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Mendoza found guilty

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Although found guilty of the July 4 murder of Rolando "Rollie" Saucedo, 19, a Bailey County jury came close to ignoring the request of Dist. Attorney Kathryn Gurley and sentenced Daniel Mendoza, 20, to only eight year incarceration.

"Mr. Mendoza made some horrible choices... I'm not expecting a life sentence," the dist. attorney said as she addressed the jury prior to their deliberation on the sentence Mendoza would receive for his part in Saucedo's murder, but also urged the jury members not to hand down a minimal sentence.

According to the instructions the jury received from Dist. Judge Gordon Green, the minimum sentence



Daniel Mendoza

Mendoza faced ranged from the minimum of five years to 99 year, to life.

Mendoza's trial began Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 17, with the seating of a jury before spectators that included supporters of both sides in the courtroom battle — the family and friends of the victim, many of whom wore t-shirts proclaiming "RIP Rolando," and friends and family of the defendant.

Supporters of co-

defendant Michael Garcia, who is set for trial in January, also were present.

From the beginning, Dist. Attorney Gurley

have fired the gun.

In his opening statement, defense attorney David Martinez of Lubbock said he was going to do what the

"You don't take a gun to a fist fight..."

— Dist. Attorney Kathryn Gurley

acknowledged she wouldn't be presenting evidence specifying which defendant — Mendoza or Garcia, fired the shot that claimed the life of Rolando Saucedo during the early morning hours of Independence Day 2010 at 202 W. Fifth, in Muleshoe.

"You're not going to hear we know who fired the shots," Gurley said during opening arguments. However, she added that Mendoza and Garcia were the only two people who could

state wasn't... place the gun in the hands of Michael Garcia rather than those of his client. But he added that even Garcia hadn't fired the shots with the intent of killing Saucedo.

Complicating the matter for the jury, no doubt, was the information presented during the trial that Saucedo also had a firearm at one point prior to the fatal shooting and allegedly fired that weapon at a vehicle

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202 W. Fifth — According to testimony received at the trial, Jose Marrufo carried the victim's body from the backyard of the residence to a place near the fire hydrant.

Counterfeiting warrants served in Muleshoe

Local law enforcement officers assisted in the service of federal arrest warrants in Muleshoe Tuesday, Nov. 16.

Sylvia Olivarez, 43, and Narciso Gauna III, 31, were arrested on counterfeiting charges by Secret Service agents, Muleshoe police officer and Bailey County Sheriff's deputies, according to Det. Cassie Crandell.

The warrants were served in the 200 block of W. 20th, and the 900 block of W. Ninth,

The arrest warrants followed an investigation that included the service of search warrants on July 22 resulting in the seizure of equipment and materials allegedly used in the counterfeiting of currency, according to Police Chief Brian Frieda.

Mules take area championship, continue toward state

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

What happens when two offensive juggernauts collide in the Area round of state football playoffs? Defense! The Breckenridge Buckaroos had averaged scoring 39 points an outing during the regular season and the Mules had posted 44 per game.

The bye week may have caused the Mule offense a few timing problems but the defense did not miss a beat. In fact the Mule defense hung a goose egg on the Bucks and it is the first shut out for the Mules this season.

The Mules scored in both the first and last minute of the second quarter to eliminate Breckenridge from playoffs 14-0. The Mules will move on to Regional Finals and take on the Wall Hawks in Seminole's Wigwam Stadium Friday at 7:30 p.m.

"We are happy to get out here tonight with a win," said Mule coach David Wood. "There have been a lot of upsets this playoff season already. I told our coaches before the game I would be happy to leave here with

a one-point win."

"The bye week has proved to be tough on teams but now we have it behind us. There have been a lot of number one seeds going down to defeat this week end."

"We finally hung a goose egg on the board tonight. It is our first one of the season and what a great time to make it happen. Since I have been in Muleshoe this is only the third time we have advanced past the Area game."

The Mules kept Breckenridge bottle up on the Buckaroos' end of the field during the opening period. The Mules were only able to reach the Bucks' 39 before beginning their first scoring drive.

The Mules began their first scoring drive on the Mules' 23. They ran six of their eight plays in the drive in the first period. They had driven the Bucks' 25 before the horn sounded. Isaac Baca got the drive started with a blast up the middle and bounced it wide right for 20 yards.

A personal foul was called on the Bucks for hitting Baca out of bounds. The play and



Can't get away from a mule

"Sorry about that, Bo. I'll be back in a moment to help clean the turf out of your face mask." Mule Royce Strader unintentionally leaves teammate Bo Avila in the turf during their tackle of the Breckenridge quarterback Friday.

(Photographs by Stacy Conner)

penalty advanced the Mules to the Breckenridge 37. Cooper Washington carried wide left for eight yards and added four more after an incomplete pass. Juan Sanchez spun up the middle for five yards on the final play of the quarter.

Washington hit the left

This year's parade theme is "Christmas past, Christmas present, and Christmas future."

The Muleshoe Heritage Foundation is planning for a Christmas gala at the Muleshoe Heritage

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side to start the second period for six yards. A second personal foul penalty on the Bucks advanced the Mules to the Bucks' five. I. Baca hit a hole in the left side of the line, broke a tackle and then carried a pair of Bucks into the end zone. Saul Elizalde booted the point after to give the Mules a 7-0 lead with 11:35 left in the half.

The ensuing kick by the Mules bounced out of bounds at the Breckenridge 37. The five-yard penalty for kicking out of bounds gave the Bucks great field

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Muleshoe's Dec. 4 celebration is growing

Muleshoe-area residents will have an opportunity to party "old school," so to speak, as "Christmas on the Prairie" joins the events already planned for Dec. 4, from 6-8 p.m. in the Bailey County seat.

While the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture has tentatively set the annual Christmas parade for 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, depending on the varsity Mules' progress through the football playoffs.



Coach David Wood addresses his team following the area championship game.



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Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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Sudan Thanksgiving lunch

The Sudan Senior Citizens will be hosting a Thanksgiving lunch on Nov. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Donations are \$7. Carry out meals available at 10:30 a.m., call 227-2502.

NWR celebration

The Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge will be celebrating its 75th anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 4, with a wide variety of activities.

The event marks the anniversary of Texas' first national wildlife refuge, located 20 miles south of Muleshoe on Hwy. 214.

Among the events scheduled are chuck wagons with coffee and doughnuts, a sandhill crane count contest, and presentations on local history.

For additional information, call at 806/946-3341 or visit the Muleshoe website at www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/muleshoe.

Dillman Christmas program

The Dillman Christmas program has been set for Thursday, Dec. 2, at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., and is open to the public.

Pheasant hunt breakfast

The annual Bailey County EMS pheasant hunt breakfast is set for Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Bailey County Coliseum, beginning at 5 a.m. Tickets are \$7 at the door. For additional information call 272-4390.

Christmas around Muleshoe

"Christmas around Muleshoe" is under way with the annual Christmas parade tentatively set for 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, depending on the varsity Mules' progress through the football playoffs.

Entries in the parade are asked to bring a canned food item for donation to the Bailey County Food Pantry.

This year's theme is "Christmas past, Christmas present, and Christmas future."

During "Christmas around Muleshoe" participating local merchants will be receiving entries for the \$1,000 "Mule Bucks" drawing to be held on Dec. 16.

For additional information, contact the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture at 272-4248.

Club News Muleshoe Girl Scouts

Muleshoe's Girl Scouts held their regular Thursday meeting on Nov. 18, at the Girl Scout Little Hut.

They welcomed special guest, Glenda Copley, administrative technician with the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, who invited the Girl Scouts to a very special event — the 75th anniversary celebration of the refuge on Dec. 4.

