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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Door thief arrested in spree

For most burglars, doors are just obstacles to the goods. But for one thief in Cleveland, Ohio, the doors are the goods.

David Lee Johnson, 35, was arrested in connection with a six-week robbery spree in which 19 antique doors disappeared off homes.

Johnson, who has been charged with burglary, possession of criminal tools and receiving stolen property, was arrested after a woman saw someone swipe a door from a home on her street.

He was arrested a few miles away at an antique shop, where 16 of the stolen doors were found. Most of the doors, which have been returned to owners, are made of heavy oak, sculpted with elaborate designs and fitted with glass. They're worth \$500 to \$2,000 each.

Steinbock triumphant again

Three people missed only two games each in last week's football contest. Of the three, Max Steinbock guessed the tiebreaker score exactly (41 points), so he walked away with top honors in the contest.

Close behind were Gerald Shanks and Thomas Reed, each missing only two games and guessing the Muleshoe-Lubbock Cooper score at a total of 35 points.

The contest was a comparatively easy one, apparently, as the most missed games were Dalhart at Tulia and Buffalo at Washington — and only 12 entrants missed those.

A latte and a getaway car!

Police say a bank robber was foiled when he hired a limousine to complete his crime. The 27-year-old man hired a limousine to take him to a branch of Bank of America in Redmond, Wash., where he handed a teller a note demanding money.

He made off with an undisclosed amount

Mules enter playoffs against 6-4 Perryton

By KEVIN WILSON Journal Sports Writer

The goals are pretty simple from here on out. The Muleshoe Mules aren't setting goals of no turnovers or 300 yards rushing. Not this week.

So what is Muleshoe's goal against Perryton? It is, according to Mules head coach David Wood, "to score and keep the other team from scoring."

The Mules' offense will be coming off a 41-0 rout against Lubbock Cooper, thanks in part to Danny Ramirez's 107 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

The Mules had 270 yards on the ground, which Wood credited to the offensive line. He said the entire offensive line did a great job, including center Rhett Kirby, who was named the Mules player of the week. He had seven pancakes and several blocks to help Ramírez and fullback Darrell Lewis, who had 66 yards and a touchdown.

The defense has been the anchor for the Mules team this season. The Mules have allowed 89 points in their 10 games. In district play, the Mules allowed only 41 points and posted two shutouts. They will need all their weapons against Perryton. The Rangers started their season 2-3, but finished 4-1 in District 1-3A play to earn a playoff spot. Their only district defeat this season came two weeks ago at the hands of Sanford-Fritch, which Muleshoe knocked out of the playoffs last year.

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Eighth-grade star

Muleshoe eighth-grader Kyle Yell (No. 86) finds a big hole to scamper through during Thursday night's game against Lubbock Cooper. Blocking for him are Tatom Heathington (far left) and Ryan Marricle (No. 40), among a host of others. The eighth grade lost 13-0 to end its season at 0-10, while the seventh grade fell 12-6 to end at 2-6. A spokesman for the school athletic office said Tuesday he did not have

Sheep dog trials draw huge entry

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL On the third weekend of November, the Muleshoe City Park at 10th Street and Avenue D will be converted into the site of what Richard Belvin refers to as "the third-largest sheep dog trial in the United States" this year.

That will be the weekend when the Texas state championships bring 140 entries from nine states into Muleshoe.

Belvin, along with Lyndon Huckaby of Muleshoe, are directors of the West Texas Sheep Dog Association and members of the Texas Sheep Dog Association.

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In May, they approached the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and the city of Muleshoe about holding the state championship in Muleshoe.

The two entities have worked closely together on the event

of cash, some of which he used to buy latte at a Starbucks in the same strip mall. Then he used a pay phone to call for his getaway car — the limo.

A mall customer called police, who made their arrest just as the limo pulled up. The driver confirmed he had driven the man to the bank and was returning to collect him.



Drawing date: Saturday, Nov. 6 Winning numbers: 2-8-15-42-47-48 Estimated jackpot: \$14 million Winners: 0 Next drawing: Wednesday, Nov. 10 Estimated jackpot: \$18 million

On this date in history

Nov. 11 — President Warren Harding dedicates the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. (1921). Nov. 12 — Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis is appointed the first "czar" (commissioner) of professional baseball (1920).

Nov. 13/14 — On Nov. 13, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that segregation of the races on public buses is unconstitutional (1860).

LOCAL WEATHER

The area should be mostly sunny Thursday, clearing to fair by Friday and Saturday. High temperatures should climb from about 81 Thursday up to 86 by Saturday. Low temperatures can be expected around 40 degrees throughout the period.

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Missed your paper? Call carrier Melissa Flores at 272-6719 or the Journal during business hours, 8:30 am-5 pm. information about last week's junior varsity and freshman games.

since that time.

USDA launches new biotechnology website

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently unveiled a new Internet webpage that provides easy public access to the department's vast amount of material on agricultural biotechnology issues.

"There is an incredible amount of information on biotechnology available through hundreds of sites on the Internet," said Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

"By creating this new central

website, we're providing a starting point for the general public, media, industry, academia and our international trading partners to access information about USDA's role in agricultural biotechnology," he added.

Several USDA agencies have a role in biotechnology issues. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, the Food Safety Inspection Service, and the Agricultural Marketing Service have regulatory functions involving bio-

Kids chalk up wins at art show

By RONN SMITH Editor

Thirty-two students entered the Cranefest sidewalk art show Saturday in perfect weather, drawing wildlife scenes on the sidewalk along the 100 block of South Main Street.

Students from Sudan and Portales entered the contest, as well as a representation from Muleshoe.

The art was as varied as the students producing it, ranging from a placid African lion in muted tones to a rainbow so vibrant the colors seemed to shimmer in the sun just as a real rainbow would.

In between were colorful tropical reef fish, an orca (killer whale), grazing horses, a lavender ostrich with a hotpink flamingo, one of the chubbiest cranes ever recorded, a pink bunny, a cattle egret perched atop a large grazing mammal, and several scenes of people out enjoying themselves in Mother Nature.

Toward the north end, big chalk letters spelled out the appropriate greeting, "Welcome cranes." The winners, as selected by an out-oftown judge, were:

• Dillman Elementary — First, Steven Richards, son of Mike and Maria Richards; second, Juan Orozco, son of Gabriela and Juan Orozco; third, Eric Orozco, also the son of Gabriela and Juan Orozco; and honorable mention, Leandra Briseño, daughter of Tacho and Thelma Briseño;

•De Shazo Elementary — First, Daisy Estrada, daughter of Abel and Elba Estrada; second, Matthew Richards, son of Mike and Maria Richards; third, Corrie Ann Black, daughter of Cliff and Carren Black; an honorable mention, Timothy Mendoza, son of Raymond and Janie Mendoza;

• Watson Junior High — First, Mark Ellis, son of Bobby and Janie Ellis; second, Nicholas Edwards, son of Pete and Michelle Edwards; third, Bubba Roberts, son of C.E. and Pam Roberts; and honorable mention, Cody Black, son of Cliff and Carren Black; and

• Muleshoe Junior High — First, John Ellis, son of Bobby and Janie Ellis.

technology

The Agricultural Research Service, the Economic Research Service, and the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service conduct or fund agricultural biotechnology research.

