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Homecoming coronation

Muleshoe High School student Stephanie Vasquez, the daughter of Israel and Lizette Vasquez, was crowned as the 2011 Football Homecoming Queen Friday, Sept. 9, prior to the Mules' game against Andrews. Turn to page 12 for a photograph of the homecoming court.

Commissioners' court approves county tax rate increase, budget

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

After several weeks of debate the Bailey County Commissioners' Court approved the budget for the upcoming fiscal year with a 3-2 vote.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver and Precinct 2 Commissioner CE Grant cast the dissenting votes on the issue without reiterating their stand against the proposed tax rate increase, the purchase of a new ambulance, or a three percent raise for county employees.

The approved budget is based upon the previously published tax rate of .8102 for \$100 of assessed valuation, a 7.19 percent increase from the current year's effective rate.

The .8102 rate includes .5935 for the general fund,

.1179 for Farm to Market, and .0988 for the county's debt service.

It was noted that the rate increase will raise the revenues received from property taxes by \$177,265.85, of which \$13,717.85 will be from new property added to the county's tax rolls in 2011.

According to numbers noted during Monday's meeting, the increase will raise maintenance and operation taxes on a residence valued at \$100,000 by about \$63.20 per year or \$5.67 per month.

Although no one appeared to speak at Monday's public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate increase and FY2012 budget, two

individuals had previously appeared to voice opposition to the increase.

Vandiver and Grant had previously announced their intent to vote against the

.5935... General Fund
.1179... Farm to Market
.0988... Debt Service
.8102 Total

rate increase and the budget.

In other business, the court:

- Approved increases to the county sheriff's fees, and the "soil conservation reimbursements for machine hire and truck loads."

According to the soil conservation reimbursement increases, effective Oct. 1,

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Muleshoe sales tax allocations drop

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Cities of Littlefield, Sudan and Bovina stormed to the front of the sales tax allocation race this month, with increases that ranged from 45.92 percent to 29.74 percent compared to totals posted during the same period last year.

According to the numbers received from the Texas State Comptroller's office, Littlefield surged ahead with a \$25,765.34 increase, followed by Sudan with a \$1,057.78 jump and Bovina capturing third place with an increase of \$1,627.10.

As for Muleshoe, the

Bailey County seat was narrowly nudged out of last place in this month's race by Farwell, which posted a \$704.91 drop in sales tax revenue, representing a 9.03 percent decrease.

Muleshoe's allocation was \$3,316.02 less than was received in September 2010.

And while the year-to-date totals show a 2.45 percent increase for Muleshoe, the amount of increase still places Muleshoe at the very back of the pack.

Earth captured the monthly trophy for its year-to-date increase at 22.40 percent, followed by Friona at 18 percent.

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Sales Tax Results

City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$37,988.12	41,304.14	-8.02%
Dimmitt	\$29,987.33	26,758.81	12.06%
Morton	\$9,507.13	7,920.02	20.03%
Littlefield	\$81,866.56	56,101.22	45.92%
Olton	\$9,579.01	8,403.65	13.98%
Sudan	\$4,474.24	3,416.46	30.96%
Earth	\$5,463.81	5,227.18	4.52%
Farwell	\$7,098.02	7,802.93	-9.03%
Bovina	\$7,096.44	5,469.34	29.74%
Friona	\$30,836.34	27,949.54	10.32%

City council approves 2012 effective tax rate

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Muleshoe's city council adopted ordinances setting the municipal budget and tax rate during Monday's regular session.

Muleshoe's tax rate for 2012 will be .7136 per \$100 of assessed valuation, and includes a maintenance and operation rate of .6178,

and the debt service rate of .0958.

"This is the effective tax rate," City Manager David Brunson said, adding that it generates the same amount of revenue as was generated last year.

"It is not a tax increase," he said.

Regarding the budget, Mayor Pro Tem Irene

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Local sign up for mass notification under way

The City of Muleshoe is the only community in the southwest region of Texas that is currently offering "mass notification" registration, according to Police Chief Brian Frieda.

The notification system, called "I-INFO," which is offered to residents in Muleshoe and Bailey County, is a safe, secure web-based program that will send a text message and an email

to registered users about events such as severe weather advisories, major utility outages and disaster incidents, along with Amber Alerts for abducted children and "Silver Alerts" for missing elderly individuals.

It will also include voice messages for major emergencies.

Residents can sign up for the program and enter contact information by

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Mustangs corralled

Revenge is sweet... even if it is another herd of mustangs. After a seasoning opening loss to one herd of Mustangs, the defeat of Portales' Rams, and most recently the corraling of Andrews' Mustangs have Mule spirit

back in top form. Pictured above, Mule Adelaido Godinez breaks into the end zone in Friday's homecoming game, with Mustangs in hot pursuit. The Andrews Mustangs fell to Muleshoe, 63-40. For game details, turn to page 6.



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Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

To post an announcement send an email to editor@muleshoejournal.com

Meals on Wheels

Bailey County Meals on Wheels is looking for a voluntary driver for the program's North route on Friday. Contact Shelby Carpenter at the Bailey County Office of Aging, 272-3647 to volunteer.