Muleshoe NWR is the oldest national wildlife refuge in Texas.

The scouts had many questions for Mrs. Copley and plan to make a field trip to the refuge.

Mrs. Copley gave each girl a packet which contained a wetlands

coloring book, a visitor's guide which included the National Wildlife Refuge System of America, a detailed pamphlet of the refuge, a map, and the schedule of activities for the 75th anniversary celebration.

The scouts sincerely appreciate Mrs. Copley for her exciting presentation.

The scouts enjoyed refreshments and discussed putting a Girl Scout float in the Christmas parade.

Girl Scouts have troops from kindergarten through fifth grade at present, and new members are invited any Thursday at 5 p.m., at the Girl Scout Hut, 815 W. Second. The next meeting will be on Dec. 2.

'Peace, be still!' and the sooner the better!

I wish the wind would let up. I don't like it.

I can deal fairly well with hot or cold, rain or shine, and just about as many varieties of weather as you care to mention. (Okay, I admit that I don't care for swamp weather: 90-plus degrees and 90-plus humidity. Given the choice, I'd much prefer a blizzard.)

But, generally speaking, you can usually find a way to cool down or warm up. I'm almost always thankful for rain, and I absolutely love snow. Nothing is more beautiful than a blanket of white, especially if you're looking at it through a window and sitting in your recliner by the fireplace drinking coffee and reading a good book. The only way that picture could get better is if you have a granddaughter or two in your lap.

But wind's a different deal. Whether it's being produced by La Nina, El Nino, or butterfly wings in Canada, I don't care. I just don't like it. The less we have of it, the better.

I admit that my opinion is colored. When my wife and I spent some time in East Texas last spring, it was kinda windy. But I learned something. I discovered that wind that is not brown is much less objectionable than wind

Dec. 4 in Muleshoe...

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"We're going all out for this," foundation president Tom Watson said.

Along with live music and entertainment, and tours of the center, there will be hot cider and Christmas cookies to help fight off the seasonal chill.

And, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus are scheduled to make an appearance.

For additional information, contact Delores Harvey at 272-5873 or 272-3574.

As for entries in this year's Christmas parade, according to chamber officials, entrants and well-wishing members of the public are encouraged to bring a canned food item for donation to the Bailey County Food Pantry.

For additional information, contact the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture at 272-4248.

Other Dec. 4 activities include the celebration at the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge and the Bailey County EMS pheasant hunt breakfast.

Check "Around Muleshoe" for additional details.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

that is brown, gritty, and completely annoying. I guess it hadn't occurred to me that wind could actually blow and not move a good bit of acreage around with it. Clear wind is better than brown wind.

But no wind is best of all.

By the way, was there wind in the Garden of Eden before the human tenants besmirched Paradise? I doubt it. Cool, gentle breezes, yes. Wind and dust storms, no.

I don't need or much appreciate the wind's loud and obnoxious in-your-face reminder that we live in a fallen, windswept world, a world often oppressed by gale-force wind-waves of suffering and heartache, trouble and trial.

People get hurt here, and I'm plenty aware of that without needing to watch West Texas blow by my window.

As I write, it's a couple of days before Thanksgiving. I'm sitting out in my shed, man-cave, sermon-factory, computer in lap, listening to the wind howl and expecting to see my little dog fly past the window and get stuck in a tree any minute. Less wind would make it seem a lot more "Thanksgiving-y."

But then I remember H. W. Westermayer's comment that "the pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts... nevertheless,

set aside a day of thanksgiving."

And I remember the Apostle Paul's always-challenging words: "Give thanks in all circumstances."

I'm working on it. Still, one of my favorite pictures of the Lord is when he stood in that

boat on wind-swept Galilee and calmly told the wind to shut up and shut down.

We have it on good authority — His! — that one day he'll do it again, and every wind of pain will be forever stilled. That hope is itself a great reason to give thanks.

"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

Proverbs 3:9-10, NIV



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belonging to the defendant's brother, George Mendoza.

While there was evidence George Mendoza's gray Ford pickup bed appeared to have been struck by a bullet, there was no information presented that the firearm reported to belong to Saucedo, which was recovered from the scene by investigators, was the weapon that fired the bullet.

"I knew Rollie (Saucedo) was supposed to be carrying a gun," Muleshoe Police Det. Cassie Crandell testified, but added that she didn't know if it was the Hi-Point firearm recovered at the scene.

"I couldn't tell if it had been fired," Crandell said, referring to the firearm found in the backyard of the Marrufo residence, but added that an un-fired cartridge was in the guns chamber.

Then, there was the evidence of Saucedo assaulting Mendoza with a brick earlier in the night, causing injuries for which Mendoza later sought medical attention... after Saucedo's death.

"He was with Michael Garcia because he thought they were going to rumble... to fight," Martinez said during his opening argument.

Countering the defense attorney's argument during her closing argument, Gurley said, "You don't take a gun to a fist fight."

"He (Daniel Mendoza) wasn't the one making the calls for the gun," she said, referring to testimony that Julian Pena, 21, had been the one to contact Michael Garcia in search of a weapon, "but he was there when they were being made."

An intent "to rumble," or not, the evidence presented by the state, corroborating the written statement investigators presented in the trial, showed Mendoza and Garcia had stealth-fully approached a position in the darkened alley across from 202 W. Fifth, the residence of Jose Marrufo — a friend of the victim, and fired 17 shots from a 9mm semiautomatic handgun at the residence, one round of which struck and killed Saucedo.

According to information provided by the prosecution, Saucedo was struck by a single round that traveled through his arm, piercing his chest and aorta, and exiting the opposite side



Michael Garcia of his chest.

The state's medical examiner didn't testify in person following the defense's agreement to stipulate to the fact that Saucedo had died of a gunshot wound.

In actuality, the murder statute under which Mendoza was tried apparently didn't require that the defendant's hands even touched the firearm — which was never recovered, and which according to testimony and statements presented in the trial was probably discarded into a dumpster at some point after the suspects left the scene of the shooting.

The statute in question allows the charge of murder if a death occurs in the commission of a felony — in this case the third degree felony of deadly conduct, referring to the discharge of a firearm at a habitation, no matter if it is occupied or not, the statute normally used in the prosecution of "drive-by shootings."

Several of the rounds fired from the handgun, according to Texas Rangers Phil Vandygriff and Marshall Thomas, struck the Marrufo residence, at least one round of which penetrated the residence's exterior wall and hit a photograph of Marlon Brando from "the Godfather," in the throat.

Of the 17 rounds alleged to have been fired from the alley at the residence, a total of 14 were accounted for by the investigators.

When the defendant,

Daniel Mendoza, took the stand on Thursday, Nov. 18, he said, "I wanted to get the truth out... I've got nothing to hide."

Mendoza denied ever possessing or even asking for the firearm. "Michael Garcia had the gun," he said.

He described how he climbed into the back seat of Garcia's black 1997 Cadillac, and returned to the area of the Marrufo residence.

According to Mendoza, Garcia's wife — Jasmine Beltran, was in the front seat with the co-defendant, while their two young children were seated in the back with Mendoza.

Similar information was included in a written statement investigators received from Beltran a little more than a week after the shooting. However, Beltran — in one of the more unusual moments during the trial, denied knowledge of having ever given such a statement and also the entirety of the information it contained.

Beltran, whom both the prosecution and the defense thought at one point might claim fifth amendment protection and refuse to testify, testified that due to a heart condition lacked the ability to recall incidents that occurred that far in the past.

"I can't remember two weeks ago what I was doing," she said at one point.