The Foreign Agricultural Service addresses trade issues related to biotechnology.

The new site offers answers to some of the most frequently asked biotechnological questions along with recent speeches by Glickman on agricultural biotechnology.

The site also includes pages on biotechnology and trade, regulations and research. It will be updated regularly as reports and data are released by USDA.

Links to many of the other government agencies involved in biotechnology are provided.

The new biotechnology website can be accessed at www.aphis.usda.gov/biotechnology/.

County OKs 2 more defibrillators

The Bailey County Commissioners' Court voted Monday to purchase two automatic external defibrillators for use in deputy sheriff's patrol cars.

The two, along with two already being purchased through a state grant program, will mean that each of the county's deputies will be carrying one of the machines on all patrols.

Sheriff Coy Plott spoke in favor of purchasing two more of the defibulators, as did physician's assistant Gail Hargrove and Littlefield EMS worker Joyce McGehee.

They asked that the county buy the equipment with tobacco settlement money.

Commissioners also voted to award the county's contract for lawn care to Muleshoe Sod Farms over Black Lawn and Chemical of Dumas.

A third bid from Shafer's was rejected because it came in after the deadline.

The bid that was accepted included a price of \$62.50 per mowing for the lawn around the courthouse and a small amount of grass at the sheriff's office.

There was also a figure of \$125 stated for full applications of fertilizer.

In other business, the commissioners voted to:

• Issue county employees' paychecks on Nov. 24 because the regular payday falls on a holiday;

• Enter into a joint sealcoating project with the same group the city belongs to; and approved the Nov. 2 election figures.

AROUND MULESHOE

Sendoff for Mules is at 12:30 Friday

The sendoff for the Muleshoe Mules as they head into the bidistrict game has been scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Friday in the Leal's Restaurant parking lot.

The public is invited to turn out and show community support for the team.

They face the Perryton Rangers at 5 p.m. Friday in Dick Bivins Stadium at Amarillo.

Playoff tickets on sale now

Tickets for Muleshoe's bi-district playoff against Perryton are on sale at the school district's administration office and at Muleshoe High School.

The cost is \$5 per adult ticket or \$3 per student ticket. The game is scheduled for 5 p.m. Friday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

Reception to honor Jo Mayhugh

A reception for Jo Mayhugh, retiring Nov. 20 after 25 years with the Muleshoe Indpendent School District, is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 12 in the district's administration. building.

Veterans' breakfast scheduled

The American Legion has scheduled its annual veterans' breakfast for 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Nov. 11 at the American Legion post, Avenue B and 15th Street in Muleshoe.

The meal is served free of charge to the public.

Directions to playoff site provided

Because of the possibility that construction may interfere with the most direct route to Dick Bivins Stadium on Friday, the Muleshoe Independent School District has provided directions to the stadium that do not involve the area where construction is under way.

From Interstate 27, take Interstate 40 east as normal, but then take the Quarterhorse exit, the second exit after getting on I-40.

Go under the underpass and stay on Quarterhorse to 10th Street. Turn right on 10th Street and continue to the Tri-State Fairgrounds.

Dick Bivins Stadium is part of the fairgrounds complex. Parking should be available to both the north and the south of the stadium.

Game time for the Mules to face the Perryton Rangers is 5 p.m.

Seniors to sell poinsettias as fund-raiser

The senior class of Muleshoe High School will be selling poinsettias beginning Dec. 1 as part of Project Graduation. More information is available by contacting any senior.

Lazbuddie seniors schedule meal

The Lazbuddie High School senior class has scheduled its Fiesta Luncheon (Mexican pile-on) for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the Lazbuddie School Cafeteria.

Prices are \$6 and \$4 (for a "lite plate"). The meal includes tossed salad, beans, rice and a homemade dessert.

Programs added to holiday bazaar

by Gladden and Holly Bills.

More information on the bazaar is available in the Public Calendar in this issue of the Journal.

Basketball tickets on sale

Muleshoe basketball season tickets for adults and students are now on sale. Cost is \$7.50 for students and \$15 for adults.

The tickets are good for all home games, both junior high and high school. They may be purchased at the school district's business office at 514 W. Avenue G.

Individual tickets also will be available at the door prior to games.

Women's Protective luncheon set

Leal's Mexican Restaurant in Muleshoe has scheduled a luncheon Nov. 11 to present details of the Adopt-a-Quad campaign of Women's Protective Services.

The meal is scheduled to begin at noon.

Adopt-a-Quad is aprogram to benefit the agency's new facility at Lubbock, which serves Bailey County and 11 other West Texas counties. The facility offers shelter and other assistance to victims of domestic violence and abuse.

More information is available by calling (806) 792-7295.

Breast-cancer screening scheduled

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital will conduct a breastcancer screening clinic Nov. 16 at South Plains Health Care Providers, 208 W. Second in Muleshoe.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram, a breast risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for those who qualify.

Exams will be done by appointment only. Appointments, or more information, can be obtained by calling (800) 377-4673.

Racquetball tournament scheduled

The tenth annual Fall Challenge Racquetball Tournament at Clovis Community College is scheduled for Nov. 12-13 in the school's Health and Fitness Center.

The entry fee is \$10 for the first division entered and \$5 for the second; no one may enter more than two divisions.

Men may choose from Open A, B, C or D for singles and mixed, Open/A or B/C for doubles. Women may choose from A, B or C for singles and B/C or mixed for doubles.

Proceeds from the tournament go to the college's General Scholarship Fund.

Entry deadline is Nov. 11. More information is available by calling (505) 769-4153.

