17 yards to advance the Mules to the Bushland 38. I. Baca bounced out side and was banged around like a pin ball but made 31 yards before hitting the turf.

Juan Sanchez made two yards on first down and three on second down to reach the Falcon two. Washington blasted up the middle for a two-yard touchdown. The 2-point conversion failed. The Mules had marched 81 yards on nine plays to trail 14-12 at the half.

Washington was intercepted twice in the third period but the Falcons could not cash in on the miscues.

A Falcon receiver could not hang on to the ball and it bounced into Elizalde's hands at the Bushland 44 and he raced to the 25 before being brought down.

A delay penalty backed the Mules up five yards on first down. Joey Ramirez took a reverse pitch and leaped for extra yards after being hit. He gained 10 yards on the run. Washington gained six yards up the middle. I. Baca pounded out seven yards on two carries.

Sanchez bounced outside for four yards. A



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Mule Isaac Baca runs through Bushland tacklers.

motion penalty backed the Mules up five yards. The Mules opened a huge hole in the left side of the line and Washington reached the end zone with an eight-yard run. Washington hit Guerra for the 2-point conversion. The Mules led for the first time 20-14 with 4:06 left in the third quarter.

The Mule defense stopped the Falcons on fourth down at the Mule 33 to take over on downs. The Mules fumbled on the first play of the final period at the Mule 23.

Mason Harris scored on a 29-yard run and the PAT kick was good to put the Falcons on top to stay 21-20.

The Falcons stopped the Mules just inches short of a first down and took over at the Mule 10. They marched 90 yards on 14 plays and consumed almost six and half minutes before scoring. The PAT kick was off the mark leaving the door open for the Mules. The Falcons led 27-20 with 1:43 left in the game.

The Mules could not score and lost their first game after 31 regular season wins.

The Mule offense turned the ball over six times Friday night. Washington was intercepted four times and the Mules fumbled twice.

They gained 203 yards on 38 rushes and Washington completed 12 of 21 passes for 163 for a total of 366 yards.

The Mules were



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Mules Saul Elizaldo breaks up a Falcon pass.

penalized nine times for 50 yards.

Washington rushed 15 times for 78 yards and two touchdowns. I. Baca carried seven times for 76 yards and J. Baca ran four times for 16. Ramirez rushed six times for 20 yards and Sanchez carried six times for 13.

Seven Mules caught passes with DeLeon grabbing four for 57 yards and Orozco caught two for 42 and a TD. Alarcon made one reception for 24 yards and Steven Durben caught one for 12.

The Mule defense held the Falcons to 136 rushing

on 28 tries and they were 14 of 26 passing with two interceptions for 115 yards for a total of 251 yards. They also had one goal line stand and two fourth down stands.

Sanchez and Elizalde led the Mule defense with eight tackles each. Sanchez also had three tackles for a loss and Elizalde made two interceptions and three pass break ups.

Orozco made seven tackles with being for a loss. J. Baca made two special team tackles.

Friday is Homecoming at Muleshoe High School. The Slaton Tigers are visiting the Mules.

JV Mules defeat the Falcons

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mules jumped on the Bushland Falcons early and often Thursday evening in the district home opener for the Mules.

The Mules owned a 30-8 lead after just one quarter and then added a safety in the second period to lead 32-8 at the intermission.

The Mules added one more score before the game ended with the Mules on top 38-8.

The two teams exchanged interceptions before the Falcons threatened to score early in the game. Benny Martinez intercepted a Falcon pass on the Mule

five-yard line. The Mules were not able to reach a first down and had to boot the ball away.

Chris Lozano tipped the ball away from a Falcon in the end zone to save a touchdown. The Mules held three more downs with Matthew Ambriz applying pressure to the passer on fourth down. Adrian Torres made the tackle after the quarterback was flushed from the pocket.

Caleb Wood scrambled right and hit Damien Trevino for a first down at the Mule 49. Lupe Campos made the catch on the run at the Falcon 32 and went to the 15 before being dragged

down.

Wood kept off left tackle for a 15-yard touchdown run. Wood connected with Devon Cantrell for the 2-point conversion. The Mules led 8-0 with 4:11 left in the opening quarter.

Bushland returned the kickoff to the Falcon 36 before Joey Guerra, Carlos Sosa and Isaque Olivarez made the tackle. Chris Cage read the quarterbacks eyes and broke on the ball thrown toward the Falcon sideline.

Cage made the pick on a dead run and raced 39 yards for the defensive touchdown. Wood again found Cantrell open in

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FOOTBALL CONTEST 2010

By Terry Brewster

"Develop success from failures. Discouragement and failure are two of the surest stepping stones to success." — Dale Carnegie.

This is a powerful statement from self-improvement guru Dale Carnegie. I know that I had some of those stepping stones to success last week. Discouragement would certainly describe my thoughts on Wednesday afternoon. So surely, this week, I am closer to success.

The Muleshoe Journal football contest had no perfect scores entered for last week. Some surprising losses last week left many players with lower than usual scores. Two player were able to get eight games guessed correctly. A newcomer to this year's contest had the closest tiebreaker score of the two high scores.

John David Agee takes home the weekly prize of \$25.

The scores for last week are as follows: John David Agee, Joe Abeyta, 8; Ruben Mata,

Rudy Gonzales, Butch Green, Terry Field, Vickie Gonzales, Debbie Weir, Todd Bessire, Conner Harrison, Jan King, Lori Bales, 7.

We have added an email option to this week's contest form. It is not required that you fill this in, it is an option. In the event we have another week like last week, it will make it easier for us to reach our regular players. You might say, it give us one more option when the stepping stones to success happen. I hope that each of you have a successful week without any of the aforementioned stepping stones.

We would like to encourage you to play every week to increase your chances of winning the grand prize. Even if you haven't played it's not too late to start. Almost every week there is an upset, just like some of the games this week, that will lower the total points of those veterans players. So join in the fun and maybe you will be this week's winner of the \$25 prize.

There are several ways to enter. Remember the deadline for entry is noon on Friday.

You can bring your entry to the Muleshoe Journal office before noon on Friday. No entries will be taken after that time.

If you bring your before we open, it can be placed in the black contest entry box on the front of the building.

Your entries can be mailed to PO Box 449, Muleshoe, TX 79347 or emailed to adsales@muleshoejournal.com. Please indicate football contest entry in the subject line.

Or fax to 272-3567. All entries must be postmarked or received by noon on Friday. Anyone 12 years or older may play.

Muleshoe Independent School District staff and students are very excited about this week. Homecoming bonfire, football game, pep rally and queens coronation, ribbon cuttings and celebrations for all to attend. We hope everyone will be out to show their support this week.

JV Mules... Continued from page 9

the end zone for the 2-point conversion. The Mules led 16-0 with 3:50 remaining in the first quarter.

The Falcons got on the board on the next possession to trail the Mules 16-8 with 3:03 left in the first period.

Trevino pulled down the kickoff and started across the field. Cantrell came to meet him and took the handoff on the reverse. Cantrell was knocked out of bounds on the Falcon 41.

Trevino made 10-yards on a blast up the middle. Wood went off tackle on the quarterback option and stretched into the end zone from the two-yard line. Wood carried up the middle for the

2-point conversion and a 24-8 Mule lead.

Cage made his second pick of the game on the first Falcon play at the Bushland 31 and went to the 19 before being tackled. Wood went up the middle on the option for seven yards.