"If she can't remember giving a statement," Martinez said, "she can't be impeached," adding that Beltran wasn't denying that she made the statement, only that she couldn't remember doing so.

However, Martinez also noted that she had motive to protect Garcia and pointed out that Beltran said she wanted to help Garcia if she could.

Mendoza testified that while he, along



Texas Rangers and Muleshoe police officers work at the July 4 shooting scene.

with Garcia took their shirts off to conceal their approach to the end of the alley, from which the shots were fired, he thought Garcia was going to fire into the air, and that when the first three rounds were fired, and he realized that Garcia was firing instead at the residence, he (Mendoza) turned and ran back to the vehicle.

In effect, he claimed not to be present when the final 14 rounds were fired.

Garcia followed him to the car, and while Mendoza climbed back into the rear seat, Garcia got into the front passenger seat, allowing his wife to drive from the scene.

"Choice... after choice... after choice, Daniel Mendoza could have stopped it a number of times," Gurley told the jury prior to its deliberation on the defendant's guilt, noting that he had ample opportunity to

contact the police about being assaulted with the brick.

At about 9:53 a.m., Thursday, the jury retired to consider the testimony. The jury members returned with a guilty verdict about an hour and a half later.

In the sentencing phase, the jury heard

testimony from Rolando Saucedo's mother, and the mother of his child, and character witnesses from the Mendoza family.

"It was a very difficult trial," Gurley said, with difficult issues that had to be considered by the jury, and she complimented the members of the jury for their effort.

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The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce would like to encourage you to shop at home this holiday season with "Christmas Around Muleshoe."

Be sure to register now through December 17th for your chance to win Mule Bucks and prizes from participating businesses. On Saturday, Parade Day, December 4th, you will receive 2 entries for every \$10 spent with these local businesses.

Dillman Kindergarten students offer turkey preparation times

Joan Nix's Kindergarten class shared their secrets for turkey preparation with the *Muleshoe Journal*, just in time for their mothers to garner their culinary expertise for this week's special event.

Turkey by Ryan
You buy the turkey at the Texas Grocery Store. Get it ready to cook. Get all the groceries put up. You got to remember to get the turkey out of the pickup. Sprinkle white stuff on it... I think it is pepper... while it is cooking. Cook it for 83 minutes. My dad looks at it to see if it's done. It doesn't look raw anymore but good. You eat it with barbecue chips because I want it. My dad makes "really" good sweet tea to eat with it!

Turkey by Geovanny
We get our turkey in the Junited. You put a fire

in there and you cook. You cook it 4 minutes. It looks like food when you eat it. It is red. You eat cereal with it for breakfast. You eat bananas, apples, and berries. You also eat chicken.

Turkey by Emiliano
We get a turkey at the grocery store. It weighs five lbs. It is a good turkey if it is brown. She puts it in a pan. She puts salt and pepper on it. She cooks it 3 minutes. It is done because it turned green. We eat salt with it. We eat pepper with it.

Turkey by Nicolas
We get the turkey from United. You cook on the Grill for 100 degrees. We cook it 100 minutes. We put garlic on it to make it taste good. Salt. Pepper. You get mashed potatoes, beans and Coke.

Turkey by Angel

We get our turkey from the Dollar store and put some vitamins in there. We cook it in the oven for 6 degrees. Then we take it out and cut it. Then I pass out plates, napkins, spoons, knives, and forks. I give turkey to all the family.

Turkey By Joey
We buy a turkey at the turkey store. We cook it with 'cimmonum' to make it taste good. Some barbeque and ketchup, too. That makes everything taste better. We cook it on the grill 20 minutes really hot! We know it is done because mom takes it out when it is warm. Then we taste it. The whole family eats it with some eggs. That's all... Yep!

Turkey by Kyleigh
We buy a turkey at United. We cook it in a pot. We put salt on

it and pepper. We cook it 15 minutes. My mom cooks it. We eat banana pie. It has coconuts in it! My favorite thing is the pie. I eat the turkey with a sandwich.

Turkey by Rylee
She buys a turkey at United and brings it and cooks it in the microwave for 10 minutes. It is done when it beeps. She puts pepper, salt and that's all. We eat mashed potatoes. We eat green beans and that's all!

Turkey by Neveah
We get a turkey at the store and we eat it. We cook it four minutes and eat potatoes with it.

Turkey by Malacai Mendoza
You get a turkey from United and cook it five degrees for five minutes. You can make it taste like chicken if you put salt on it. Eat with it a fork!

Turkey by Mariana
You buy a turkey at United. You take it at home and we put the turkey in something and then in the oven. We cook it 10 minutes. It looks like chicken when it is done. It's brown. We have to eat chicken and drink Koolaid.

Turkey by Alize
I buy a turkey at McDonalds. You cook it in the oven. It is 10 degrees. Cook it for five minutes. It is dark brown when it is ready to eat. We eat chicken nuggets with it.

Turkey by Kaylee
We kill our turkey in the wild! At our house! We put him in the oven. We cook it seven minutes. Then we cut it with a knife. We next give it a needle shot! We wait till all the rest of the people get here. We eat

bacon with it. We also put beans in it.

And we put rice in it and bear meat in it. We just drink a lota water then.

Turkey by Oralia
We buy the turkey at the Family dollar. You cook it with a oven. You cook it for six minutes... or 40 minutes. You know it is ready when Mom calls Dad to eat. We can eat it with a fork or cut it with a knife.

Turkey by Lucky
You buy a turkey at Walmart. My mom opens the bag and puts it in the pan. She puts salt on it. She cooks it in the kitchen in a pan. She cooks it 90 minutes. It makes a noise when it's done. She cuts it with a knife. Now we ate it! We eat it with

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Obituaries

W. B. (Buster) Kittrell

Church services for W. B. (Buster) Kittrell, 88, of Muleshoe, were held on Saturday, Nov. 20, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner, and his son-in-law David Gray officiating.



Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with military honors.

Mr. Kittrell died on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010, in Lubbock Heart Hospital. He was born on March 4, 1922, in Tillman Co. (Frederick) Oklahoma to Tredor Paxton and Thelma Ruth (Caudle) Kittrell. He married Wanda Plyer in Clovis, N.M. on Sept. 20, 1969.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers — Truman and Durb.

Mr. Kittrell had been a Muleshoe-area resident since 1924. He was proud to serve his country during World War II in the US Army. He retired from the farm in 1986.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe, where he was honored to serve as a deacon. For a number of years he taught a Sunday School class at Park View Nursing Care Center.

Mr. Kittrell did mission work in Mexico for 22 years. He was instrumental

in starting the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center in Muleshoe in which he enjoyed very much.

Survivors include his wife — Wanda; Children — Kay Gray and husband David of Muleshoe, Kenny Kittrell of Lubbock, Mike Barker and Wayland Barker and his wife Denice, both of Tucson, Ariz., and Gayla Philpot and husband Jack, of Noble, Okla.

Mr. Kittrell is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; a sister — Rubie Craft of Farwell; and one brother — T.I. Kittrell and his wife, Ysleta, of Farwell; sisters-in-laws — Audrey Kittrell of Texico, N.M., and Billie Kittrell of Lawndale, Calif.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, P.O. Box 292, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or the First Baptist Church, 220 W. Ave. E., Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

'Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile...'

Frankly I don't know what might be involved in a lawsuit in which we might lose our clothing. But I think I can understand that if we lose our coat we might give up our cloak also.

I would most likely give up both my coat and cloak to avoid a lawsuit. I knew one man that, at a candidate's speaking said he was wearing an overcoat because his coat was in the cleaners. I doubt that having much weight either one way or the other. But here is the next scripture:

Number three — "Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain"

This is probably has reference to one person, a government official, having authority to compel the services of a fellow citizen. That was not unusual in days gone by.