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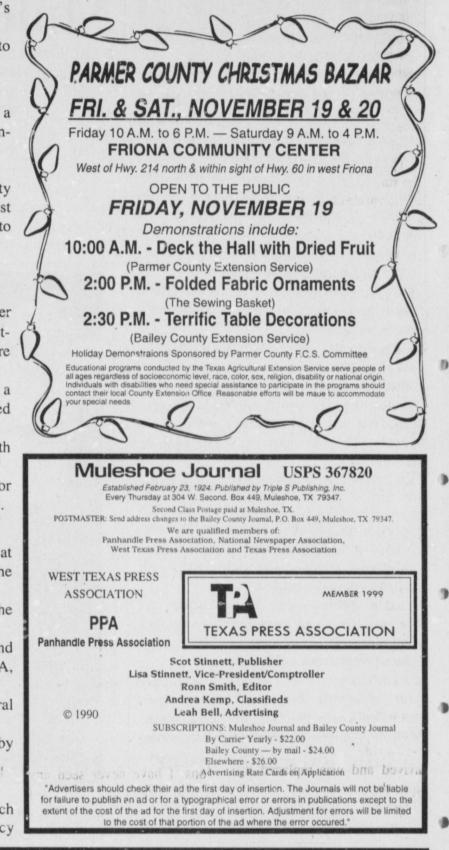
Nov. 11 - Noon to 1 p.m. Monthly Soup and Sandwich luncheon, 16th and Avenue D Church of Christ. The Rev. Stacy



Conner as speaker will focus on the spiritual side of the holiday season with "A Time for Thanksgiving."

8 p.m. Three Way School Board, in the board room at the school.

Nov. 12-13 — Moonlight Extension Club's annual Christmas Bazaar, at the Bailey County Coliseum. On Nov. 12, the Jennyslippers' annual holiday dinner will be staged in conjunction with the bazaar.



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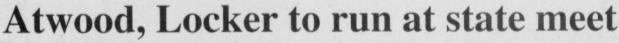
& General Gynecologic Disorders

Program additions to this week's Muleshoe Arts and Crafts

Bazaar at the Bailey County Coliseum include:

4 p.m. Friday — "Holiday Foods for Special Dietary Needs (Low Fat, Low Cholesterol, Diabetic)," presented by Gail Gladden;

11 a.m. Saturday — "Holiday Table Decorations," presented



JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Kyle Atwood of Muleshoe won the regional boys' cross country meet Saturday with a time of 16:09.30 on a 3-mile course.

And on the girls' side, Stacy Locker ran her career-best time of 12:30.90 on a 2-mile course to finish sixth and also qualify for the state meet.

State competition will be held Saturday in Round Rock, near Austin. Locker is schedule to run at 10:50 a.m. and Atwood at 11:30 a.m., according to coach Shana Simms.

School Superintendent David Hutton said representatives of the school district about the team accomplishwould be there to support Atwood and Locker.

The girls' team finished seventh out of 20 teams at the

regional meet, while the boys' team came in 16th.

Girls' finishers included Mindy Locker, 31st at 13:18; Megan Beard, 67th at 13:52; Jessica Carpenter, 89th at 14:09; Terrell Herington, 94th at 14:14; Kayla Glover, 106th at 14:25; and Bobbie Benham, 129th at 15:07.

Boys included Moises García, 55th at 18:37; Jerrell Otwell, 93rd at 19:27; Matt López, 104th at 19:47; Dan Williams, 116th at 20:25; and Juan Olguín, 122nd at 20:48. Simms said the attitude of

both teams has been exemplary.

"Kyle was more worried ments than his own," she said. "That is saying a lot. It was neat to experience that team loyalty."

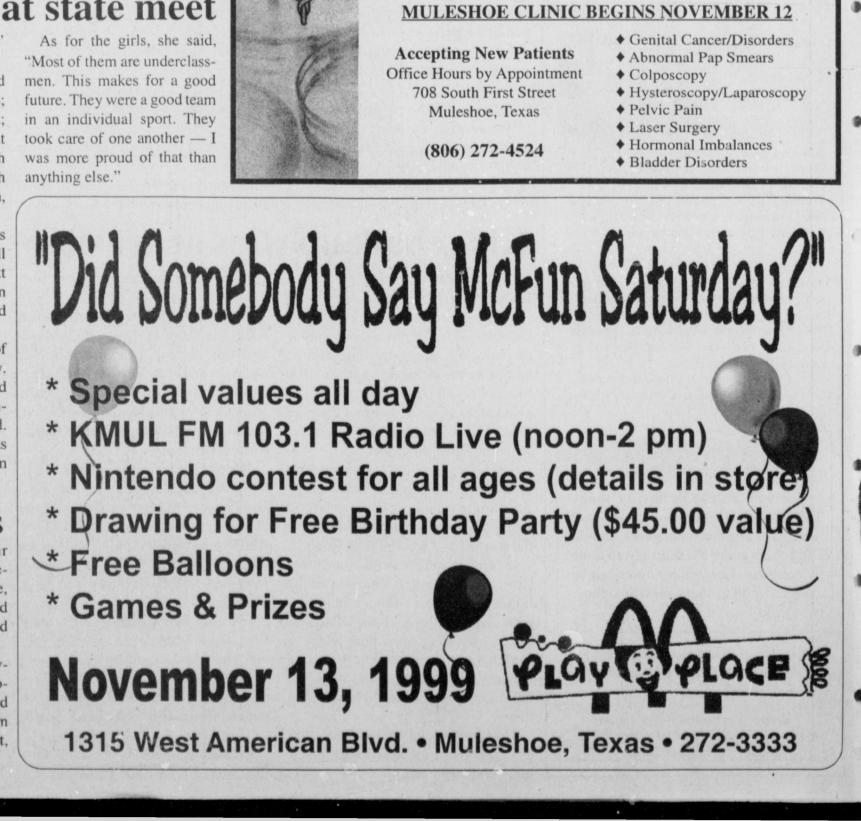
Mesa to continue at Clovis

Mesa Airlines will continue serving the Clovis Municipal Airport under terms of a proposal accepted recently by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The airline, based in Phoenix after recently moving from Farmington, N.M., has served Clovis for 15 years.

But airport manager Stephen Summers said in July that Clovis preferred Equity Air Holdings of Pennsylvania because of Mesa's fare increase, "frequent schedule changes and allegedly undermanned crews."

The new agreement also covers airports at Alamogordo-Holloman Air Force Base and Silver City -Hurley-Deming in New Mexico and at Prescott, Ariz.





predicted that half the world's population will live in cities by the year 2000.

ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Inspection necessary Dear Editor.

As is appropriate, nursing homes are a highly regulated service, subject to surveys by the state of Texas on an annual basis. The Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center is surveyed annually, as it was in August of this year.

The purpose of these surveys is to assess compliance with the regulatory requirements of the various agencies related to nursing homes, and to identify areas where consideration might be given for improvement.

The Healthcare Center views the survey as an opportunity to demonstrate caring compassion and operating proficiency, and the more diligent the inspection, the better the final result.

This year a number of areas were reviewed in greater detail than had previously been the case, and attention was called to some areas where improvement could be realized.

Such areas are noted as deficiencies, and the nursing home is required to develop a plan of correction that the state must approve.