Then he hit Cantrell with a screen pass at the 12-yard line. Cantrell spun away from a tackler at the five and scored to push the Mules' lead to 30-8 after one quarter.

The two teams exchanged punts in the second period before the Mules pushed the Falcons back to their 10 facing a fourth down.

The center snapped the ball over the punters head in the end zone and

it rolled out the back door for a safety.

Neither team could score again in the first half. The Mules led 32-8 at the intermission.

Bushland put together a 10-play drive to start the second half. Martinez went high in the air to tip the pass over the hands of the intended receiver. Lozano flew to ball and made the pick at the Mule 20.

The Mules were forced to punt and Ambriz blasted it to the end zone and Falcons started on their 20.

The Falcons strung together a 14-play drive that stalled when a Bushland running back went airborne. Cantrell put slobber knocker hit on the running back in the air and jarred the ball loose.

Ambriz picked up the ball and raced to the Mule 44 before being brought down.

The Mules put their final points on the board in the fourth quarter. Wood made the throw to Cage at the one and he stepped into the end zone to push the Mule lead to 38-8.

The Mules will travel to Slaton Thursday, Oct. 7, to meet the Tigers.

Muleshoe students compete at Plains Cross Country

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Muleshoe High School and Watson Junior High cross country teams competed at the Plains Cowboy/Cowgirl Invitational on Sept. 18.

The junior high Mules finished third out of eight teams. In the field of 73 runners, the top Mule finishers were: Tony Castillo (third),

Noah Del Toro (15th), and Medardo Andrade (16th).

The high school Mules finished sixth as team and were led by Sterling Leopard's second place finish out of a field of 59 runners.

The junior high Lady Mules dominated the girls division, finishing first out of 13 teams. In

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The Junior high Lady Mules Cross Country Team



The Varsity Lady Mules Cross Country Team

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Entries for each week's contest must be postmarked before or received in our office by **12 PM on Friday of that week's games**. No exceptions! Muleshoe Journal employees and their families are not eligible to win. Decision of the judges is final. Games not marked will not be counted. Must be at least 12 years old to play. We encourage your support of the businesses that sponsor this contest.

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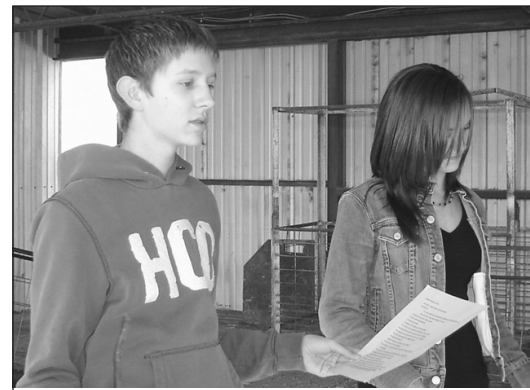
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The Sudan Buzzy

Hornets experience tough second half against Tahoka

By Savannah Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Hornets hung tough against Tahoka Friday night, Oct. 1, but the Hornets fell behind in the second half for another loss going in to the district opener.

The final score was Tahoka 50 and Sudan 24.

Sudan started off the game with a good defensive scheme. Tahoka was held to only six points to close the quarter down 0-6.

However, Sudan came out the second quarter ready to score as Jake Chester finds Richard Montes for a touchdown.

The extra point was no good. Tahoka scored again with a 2-point conversion good making the score 6-14.

Sudan countered one more time with Chester once again driving down the field. Chester finds

Bill Nolte for a 21 yard pass, but the point after was not good leaving the score 12-14.

Tahoka was determined to stay ahead when they marched down the field. Tahoka scored off a handoff to Tino Deleon. Tahoka's PAT was no good with only 3:10 left on the clock. The score was 12-20.

Sudan quickly moved the ball down the field and scored when Chester finds Dayton Greenhaw in the corner of the endzone for an amazing catch with only a few seconds left on the clock.

The PAT was no good, and the score was 18-20.

Sudan thought that they would go into the field house down only a few points, but a costly penalty gave Tahoka a chance to have one more play going in to halftime. Tahoka's quarterback Neiko Garcia passed to

Zach Garcia for a 55-yard touchdown, and the PAT was good. The halftime score was 18-27.

Sudan came out of the locker room and Derrick Williams scored off a handoff from Chester. His 6-yard run resulted in a Hornet touchdown, but the PAT was no good. The score was then 24 to 27.

Tahoka then hurried down the field with a handoff to Neiko Garcia and runs for a touchdown.

The score then was 24 to 36 with 3:36 left on the clock in the third quarter.

Tahoka kicked off to the Hornets and Zach Richards caught the ball to run it but kneed it in the end zone for a safety. The Hornets gave up possession and Tahoka scored again with 32 seconds left on the third quarter clock.

The score at the end



Photograph by Savannah Sain

of the third quarter was 24 to 43 with Tahoka on top.

The only scoring that occurred in the fourth quarter was Tahoka's Trai Smith ran for a touchdown with 8:56 left in the quarter.

Leaders for the Hornets were Montez with 12 carries for 39 yards and Williams for 10 carries

for 45 yards. Chester had 15 attempts with 12 completions and 165 yards passing.

Bill Nolte had four catches for 80 yards and

Montes had three catches for 50 yards.

Sudan starts district play against Nazareth Friday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Sudan.



'Bold Gold' band places at Denver City Festival

The Sudan "Bold Gold" Band performed in the Denver City Music Festival on Saturday, Oct. 2.

The band placed second out of the 1A bands participating in the contest.

Byron Morgan, the Sudan band director, told the students he was proud of their performance, but they had work to do before UIL contest.

The flag judge did not show, so the auxiliary score was not averaged in to their final tally.

Sudan Bold Gold Band will perform at the

Lubbock Music Festival on Saturday, Oct. 9, at 1:30 p.m. Then the band will be preparing for UIL Marching Contest on Oct. 16. They will be marching at 12:30 p.m., at Lowry Field.

Sudan cross country team, members place at Sundown

By Savannah Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Cross Country team participated in the Sundown Cross Country Meet on Saturday, Oct. 2.

The Sudan Cross Country Team has had a strong showing all season with this meet being no exception.

Christian Ruiz placed second in the junior varsity boys' division. Ruiz has had a strong

showing all season long placing in the top places at each tournament he has ran in.

Marie Carrizales placed first in the JV girls division, and the girls' team placed seventh overall.

Coaches for the teams are Mark Scisson and Belinda Steinbock.

FCCLA pre-game dinner, upcoming training session

Sudan FCCLA will be hosting a football supper on Friday, Oct. 8. They will be serving Pedro's Tamales, beans, rice, chips, salsa, and a cookie for \$6.

The proceeds of the dinner will go to help pay for their annual scholarship and dues for the year.

Sudan FCCLA will be traveling to Dallas this weekend to attend Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's Peer Education Training.

This event will take place at the Hilton Anatole and will be featuring workshops and

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Thursday evening our daughter, Betty, met in the Applebee Restraunt in Lubbock with some of their friends for an evening meal and an hour or so of visitation and an exchange of experiences they had had in years gone by.

They had worked at the Coke plant for more than 20 years, and now they meet once a month to maintain that relationship.

My wife and I met with them, by invitation of course. That was the first time I could handle my walker without feeling I was in the way of others. So we were there, as was Betty's daughter, her daughter and her son — four generations. I thought how good it is for family members and friends to relate to and love each other — and to remember — love is a verb.