When I was a boy, and we lived in Oklahoma, my father was expected to give a day, or sometimes more than one day, every year to work on the roads in the community where we lived. Other people were expected to give of their time and labors also.

I never heard any complaints at all, because we needed roads to get in and out on, and it took manual labor to keep them passable.

This scripture however has reference to an official

Something worth saying...

By Glen Williams

known as a publican compelling one of his citizens to go one mile with him and assist him.

Publicans were known as "tax gatherers." They were appointed to that position, and it was at times pretty rough and hazardous work. So he was given authority to order one of his people — of his choosing — to go for as much as one mile and assist him.

But the point is, if the one chosen only goes a mile he has done nothing more that he was legally bound to do. So Christ said go with him twain "go with him two miles."

For him to make a contribution to good government, he ought to go another mile and help the man as he went about his duties.

The principle applies to every type and kind of service we propose (or pretend) to render. I heard a man say once that "he that is good at making excuses is generally good for nothing else."

And next, "Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee not thou away."

We must remember, Christ said this, not yesterday, but 2,000 years ago. And conditions

were different with them then than they are with us today. But, in my judgement, no more important.

This doesn't however refer to a crippled or blind person taking up collection.

I suppose most officials, especially sheriffs, police officers and Judges are called on to help other folks with a loan of money, help with utility bills in some similar way. And in most of the requests we received, if we gave assistance it was with our own money.

Then Christ asks "For if you love them which love you, what reward have you? Do not even the publicans the same?" Or if you salute your brethren only do not even Gentiles do the same?"

There is very little to be gained by holding

one people over or above other people, from the final judgement will not be based on the car we drive, or the clothes we wear, the house we live in, the office we hold or the riches we own, but it will be based on what we are.

Christ then told them to "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which in heaven is perfect."

The word "perfect" as used here doesn't mean a state of sinless perfection, but a state of maturity, skilled or accomplished. And it is imperative- it expresses a command. But it is interesting to note that Dickson would make it read "Ye therefore shall be perfect".

He would make it declarative. In other words, with him, if we live the life we will be perfect.

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Thanksgiving turkey tips...

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Turkey by Destiny

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the table. We eat bread with it!

Turkey By Alejandra
I buy the turkey at Lowes. We cook it in the stove till 8 o'clock. It looks like a brown chicken. You put barbeque on it. You eat it!

Turkey by Edgar

You buy the turkey at the Big store. My mom puts something red that tastes good. She puts it in the oven 20 minutes. Her takes it out and puts it on

Turkey by Zaira

You buy a turkey at Walmart and take it home. Then you get a pan and puts it in the oven. She cooks it 14 minutes at four degrees hot. You also eat punkin pie. You eat bread. That's all!

Library News

The Muleshoe Public Library will be celebrating many different holidays from different cultures in future weeks due to its receipt of an Amo Leer Grant, which has provided many new Spanish and bilingual books.

The first holiday the library will celebrate is Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), on

Monday, Nov. 29, from 5-6:30 p.m.

"We will have a video to explain this day, a book that will be read in Spanish and English, and an activity to celebrate this occasion," Librarian Dyan Dunagan said.

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Sports

Lady Mules' early lead not enough for a win

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules came out like a house on fire in the first quarter against the visiting Lady Wolverines. The Lady Mules led 8-2 three

minutes into the game but the Lady Wolverines settled.

They had made up the deficit and tied the game at 12-12 by the end of the period.

The Lady Mules were

never able to regain their early momentum and fell to the Wolverines 36-49.

The Lady Mules traveled to Lubbock Roosevelt Thursday and Friday to play in the Roosevelt Invitational

Tournament. Lady Mule coach Val Acree describes that tournament as, "A very football playoff friendly tournament."

The games are scheduled for Thursday and Friday morning and accommodations are made for teams that must travel long distances.

The Lady Mules were 1-2 on the season starting the tournament and evened their record at 3-3 by the time the dust settled.

The Lady Mules downed the Lubbock High Lady Westerner JV team in the opening round 69-22.

Yvonne Gardea led the Lady Mules with 34 points but she also had nine assists, eight rebounds and seven steals.

Alyssa Leal pulled down nine rebounds in

the game and made eight points.

The Lady Mules fell in the second round to the host Lubbock Roosevelt Lady Eagles 29-44. Gardea put together a double-double by scoring 17 points and pulling down 10 rebounds.

The Lady Mules squeaked out a 40-38 win over the Klondike Lady Cougars in the game for third place.

Gardea had 19 points, eight rebounds and seven steals to lead the Lady Mules to the win.

Gardea made seven of the Lady Mules first 12 points against the Lady Wolverines.

She opened the game with a pair of free throws, hit from behind the arc and added a basket.

Ivana Agundis and Jandy Gomez added a bucket each and Leal

dropped in a free throw.

Devine Orozco made a bucket in the second period and Gardea added six points for the Lady Mules eight points. Gardea made a bucket and made four charity tosses.

The Lady Mules trailed 20-28 at the half.

The Lady Mules continued to struggle in the second half and scored six in the third period and 10 in the final quarter.

Gardea led the way with 25 points in the game. Agundis added four points, Gomez made three, Orozco had two and Leal and Carly Krug chipped in a point each.

Samantha Reyna made nine points against the Lady Westerners, Gomez dropped in six, and Sandy Mojica and Agundis added four each.

Baylee Bessire and Orozco chipped in two points each.

Reyna and Leal made four points apiece against Roosevelt and Dominique Mata had two. Agundis and Orozco chipped in one each.

Gomez added six points against the Lady Cougars of Klondike and Bessire made five. Leal had four points and Mojica, Orozco and Krug made two apiece.

The 3-3 Lady Mules have a busy short week and traveled to Morton to play the Maidens on Monday and then return home to host the Lady Mustangs of Shallowater on Tuesday.

JV Lady Mules defeat S-E's ladies

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules opened their basketball season at home Tuesday night against the Lady Wolverines of Springlake-Earth.

The Lady Mules clamped on a tight and frustrating defense in the first period to hold the Wolverines to a single basket.

That first quarter defense couple with a scoring rally by the Lady Mules vaulted them to a 38-26 win in Legends Arena.

McKenna Dunham worked the inside and did most of the damage on offense for the Lady Mules. She made two free throws and a pair of baskets for a six-point period.

Mandy Scolley

knocked down one from the charity line and raced down the floor to finish a break for three points.

Liliana Vasquez added a bucket and the Lady Mules led 13-2 at the end of the first eight minutes.

The Wolverines made a strong surge in the second period but the Lady Mules stayed with them point-for-point.

The Wolverines dropped in 12 points in the second quarter. Cheyenne Meadors went to work in the lane and scored twice in the second period.

Adrienne Precure hit from behind the arc when the Wolverines attempted to pack the lane.

Brittany Prater and Dunham added a bucket each. The Lady

Mules led 24-14 at the intermission.

Defense ruled the second half.

The Lady Mules out scored the Wolverines 7-5 in the third period and the two teams fought to a dead heat in the final frame 7-7.

Precure led the charge for the Lady Mules with a pair of buckets in the third period. Vasquez made a basket and Dunham knocked down a charity toss.

The Lady Mules led 31-19 after three quarters.

Meadors controlled the lane in the final frame and made a pair baskets. Dunham made a bucket and added one charity toss.

The Lady Mules started the Tulia Hornet Invitational Tournament on Thursday but because of the Mule football team's Area game were not able to complete the tournament.

The Lady Mules traveled to Morton on Monday night and then hosted the Shallowater Lady Mustangs Tuesday just prior to the Thanksgiving break.