Some deficiencies are generally noted on all nursing home annual surveys, as was the case with the inspection of our nursing home in August.

A plan of correction was immediately developed and submitted to the state, and steps taken to correct or improve all areas addressed.

Some were minor, and actually corrected while the survey team was in the facility — such as a window pane in the dining room that had been cracked from the outside on the day the team arrived and was replaced the same day.

Some cannot be corrected in the current facility - such as the

size of certain rooms that have had waivers for a number of years. Some were areas where a different approach might be better for residents and staff.

The annual survey is an educational opportunity for all involved with the Healthcare Center. It always has been, and it continues to be.

If areas are noted where improvement might be realized, everyone benefits. And we believe that is the case with the survey in August - residents, staff and family are the beneficiaries of our annual survey.

It helps us maintain a home committed to serving the residents in our care as compassionately, lovingly, competently and professionally as we can.

> **ED DUDLEY** Administrator, Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center

Only the negative Dear Editor.

I was very saddened when reading the article you wrote on the nursing home.

It is to be expected in this day and time to only read negative things in the paper about an institution that is so important to the health care of some of our elderly in our community.

I have two patients in this facility, one for five years and one since January. I am in the facility at least twice and usually several times a week. I could not ask for a more loving and caredfor atmosphere than is given to these patients.

I know the facilities are not the most modern and up-to-date, but the personal attention and care far outweighs that. Even for those patients that are not mentally responsible for their actions, I have never seen anything done that was not for their well-being.

I could go on and on with tales

of respect and love that I have for those that are taking care of our mothers, and for the many volunteers that are there every day doing all they can to encourage, entertain and help care for these citizens.

There will always be nitpicking and backbiting in this old world, but for those that want to find so much fault, they should try to shoulder the job for a day and see if they could keep every "i" dotted and every "t" crossed as the old saying goes, every minute of every day.

I realize that we have to have inspections done, but consideration should be taken for the time it takes to keep everything done and in order.

I thank God daily for giving us this health-care center and pray that it will continue and be supported by this community.

Thanks for taking time to read this and for putting it in your paper.

YAUNDA MARTIN Muleshoe A genuine concern Dear Editor,

As one of many volunteers at the Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center, I am interested in the people caring for the residents and the residents who are in need of care and their families.

Thank you for the headlines that say the problems have been "cleared with the state" and in the story — "that the nursing home is in compliance with state regulations now."

My concern is in the thinking of the reader at the first paragraph.

The building of a new facility and the administration of that facility seem to be priorities of at least two different responsible entities.

Although the administration has been involved in the conclufrom the state.

As Mr. Dudley's letter points out, there were more deficiencies mentioned in the state records that were not mentioned in the story — several of them, in fact.

Anyone who suspects that the story had a negative slant is welcome to get a copy of the state document and read it (it's public record). Not only did the story not list all the infractions, but the story did not run in the paper until after all the infractions had been corrected.

As for the implication that the people who pay their taxes every year to help support the facility should not be informed when there are problems at the facility, I respectfully disagree.)

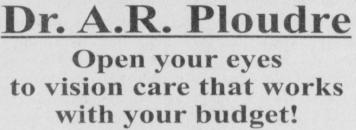
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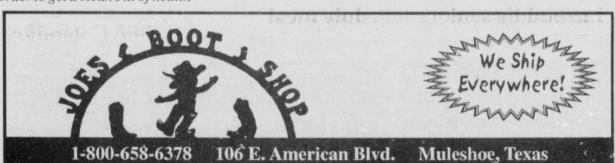


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Downing's letter points out, both the headline on the Nov. 4 story and the story itself clearly stated that the care center had already

satisfied the state's concerns. How that can be construed as a "negative" is hard to say. Just from the list of deficiencies mentioned in the story, it would appear that the staff of the nursing home accomplished guite a lot of improvement in a short time in order to get a clean bill of health

sider giving the administration of the nursing home the opportunity of explaining some of the violations and what it took to resolve them. Life is so "daily" at the facil-

ity and I don't believe we should base our concern wholly on the report of a surprise inspection. While some of those respon-

sion that we must have a new

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with our senior citizens and their

families through a period of very

restricted care available in Mule-

Many of the employees have

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BILLIE DOWNING Muleshoe

(EDITOR'S NOTE: As Mrs.

RayAn Dosher (right), Bailey County Electric Co-op billing clerk, assists member-customer Billie Mason.

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'Duff' indicates how far gardening has moved

By RONN SMITH Editor

As we find out more and more about how nature can work to help plants grow, new words just keep creeping into the gardener's vocabulary.

This week's word is "duff" - no, not Howard Duff, the actor in that ancient movie you watched for the tenth time last weekend. This duff is nature's mulch, the litter of leaves, twigs, fruits, bark bits and other natural trash that more-or-less litters the ground wherever plants grow.

This kind of litter is ugly, you say? Have you never walked in a woodland? (Granted, if you've lived all your life on the treeless plains, maybe you haven't!)

Kevin J. Cook, in an arin the ticle September-October issue of Gardening How-To magazine, says the term has been in use by naturalists for 150 years, but of course it's only been in recent decades that gardeners topped fighting against anything natural so we've discovered duff!

Cook states "you can call this wonderful stuff 'plant dander' if you like." That's a great term for it, and if you're a gardening neatnik who can't stand the sight of a fallen leaf or a dead stalk, the term may seem especially appropriate to you.

higher than most people's, I know — but then I had to get used to it myself after thinking that "real gardens" were sterile, museum-like affairs.



Now, when I see plant litter covering a flower bed or vegetable plot, I see next year's compost forming magically — without any time-consuming help from me. I love it.

Read Cook's description of what duff does, and I think you'll see why I think gardeners in our part of the country should value duff for more than its weight in gold: · Duff "inhibits plant growth by separating seedlings from the soil or from the sunlight." (That means it helps keep weeds from getting a foothold. Naturally, if you want to turn a space into a seedbed, you can spade the duff into the soil for good measure.)

• Duff helps "reduce the loss of soil moisture through evaporation by preventing sunlight from directly heating the soil." (Hello, High Plains! Are you there?)

• Duff helps "protect the soil by reducing the impact of rain and hail." (Goodness, it never rains hard here, and certainly never hails.)

• Duff helps "prevent ero-Mytolerance in this area is sion by absorbing and deflecting both runoff water and wind." (We don't have any firsthand experience with those, either . . .) Particularly in the spring,

whe the wind can be constant and we're trying to get seedling plants established, the difference a little leaf litter can make is just unbelievable.

You have probably watered the vegetable patch one day, only to go out the next day and see it looking barely moist. By the second day, the wind and sun have baked the soil surface to a crust.