Chamber banquet

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture will be holding its chamber banquet on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$17.50 for children under 12. The meal will consist of steak, baked potato, green beans, salad, homemade rolls, cobbler and ice cream.

The tickets include both the meal and the dance that follows. Individuals wishing to attend the dance alone — which is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m., may do so by purchasing a \$5 ticket for the event. The live band Will Banister & Mulberry will be performing at the dance.

The theme for this year's event will focus on Muleshoe's western heritage. Casual dress is welcome. Call 272-4248 or 806-240-2111 for additional information.

Blood drive

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, Sept. 18, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m., in the United Blood Services donor coach. To schedule an appointment, contact Alex Garcia at 729-8320.

Top Shelf Ministries

Top Shelf Ministries will be holding its third annual concert at the Bailey County Coliseum Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. A love offering will be taken. For additional information, call 272-4334.

Pre-game meal

The Sophomore Class of Muleshoe High School will be hosting a pre-game dinner on Friday, Sept. 30, from 5-7 p.m., in the MHS commons area.

The menu will include hamburgers, baked beans, chips, cobbler and iced tea.

Tickets are \$6 per person, and may be purchased from any member of the Sophomore Class.

Telephone orders will be taken from 5-6:30 p.m. on the day of the dinner. To order call 272-7306.

4-H enrollment set

Students interested in joining Bailey County 4-H are invited to attend an enrollment meeting on Monday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum or call the Texas AgriLife Extension Service at 806-272-4583.

GED funding available

South Plains Community Action Association has received Community Services Block Grant ARRA funds that will be used to assist income eligible persons interested in acquiring their GED.

The CSBG/ARRA fund will be used to assist GED participants with the cost of the GED test, transportation vouchers to and from the test site. The program is in effect immediately and will run thru 8-31-2012.

For additional information contact Janie Posadas or Bonita Drennan at 804 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, from 8 a.m. until noon or 1-5 p.m., or call 272-7537.

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Pride is the bait on all sorts of hooks

I still remember a letter I received some years ago now. I was being invited to shell out \$35 for a volume entitled, *The World Book of Shelburnes*.

According to the letter, "extensive work has been done throughout the world on a project relating to the distinguished Shelburne name."

This work will focus on Shelburnes "who immigrated to the New World between the 16th and early 20th centuries."

Wow! That made me feel privileged. Absolutely unique. One of a kind. Wonder why they sent the letter bulk rate?

I read on. "The first Shelburne we found came to Charles Town, South Carolina, in 1767. Her name was Margaret." Hmm.

"Shelburne" is plastered all over the letter. Twenty times in one page. Coupled more than once with the adjective "distinguished."

Makes me wonder why they wrote in bold



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Curtis Shelburne

print on the order form: No direct genealogical connection to your family or to your ancestry is implied or intended. So they could just as easily have peddled *The World Book of Shelburnes* to Joneses, Smiths, or McGrady's?

I hadn't read a full paragraph into the letter before I recognized that old "The circus is in town! Hang on to your wallet!" feeling.

Pardon me, but I'm pretty sure peddlers who pitch to our pride speak with forked tongues.

It happened in Eden, remember?

The combination of a smooth-talking serpent, Adam and Eve's abysmal lack of sales resistance, and an unvarnished appeal to sinful pride ("Eat this, and you'll be like God!") brought cockleburs to Paradise.

I'm happy to wear the

Shelburne name. And I think I could point you to a few other wearers of the monicker who've done it some honor.

But I'm also quite sure a little real research would turn up a horse thief or two. And I suspect the primary finding of such research would be that Shelburnes are people just like everybody else.

You can extend that truth, if you wish. I'm very proud to be an American, a Texan, a citizen of Muleshoe, but I'm not such a mule that I'm blind to weaknesses or unaware that some other fine nations, states, and cities exist.

And, if I read my Bible correctly, there is, for

those who wear the name of Christ, a great deal of room for confidence in Christ and his cross, but no room at all for arrogance regarding "my group," "my sect," "my tradition," or "my righteousness."

When Christ died for us all, even the most unworthy, the Father plugged forever the last rat-hole open to human pride.

Whenever you suspect a peddler on your porch, at a political rally, in a pulpit, or using a bulk mail permit is baiting you with pride, watch out! Some unscrupulous angler is getting ready to set the hook and reel you in.

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Redistricting public hearing set for Monday

Officials with the City of Muleshoe met with its legal counsel to discuss the redistricting process for its four single-member city council voting districts at its Aug. 8 city council meeting.

A Redistricting Advisory Committee met on Aug. 15, and considered changes in the city's population from the 1980 Census to the 2010 Census, the impact of those changes on the city's four single-member city council voting districts, and reviewed options for re-drawing certain city council voting district boundaries.

The RAC unanimously voted to recommend Plan Option A to the city council.

A copy of the City of Muleshoe Redistricting Plan, which includes census statistics and

Family support meeting set

Neighbor 2 Neighbor Parent Support Group will meet at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 22, at South Plains Community Action, located at 801 W. American Blvd. in Muleshoe.

Child care and refreshments will be provided.

For more information contact Jere Newton at 806-445-1466.

Notification...