The Lady Mules will be back following the break Nov. 30 in Hereford.

Freshmen ladies fall to Idalou

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The freshmen Lady Mules stumbled out of the gate last Monday when they opened their home season against the Idalou Lady Cats.

The Lady Mules fell 40-30.

Esmeralda Flores paced the Lady Mules with 13 points and seven of those came in the second quarter.

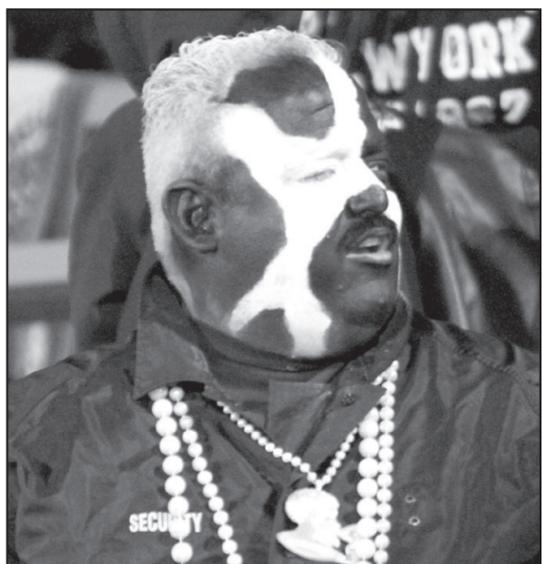
DonAnn Rempe had seven points and they

were all in the fourth period.

Katelyn Gable scored a basket in both the first and second period and two free throws in the third for her six points.

Alexis Cortez and Carolina Franco scored a bucket each.

The Lady Mules traveled to Tulia to tangle with the Hornets Monday evening and will return to action at home Nov. 29 against the Dimmitt Bobbies.



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Sports

Area championship game...

Continued from page 1 position at their 42. The Bucks picked up a first down at the Mule 48. Rico Alarcon stopped Vance Sullivan, the Bucks' quarterback after a yard gain on first down. Sullivan rolled wide right and Alarcon chased him out of bounds after a three-yard gain. A motion penalty set the Bucks back to the Mule 49.

Clay Pena herded Sullivan toward the sideline before he finally threw the ball away leaving the Bucks needing 11 yards on fourth down. The Bucks' wind-aided punt rolled to the Mule one-yard line before being downed.

Washington was standing in the Mule's end zone when Royce Strader snapped him the ball on first down. Washington hit Alarcon on a quick slant from the left side. Ryan DeLeon made a block for Alarcon to gain 11 yards.

The Mules were forced to punt into the wind after their drive stalled. Elizalde took the deep snap on fourth down and took a running start for his rugby style punt. The Mules downed the ball on the Mule 48.

The Bucks picked up 22 yards on their first play of the drive to the Mule 26. A fumbled snap cost three yards and an illegal shift penalty on their next play moved the Bucks back to the Mule 34.

The Bucks attempted a bit of razzle-dazzle with a half back throw-back pass to the quarterback. The ball sailed over everyone's head and into the end zone.

Eric Orozco broke in front of the intended receiver on fourth down at the Mule five and raced up field to the Mule 33. The third personal foul penalty was enforced against the Bucks in the first half and advanced the Mules to near mid field.

Four plays later the Washington had a pass picked off at the Breckenridge 14. The Bucks picked up one first down but stalled out at their 26. The Bucks' punt rolled dead at the Mule 34.

Washington lost a yard on first down as the clock ticked below a minute to play in the half. Offensive coordinator for the Mules, Coach Ralph Mason, called a play from the sideline.

Washington read the defense and checked to different pass routes. Washington dropped back to the Mule 25, pump faked and froze the defense. He then let fly a pass that sailed 38 yards into the teeth of a 20 mph wind.

Orozco raced down the Mule sideline and then cut toward the goal post. He extended his arms to the maximum and leaned forward to make the finger tip catch. Orozco was seven yards behind the defense.

Despite stumbling for five yards Orozco regained his balance and beat the defense to the

end zone. Elizalde added the point after to give the Mules a 14-0 lead with 39 seconds left in the half.

Breckenridge reached Mule territory on three of their four possessions in the second half but the Mule defense was up to the task of completing the shut out.

DeLeon ended the first threat with an interception of a tipped ball. The drive had reached the Mule 33 before the pick.

The Bucks' final drive of the night started with 2:22 left in the game. Sullivan connected with Blair Vic once and Colby Hartfield twice to reach the Mule 15.

Washington shucked his blocker and smashed Sullivan to the turf for a nine-yard loss. A fourth personal foul penalty pushed the Bucks back to the Mule 39.

The Bucks' drive stalled out on three incomplete passes. Sullivan went out of bounds on a scramble for the Bucks' final offensive play of the night.

The Mules gained 243 yards on offense with 67 coming on the ground and 176 through the air. Washington completed 17-of-24 passes, one for a touchdown and rushed 10 times for 30 yards. I. Baca had three carries for 24 yards and a touchdown and caught one pass for four yards.

J. Baca ran five times for 11 yards. Sanchez rushed four times for nine yards. Orozco caught three passes for 82 yards and one touchdown. Joey Ramirez made three catches for 27 yards and DeLeon caught four for

24. Alarcon made three receptions for 22 yards, Elizalde caught two for 10, Isaias Guerra made one for seven.

The Mule defense held the Breckenridge highly touted running game to 137 yards. The inside line backing duo Sanchez and I. Baca led the Mules with nine tackles each. Sanchez did make one stop for a loss.

Avila and Ramirez made seven stops each at the outside linebacker spots. Avila made three tackles for losses and recorded two sacks while Ramirez made two stops for a loss.

Washington made six tackles, three for losses and one sack as a defensive end. Alarcon also had six tackles, one for a loss and one sack on the opposite end. Strader gives both players some relief on defense and made three tackles, two for losses and one sack.

Pena and Juan Orozco made three tackles each as defensive linemen. J. Orozco also had a sack and one tackle for a loss. DeLeon led the defensive backs with five tackles and an interception.

Elizalde and E. Orozco made three tackles each and Orozco picked off a pass. Guerra made four tackles. The Mule had two fourth down stands.

The Mules will travel to Seminole Friday for the Regional Finals to meet the Wall Hawks. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m., and the Mules will be the visiting team. The Mules and Hawks are among the Sweet Sixteen in Class 2A Division I in Texas.



Mule Bo Avila sends Breckenridge's quarterback flying.

Photograph by Stacy Conner



PLAYOFF PICKS 2010

By Terry Brewster

As the Muleshoe Mules head into the Thanksgiving holiday with one playoff game done and looking forward to the next, the Muleshoe Journal Playoff Picks will continue to follow to the next round of games.

The first Playoff Picks saw a decrease in players. This would have been a great time to play since two of the games were played on Thursday making guessing the actual score a shoe in.

Some of the players from the regular season were sure they couldn't win even with that kind of extra help. But this week there won't be any extra help since the games will be on Friday because of Thanksgiving.

The winner of this week's Playoff Picks is Damion Toscano. He will receive a Pizza Hut™ gift card.

We hope that you will play the Muleshoe Journal Playoff Picks as we follow the Muleshoe Mules through the playoffs.

We will give away another pizza gift card to the person with the closest guesses to the actual scores of this week's games.

The player with the best overall guesses at the end of the playoff

season will win the Muleshoe Journal Tailgate Special.

This Tailgate Special will have an item added to it each week. So the longer we play the better the grand prize gets. Don't miss out on the fun of this game.

It is free to enter and fun to play. The rules for Playoff Picks are on the form. 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 entry

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 "Playoff Picks 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.