Well, with a layer of duff on the soil, you can go out there toward the end of the week, scratch the litter aside, and still feel moisture in the soil.

For those of you whose consciousness has been raised, duff is a big attractant for robins and spotted towhees. (The towhees have been especially noteworthy around here this fall and last winter.)

Frogs and toads, the gardener's helpers, also forage in duff.

Cook's article puts things in perspective. "Duff stores raw materials much like a warehouse does, patiently holding them until they are ready to be processed back into the community," he writes. "Or you could liken duff to a savings bank . . ."

You get the picture. Now try to relax and let a little duff take its course.

. . .

Longtime readers of this column are going to say, "well, there he goes again," but it's time to think about starting seeds for next spring's vegetable and flower beds. November is the prime

time to start pansy and viola plants for early spring flowering. I know, I know --they're available at local garden centers, and the selection seems to get better every year.

But if you want some of the unusual pansies — either by color or by ruffled flower type — you still may have to start your own. Or you may just WANT to start your own.

November also is the time to start calendulas indoors for next spring, and Shasta daisies from seed can be started any time from now to January and still bloom the first summer.

Remember that pansy, viola and Shasta daisy seeds need light to germinate, so cover them either lightly or not at all.

And, as always: Don't start seeds indoors in dirt! Not unless you "cook" it in the oven for 20 minutes to kill the bacteria and fungi.

If you've started seeds indoors, only to have the young plants shrivel and die just when you think you have them going well, that could be "damping off" disease.

Starting with sterile potting soil or - as I like to do — with peat moss, you can pretty much eliminate damping off.

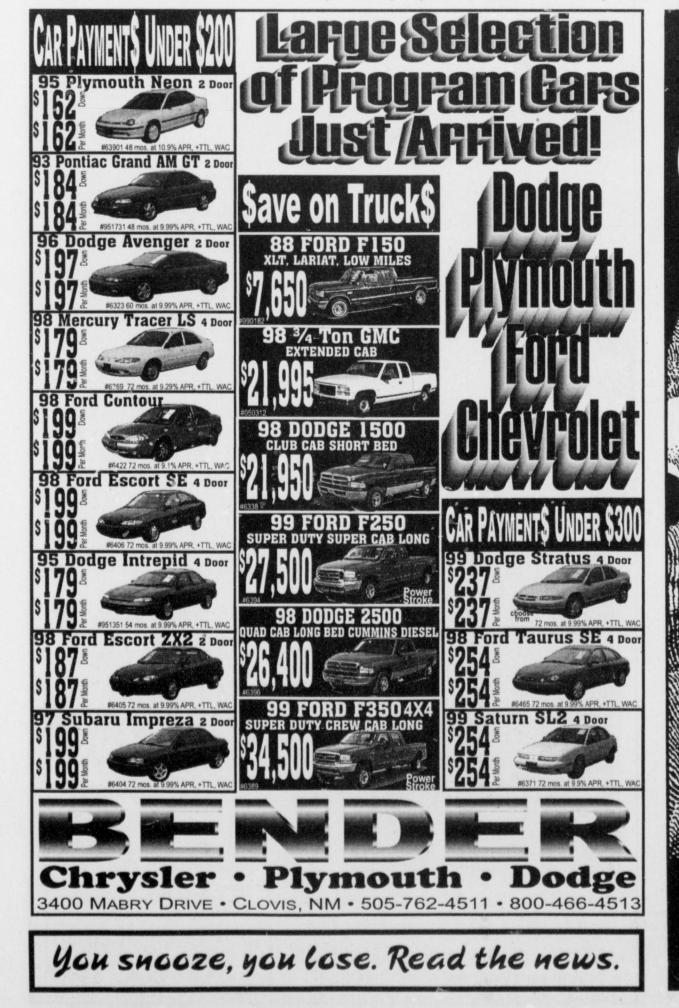
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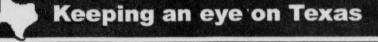
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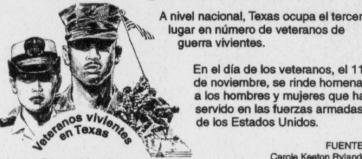
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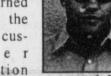
and Druscilla Hutton.

While attending the 4,400-student university, Hutton has served as treasurer of the women's social club Ko Jo Kai and been a member of the Business Administration Council and the W Club. She also served on steering committees for coming. LADD

Tom Ladd of Earl Ladd and Sons in Muleshoe was honored earlier this year with

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AGCO level of excellence award. This award earned



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Family time cited as reason for women to hunt

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION --- If it means spending time with the family and putting meat in the freezer, Texas women might don camouflage, pick up a gun and head

for the wilds. But whether a woman hunts in Texas is more often determined by whether a male does the inviting and provides a location, according to a study by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

"That's not likely to change, and other limiting factors will prevent significant numbers of women from becoming hunters in the future, whether or not the desire is there," says Dr. Clark Adams, Experiment Station urban wildlife scientist.

The study should make government agencies that regulate wildlife more aware of the differences in females and males who hunt and the importance of targeting hunting recruitments toward a family's recreational needs, Adams said.

"I'd like to get the agencies to go for the men who hunt and get them to ask their women to go with them," Adams said. An estimated 177,000 male hunters have wives who may like to hunt but have not had the opportunity, according to the study.

"Women look at leisure as a time to be with the family," Adams said. "Because there is an element of

danger, hunting may not be the most appropriate outdoor activity for a family, but camping, bird watching and other such activities might be better ways to attract families outdoors," he added.

Adams and graduate student Sara Ash surveyed about 2,200 of the more than 111,000 recorded female hunting license holders in Texas and got a return rate of about 30 percent. According to the results, the typical Texas woman who hunts is white and about 45 years old. More than 50 percent have completed some college or have a degree and most often cite their occupation as professional/managerial or housewife.

The survey also revealed that most of the women hunters began hunting at age 23 and were taught by husbands. That compares to males who begin to hunt prior to age 18 and usually are taught by their fathers, according to an earlier Texas A&M study.

Usually, the study revealed, Texas women who hunt have access through their own land or that of a relative. The women cited "to get meat" and "to be with husband" as the most common reasons for hunting.

So, while the survey gave clear indications about women who already hunt, Ash said, their answers also reveal reasons that other women may have difficulties or lack of desire to begin hunting.

Top on the list of items that get in the way of hunting for women, for example, are time constraints due to work and the cost of hunting leases, concern about nonethical hunters or having no family interest, and having insufficient skill or the fear of personal danger.

If those constraints hinder a woman already inclined to hunt, the researchers pointed out, those factors would be magnified for women with no prior hunting experience.