Continued from page 1 going to the city's website at www.city-of-muleshoe.com.

A link to the city's website is also available at www.muleshoejournal.com.

For additional information concerning I-INFO contact the police chief at 806-272-4569.

voting district maps for 1980, 2010 and Plan Options A, B and C, is available on the city's website and at Muleshoe City Hall for review.

Members of the community are encouraged to review this document and to attend a redistricting public hearing on Sept. 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the Muleshoe City Hall.

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Mason congratulated the city's administration team and department heads for their work on the upcoming year's budget. "Again, a job well done," she said. "Thanks again for all the work, to everyone."

According to Brunson, the budget was an eight-month process, and while he differed with the city's auditor about whether it was a balanced budget, the city manager added, "The bottom line

is we have the money to fund the budget." And said it was a budget that wouldn't deplete the city's general fund.

In other business, the council:

- Approved an interlocal agreement with South Plains Association of Governments regarding local 911 services.

It was explained that the two-year contract related to the maintenance and operation of

the 911 equipment at the Muleshoe Police Department.

Brunson explained that SPAG received funds from the state which were used to purchase, install and maintain the computers, routers, switches and other equipment used to provide Muleshoe and Bailey County with 911 services. In exchange, the city of Muleshoe, through its police department, agreed to house and operate the equipment.

- Approved a \$1,418.37 reimbursement to the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation for receipts from the foundation's Tour de Muleshoe.

Adopted an ordinance regarding the city's record management program.

According to Brunson, the council's action formalized actions taken by the city

council several years ago regarding the city's record maintenance.

- Approved a "continuation of coverage" agreement with the Texas Municipal League's intergovernmental employee benefits pool.

Approved a resolution that amended the contract between the city and the Texas Department of Rural Affairs over the actual amount of concrete and asphalt used in the city's recent CDBG-funded paving projects.

- Received the city's financial statement for the month ending on Aug. 30.

"It's nice to see some of the revenue area that are more than the amount budgeted," Mayor Cliff Black said.

- Approved the minutes from its Aug. 8 and Aug. 25 meetings.

Commissioners...

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Joey Kindie, and Chris machine hire will increase to \$125 per hour — which was noted as being the second increase in the past 12 years, and raise the county's hauling fees to \$50 for small truck loads, \$70 for medium truck loads, and \$90 for large loads.

"\$125 is still reasonable," Precinct 3 Commissioner Joey Kindie said, adding that the cost of fuel to operate the county trucks and equipment justified the increase.

Projects that are currently under way will be charged at the current rate.

On a related issue, the court approved four soil conservation worksheets including 214 hours of machine hire for Cody Wilson totaling \$16,050; and one hour each for Bobby Kindie,

Joey Kindie, and Chris Kindie, at \$75 each; and \$150 for hauling for Jim Pat Claunch.

EMS rates will remain at the current rate.

- Designated the second and fourth Mondays for regular meetings of the court held in FY2012.

Approved the minutes from its Aug. 1, 8, 18 and 29 meetings.

Approved the county treasurer's report for July, and received the treasurer's August report.

- Approved in-county travel forms.

Briefly discussed, but took no action, on a notice of intent to participate in a "Hog out county grants" program.

"I don't know if we're in an extreme hog area," County Judge Sherri Harrison said.

MAHD board appoints redistricting committee

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors appointed the members of its redistricting advisory committee during a special meeting on Thursday, Sept. 8.

The members of the committee are: Gonzalo Lozano, Susan Kerby, Barbara Hal, George Martinez, Todd Newberry, Julian Dominguez, Anita Black, Lupe Rejino, Yolanda Mendoza, Berta Combs and Sergio Leal.

The committee's first meeting is set for Sept. 19, at 6 p.m., at

Muleshoe Area Medical Center, with possible recommendations to the MAHD board at its regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 22.

Other business conducted during the Sept. 8 special session included a closed session, apparently over personnel issues at Park View Nursing Care Center.

No action was taken regarding the closed session upon the board's return.

Sales tax allocations...

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The only consolation Muleshoe has from this month's sales tax competition comes from the actual dollar amounts received, which lists Muleshoe in second place with \$404,782.11, following Littlefield with \$672,993.55, and preceding Dimmitt with \$252,633.61.

In actual dollars received, Sudan took last place with a year-to-date total of \$38,801.88.

The September allocations represent sales tax collected during the month of July and submitted to the state in August.

In a press release, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said that state sales tax revenue in August was \$1.98 billion, up 11.9 percent compared to August 2010.

"Monthly sales tax revenue has

now increased for 17 consecutive months," said Combs.

"For the state's recently concluded 2011 fiscal year, sales tax revenue increased 9.4 percent from the previous fiscal year. Sales tax revenue grew in major sectors especially the oil and gas industry and manufacturing as a result of increased business spending during the year," Combs said.

There was also growth in the retail and restaurant sectors. We will continue to monitor factors such as the job market, consumer spending and housing," she said.

Combs will send September sales tax allocations totaling \$483.9 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 10 percent compared to September 2010.

Photography workshop offered

Plains College Muleshoe Center will host a digital photography class for photo enthusiasts — Digital Photography Jump Start, a one-day seminar set for Sept. 24.