Remember it is free and fun to play. We hope that you join in the fun and follow the Muleshoe Mules all the way to the state championship.



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Can you find and circle at least 10 words on this page that end with the letter 'd'?

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Pep community Thanksgiving festival set

The 65th annual Thanksgiving Festival will be held on Thursday, Nov. 25, at St. Philip Neri Parish Hall in Pep. Pep is located in Hockley County on Hwy. 303, between Hwy. 54 and Hwy. 114. The Pep community gathers for a time giving thanks by celebrating with a meal consisting of German sausage and turkey with all of the trimmings. The dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., and is self-served. Adult tickets are \$9, and children under 10 are \$5. Take out plates, at \$9 will be available until 2 p.m.

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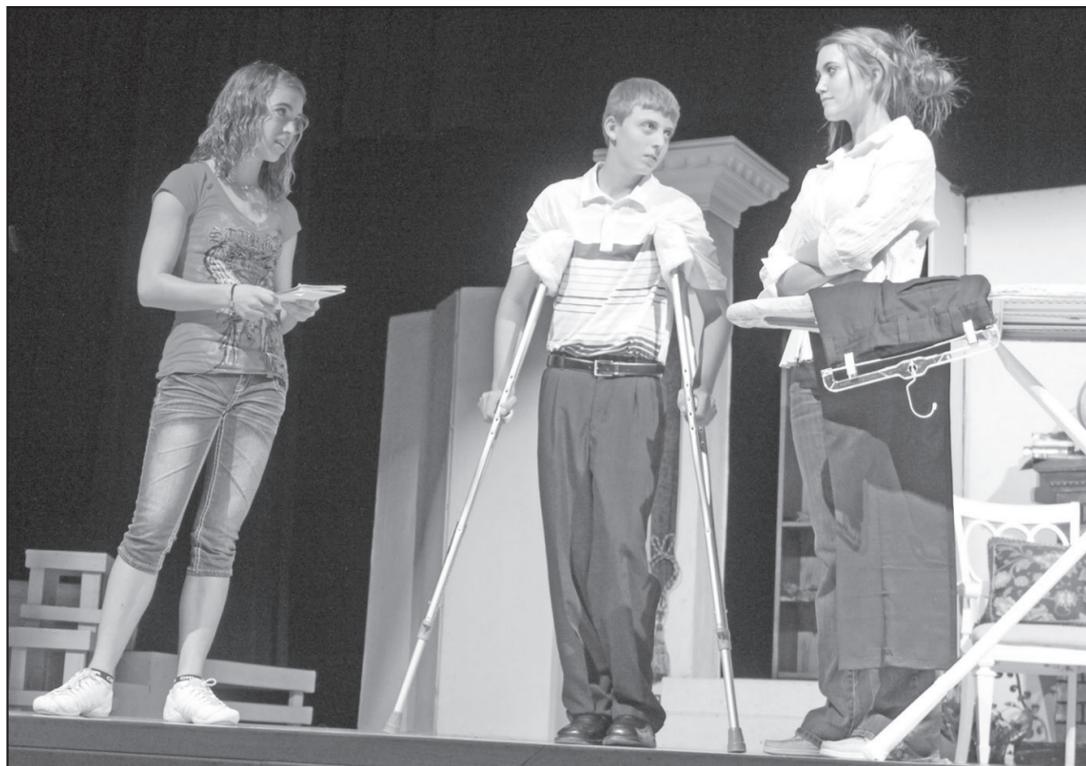
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Muleshoe Mules vs. Wall Hawks



The Sudan Buzz



Jr. High OAP takes first at district

Savannah Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Junior High One Act Play troupe placed first at the Dist. 5-1A Junior High One Act Play competition on Saturday, Nov. 20.

The cast also received many honors by the judge. Ashton Sawyer and Jacob Markham received honorable mention all star cast honors, and

Nikolas Clarkson and Kolton Gonzales received all star cast honors.

Other competing schools in the district included Morton, Olton, Springlake-Earth, and Farwell.

Second place was awarded to Morton, and Olton received third place.

The Sudan JH cast members include:

Ashton Sawyer, Nikolas Clarkson, Jessica Barrett, Jacob Markham, Kolton Gonzales, Sydney Goen, BJ Johnson, Jeremy Binion, Allison Black, Jayden Valdez, Savannah Lacoss, Kenda Soles, Denise Salazar, Jo Lewis Melendez, and Chris Richards.

The stage crew consisted of Elaney Tedder, Vanessa Aguilar, Harris Chester, Patricia

Azua, and Ashton Shultz. Alternates included Carson Phillips, Kendon Drennon, Marcus Gonzales, and Eliana Ortega.

The Sudan Junior High OAP directors were Angie Clarkson, Jonathan Robertson, and Leslie Shaw.

The command performance for the school was held on Nov. 24 for grades 6 thru 12.

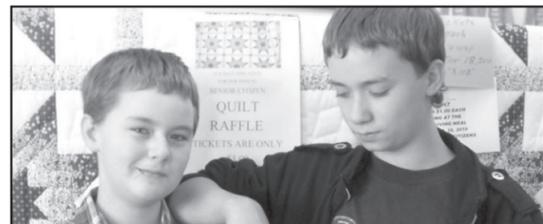
Sudan FFA team places at Area I competition

The Sudan FFA Junior Skill team placed 5th at the Area I FFA Leadership contest held at West Texas A&M University on Saturday, Nov. 20.

The team consisted of Adam Martin, Dex Baker, Deric McCurry, and Kort Hill. The alternates for the team are Madi Edwards and Luke Tiller.

The Senior Skill team did not place but qualified for the Area contest.

Those members are Mitch Edwards, Kelbi Harris and Tawnee Garcia.



Quilt winner announced — Cody and Andrew Grant of Littlefield were at the Sudan Senior Center to help serve the annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday. The boys also drew the winner of the quilt raffle, Lana Wagner. The funds from the dinner and raffle are used for repair and upkeep on the the senior center building.

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Driving through Wellman on Thursday, Nov. 18, on the way to a FCCLA Fall Leadership Workshop in Odessa, my mother and I came across the construction crews and volunteers surrounding the Brown home that was selected by ABC TV's Extreme Home Makeover television show.

We decided to detour the couple of blocks to the job site to see what was happening.

After looking down the streets close to the house, we struck up a conversation with one of the staff members from the show.

I asked if there was anything I could do to help. The staffer said

that more money was needed for photographic equipment and the Alex Brown Foundation.

As we left Wellman, we thought that it was the least we could do to involve our school.

My mother phoned the high school to send out a message to the staff, and I asked several of the FCCLA members if we could donate money from our chapter.

The Sudan Independent School District faculty

total of \$260 was raised.

After presenting the checks to the Extreme Home Makeover staff on Saturday, they were so happy that an area school was willing to help out another school.

It made me proud to be a Sudan Hornet because our donation will make a difference to the Brown family and their mission to stop texting while driving.

By the end of the day, a

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Muleshoe resident among presenters NYC conference

The Global Conference for Social Change, a United Nations Office for Partnerships sponsored event, was held Nov. 18-19 in New York City.

At the event, the United Nations Office for Partnerships and the Foundation for Social Change honored the 2010 Leaders of Change. The award recognizes exemplary leaders who, through their actions, demonstrate how leadership, creativity, and innovation can result in initiatives that help solve social issues. Among the honorees were Anvil Knitwear (for sustainability).

Anvil Knitwear is a century old company offering a line of eco friendly sportswear including t-shirts made from organic cotton, recycled cotton, transitional (conversion to organic) cotton, and recycled polyester from recycled bottles. Attendees at the conference included senior business leaders from multinational corporations, foundations, and non-profits.