My wife's people, the Holts hold a reunion the second Saturday in October in the coliseum in Muleshoe. They have done that about 25

Something worth saying...
By Glen Williams

years. And it has done immeasurable good, not only in providing entertainment for those of us that are growing older, but the "real" good is what it means to the young folks.

Getting them together and teaching them about their relationship to each other, that they should get together now and then and cultivate their relationships because they are kin folks.

Hopefully they will continue those relationships, not because we tell them they should but because they want to.

The principals that are established in a child's mind while it is little will be with it as long as it lives. Certain fundamentals are set in a child's mind when it is little more than an infant.

This doesn't mean that

others can not, or will not, be added. But basically those first principals will be there and, to a great extent, will determine the kind of person that will develop from them.

Therefore it is essential that we begin teaching and training children early in life, and continue till it is grown and teaching it's own child.

Here is an example of what I am speaking of:

I was sitting in a chair in the lobby of a hospital in Lubbock. And seated before me was lady with

a tiny baby wrapped up in a blanket and a little girl, probably two years of age, was seated backward in her chair looking at me. I waved my hand at her the way we older folks waive at each other at times, and she waved at me.

I waved again, and she waved again. We did that a few times then she stopped and reached over, folded the blanket back, took the little baby's hand out and waved it at me — as meaningful as any thing I've seen in a long while.

(Please note that my typewriter is broke again, so I will not be able to write any more until I get it repaired or get another. Until then, thanks for your patience.)

MISD band receives awards

The Muleshoe Mighty "M" Band competed in the West Texas Auxiliary Competition at Coronado High School on Saturday, Oct. 2.

The MISD students competed in Drumline, Flagline, Drum Major and Twirler, and received the following honors: Second place, Color Guard; third place Drumline; Drum Major solo, by Belinda Pacheco, First Div. medal; Twirling solo, by Bailey Bales, First Div. medal; Flag Ensemble, by Dalia Melendez and Valorie Godinez, First Div. medal; Flag solo, by Jenna Whitworth, First Div. medal.

Freshmen Falcons fly out with a victory

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Bushland Falcons flew out of Benny Douglas Stadium Thursday evening with a 45-26 win over the freshman Mules.

The first period was tough on the Mules as the Falcons ran three plays and scored twice.

The Mules fell behind 19-0 before finally breaking into the scoring column.

The Mules returned the kickoff to the Mule 37. Joel Regalado took a pitch wide left for 10 yards. He had to drag a pair of tacklers the final two yards for a first down.

Austin Ross kept the ball off tackle and out ran everyone for a 53-yard touch down. The Mules trailed 19-6 with 5:41 left in the first period.

The Falcons put one more score on the board before the quarter change to lead 25-6 to start the second period.

The Falcons scored again with 5:21 left in the first half to lead 32-6.

Blaine Hurtado returned the ensuing kick to the Mule 25. Hurtado pitched to Regalado on an option around the left side for 16 yards and a personal foul penalty at the end of the play added 15 more yards.

Adan Bejarano made a block that allowed Hurtado to scramble for eight yards to the Bushland 22. Regalado took a pitch and battled to the Falcon eight.

An offside penalty advanced the Mules to the Bushland four. Regalado battled in from the four with 45 seconds left in the first half.

The Falcons flew down

the field to score before the half expired to lead 38-12 at the intermission. Bushland scored their final time early in the third period to lead 45-12.

James Mendoza recovered a Falcon fumble on the first play of the fourth quarter at the Mule 44. Regalado made runs of 18 and 10 yards as the Mules marched down the field. He scored on a 39-yard option pitch around the

left side.

Hurtado connected with Mathew Dickerson for the 2-point conversion. The Mules trailed 45-20 with 3:30 left in the game.

Mendoza put pressure on the quarterback and he made a high pass that A.J. Barron raced under and made the grab at the Bushland 38 and skated in for the touchdown.

The Mules will travel to Slaton to take on the Tigers Thursday, Oct. 7.

MISD cross country...

Continued from page 9 the field of 135 runners, the top Lady Mule finishers were: Casidee Moore (second), Aimee Rosas (third), Marissa Martinez (eighth), Celeste Flores (ninth), and Zoe Apodaca (17th).

Four junior varsity Lady Mules participated in the JV girls division and out of 66 runners, Brittany Prater placed fourth, Alexa Fuentes placed seventh, Jessica Kube placed ninth, and Hadlea Geissler placed 21st.

The Varsity Lady Mules won the HS Girls division, finishing 1st out of 12 teams.

In the field of 86 runners, the top finishers were: Carolina Franco (second), Miranda Garza (sixth), Adrienne Precure (19th), Sandy Mojica (21st), and Sarah Whitworth (22nd).

Sept. 25, the Lady Mules competed in the Lubbock ISD Invitational. In the class 2A division, the Lady Mules finished sixth out of 24 teams behind Wall, defending state-champion Spearman,

Jim Ned, Ballinger and Idalou.

In the field of 123 runners, Carolina Franco finished seventh, Miranda Garza finished 28th, Adrienne Precure finished 30th, Sarah Whitworth finished 43rd, and Sandy Mojica finished 48th.



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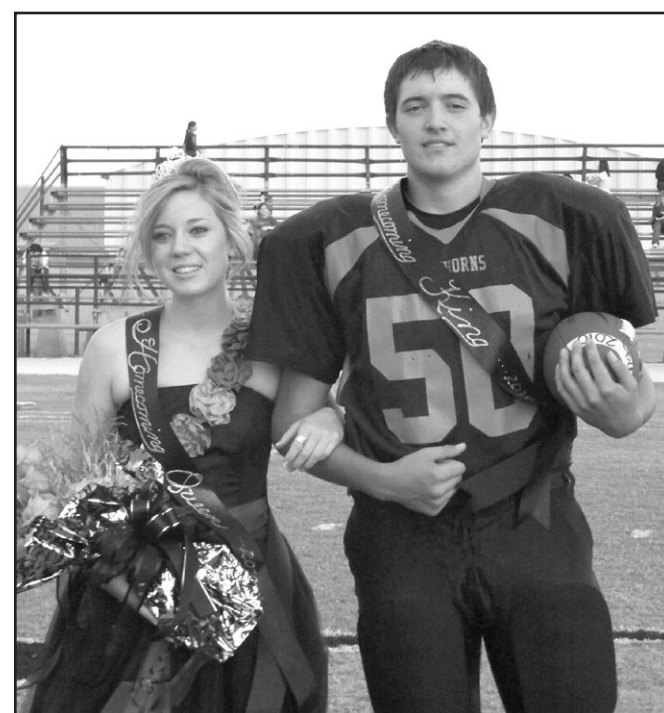
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MEDC director talks about the business of attracting business to the Muleshoe area

Journal: Can you tell us a little about yourself, and especially in regards to your position as the director of the MEDC, and the position's involvement with the business community?

Claborn: As director of Economic Development my position is to serve Muleshoe and Bailey County in recruiting businesses that will create new jobs and increase our tax base; retention and expansion of existing businesses; and to help develop our local workforce. It is also important to understand the businesses with which the MEDC is allowed to participate as outlined in the mandates set forth by the state statutes.