The class will meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the SPC Muleshoe Center, 621 W. Second St.

The cost is \$40. Payment is required with registration.

The courses will focus on basic shooting styles and lighting styles, information on

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Addresses for charitable giving suggested

- Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Center, P.O. Box 201, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, (806) 272-4429 or 5873.

- MOST Scholarship (given to all graduating MISD seniors yearly), c/o Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets, 514 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

- Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, P.O. Box 292, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

- Hope Chest, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347

- Muleshoe Hospital Auxiliary, c/o Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

- Bailey County Food Pantry, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

- Meals on Wheels, 300 1st St., Muleshoe, TX 79347

- Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department, c/o Muleshoe City Hall, 215 S. First, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-4528.

- Lazbuddie EMS and Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 125, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.

- Park View Nursing Care Center, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

- Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Inc., 104 E. Ave. C, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-5727.

- Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 62, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

- Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, 115 E. American Blvd., Muleshoe 79347.

- Bailey County Child Welfare Board, P.O. Box 243, Muleshoe TX 79346, or call 272-3204.

- Muleshoe Boy Scouts, 609 W. Seventh, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-946-9908.

Notice of Public Hearing
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September 19, 2011
5:30 p.m.
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Notice is provided that the City of Muleshoe will hold a public hearing on September 19, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at 215 S. First Street, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, to offer the public an opportunity to provide comments regarding the proposed redistricting plan as provided by the Redistricting Advisory Committee.

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Se comunica que la ciudad de Muleshoe se reunirá el 19 de septiembre 2011, a las 5:30 p.m. en 215 S. First Street, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, para dar al público la oportunidad de ofrecer comentarios relativos al plan propuesto para la nueva división en distritos que ha presentado el Comité asesor para la nueva división en distritos.

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

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We really appreciate you helping us out by being willing to take care of this. We still have a few to get signed and will try to catch you as you come in to the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center.

The new Intakes are a requirement for us to be able to count you as one of the center group.

If we do not have an intake we have to count you as a quest.

We need to have you on our records as this will help us with the funding from South Plains Association of Governments.

It takes your attendance and support to make this center a good one.

Bunco day is Tuesday, Sept. 20, so call your friends and come in for a good time, fellowship, and prizes. Come in early, have coffee and be ready to play at 10 a.m.

Also on Tuesday, Sept. 20, Tina, a representative from The Wilshire Place in Lubbock will be presenting a program during the lunch hour.

Tina called and informed me that the late James Wedel talked about how great a center we have, so she wants to come and visit with us. Make plans to come and listen to the program.

IntegraCare will be in the center on Friday, Sept. 30, from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. to give flu shots. Mark your calendar so you will not miss getting this important shot.

Our prayers and love

go to our friends from the center who are ill, recuperating, or have lost a loved one. We miss you and hope you are back with us soon.

Menu for Sept. 19-23:

Monday, Sept. 19 — Smothered steak, scalloped potatoes, carrots, salad, wheat rolls, fruit and cookies.

Tuesday, Sept. 20 — Ham, black eye peas, pasta salad, cornbread and cake.

Wednesday, Sept. 21 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat rolls and peach cobbler.

Thursday, Sept. 22 — Hamburgers, cheese, onions, pickles, peppers, tomatoes, baked beans, chips and pudding.

Friday, Sept. 23 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

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Obituaries



Tommy Green

Memorial services for Tommy Wayne Green, 51, were held Thursday, Sept. 8, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

Tommy passed away at his home on Sept. 5, 2011. He was born on March 7, 1960, to L.A. and Ruby Green of Muleshoe.

He is survived by his wife — Felicia; a son — Nicolas of Lubbock; his mother — Ruby Green of Muleshoe; two brothers — Cris and his wife June of Muleshoe, and Charles

and his wife Gale of Midland; two sisters — Bertha of Muleshoe and Norene and her husband J.C., also of Muleshoe; and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter — Trista, and his father — L.A. Green.

Tommy worked for many years as a farm manager, but his love of the outdoors was exemplified by his love of his Harley motorcycle and the open highway.

Further discussion about Christ's birth

You might note, if you will, that in order to continue discussing the subject we had under consideration in my last column we will have to work in details. And you may need to preserve copies so as to relate them to each other.

You will remember I has referenced to the birth of Christ — what was the purpose? It reads this way.

“Thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever:

Photography class...

Continued from page 3 downloading from the camera, preparing photos for print, Internet uploading, lighting and shooting styles, stop motion and adding motion to enhance photo quality.

Participants will learn to shoot in manual mode to give the shooter more freedom to override program modes and push the envelope in photography styles.

Cameras should be digital SLR as well as point-and-shoots. Participants must have their own cameras for the class.

The class will be taught by Wes Underwood, photographer and communications specialist at SPC.

To register, contact Kasey Reyes, secretary for the Division of Continuing and Distance Education at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu. For more information, contact Underwood at (806) 716-2215.

Something worth saying...

By Glen Williams

and of his kingdom there shall be no end.”

I had never thought of Christ as being a person that would reign over an earthly natured body of people. But it may be they meant Jacob in person, with two wives, two handmaids, twelve sons, his servants, animals, etc.