The Leaders of Change honorees each presented their case studies of successful programs, detailing their strategies, visions, implementations and partners involved, followed by workshops which focused on deeper discussions of the specific



Leslie Gayle Lunday

Wanted

The person pictured above is wanted in the State of Texas, Parmer County, and has at the time of this publication, an active warrant for their arrest.

Leslie Gayle Lunday is a White female; DOB - 4/14/1962; Height 5'8"; and weight, 170 lbs.

The warrant is for violating community service on hendering a secured creditor (Warrant # 2735).

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issues.

Presenting at the conference for Anvil, were Anthony Corsano, president and CEO of Anvil, Christie Fleischer, director of Merchandise for Disney Stores LLC, and Jimmy Wedel of Muleshoe, president of Texas Organic Cotton Marketing Cooperative in Lubbock.

Anvil, the largest purchaser of U.S. organic cotton, has recently formed partnerships with Texas Organic Cotton Marketing Cooperative (TOCMC), and Disney Stores LLC, to purchase the organic cotton for the entire graphic screen printed T-shirt line for the North American division of Disney Stores LLC, as well as their online division, DisneyStores.com.

com.

Texas Organic Cotton Marketing Cooperative markets approximately 90 percent of the U.S. organic cotton, most of which is grown within a 200 mile radius of Lubbock.

At the Textile Exchange held in New York City Oct. 27-28, Anvil made the commitment, through partnerships with TOCMC, to double the acreage of organic cotton in the U.S., and has agreed to purchase all of the production from the increased acreage.

To help farmers convert to organic, Anvil has also agreed to purchase the cotton that is grown during the transition period, at price levels that are at, or near, the organic price.

Notice is hereby given that the following units will be offered for sale by public bidding to the highest bidder for enforcement of storage lien. The public bidding will be held on Friday, December 3, 2010 from 9 am till 3 pm. Location; Sparkle Self Storage, 406 South First Street, Muleshoe TX, 79347. We reserve the right to refuse any bid or cancel the sale. Unit 37: Mark Longoria, PO Box 204, Earth, TX 79031, refrigerator, stove, furniture, misc item; Unit 62: Delma Espinoza, 1906 W Ash, Muleshoe, TX 79347, Misc baby items, toys, etc.

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More Classifieds

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. **CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT (S)** ----- Dist/Div: Lubbock Contract 0905-00-055 For FY 2011 PAVEMENT MARKINGS in LUBBOCK County, etc will be opened on December 08, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the State office. ----- Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 34749 State Office ----- Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540 Dist/Div Office(s) -----Lubbock District District Engineer 135 Slaton Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771 Phone: 806-745-4411 Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 93974 APPLICATION Royston Gins, Inc. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit Number 93974, which would authorize the operations of the Pleasant Valley Gin located at 185 County Road 65, Muleshoe, Lamb County, Texas 79347. The facility will emit the following contaminants: organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on November 8, 2010. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the Earth United States Post Office, 105 North Amherst, Earth, Lamb County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Lubbock regional office of the TCEQ. The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. **PUBLIC COMMENT/ PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.** The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.** The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. The executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. If a hearing request is timely filed in Response to this Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit, the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to thirty days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments. **After the final deadline for public comments following the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application. OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues raised by you or others during the public comment period and not withdrawn. **A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.** Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding. **MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. **AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION** All public comments and requests must be submitted either in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html. If you choose to communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from Royston Gins, Inc., P.O. Box 59, Earth, Texas 79031-0059 or by calling Mr. Kelley Green, P.E., Director of Technical Services, Texas Cotton Ginners' Association at (512) 615-1102. Notice Issuance Date: November 15, 2010. (Published in the *Muleshoe Journal* Nov. 25, 2010.)

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LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY Date 11/22/10 On the 18th day of November, 2010, I impounded the following estray: Kind of Animal: Horse, Breed, Color: Brown, Sex: Male, Age: unknown, Size: large, Brand, Marks, Identifying Characteristics: Missing left eye and on the 22nd day of November, 2010, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Bailey County, Texas. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Bailey County, Texas, for the owner, but the search did not reveal the owner. Notice is hereby given, that if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 11th day of Dec., 2010, said estray will be sold at public auction/sheriff's sale at the Muleshoe Livestock Auction. WITNESS my hand this 22nd day of November, 2010. R.Wills Sheriff of Bailey County, Texas. Published in the Muleshoe Journal November 25th and December 2nd, 2010"

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Two temp positions: Livestock worker, 12/25/10 to 04/30/11 @ \$10.66 p/hr (or AEW if higher). Free housing, 48 hrs p/wk. 3/4 guarantee, transportation and subsistence expenses to worksite paid after 50% completion of contract. Tools, equipment provided at no cost. Tasks: attend, feed, medicate, clean, herd, care for livestock, read and speak sufficient English. Work in adverse weather. Svartoi Harvesting, Freeman, SD. Apply at SD Dept of Labor office job listing #SD1502948.

Part time accountant position at Muleshoe Housing Authority. Come by the Muleshoe Housing Authority office at 301 E. 6th St. for an application. M-F 8-5.

Full time Maintenance Position must be willing to live on site. Must have maintenance, elect., plumbing, HVAC experience and must be bilingual. Apply at Muleshoe Housing Authority 301 E 6th St. M-F, 8-5.

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- **New Listing** - Nice 3 bdr, 1 3/4 bth brick home, all electric, built-ins, close to town on city water, 2 car garage, all on approx. 17.78 acres, seller will consider dividing acreage & house. Call for more details.
- **New Listing In Country On Highway** - 3 bdr, 2 3/4 bth home, 2 car garage, cent. A&H, 2 living areas, appliances, patio, fireplace, lots of storage space, plus a lot more all on 2.98 acres.
- **New Listing In Country** - Very nice 3 bdr, 2 bth home on approx. 5.9 acres. Built-ins, central air and heat, wood floors, basement, acreage has arena, corrals, saddle barn, pens, plus a lot more, call for details.
- **Country Home** - Nice 3 bdr, 1 3/4 bath home on 60 acres, cent. A&H, built-ins, fp, 2 lvg areas, septic system, perm. fence around acreage. Call for more details.
- **Country Home** - Great 3 bdr, 2 bath brick home on 8 acres, cent. A&H, built-ins, basement, 2 lvg areas, patio, septic system, fp, 2 car garage, this home is move in ready.
- 3 bdr, 1 3/4 bath brick home on 2.5 acres, built-ins, cent. A&H, fenced backyard, large bldg. Call for more details.
- 3 bdr, 1 3/4 bath home, 2 car carport, fp, cent. A&H, fenced backyard, metal roof, large play or game room, all on corner lot.

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LONE WOLF RANCH - EASTERN, NM - approx. 30 sections, mostly deeded some BLM & State, employee housing & 3 sets of steel pens, county maintained, all weather road. Mild climate year round.

TOM GREEN CO., TX DAIRY - capable of milking 1500 in a parallel double 16 rapid exit parlor, large brick home recently remodeled, 171 acres, additional adj. land available, pavement & all weather road, near San Angelo.

Hartley/Moore County Line - corn, wheat, cotton, cattle with all the perks, 992 acres, sprinkler irrigated with some improved pasture, large brick home, large set of state of the art steel working pens with concrete feed bunks & covered working area, on pavement. House, shop & horse barn on 2 acres may be bought separately.

CASTRO COUNTY FARMS - Three parcels- 413 acres, 609 acres on Hwy. 86, 160 acres in strong water Flagg area. To be sold separately or together. Sprinklers, irrigation wells.