The city had the foresight to understand a position dedicated to economic development was essential for growth in this area. The Muleshoe

Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors are the ones who deserve the recognition for success in our community. Many hours, much thought and discussion are behind each decision they have made. They also understood the importance of serving our trade area — not just Bailey County — and the affect that would have on our community. The city and the board truly want what is best for Muleshoe.

Journal: In your view, what is the most



important part of business in Muleshoe?

Claborn: The businesses in Muleshoe have one key factor... our people. Probably because we are an agricultural community, the people here understand the importance of working together and helping each other to be the best they can be. They genuinely care for each other and treat others the way they want to be treated. Local residents support local business. It is important to them to be known as "the best community." Faith-based, good business practices and strong work ethics are at the heart of good businesses and they understand how important the examples they are setting are for tomorrow's citizens and business leaders.

Journal: What do you feel you've brought to Muleshoe, and the Muleshoe

business community?

Claborn: Muleshoe should be as well-known and our name as recognizable as any city in the state — this has been the marketing goal and the motivation behind nearly every decision — and always intended to be for the good and betterment of Muleshoe. I am a little bit competitive and not only did I want people to know about Muleshoe, I wanted everyone to know this was truly the "best place to live" and be able to qualify this by having what any other community has to offer its residents and more.

It is important the legislators and decision-makers in Austin know about Muleshoe and its location in order that any and every advantage be made available to us

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Working at McDonald's is more than just business

I started in business at 11 years of age. As a "paper girl" for the *Clovis News-Journal*, where I learned to collect my debts, pay my bills and work hard to make a profit. Those early years of managing a bank account when most of my friends were just managing their social lives gave me a head start to owning my own business.

I took my first job at McDonald's on Aug. 18, 1981. As a 16-year-old I learned to cook hamburgers the "McDonald's way" and to salt the French fries just right. I was soon promoted to crew trainer and taught to share my knowledge with other team members and new crew members. I have never forgotten the feeling of that first polyester uniform. I was proud to have a real job in the real world.

After two years of balancing my school work, extra curricular activities and my job at McDonald's, I graduated from Clovis High School with honors and was promoted to a store activities representative for McDonald's of Clovis.

It was 1983 and I was stepping out of high school and into a job that was better suited for a "30-year-old." My store manager offered to show me the ropes if I would accept the position. I purchased my first business suit and hit the streets learning all about public relations and local store marketing.

I was privilege to meet many professional women along the way who not only made sure I knew how to shake hands in a man's world but offered encouragement and assurance that I could handle the job.

By 1986 I was asked to accept an assistant manager's position at my restaurant and step back into operations. The experiences of the next few years paved the way for my promotion to store manager of the second McDonald's in Clovis on Mabry Drive in 1993.

During those years I had also married Steve Credle and gave birth to our first son, Ryan. I was now learning what it was like to be a working mother and wife.

During the next eight years, Steve and I were blessed with another little boy, Brannon and then the twins — Madison and Mackenzie.

I was given the opportunity to supervise the two stores in Clovis and the Hereford, McDonald's by the owner, Rick Robillard.

I had finally graduated with honors from Clovis Community College with an associates of science in business administration.

I also made the Dean's List when graduating from Hamburger University in 1993. (Yes, there really is a place named Hamburger University!)

In June of 2001 I was given the opportunity to become the Owner/Operator of the McDonald's in Muleshoe. Steve left his business, "Shark Collision and Glass Center" to assist me in the daily operations of our restaurants.

McDonald's is a people business serving hamburgers, and much more. I enjoy the daily challenge of motivating my crews to serve the customer's burger and fries hotter, fresher and faster than ever before. I enjoy making people smile.

McDonald's of Muleshoe is blessed with approximately 38 of the world's best employees. We have about 27 women working for us at this time and over 20 of those women are working mothers and grandmothers. We take pride in offering flexible scheduling to allow women to work around parenting responsibilities.

We now currently also own a McDonald's of Hereford and McDonald's of Littlefield. We have loved being in these communities and working with the people there. We have more than 150 employees are always looking to expand and grow our business.

I am proud of the opportunities McDonald's offers. I encourage all of my employees to dream big. I realize they may not all want to stay in the restaurant business but I know they are better prepared for whatever career choice they make because they have worked for McDonald's.

I am grateful to all of the people who have brought me to this point. I was raised by good parents who taught me the value of an honest days work and then blessed with a husband who believes in me and supports my career choices.

I have been privileged to be associated with many other successful business owners who have shared their wisdom.

I am proud to be a McDonald's Owner/Operator. I am proud to be a part of these communities. I deeply appreciate all of our valued customers for the chance they have given us to serve them. We hope to see you tomorrow!

Susan Credle



Family Hair Salon celebrates location

Pat Young opened the Family Hair Salon on March 8, 1978, at 213 East Ave B. in Muleshoe. There were only two stations and two shampoo bowls, but she managed to build her thriving business by working long and hard hours.

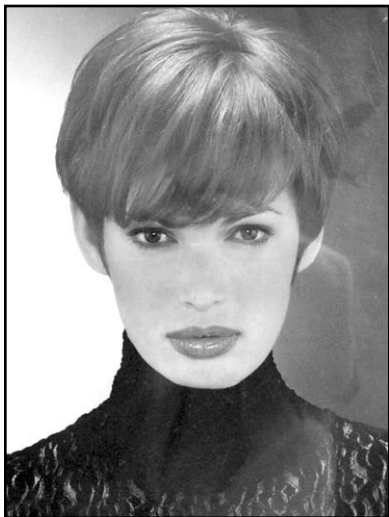
In July of 2005 Pat decided it was time to move to Main Street.

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Pat Young and her staff can be reached at the Family Hair Salon, 115 Main Street, Muleshoe, or by calling (806) 272-5987.



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Claborn interview... Continued from page 2

whenever possible... there are times this is crucial, especially when key decisions have to be made regarding communities.

I want to express my gratitude to my board and to David Brunson, our city manager, for allowing me to take the time to be active in several state and local organizations, to travel and attend numerous conferences and seminars, in order to build a network that lets others know not only where Muleshoe is but that we are an aggressive and progressive community.

Journal: What direction would you like to see the Muleshoe business community, and the MEDC go in the years ahead?

Claborn: Diversity is good and though agriculture will always be our major commodity, I would like for our community to be very proactive in becoming a "renewable energy" community. Electrical energy will

probably always be a major player for every business and Xcel, the Tolk Station, and Bailey County Electric have been good partners with our area and provided more than energy for our community. The future is unsure regarding fossil fuel but will probably continue to be a major player for many years. Wind and solar are making strong advances and Muleshoe and Bailey County are positioned and have the resources and assets to be key players in these energy sources for the future. I hope we are able to take advantage of this.

Journal: What do you feel is the most important thing a woman looking to go into business, or public service, needs to succeed?

Claborn: When in public service, it is important to remember you are in business to serve. Sometimes those you are serving do not make that an easy task.

"Listen!" Try to understand their point of view. That doesn't mean you have to agree. Every woman should remember she is a lady and to always act accordingly. Everyone is not going to always agree with you and you will be told "No"... that does not mean you consider it your final answer necessarily, but "listen." Always take the "high road" even when others do not.

Journal: What words of encouragement can you offer to women either in business in Muleshoe, or women considering a local business venture?

Claborn: Because of the community attitude toward new business, there would be community support. Muleshoe is a great place to do business and the people are the best.