But here is what Jamieson, Fausset and Brown say about it:

“And he shall reign over the house of Jacob: God’s visible people who then stood in Jacob’s descendants, but soon to take in all the families of the earth who should come under the Redeemer’s ample wing;

“And of his kingdom there shall be no end. The perpetuity of Messiah’s Kingdom stretching even into eternity, was one of its brightest prophetic features.”

But soon to take in all the families of the earth who should come under the Redeemer’s ample wing.”

Now, I may not understand exactly what they mean by the Redeemer taking in all the families of the earth. But it’s obvious that

known of a Williams, a Latimer or a Holt that was active in religious matters.

One day I sat in on a Sunday School class in the Hicks Chapel Church south of Stegall.

The teacher was friend of mine, and a “good old boy.” But he apparently wasn’t very well prepared or schooled on their lesson, and I knew nothing of it.

But I did hear him “explaining” to the class that some of the Lord’s people was doing wrong, and he told them that is they didn’t stop whatever they were doing he was going to “send a feminine on them.”

But really I have never attended Bible study classes or Sunday school.

And my parents seldom mentioned the scriptures to us children.

Christ has never taken in all the families of the earth, and I don’t believe it was ever his intention to do that.

Now this brings up some important questions that deserve answers and I will present my views on them, but it will take time, so I ask for your patience and understanding.

I don’t claim any special calling or ability of any kind. I have no arguments to make, but I am always open to a friendly visit. And I’ve wanted to tell you about myself.

I might be wrong, but other than myself I don’t believe I have ever



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Death Notices

Martha Estrada

Levelland resident Martha S. Estrada, 62, formerly of Muleshoe, died on Sept. 10, 2011, in Levelland. She was born on July 12, 1949, to Antonio and Josefina Estrada in La Junta, Chihuahua, Mexico. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe, with burial following at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Donald Moore

Muleshoe resident Donald Moore, 77, died on Sept. 10, 2011, in Muleshoe. He was born on Nov. 16, 1933, to Seaborn and Gladys Moore of Clovis, N.M. Services are pending.



Glovers celebrate 50th

Jerry Don and Donna Glover, pictured above, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 3, during the Labor Day weekend, with their children hosting a cookout.

Family members in attendance included: Jonny, Susan, Pamela and Myles Miller of New Braunfels; Lindsey and Miller Peel of Austin; Shayna and Laela Martin of Denver, Colo.; Chad, Sharon, Brittany, Sheridan and Garrett Williams of Shreveport, La.; Colby Huseman of Littlefield; Brian, Shanna, Cutter, Cambree and Coby Glover of Lazbuddie; Mildred and Eugene Redwine of Muleshoe; Bobby Redwine, also of Muleshoe; Jarah Redwine of Houston; Tobin and Shanna Redwine of Conroe; Bill and Sue Chester of Sudan; and Paul and Mary Lou Lyons of Canyon.

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To our friends and neighbors in Muleshoe and the surrounding area:

Words are just not enough to express our appreciation to you for your calls, cards, words of encouragement and especially your prayers, during the past eight months. God answers prayers! We praise Him for His healing power, because my cancer is in remission and now my body is recovering from major surgery.

We want to say a special “thank you” to Bob Clark, who was so diligent in calling everyday to get an update on my health, and to encourage Joe! Thank you also, for your support and encouragement to Coli at Joe’s Boot Shop while we were away.

We miss Muleshoe because it is such a loving and caring community!

To each of you...

Thank You!

Joe and Darla Rhodes

Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DISTRICT conducted public hearings on September 1, 2011 and September 13, 2011 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DISTRICT from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 0.679587 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of 0.400000 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$1,353,618.03.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 0.400000 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$1,348,751.07.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 0.400000 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$1,355,499.64.

The Board of Directors is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 22, 2011 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, Hospital Dining Room, 708 S. First Street, Muleshoe, TX 79347 at 6:00 PM

Sports

Mustangs' hope for revenge remains unfulfilled

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Andrews Mustangs entered Benny Douglas Stadium Friday night with revenge on their minds.

The Mules had shattered the Mustangs' hopes of a happy Homecoming in 2010 and their intentions were to return the favor.

Both teams ripped off large chunks of yardage at times during the contest as both teams' defenses seemed to take a back seat.

The atmosphere was filled with rubber pellets as the teams stampeded up and down the turf.

After 48 minutes of excitement the Mules had outlasted the Mustangs. They sent the Mustangs home on the long road south nursing their wounds with a 60-43 loss hung around their necks.

"It was a great Homecoming victory with a lot of excitement and I think we gave our fans a fun night," said Mule Coach David Wood. "Of course there are some things we can work on during our open week."

"A lot of kids got to play tonight and we saw marked improvement in some areas. We are getting better each week and most people would think I would be more ecstatic about scoring 60 points."

"We are still trying to figure some things out in some areas but that is what these non-district games are for and we will try to get it figured out by time we play Roosevelt."

The game almost seemed to easy for the Mules early on with Junior Baca ripping off the final 10 yards for the Mules first touchdown just one minute and 13 seconds into the contest. The Mules had marched 80 yards on four plays.