Some new programs have been developed to teach women how to hunt and fish, but Adams and Ash

said their study pointed to an important aspect lacking in some of those efforts - that women want to participate in hunting and other outdoor activities with their families, not with other women, for example.

Also, some cultures simply do not have hunting as part of their cultural background, Ash said.

"Poor minority women cannot sustain what it takes in equipment, location and time to hunt," Ash pointed out, "nor do they have the tradition of hunting."

Another problem is that after women are taught to hunt and do other outdoor activities, there needs to be follow-up to promote and sustain such activities. If a woman cannot find a place to hunt or a safe place to camp out with her children, Ash said, she is not likely to continue the sport.

"Women need to be able to get the equipment, which can be expensive, and they need a place to go, in addition to the skills," she said.

Sales of hunting licenses in Texas helps fund Texas wildlife population management. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Website notes that Texas is No. 2 in the nation with some 913,000 people who hunt. Those hunters spent \$1.3 billion for hunting in Texas in 1996. according to the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Recreation, conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1996.

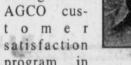
More information about hunting in Texas is on-line at http:// www.tpwd.state.tx.us/hunt/.





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BITUARY PAULINE BURNETT

Services were held Monday in the First United Methodist Church of Morton for Pauline Burnett, 86, of Morton. The Rev. Dan Carter officiated. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mrs. Burnett was born Sept. 3, 1913, in Colfax County, N.M. She died Friday at Covenant Hospital in Levelland.

She married J.N. "Bud" Burnett in Woodrow, Texas, on April 6, 1938. He died Sept. 6, 1989.

She moved to Morton in 1945 from Shallowater. For the past few years, she had Lubbock and Levelland. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Morton, where she taught Sunday school and was a nursery attendant. She

also was a Cochran County 4-H leader and a member of the LaFleur Garden Club of Morton.

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She is survived by a son, Sam Burnett of Morton; a daughter, Donna Sue Burleson of Clovis; two sisters, Catherine Christiansen of Cleveland, Ohio, and Ruth Coats of Shallowater; a brother, Joe Knight of Farmington, N.M.; five grandchildren, Jay, Kent and Susan Burleson and Paula and Clint Burnett; and two great-grandchildren, Colin and Chloe Burleson.

Pallbearers were Jay Burleson, Kent Burleson, Clint Burleson, Clint Burnett, Jerry Burnett, Charles Coats and Nathan Moore.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Paula Burnett, on Feb. 16, 1976.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church of Morton.

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Three Way downs Lazbuddie by halftime 0-5

LAZBUDDIE — The Three Way Eagles seek to capture new ground Friday, as they travel to Wilson to take on Rule in a Region II six-man bi-district contest at 7:30 p.m.

The Eagles improved to 6-4 overall and finished District 3A play at 4-1 with a 48-0 shutout of rival Lazbuddie at Maple last Friday.

Jimmy James threw three touchdown passes and Marvin McCaul scored on runs of 20 and 60 yards as the Eagles ended the game at halftime on the 45point rule. McCaul finished with 141 yards on 12 carries, while James completed 5 of 7 passes for 59 yards. The Eagles had no turnovers.

Lazbuddie, which ended its season 3-7 and 1-5, suffered from a disastrous six turnovers and gained just 47 total yards.

Whitharral won the District 3A crown outright Friday with a 53-6 win over Silverton. The Panthers advanced to the Region I bracket and will play Rochester at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Crosbyton. Against Lazbuddie, McCaul opened the scoring with 8:27 left in the first period on a 20-yard run. Monty Kirby's kick made it 8-0.

James passed 3 yards to Kirby for a score and McCaul scored from 60 yards out as the Eagles built a 24-0 lead after

one period.

James hit Anthony Furgeson with TD passes of 9 and 8 yards in the second period. Dustin Cannon's 1-yard run with 3:35 left in the half pushed Three Way's lead to 48-0

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- Jimmy James 5-7-0, 59 yards, 3 TD. Receiving

TW - Monty Kirby 1-3, 1 TD; Kasey Davis 1-15; Daniel Reeves 1-24; Anthony

Furgeson 2-17, 2 TD. **District 3A Six-Man Standings**

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Friday, November 12 --- Three Way (6-4) vs. Rule (9-1), 7:30 p.m. at Wilson; Follett (8-2) vs. McLean (9-1), 7:30 p.m., at Miami Wellman Union vs. Ackerly Sands (9-1), 7:30 p.m., TBA; Grandfalls-Royalty (8-1) byc

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Region I Bi-District Quarterfinals

Results

Center 20; Silverton 32, Lazbuddie 30; Whith-

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End of Regular Season

Schedule

Class A 6-Man Playoffs

Region II Bi-District

Quarterfinals

October 22 - Three Way 52, Cotton

October 29 - Three Way 57, Amherst 6;

November 5 - Three Way 48, Lazbud-

Friday, November 12 - Groom (9-1) vs. Samnorwood(8-1), TBA; Whitharral(9-1) vs. Rochester (8-1), 7:30 p.m., Crosbyton; Meadow (8-2) vs. Borden County (8-2), 7:30 p,m. at Lamesa Klondike; Sanderson (8-1)

MULES

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On paper, the Mules look like the favorite, but Perryton's entire season has been built on doing the impossible.

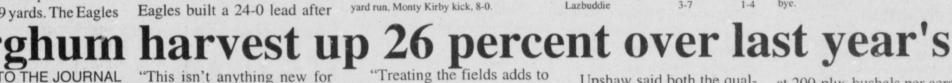
The Rangers were named team of the week by the Amarillo Globe-News in week two of the season when they beat 4A power Dumas on the road. They lost 26 lettermen from last year's playoff campaign, which ended at the hands of the Monahan Loboes. However, Wood says they're a team with tradition and they always get up for the playoffs.

The main focus for Muleshoe will be to stop Perryton's offensive weapons. Quarterback Josh Juárez and back Jermy Stiles will provide a tough 1-2 punch for the Rangers.

Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo will be the site for Friday's 5 p.m. showdown.

The winner of Friday's game will take on the winner of Lamesa-Monahans next week.

Those two teams meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Ratliff Stadium at Odessa



SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION -Harvest is keeping Texas sorghum producers busy this fall with 2.9 million acres to harvest, a 26 percent increase from last year, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

District Extension director Jett Major in Lubbock said sorghum replaced a half million acres of cotton lost in June to hail and heavy rain.

He said producers replaced the cotton with sorghum because the grain has a shorter growing season.

"By mid-June it is just too late for replanting cotton," Majer said. "So producers had to follow up with a quick maturing crop like sorghum."

Nearly 180 bushels are expected from the 2.9 million acres, according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

Major said this year's crop benefited from early rainfall.