Along with being the director of the Mulelshoe Economic Development Corporation, Claborn is a board member of the South Plains Economic

Development District and is presently serving on the High Ground of Texas Board of Directors as well as the High Ground of Texas Education Foundation Board of Directors.

She serves on the state's Family Practice Residency Advisory Committee and was recently appointed to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

She is chair of the Muleshoe and Bailey County annual Holiday Coat Drive, a volunteer and on the board of directors for the Bailey County Food Pantry, and past president of the Muleshoe Rotary Club.

Claborn attended Southwestern State College. She was born in Dimmitt, graduated from Friona High School, and has been married to Dr. Jobey Claborn for 47 years.

They have lived in Muleshoe for 11 years, have two sons, and two grandchildren.

Communication is key to managing cancer...

(NAPSI) – Patients living with cancer often depend on their oncology nurses to help them during one of the most challenging times of their lives.

Actress and breast cancer patient Marcia Strassman, recognized for her roles as Julie Kotter in "Welcome Back, Kotter" and Honey in the "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids" movies, knows firsthand how critical the nurse/patient relationship is for people living with cancer.

Marcia was diagnosed more than three years ago with advanced breast cancer that spread to her bones.

Throughout the course of her treatment, Marcia has established a strong relationship with her oncology nurses, who continually help ease the stress of coping with her cancer. "The relationship between cancer patients and their oncology nurses is crucial in a patient's day-to-day journey



Marcia Strassman

with cancer. We see our nurses so frequently that they become our friends and confidants, which helps create an atmosphere so comfortable that it makes it easier to manage our diagnosis and keep a positive attitude. My oncology nurses care, advise, listen and help by simply

being there. They are truly unsung heroes."

"I know my treatment would be nowhere near as relaxed and filled with humor without the astounding attitudes of my oncology nurses." Marcia encourages all people battling cancer to stay positive and maintain an open dialogue with their nurses and doctors.

Growing scientific evidence supports the significance of friendship in the lives of cancer patients — the more friends they have, the better their prognosis. Research from the Harvard Nurses' Health Study found that women who developed breast cancer and had 10 or more close friends were much more likely to survive the disease than women who lacked this kind of network.

A study by Stanford University School of Medicine in 2000 found that disruptions in the normal pattern of

the stress hormone cortisol predicted earlier death in breast cancer patients, but a University of Michigan study established that the company of others leads to the release of calming hormones in women, demonstrating positive health effects of social interaction and reducing stress and anxiety. This stress-relieving aspect of friendship plays a role in helping women become healthier.

Marcia continuously applauds the efforts and friendship of oncology nurses and credits them as the driving force to helping successfully manage her cancer and treatment journey.

For resources on cancer, cancer support and Marcia's personal experience, visit facebook.com/marciastrassman. For cancer information and resources from leading nurse experts, visit InterventionZ.com.

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Prepare your child today for tomorrow's careers

(NAPSI)-If you think your children are too young to prepare for life after college, it may be wise to think again.

Now may be the right time to explore careers and lay the academic foundation needed to be successful in any professional or technical field.

While your children may change their minds several times before declaring a college major, they can benefit from early goal setting, which is what will help them narrow their focus.

Education specialist Dr. Mary Mokris, of Kumon Math and Reading Centers, says students who are proficient or advanced in subjects such as math and reading have a greater chance of getting hired for jobs in a global economy.

"The job opportunities available now and years from now will require strong comprehension and



computation skills as well as the ability to write persuasively and analyze information," Dr. Mokris added.

"Our world is getting smaller, and worldwide competition is greater. Corporations and organizations are looking for leaders in the workforce and those with the skills to be contributing members of society."

Need help figuring out where or how to begin exploring the

possibilities for your children?

Consider the following tips to engage youth in the career-planning process:

- Set aside time to research potential careers. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes its "Occupational Outlook Handbook," which provides updated information every two years to individuals making decisions about their future work lives.

- Contact a business or organization in your child's industry of interest to schedule a job shadow, or recommend your child attend a career day at his or her school.

- High school students should check with their school counselors about internship opportunities. Many schools have partnerships with corporations where high school juniors and seniors get on-the-job training for a semester.

A steady minimum-wage job

can also offer valuable workplace lessons.

- Encourage your child to volunteer with a community organization. Volunteering helps build character in students in addition to providing them with real-world experience, which they can include in their college portfolio or on their résumé.

Preparing your child for a potential career through goal setting, researching and getting hands-on experience can help instill the necessary skills needed to compete in a global job market.

If you feel your child needs extra practice or craves additional challenges in math or reading, consider researching after-school enrichment programs such as Kumon Math and Reading Centers.

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The Women of Muleshoe Animal Clinic listed

- Carren Black is married to Cliff Black. They have five children — Cooper, Edi, Cody, Cori Ann and Craig, and four grandchildren. Carren has been employee since 1981.

- Sheryl Altman is married to Ronnie Altman. They have three children — LeAnn, Lindsey and Cody, and two grandchildren — Rowdy and Kenadee. Sheryl has been an employee since 1995.

- Connie Anderson has three children — Odds, Jasmine and Tessa, and one grandchild — Shawn Luke. She has been an employee for 10 years. Her hobbies include movies and reading.

- Belinda Garten, D.V.M., grew up in Steinauer, Neb., and graduated from Kan

- Amanda Speck was raised in Gulf Breeze, Fla. She has been married for two years to Robert Wayne Speck, who is on active duty and stationed at Cannon Air Force Base. She has one child — Deven, who is two years old.



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Carolyn's is a full service floral shop. come by or see her selections of indoor plants, gift baskets, and balloon bouquets. Carolyn's also handles florals for funerals. Pay your respect with one of her sympathy arrangements, sprays, or personally designed casket pieces.

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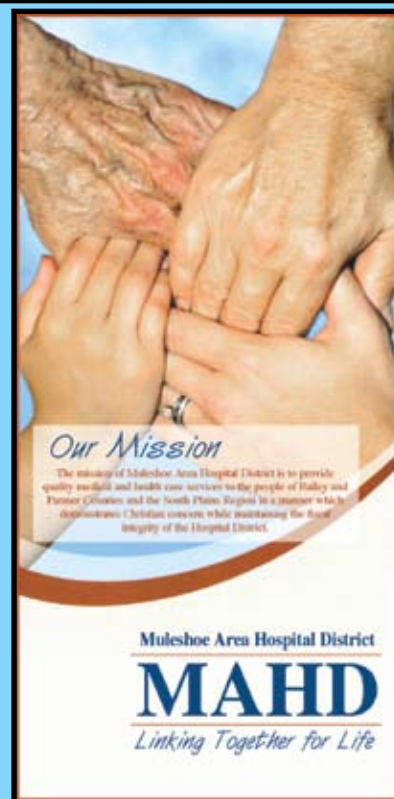
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Friendly physical therapy is available at MAMC

If you're already experiencing pain and discomfort, why make the journey to Lubbock when competent physical therapy is already available so close to home?

For the past 20 years, the Physical Therapy Department at Muleshoe Area Medical Center has provided reliable, experienced physical therapy services with a "warm, family-type atmosphere."

And now the MAMC PT department is one of the few in the area under the direction of a Doctor of Physical Therapy practitioner.

Mindy Nickels, PT, Doctor of Physical Therapy and department head is joined by a staff of friendly, well-trained physical therapists who "enjoy working one on one with patients to help them return to their everyday activities."