Beau Avila dialed up Ryan DeLeon at the Mule 37 and he reached mid field before being pulled down. The first offensive play of the game netted the Mules 30 yards.

After short passing play on first down Issac Baca raced wide right and provided a portion of his own blocking as he broke three tackles on a 37-yard romp to the Andrews 10.

Avila kept on the two-point conversion. The Mules led 8-0 with 10:47 left in the first period.

The Mules attempted an onside kick but the Mustangs were not fooled and set up shop at mid field.

Andrews reached the Mule 33 before a high snap on third down sent Shane Dolgener, the Andrews' quarterback, scrambling for the ball back into Mustang territory.

The Mustang punt took an Andrews bounce before rolling out of bounds on the Mule 12.

It took the Mules 10 plays to march 88 yards for their second TD. The series included a 37-yard pass and run to Saul



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Mule Isaac Baca blocks an extra point during Friday's game against Andrews.

Elizalde that moved the Mules to the Andrews' 14. A seven-yard sack only slowed the Mules down for one play.

Avila faked a handoff up the middle before pulling up and making a throw to Adelaido Godinez for the final 21 yards to pay dirt. Elizalde booted the point after to extend the Mules' lead to 15-0 with 3:33 left in the opening quarter.

The Mustangs struck back after returning the ensuing kickoff to the Andrews' 30. It only took four plays for them to reach the end zone.

A pass from Dolgener to his favorite receiver, Tadarius Ridge, covered 55 yards. The point after kick was blocked and the Mules led 15-6 with one minute left in the first period.

The Mules answered with a 10-play 80-yard drive that ended with I. Baca blasting up the middle for a three-yard score. That was his first of three TD runs on night.

Elizalde's kick gave the Mules a 22-6 advantage with 10:45 left in the half.

Andrews drove from the Mustang 33 to near the Mule 20 before Tony Molina stripped the Mustangs of the ball and Ray Martinez jumped on it for the Mules at the 19.

The Mules need 12 plays to cover the 88 to pay dirt. Avila called his own number and followed the Mule

offensive lines' push into the end zone. The point after try failed but the Mules led 28-6 with 4:31 until intermission.

The Mustangs had no quit in them as they scored on back-to-back drives to put pressure back on the Mules.

The first drive was set up by a kickoff return back to the Mule 42. Two plays later Ridge pulled down Dolgener's pass for a 21-yard TD. The two-point conversion failed and the Mules led 28-12.

Andrews recovered an onside kick with 3:49 left on the clock. The Mule defense forced the Mustangs to go three and out with the punt rolling dead on the Mule eight.

The Mules drove back to mid field before the Mustangs intercepted a pass.

Dolgener worked the sidelines with passes and moved the ball down the field while extending the half. He scored on a two-yard scamper with a single second left in the half.

The point after was good and the two teams left the field at the half with the Mules leading 28-19.

The Mules turned up the heat in the second half and came out firing on all cylinders.

Andrews returned the second half opening kick to the Mustang 35. A 12-yard gain on first down

was the highlight of the drive for the Mustangs. I. Baca and Juan Guerrero teamed up on a sack for a three-yard loss.

A motion penalty backed the Mustangs up five yards. Avila and I. Baca ran down Dolgener after a five-yard gain on a sweep.

An incomplete pass on third down forced the Mustangs to punt for fourth down. The punt rolled dead on the Mules' three.

I. Baca accelerated the Mule drive with a 13-

yard burst up the middle followed by a 34-yard run through the left side of the line. I. Baca then completed the drive by scooting 30 yards to the end zone.

I. Baca had gained 77 of the 97-yard drive. Elizalde booted the point after and the Mules led 35-19 with just over four minutes gone in the third period.

It was three and out on the Mustangs second drive of the third quarter. Elizalde grabbed the punt on the Mule 22 and faked a hand off to DeLeon.

The fake froze the defense just long enough to allow Elizalde to reach the edge. He was finally dragged down at the Andrews 26.

A screen pass to J. Baca moved the Mules to the 23. Avila sent Elizalde into the end zone on a post pattern and he grabbed the TD pass five yards deep in the end zone.

The point after extended the Mule lead to 42-19 with 4:59 remaining in the third quarter.

Pressure from Matthew Ambriz on third down and 10 needed for a first forced Dolgener to throw the pass away. The Andrews' punt rolled dead on the Mule 16.

J. Baca caught passes of six and 14 yards.

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Elizalde gained eight yards on a wide receiver screen. I. Baca circled wide left leaving Mustangs in his wake as he raced 52-yards to the end zone with 1:03 left in the third quarter. Elizalde's point-after-kick pushed the Mule lead to 49-19.

Andrews returned the Mule kick off to the Andrews' 42. A nine-yard pass set up Dolgener for a 48-yard run up the middle for a touchdown.

The kick was good and with 37 second left in the third the Mules led 49-26.

Dolgener scored again with a 38-yard run up the middle just over one minute into the fourth quarter. The two-point conversion was good and cut the Mule lead to 49-34.