BAILEY/LAMB CO, TX - 177 acres, 176.4 acres in CRP, Elm tree grove.

EARTH 160 - 1/4 section, pivot sprinkler, two irrigation wells, close proximity to area dairies and deeryards

WE CAN DIVIDE! - Castro Co., TX - 4,949 acres +/- in four tracts, 7,200 cow dairy permit (4,000 milking), pre-con. pens permitted for 10,000 head, fully developed with pivot sprinklers, ir. wells, homes, barns, cattle pens with feed bunks on each tract, grain storage with dump pit and elevators, hwy. frontage. Nice owners home.

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- VERY NICE 3-3-2 CP Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2653' lv. area, covered deck & patio, workshop/store cellar!! Auto. splkr. (front yd.) \$140,000!!
- NICE 3-2-2 Home, corner lot, built-ins, Cent. A&H, workshop/storage plus storage building!! 1974' lv. area!! \$96K!!
- Very Nice 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, nicely remodeled, Anderson windows, fans, utility, lots of storage, fenced yd., RV hookups in back!! \$95,000!!!

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- 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, 2 carport, Cent. A&H, Dishwasher, WB Stove, approx. 2156' lv. area, 217 E. Elm. \$60K!!

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- NICE 2-1-3 Carport Home, carpet, tile, fans, fenced yd., storage bldg. MORE!! ASK! REDUCED TO \$35K!!
- 2 NICELY REMODELED DUPLEX UNITS & 1 NEW Duplex unit!! PRICED TO SELL!!
- NICELY REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick, new Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 3125' lv. area, splkr. sys., fenced yard, MORE!! REDUCED \$195K!! MAKE OFFER!!
- 4 bedroom, 5.5 bath, 2 car garage, geothermal (cent. A&H), built-ins, FP, approx. 5100', loads of storage, workshop/storage, RV port, auto. splkr., REDUCED TO \$185K \$170K!! \$160K!!
- VERY NICE 3-1 3/4-2 Brick home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fireplace, thermal windows & doors, metal trim, workshop/storage, fenced yd., MUCH MORE!! \$139,500!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 brick home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, corner lot, MUST SEE!!! \$130K!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2, 2 Bath, 1 car garage w/opener, New Cent. A&H, dishwasher, stove, approx. 1844' lv. area, fenced yard, storage bldg!! \$89,000!!
- NICELY REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP w/wood pellet insert, corner lot, fenced yd., auto. splkr., + lot w/stor. bldg!! 2159' lv. area!! \$189K!!
- VERY NICE REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 1831' lv. area, fenced yd., 2 wkshp/stor. bldgs. \$99K!!
- 3-2 Home, Cent. Heat, win. evap., DW, stove, 1500' lv. area + 1 Bdr Rental!! \$45K!!
- 4 bdr., 3bth home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, tily, lg. pantry, hwdwood floors, fenced yd., storage bldg!! \$99,500 !!!

RURAL

- VERY NICE CUSTOM BUILT 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 car garage home, at edge of town on 80 acres!! Geothermal heat & air, built-ins, FP, ash cabinets, approx. 2544' main lv. area plus 625' finished basement w/safe & storage, splkr system, beautiful trees and landscaping, circle sprklr, 5 wire barbwire fence, 36' x 48' metal insulated bldg w/2 12' doors!! MUCH MORE!!
- VERY NICE 4-3 doublewide (2006) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., 25' x 40' Metal Bldg. septic system, domestic well, on pavement close to town!! \$152K \$130K!! MAKE OFFER
- NICE 4.8 acre homesteads, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!
- S. of FM 145 on FM 303 - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath home, plus a 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath doublewide on 2.12 acres with barn & workshop/storage!! \$116,000!!
- LARIAT AREA - 3-1 Home, Cent. heat, 5 acres, 1989' lv. area (2 story), 2880' quonset barn, out bldgs., \$49.5K!! POSSIBLE OWNER FINANCE!!
- 3-2-1+2 CP Home on 6.4 ac. at edge of town, Cent. heat, DW, nice carpet & tile, fans w/lights, cellar, wkshp/storage, fenced!! \$135K!! Reduced \$110K!!!

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- Building w/approx. 3300' plus 1040' upstairs, Cent. A&H, 2 restrooms, MORE!! \$39,500!! MAKE OFFER!!
- NICE OFFICE/SHOP/WAREHOUSE on .7 acre on N. Hwy. 214, Cent. A&H, insulated shop & warehouse, has 1-3/4 bath & 1-1/2 bath!! PRICED TO SELL!! \$85K!!
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Luzbuddie Area - 152 acres, excellent soil, lays perfect, 2 wells, good valley sprinkler.

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Leaves are falling... now what?

Fall is definitely here and leaves are readily dropping from many deciduous trees.

It has been estimated that at least 20 percent of the solid waste generated in Texas comes from grass clippings, tree leaves and other landscape wastes.

Of the landscape waste, approximately half is composed of tree leaves.

Bagging these materials and placing them into the garbage collection system uses valuable landfill space, removes nutrients from the environment, and costs more in increased taxes and service fees.

The tree leaves that accumulate in and around your landscape represent a potentially valuable natural resource that can be used to provide a good source of organic matter and nutrients for use in your landscape.

They contain 50 to 80 percent of the nutrients a plant extracts from the soil and air during the season. Therefore, leaves should be managed and used rather than bagged and placed at curbside to be picked up and hauled to landfills.

There are four basic ways in which leaves can be managed and used in the landscape.

A light covering of leaves can be mowed, simply shredding the leaves in to the lawn will enhance the decomposition process where nutrients will be added back into the soil. This technique is most effective when a mulching mower is used.

Leaves may be collected and worked directly into garden and flower bed soils. A six to eight-inch

layer of leaves tilled into a heavy, clay soil will improve aeration and drainage.

The same amount tilled into a light, sandy soil, will improve water and nutrient holding capacity.

A recommended strategy for using leaves to improve soil in vegetable gardens and annual planting beds is to collect and work them into the soil during the fall. This allows sufficient time for the leaves to decompose prior to spring planting. Adding a little fertilizer to the soil after working in the leaves will hasten their decomposition.

Mulching is a simple and effective way to recycle leaves and improve your landscape. Mulches reduce evaporation from the soil surface, inhibit weed growth, moderates soil temperatures, keep soils from eroding and crusting, and prevent soil compaction.

As organic mulches decompose, they release valuable nutrients for use by your landscape plants. As an option to raking, a lawn mower with a bagging attachment provides a fast and easy way to shred and collect the leaves.

Leaves that have been mowed or run through some other type of shredder will decompose faster and are much more likely to remain in place than un-shredded leaves.

Apply shredded leaves around the base of trees and shrubs. Mulches are especially beneficial when used around newly established landscape plants, greatly increasing the likelihood of their

survival.

Leaves can also be composted into a nutrient rich soil amendment. The process of composting is a relatively simple process dating back to AD 23-79.

Ready made composting bins are available at many retail stores or they can be easily built with stakes and net wire or snow fence for the "do it yourselfers." The leaves that are composted this fall will be ready to contribute to next year's

gardening efforts in the spring.

The "Don't Bag It" Leaf Management Plan is an ecologically sound program designed to significantly reduce the volume of leaves entering community landfills, thereby extending their life and saving tax dollars.

More information about any of these leaf management techniques contact Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

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The guidelines that will be used to determine if, and how much the publication will cost is as follows:

Death Notices...

Death notices may include the deceased's name, city of residence, age, date and place of birth, date and place of death. If the notice is to be published prior to any services, the time, date and location of services, and location of burial may be included. If publication will be after said services, the time will not be included. An example is as follows:

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