The staff includes Traci Robb, PT, BS of Physical Therapy; Missy Shultz, PT, BS of Physical Therapy; and Marisa Orozco, the office and department manager.

"Our staff has a combined 38 years of practice experience and patient care," Nickels said.

"We have the opportunity to get to know people from this community as well as the surrounding towns," Nickels said about why her staff enjoy their work.

"As physical therapists we enjoy working one on one with patients



to help them return to their everyday activities," Nickels said.

"It is also an asset to be directly connected to the hospital, where we get to work closely with the nursing and medical staff," she said.

"Our facility is staffed by members of this community, and the surrounding area, and that gives us an advantage in knowing what it's like to be in a small town and how people like to be treated," she said.

Currently, MAMC's physical therapy department is in the process of expanding and updating its equipment.

"We were recently able to purchase a Total Gym Workout Station with the assistance of the Hospital Auxiliary Club," Nickels said.

"The total gym allows us to exercise multiple areas of the body on one piece of equipment," she added.

The types of rehabilitation available at MAMC include:

- Outpatient Therapy, in which patients come in on an ambulatory basis 2-3 times a week for treatment following surgical procedures,

musculoskeletal injuries, wound care, gait/balance disturbances, neurological conditions, and workman's comp injuries.

- In-patient therapy, in which the patients are seen in the hospital setting for post-surgical operations, generalized weakness, and assistance with activities of daily living.

- Swing-bed Program, for patients who are staying in the hospital for an extended stay that are unable to return home secondary to decreased function from an illness or operation.

These patients are seen twice a day for physical therapy to regain function and strength to allow them to return home safely. We are proud of our Swing Bed program here at MAMC.

"We feel that it is a great advantage for patients to be able to recover from an illness or surgery close to home, where friends and loved ones can easily come to see them," Nickels said. "The patients who have a strong support system seem to recover more quickly."

Self-employment can help fuel economic recovery

(NAPSI)-When it comes to the economy, those who are self-employed contribute a mighty portion. That's the word from experts who say that nearly 80 percent of all small businesses in the United States are made up of the self-employed.

It's estimated that there are about 23 million such businesses that may have a storefront or operate from a home office. Their small size makes them acutely aware of economic conditions and policy changes.

Though vulnerable to tough economic times, self-employed businesses have grown faster than all other business types in recent years and are historically a key driver of economic recovery after a recession. In fact, business startups reached their highest levels in 14 years during 2009, suggesting that laid-off workers are choosing to join the ranks of the self-employed rather than take their chances in a job market that remains unstable.

That's just one of the key messages from an initiative designed to encourage

legislators to support self-employment, since that demographic makes up 78 percent of all small-businesses.

"Not only do the self-employed contribute nearly a trillion dollars to our nation's economy every year, but their businesses allow them to successfully provide for their families and play a part in their local communities," said Kristie Arslan, executive director of the National Association for the Self-Employed (NASE).

She added that with a growing number of Americans embracing entrepreneurialism, Washington should be finding ways to support self-employment and help them continue to drive the country's economic recovery.

According to Arslan, policy issues that have negative impacts on the self-employed include:

- Continued lack of an optional standard home office tax deduction that would allow millions of self-employed individuals access to tax relief to which they are entitled;
- Exclusion from the small-business

health care tax credit in the health reform law if you are self-employed or hire family members in your business.

NASE is the nation's leading resource for the self-employed and micro-businesses, bringing a broad range of benefits to help entrepreneurs succeed and to drive the continued growth of this vital segment of the American economy. To learn more, visit the association's website at www.NASE.org, Quick Links: Bunny.



Tips for tomorrow's retirement offered today

(NAPSI)-Despite deliberations among economists that the recession may be "over," the past few years of the economic downturn have taken a substantial toll on the retirement confidence of many Americans.

For women in particular, the retirement forecast remains gloomy. However, new research from the Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies® ("The Center") offers opportunities to help brighten it.

The 11th annual Transamerica Retirement Survey found that only 6 percent of women workers strongly agree that they are building a large enough nest egg, while 70 percent agree that they could work until age 65 and still not save enough.

Although important for everyone, retirement planning is especially important for women, who often face unique financial challenges

such as lower wages, time out from the workforce to raise a family and longer life expectancy.

According to Catherine Collinson, president of the Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies, "Life sometimes requires difficult decisions and trade-offs, but planning and saving for a financially secure retirement doesn't have to be overwhelming."

Here are four steps women can take toward a secure retirement:

1. Start Saving Now — You can't afford to wait

The women surveyed said they started saving for retirement at age 30 (median). While that may seem relatively young, there's a huge benefit to starting early—and a high cost for waiting.

For instance, a 24-year-old who starts contributing \$3,000 per year

to a tax-deferred retirement plan like a 401(k) may save \$524,000 by age 65, assuming an approximate six percent annualized rate of return.

By comparison, a person who waits until age 30 to start saving the same amount per year may save only \$354,000 by age 65. Assuming the same rate of return, that's a difference of over \$100,000.

2. Calculate a retirement savings goal

It's tough to chart a course if you don't have a destination in mind. The women surveyed estimate needing \$500,000 (median) to achieve a secure retirement, but when asked how they reached that number, 59 percent of women stated they guessed. Even more startling, 38 percent of women have only \$50,000 or less saved in all of their household retirement accounts combined.

There are tools available to help women calculate a more realistic goal, such as The Center's investment calculator at www.transamericacenter.org.

With a specific target amount, women can harness the power of consistently saving and potentially benefiting from the compounding of investments.

3. Learn the basics of investing

Nearly three-quarters of women surveyed said they don't know as much about retirement investing as they should. A big step in the right direction is to learn enough about the fundamentals of retirement investing in order to create a strategy that's right for you, or simply learn enough to ask good questions when seeking the advice of professional experts.

For those who don't have the time or interest to actively manage their retirement accounts, there are other options to investigate, including

target maturity funds, strategic allocation funds and managed accounts.

4. Nurture the nest egg

Given the long-term horizon for retirement planning, people's life circumstances will inevitably change.

By staying aware of and discussing the issues, challenges and available alternatives, you can help ensure that your nest egg will be ready when you need it.

Periodically recalculate your savings goal to see whether your current level of savings is adequate to meet your retirement goal.

Review your investment results and adjust your investment selections as needed. And don't forget to consider whether you'll still retire at the age that you intended.

Gaining knowledge and taking control of retirement planning can help women build their confidence in saving for a financially secure retirement—and in becoming a golden girl.

In the meantime, retirement planning also provides greater perspective for making better-informed life decisions related to taking time out of the workforce, pursuing higher-paying jobs and career opportunities, and upholding family commitments.

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The staff of H&R Block is ready to help

Kay Wiseman has been owner of H&R Block in Muleshoe for 17 years. She employs seven other women during tax season. They all work together as a team to serve many clients with different tax situations. Several of the women on the team are bilingual.



Kay Wiseman

Wiseman enjoys helping the people of Muleshoe and surrounding communities to reach their financial goals.

“Many clients have become very close friends, and we all look forward to seeing them and catching up on their lives each year when they come in,” she said.

H&R Block’s goal this year is to give better service and value for their clients.

Wiseman is a certifying acceptance agent for the Internal Revenue Service to

assist people who cannot get a social security number by helping them obtain ITIN numbers.