DeLeon looked like a centerfielder as he fielded



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Mule Saul Elizalde carries the ball during Friday's game.

the sky high Mustang kickoff at the Mule 30.

Avila connected with DeLeon at the Andrews 45 and he out raced the Mustangs to the end zone. The Mules had only consumed 51 seconds

before answering the Mustangs.

The Mules led 56-34 with 8:53 left in the game.

Avila picked off Dolgener's first-down pass at the Mule 47 and

walked a tight rope down the Andrews' sideline to the Mustang 33.

Caleb Wood took the helm for the Mules and handed off to J. Baca for 12 yards.

A penalty left the

Mules with a first and 20 on the Andrews' 33. Ray Martinez scooted wide left for six yards.

Carlos Sosa broke for 10 yards up the middle to the 17. Wood connected with Xavier Reyes in the end zone for the Mules' final TD of the night. Elizalde's kick gave the Mules a 63-34 lead with just over five minutes left in the game.

Andrews needed just two plays for the final touchdown of the night.

It was a banner night for the Mule offense as they recorded a total of 779 yards of offense.

They rushed for 418 and threw for 361. Beau Avila connected on 21 of 29 passes for 332 yards with three TDs and had one intercepted.

Issac Baca carried 13 times for 285 yards and three touchdowns. Junior Baca ran 15 times for 79 yards and one TD. He also caught four

passes for 37 more for a total of 115 yards. Caleb Wood was three of four passes for 29 yards, rushed twice for 15 yards and caught one pass for 26 yards.

Ryan DeLeon caught five passes for 116 yards and one TD. Adelaido Godinez made five catches for 40 yards and a touchdown. Saul Elizalde had six receptions for 114 yards and a TD.

He also kicked seven extra points. Ray Martinez caught two passes for 11 yards and Xavier Reyes grabbed one pass for 17 yards and one TD.

The Mules will have a week off before starting district competition at Lubbock Roosevelt.

The Mules have a 2-1 non-district record. The Eagles took zero week off and are now 1-1 and will face Idalou in their final non-district game of 2011.

FOOTBALL CONTEST 2011

By Rhea Gonzales

The Muleshoe Journal Football Contest has had another great turnout this week. We had 47 participants week, who all made great picks.

I just want to let everyone know that this weeks football contest will be a mix of college and NFL football games, which all will be a challenge but it is all good fun. If you need to keep track of your totals, you can call us at the Muleshoe Journal and we can give you your current totals in the football contest.

You don't have to be a football expert to play this game, the odds of guessing correct on each of the games are 50/50, so we encourage you, your family and friends to participate each week for the \$25 weekly prize. It is free to play and free to enter.

The two top contenders for the contest last week were Butch Green, 6 and Shelbi Harrison, 6. The Muleshoe 63 vs Andrews 40 tiebreaker game was used to decide who won the contest. Shelbi's score of 56 beat out Butch's score of 45, it was a very close game. Congrats Shelbi!

We will post the top players of the week. Check in to see if you are on this week's list: Butch Green 6, Shelbi Harrison 6, Gabriel Toscano 5, Gerald Bond 5, Sue Bond 5, Debbie Weir 5, Jesse Waggoner 5, Sherri Harrison 5, Johnny M. Gonzales 5, Gabriel Acevedo 5, Hilbert Wisian 5, Anna Lopez 5, Jill Waggoner 5, Weldon Smith 5, Fernando Toscano 4, Terry Field 4, Linda Lutz 4, Darin Bratcher 4, Randy wagooner 4, Ruben Mata 4, John Paul Garza 4, Xavier Reyes 4, William Orozco 4, Rene Valle 4, Vicki Gonzales 4, Carla Ambriz 4, Felipe Gonzales 4, Michael Reyna 4, James Lutz 4, Conner Harrison 4 and Bobby Brooks 4. Your score for the week will be the amount of games

you guessed correctly.

Here are the current totals for the football contest:

Gabriel Toscano 13, Butch Green 18, Fernando Toscano 15, Terry Field 14, Gerald Bond 17, Jim Lutz 14, Linda Lutz 16, Sue Bond 16, Darin Bratcher 10, Debbie Weir 14, Randy Waggoner 8, Ruben Mata 9, John Paul Garza 9, Jesse Waggoner 11, Woody Villa 7, Alene Bryant 9, Xavier reyes 11, Lori Bales 1, Patrick Orozco 10, William Orozco 11, Geno Cavezuela 3, Sherri Harrison 11, Charolette Holt 2, Troy Moore 8, Rene Valle 13, Vicki Gonzales 11, Brandon Acevedo 2, Shane Been 9, Carla Ambriz 6, Joe Abeya 10, Jayden Herrera 10, Johnny M. Gonzales 11, Felipe Gonzales 12, Claire Brown 12, Gabriel Acevedo 13, Cory Contreras 9, Edward Amalla 3, Hilbert Wisian 11, Jessie Mendoza 3, Anna Lopez 14, Frank

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The person who has the most correct guesses at the end of the contest will win \$200. So please play every week to increase your chances of winning the grand prize.

There are lots of ways to enter the football contest. You can come by the office and drop off your entry (201 W. ave. C), our hours of business are Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.,

You can send an e-mail to: adsales@muleshoejournal.com (Please indicate Football Contest Entry) with your

picks for the winners and for the tie breaker game.