"The sorghum burned up last year from heat and dryness," he said. "This year we had the gift of timely rainfall from agricultural commodities." The state's producers haven't

experienced problems storing the high-yielding crop, Major added.

"The storage issue is really minimal compared to the huge bumper crop of 1992," he said. "Producers struggling with storing sorghum this year are north of the Panhandle, out of Texas."

District Extension director Dr. Bob Robinson in Amarillo said the sorghum harvest in the Panhandle is nearing completion with about 1/3 of the crop left to harvest.

"A hard freeze is needed to help dry down the remaining crop," he said.

Robinson added that a freeze will kill the crop by preventing the movement of water and nutrients through the stalk, and prepare it for harvest.

He also said he expects the sorghum harvest to be complete by Thanksgiving.

"The harvest is progressing along well with average yields for the dryland crop," he said. "There were some exceptionally good yields from the irrigated fields."

"Treating the fields adds to the input cost," he said. "But the greenbugs didn't really have an impact on sorghum yields."

In Central Texas, district Extension director Ronald Woolley of Stephenville said the sorghum harvest is progressing well.

"Both corn and sorghum yields have been reported at record levels," he said.

Woolley said many producers are selling cows due to low hay availability and low stockpond water.

"Those cattle that are left are being fed heavily with supplemental hay," he said.

Woolley said dryland peanuts in his region are in poor condition.

In North Texas, district Extension director Randy Upshaw in Dallas said harvesting is completed for all springplanted crops.

"The wheat has been planted," he said. "Some earlier planted wheat will be lost, however, due to dry conditions."

are good. "We have had some prob-

lems with scab, though," he said.

In the Panhandle, soil moisture is short to very short. Peanut harvest is under way; average yields are being reported.

The region's corn harvest is nearing completion, with yields at 200-plus bushels per acre. On the South Plains, soil

moisture is short to adequate. Pastures and ranges are in good condition. Cotton harvest continues;

yields have been low.

South Plains sorghum, soybean, sunflower harvests continue. Irrigated wheat looks good, but many dryland fields were never planted due to dry weather.

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Upshaw said both the quality and yields of the pecan crop

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Major said the increase of sorghum acreage will not have an unusual effect on prices.

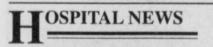
"As with any crop that has had a good growing season, prices are depressed," he said.

Robinson said producers encountered some problems with greenbugs early in the year.

Upshaw said pasture conditions are still very dry and getting worse.

"Cattle are being given hay," he said. "The lack of pond water is becoming a big problem for livestock producers."





Muleshoe Area Medical Center reported the following patient load:

Oct. 29-Miguel R. Acevedo, Lois A. Harmon, Blanche F. Lenderson, Earl Quintana, Dorothy I. Wenner and Lino Salas.

Oct. 30 - Miguel R. Acevedo, Mateo Castillo, Alfredo Cortez, Blanche F. Lenderson, Lawrence F. Miller. Jannie R. Moselev and Lino L. Salas.

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Nov. 1 — Miguel R. Acevedo, Matie Castillo, Alfredo Cortez, Blanche F. Lenderson, Lawrence F. Miller, Jannie R. Moseley and Lino L. Salas.

Nov. 2 — Alfredo Cortez, Claudia Godínez, Blanche F. Lenderson, Lawrence F. Miller, baby Patel, Rajuli J. Patel and Gordon B. Waldrop.

Nov. 3 — Claudia Godínez, Blanche F. Lenderson, Christine Luna, Genoveva Mendoza, Lawrence F. Miller, baby Patel, Rajuli J. Patel, Joseph R. Reyes and Justin Helton.

Nov. 4 — Estella Espinoza, Claudia Godínez, Justin D. Helton, Christine Luna and Lawrence R. Miller.





Lazbuddie cross country

Members of Lazbuddie High School's varsity girls' cross country team who competed in the District 5-A meet Oct. 25 in Amarillo are (from left, back row) Kendra Gallman, Savannah Black, Scottie Brown (who placed ninth) and Staci Foster (who placed first); and (from left, front row) Mayra Hernández, Kayla Kimbrough and Candice Randolph.

New flu drug protects against both A and B

taken orally for six weeks can prevent both influenza A and B.

Baylor College of Medicine in Houston was one of six medical institutions in the U.S. to take part in the study, which focuses on the drug oseltamivir.

Marketed under the name Tamiflu, the drug recently received approval from the Food and Drug Administration. The findings were published in the Oct. 28 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

. "We found that the drug was 74 percent effective in preventing symptomatic influenza in those volunteers who received the drug once or twice a day," said Dr. Robert Atmar with Baylor's Influenza Research Center.

The drug differs from the drug protects against influenza A.

zanamivir, also known as Relenza, which is taken by inhaler and only

Researchers believe that either oseltamivir or zanamivir can shorten the duration of flu by up to

Males not immune to eating disorders

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL -HOUSTON - Females are

not the only ones falling victim to obsessive pursuits of the "perfect body." About 10 percent of patients diagnosed with an eating disorder are male.

"Most people do not automatically suspect anorexia when they see a very thin man," said Jana Rosenbaum, LMSW-ACP with the Baylor College of Medicine eating disorders program in Houston. "Physicians might not make the proper diagnosis beas being at risk."

Because this group is less likely to seek professional help, the number of make anorexics, bulimics and binge eaters is probably higher than reported. As society continues to idealize a strong muscular physique, many males equate fat with weakness.

"Typically, males who develop an eating disorder start off with a weight problem," Rosenbaum said. "They try to diet, it doesn't work and they restrict their food even more. For those who are predisposed to eating disorders, starting a weight loss diet can trigger the process.'

About 45 percent of binge eaters are men. Eating for emotional reasons, they consume large amounts of food in short periods of time, feel out of concause males are not always seen trol and are usually ashamed of their actions.

> Bulimics also consume large amounts of food, but their bingeing is followed by purging. Unlike female bulimics who turn to self-induced vomiting or laxatives abuse, male bulimics often purge through excessive exercise. Anorexia, or self-star-

vation, is the least diagnosed disorder.

There are several other signs that can signal a potential problem: extreme weight loss, social isolation, avoiding situations where food is the focus and visits to the bathroom after meals. An individual with an eating disorder also might develop unusual rituals about where or how they eat.

While an overall better body image among males keeps the number with eating disorders low, this group is not totally immune to societal pressures to shape up.

"One of the core issues in people with eating disorders is the desire to establish a better sense of self," Rosenbaum said. "They feel more in control if they can work out harder than anyone else."

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Buck Johnson (left), Joseph Sena, Jerome Sena and Maggie Rennels seal the deal on a promotional project to draw attention to the Heritage Foundation's Old-Fashioned Christmas, scheduled for Dec. 4.