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Accounting firm is ready to serve you

Born in Shamrock, reared on the ranch where her 88 year old parents still live, Pat was taught a strong work ethic from an early age. Her son, Gage lives and works on the ranch also.

She married a native of Muleshoe, Tub Angeley, in 1968 and has lived here since. Tub was killed in a farm accident in June 2006. They were actively involved in the community as they reared their children, Krystal, Tiffany, Gage and Misty, and one foster son, Curtis. There are now 14 grandchildren.

In 1988, Pat began working with Williams, Roger & Company in Plainview as a staff accountant. On receiving her CPA license, she opened her own practice in Muleshoe in 1990 at 1910 W. American Blvd. She currently employs four staff members — Regena Clarkson, Shirley Aguirre, Cory Collins and Judy Davenport.

Regena is the competent office manager and has been a valued employee since 1996. She was born and reared in Muleshoe, the daughter of Nadine and Wesley Hawkins, and married to Roger Clarkson. They are parents of three sons and grandparents to seven grandsons.

Shirley, a bilingual keying and filing clerk, is the wife of Gilbert Aguirre, a

mother of four and grandmother of seven, and the phone and office receptionist.

Cory, a staff accountant, has been with the firm for three years. Cory has a degree in finance from UMHB and has finished all the additional required accounting courses to enable him to set for the CPA exam. Cory’s wife, Becky teaches in the MISD schools. They have one son.

Judy is the newest staff accountant. She came with the acquisition of Dave Suddeth’s practice this year. She is married to Raymond. They have two children and three grandchildren. Judy’s presence and competency is making the transition easier for our newer clients.

“My goal has always been to establish a personal bond with each of my clients,” Pat said. “They become our extended family as we serve them. We establish a trust through commitment to work in their best interest.”

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Bailey County Farm Bureau has made community part of business

Whether it is the annual Bailey County Junior Livestock Show, the Annual Rotary Roping, or sponsoring a fireman at the Texas A&M fireman's school; Bailey County Farm Bureau (BCFB) has made community part of it's everyday business.

In addition to numerous local donations to all kinds of activities, BCFB also sponsors the Bailey County Farm Bureau scholarship, which is awarded each year to a graduating senior from our local high schools. They also cosponsor two to three local juniors and seniors who are sent to participate in the Texas Farm Bureau's annual citizenship seminars.

Bailey County Farm Bureau is your local full service insurance agency serving clients in Bailey and surrounding counties. The local agency, a branch of Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies has been serving the community for more than 50 years and has always committed itself to supporting the men, women, and children who work and live in the area.

A familiar face, Rickey Barrett, has been with Bailey County Farm Bureau for 28 years strong.

A Muleshoe native, Toby Kitchens, has been with Bailey County Farm Bureau going on his third year.

Rickey and Toby invite you to meet two women that help make Bailey County Farm Bureau a success. Letty Guerra and Carla Estrada are extremely helpful and beneficial in their roles at Bailey County Farm Bureau.

Letty is married to Adrian Guerra and they have three children- Isais 17, Adriana 16, Elias 13. She has been with Bailey County Farm Bureau for 5 years.

Carla has one 4-year-old daughter named Idaly. She has been with Bailey County Farm Bureau for one year.

Bailey County Farm Bureau, Rickey Barrett, and Toby Kitchens appreciate the great job that these two ladies do for the members and clients of the agency.



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Farmers Insurance Group provides insurance, financial services

Julie DeBruin, pictured standing, is the agent for Farmers Insurance Group in Muleshoe.

She has been a resident of Bailey County since 2001, moving here from central Texas. She has been married to Floris for 19 years and they have two children.

DeBruin graduated from Tarleton State University with a degree in accounting, and worked several years at a CPA firm.

Armida Rascon, pictured sitting, is the customer service representative, at the agency.

Rascon is from Muleshoe and has been with the agency since 2009.

The agency offers auto, home, life, and business insurance.

In the last year Julie has expanded her agency to include financial services for saving and investing, retirement funding and college savings.

Stop by Farmers Insurance and talk with Julie or Armida about all of your insurance needs.



The ladies of First Bank, left to right: Back row — Kristi Parker, Jean Myers, Lupita Pineda, Kathy Embry and Jimella Clemmons; middle row — JoAnn Albright, Lori Bales and Susan Suddeth; front row — Karla Ambriz, Linda Lutz and Mary Rejino; Not pictured — Greta donaldson, Jackie Scoggins and Sherry Gunstream. "First Bank of Muleshoe salutes all of the women in business. We appreciate the women of First Bank of Muleshoe."



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How to strengthen your community

(NAPS) — According to a recent survey by MerchantCircle.com, the largest online network of business owners, about 42 percent of local merchants believe the current economy is weaker now than 12 months ago.

Improving your community is an important part of rebuilding the economy and is easier than you may realize.

Here are three ways you can help your local community bounce back from the recession and thrive.

- Shop locally. Local shops create employment and self-employment; then these people spend in the local economy.

Research shows that for every \$10 spent in an independent



shop, \$25 is generated for the local economy.

- Volunteer. Check the local paper or websites such as VolunteerMatch.org to learn what you can do to help your local schools, libraries, charities and community centers.

- Staycation. Save travel expenses and strengthen your

community by enjoying a staycation or weekend getaway at home. Discover all the local treasures including parks, museums, theaters and unique shops.

An easy way to find businesses in your community is through www.MerchantCircle.com, an online network of over 1.3 million local businesses.

When you visit the site, you can search for businesses and service providers, get coupons, read reviews and learn about special events and offers.

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R.U. Fit will help achieve fitness goals

R. U. Fit, LLC is a new local fitness center located at 123 S. Main Street, formally Lambert Cleaners, owned by Mickey and Mary Dawson.

Mary E. Dawson a native Texan, who grew up in Muleshoe. Mickey and Mary's love of fitness and of people made this venture the perfect fit for them. As a result of their passion R. U. Fit was born.

"R. U. stands for Real Uncompromised, our goal is to offer the people in the local community a health and fitness center with all the large city amenities."

After 12 months of research and finding that the state of Texas has an obesity rate of 65 percent and increasing annually, the goal at R. U. Fit is to help break the cycle of obesity and provide the community with the opportunity to find the balance between enjoying great Texas cuisine while also staying fit.

"If you're looking for a clean, friendly, comfortable environment, that will bring you one step closer to your fitness goals, stop by and see us at R. U. Fit, we are here for you and our goal is to 'help you achieve' your fitness goals. We look forward to seeing you!"



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Sunday Pleasure offers just that!

Williams General Store — Once again the holiday's are fast upon us and we girls are going to offer a day of fun, laughter and food. That's what it is all about! We are going to have things you want, need and just can't leave without. Williams has added so many new lines of baby things, girly things, manly things, things grandma just can't pass up for the grandbabies... pink trucks, rocking horses, backpacks on wheels, howdy the bouncy cow, bows to overalls. Come sneak a peek! Start your holiday here!

Baby Body Bungalow Boutique — Tonya Pool and Ashley McElroy want to invite everyone to spend everyone to spend part of their afternoon at their newly renovated unique store. They have discontinued the resale part of their boutique and will be offering new lines of children's clothing, as well as a great selection of baby gift items and accessories. Another addition will be home decor and gift items. Gift certificates are available for airbrush tanning, passive exercise sessions, abstract art, interior redesign or decorating services. Our gift certificates will come wrapped in a very elegant Christmas package and will please most anyone on your list. They will also be hosting their first "Red Nose Market" during Sunday Pleasure. Twelve local vendors will be set up in the store offering great gifts and services for the holiday season. Come enjoy refreshments, local shopping, register for door prizes and chance to save 10-25 percent off of your purchases. There will be many selections to choose from, with something for every budget.

Carolyn's Christmas Creations, Florals and Gifts — Your Sunday Pleasure will be doubled this year at Carolyn's. In addition to offering unique gifts, florals and Christmas items, we will be introducing our gift and craft mall-- a gathering of some 25 small stores all under one roof featuring a variety of artist, craftsmen, and collectors. It's truly worth the drive, with something for everyone. Sunday Pleasure Open House will feature a "1/2 price sale" on jewelry

and fashion purses. and for the little ones on your list, we have increased our line of Melissa and Doug toys... now having available every product from this great toy company. Come and enjoy refreshments and door prizes. View unique arrangements from our talented designers, and see why Carolyn's continues to be your gift giving headquarters.

Art Loft Galleries is now celebrating it's ninth year of business and wishes to express it's heartfelt appreciation for it's customer's loyalty. Sharon Agee, owner is looking forward to the holiday season. She is filling her store with a wide variety of items that will surely make you "Think Christmas." She offers all types of home decor, kitchen gadgets, dishes, glassware, gifts and a great new selection of festive holiday decorations. She also has a generous selection Tyler candles, Gracious Goods and pottery. Agee has added new styles of ladies and teen clothing. She also has a variety of baby and little girl's clothing. She would like to invite everyone out for an afternoon of delightful shopping and great fun.

Lasting Impressions would like to invite everyone to a delightful fun-filled afternoon with a glimpse of this season's finest decor. "We have many new surprises in the store for our wonderful customers," said owner, Helen Hunter. Invite a friend or two to come and enjoy this pleasurable Sunday afternoon of local shopping, tasty treats and loads of fun. "Our experienced staff will help make your holiday shopping a breeze," said Hunter. Along with the new holiday decor, we have added Mark Robert's collectable fairies. We have beautiful flowers, plants and inspirational gifts, that will surely please." Hunter would like to express her sincerest appreciation to her loyal customers for their continued patronage throughout the years. Helen, Sarah, Kathy and Ruth invite you to enjoy part of this special day here with us here at Lasting Impressions. "We hope that you are blessed with a bountiful and happy holiday season," said Hunter.

Please join us for A Sunday Pleasure Christmas Open House • Sunday, November 7th 1 - 4 pm

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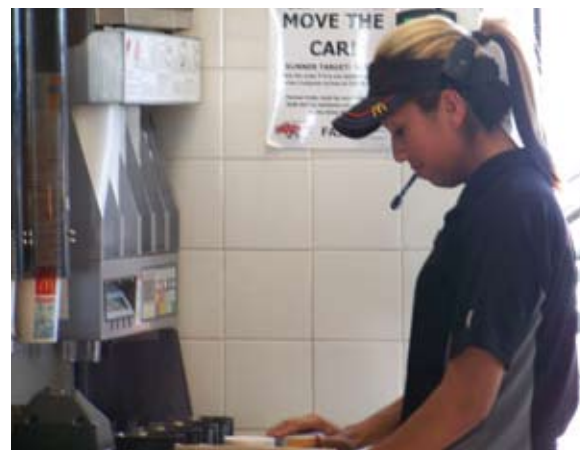
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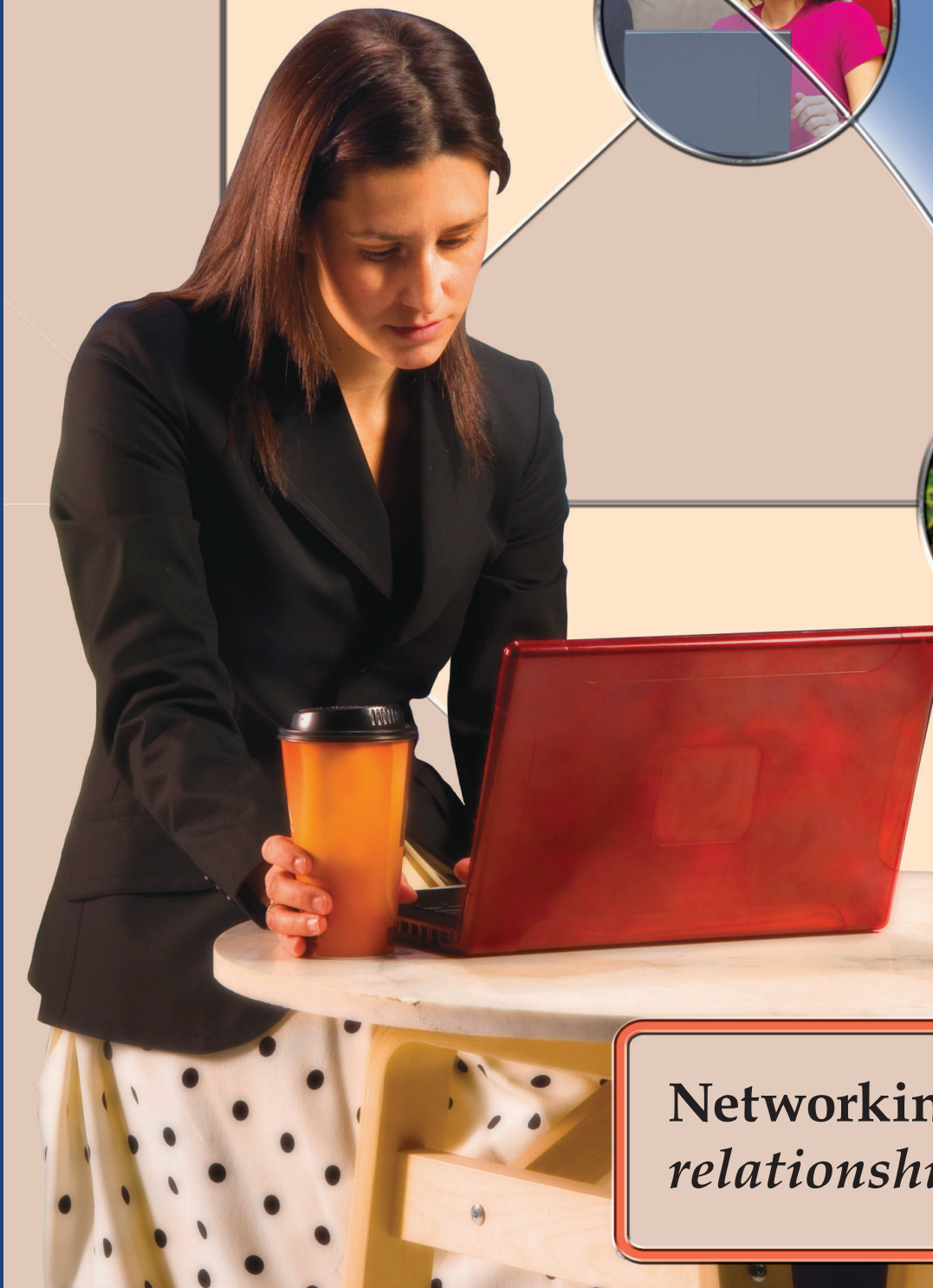
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