McDonald's and the Muleshoe heritage Foundation have joined to sponsor a unique Christmas event that will showcase area students and reward the winning class with \$500 in cash to be used for educational purposes. This year's Old-Fashioned Christmas celebration will be highlighted by displays of an exhibit contest held between all second-grade classes at Dillman Elementary School. Teachers and students were informed about the contest by Mrs. Claus' best friend and one of Santa's elves.

Class members are working to design a creative and unique display to depict "An Old-Fashioned Christmas on the Plains." The exhibit will be displayed from Nov. 31 to Dec. 4 at the Heritage Center Depot and then moved to McDonald's for display throughout the holiday season. After the Dec. 4 Christmas Parade, students and teachers will be recognized during the Heritage Center's annual Old-Fashioned Christmas celebration. The winner of the contest will be announced.

The winning class will receive a \$500 cash award (\$250 from McDonald's and \$250 from the Heritage Foundation) to be used for educational purposes in the classroom.

The winning class also will receive a "take-out party" from McDonald's, complete with cake, ice cream, a drink and balloons. All students participating in the project will receive a certificate from the Heritage Foundation and an achievement gift for a free icecream cone at McDonald's.

Jerome Sena, owner of McDonald's, and Jim Allison, president of the Heritage Foundation board, agree that the purposes for the contest are many. "First and foremost, we believe in education and want to support it locally, and we are most impressed with the work being done at the Muleshoe Heritage Complex," Sena said. Allison said the contest committee — chairman Carolyn Johnson, along with Maggie Rennels, Walter Marie Boness and Renae Ratliff — have worked hard to make a special competition with hopes of it becoming an annual event.

"In addition to providing financial support to the community's educational system, the competition promotes interest and education in our community's history and preservation of traditions from our past," Allison said.

"It particularly helps the students by allowing them to develop cooperative work skills, creativity and self-expression while learning to appreciate their heritage," he added. Old-Fashioned Christmas chairman Sharon Grant invited the community to come to the Dec. 4 celebration, immediately after the parade, for Christmas music, refreshments, and a tour of the center's decorated buildings that will display the students' work.

Texas greets first wave of whooping cranes

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL AUSTIN — Riding an early cold front, the first wave of whooping cranes have reached their winter home along the Texas coast.

Nine of the endangered birds, including one young crane, were spotted by biologists during a recent aerial survey.

"This group of whoopers arrived earlier than usual," said Lee Ann Linam, a wildlife biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife. "We believe that they may have migrated with one of the early cold fronts to hit Texas in October."

Linam noted that 183 whooping cranes (165 adults and 18 young) spent last winter along the mid-Texas coast on and near the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.

Based on recent breeding activity, including a record 49 nests observed in 1998, officials hope whooping cranes will soon reach the 200-bird milestone, but it probably won't happen this year, Linam said. Biologists monitoring whooping crane breeding grounds in northern Canada observed 48 nests this summer. Unseasonably cold weather reduced chick survival, with only 16 chicks found during an August survey, according to Linam.

Last year, 24 chicks were found. "That's a significant milestone for this species when you consider the total whooper population in the 1940s was fewer than 20 birds," she explained.

Texas plays an important role in the conservation of whooping cranes, which once bred in wetlands across northern North America and and wintered from the mountains of Mexico to the Carolinas. The whooping cranes that winter in Texas are the only breeding wild population. A reintroduction experiment in the Rocky Mountain region failed, and captive-bred whoopers introduced into central Florida over the last few years have not yet reproduced.

Whooping cranes are the tallest birds in North America, standing more than 4 feet. Similar in appearance to the gray sandhill crane, whooping cranes are solid white except for black wing tips visible in flight.

They fly with necks and legs outstretched. During migration they often pause overnight to use wetlands for roosting and agricultural fields for feeding but seldom remain more than one night. groups of fewer than 10 birds, but they may be seen roosting and feeding with large flocks of the smaller sandhill cranes.

Whooping cranes are protected by federal and state endangered species laws. Texans can help safeguard the species by being on the lookout in the weeks ahead for whoopers passing through north and central Texas. Anyone sighting a whooping crane should report it to Texas Parks and Wildlife at (800) 792-1112. Sightings can also be reported by e-mail at lalinam@wimberley-tx.com.

Some whooping cranes are marked with colored leg bands, and information on those bands, including which legs they are found on, would also be useful, Linam said.

They usually migrate in small

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1999

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

819 head of cattle, 392 hogs and 297 sheep and goats for a total of 1,508 animals were sold at the November 6 sale. Market lower on stocker clfs. Feeder strs steady. Not enough feeder hfrs. to test market. Pairs and Bred cows steady to higher. Packer cows 1-2 higher.

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	Robert McCurry, Springlake	RM	= Bull	286 1	bs. at \$	110.00
	Robert McCurry, Springlake	RM	= Bull	425	Ibs. at	\$92.00
	Robert Jarnigan, Shallowater	2 Cł	har. Bulls	320 1	bs. at \$	106.50
	NM Children's Home, Portales	Red	Str	360 1	bs. at \$	100.00
	G&G, Hereford					
	Morris Rushing, Plains	Cha	r. Bull	480	lbs. at	\$84.00
	ACU, Morton	14 M	Axd. Strs	574	lbs. at	\$77.00
	7-X Cattle, Plains	6 CI	har. Strs .	524	Ibs. at	\$85.00
	7-X Cattle, Plains	4 CI	har. Strs .	665	lbs. at	\$77.50
	SCK, Inc., Sudan	2 BI	k. Strs	685	Ibs. at	\$73.50
	Frank Wilcox, Elida, NM	2 BI	k. Strs	635	Ibs. at	\$77.50
	Frank Wilcox, Elida, NM	9 M	xd. Strs		lbs. at	\$76.50
	Has Been Roping Prod	3 C	orr. Strs		Ibs. at	\$58.75
	FM Farms, Brownfield	BW	F Hfr	290	Ibs. at	\$95.00
	G&G, Hereford	4 R	ed Hfrs		Ibs. at	\$84.00
	Robert Zetsche, Friona	4 R	ed Hfrs	491	Ibs. at	\$80.00
	7-X Cattle, Plains	9 C	har. Hfrs	574	Ibs. at	\$75.00
	Ronnie Gilter, Hereford	Rec	Hfr	660	Ibs. at	\$72.00
	Heathington Farms, Muleshoe	Blk.	Hfr		ilbs. at	\$71.50
	R.J. Cook, Amherst	.Blk.	Hfr		Ibs. at	\$75.00
	ACU, Morton	. 3 R	ed Hfrs	817	lbs. at	\$68.00
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