You can send a fax to 806-272-3567 or you can mail your entry to the Muleshoe Journal, P.O.

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The Sudan Buzzy

Sudan Hornets defeat Crosbyton Chiefs, 28-27

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

Hornet fans were shouting and making noise when Crosbyton's kicker Austin Zundt lined up to kick the PAT in overtime after Crosbyton ran in the end zone for a touchdown.

Sudan had scored first during overtime with a Jake Chester pass to Dayton Fisher, and Cesar Medrano's PAT was good. Now, all the Hornet fans could do was to wait for the snap.

Sudan and Crosbyton battled it out on Friday, Sept. 9, in Crosbyton. Jake Chester connected with Dayton Fisher to start the scoring for both teams.

The scoring drive happened in three plays for a total of 68 yards. Cesar Medrano's PAT was no good leaving the Hornets up 6 to 0.

The Chiefs battled back in less than two minutes scored on a handoff and a quick 44-yard play. The Chiefs scored in four plays for 59 yards.

The kick by Austin Zundt was good leaving Crosbyton up 6 to 7.

The second quarter began much like the first quarter with quick scores by the teams. Crosbyton's Pena passed to Jacob



Sudan Coach Gordon Martin relays the play call to quarterback Jake Chester.

Photograph by Cheri Sain

Escobar. The PAT was no good moving the Chief's score up by 7. Crosbyton led the Hornets 6 to 13.

Sudan quickly scored again with Richard Montes scoring on a play and 66-yard touchdown run. The Hornets decided to go for the 2-point conversion.

Chester threw a quick PAT pass to Montes and gave the Hornets the lead at 14 to 13.

Just before halftime, Crosbyton's Pena scored one more time. The Chief's took valuable time off the clock and scored with only 1:34 left in the first half. The drive

took 7 plays and drove 43 yards before scoring.

The PAT was good on a 2-point conversion run by Matthew Schovajsa. The halftime score was 14 to 21 with the Chiefs beating the Hornets.

The Hornets came out fighting mad knowing that they had to step up their game in order to beat the Chiefs. But, the Chiefs knew that defense would be the key to a successful second half. It was a huge defensive battle the third quarter as neither side could make it to the end zone.

The Hornets momentum carried over

in to the 4th quarter. Sudan's Bill Nolte took the first handoff of the quarter and ran 52 yards in one play to score.

Cesar Medrano's PAT was good leaving the Hornets and Chiefs tied once more at 21.

The Hornets and Chiefs battled it out the rest of the 4th quarter. The game went in to overtime.

The Hornets had the ball first. Jake Chester quickly found one of his big targets, 6'6" junior Dayton Fisher. Medrano marched out on to the field and made the PAT for the Hornets.

The Hornets were up 28 to 21 as the Chiefs took the field for their offensive drive in overtime.

Crosbyton took 16 plays for 25 yards in order to score in overtime. The Hornets tried hard to keep the Chiefs out of the end zone, but Crosbyton's Michael Gutierrez made his way in for a touchdown, and then it was decision time.

The Crosbyton coaches put their faith in their kicking team for the PAT. Austin Zundt lined up for the PAT.

The snap was off, but the PAT was no good. The Hornets won a hard-fought game as Sudan

won 28-27.

The Sudan offense had a total of 40 plays for 329 yards compared to Crosbyton's 73 plays for 363 yards.

Crosbyton also had 11 more first downs compared to the Hornets. Crosbyton had 23 first downs and Sudan had 12.

And, Crosbyton led in passing and rushing yards with a total of 172 yards in the air versus 144 by the Hornets, and the Chief rushers had a net total of 191 yards versus the Hornets' 185 yards.

The Hornets, however, spent more time on the field with 22:24 of possession time versus Crosbyton's 21:48. Dayton Fisher led all receivers with three receptions for

146 yards. Crosbyton's Nevin Pena finished the night with five receptions for 76 yards.

The Hornet defense kept Sudan in the game. Richard Montes led the Hornets on defense with 10 unassisted tackles and two assisted, Bill Nolte had seven unassisted tackles, and Dayton Fisher had soix.

Andrew Ramon, Ty Shaw, and Uriel Delgado each had a sack.

The Hornets play Vega on Friday for the Sudan's Homecoming game. Kickoff will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The bonfire will begin on Thursday night behind the stadium, and the crowning of the homecoming queen will take place during halftime.

Sudan HS prepares for 2011 Homecoming

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

Sudan Schools is celebrating their annual Homecoming Week with several activities during the week of Sept. 12-16.

The Sudan High School Cheerleaders declared dress up days for the students. On Monday, the entire school was allowed to wear pajamas on Pajama Day. It is usually one of the more popular days.

On Tuesday, the students wore all neon colors. Some wore some tutus that were brightly colored, and some of the students wore shorts with brightly colored socks.

On Wednesday, it was declared to be gender bender day. The girls dressed up in guys' clothing, and the guys dressed as girls. Needless to say, some of the guys could have made pretty girls if they really were girls!

Thursday was declared to be 80's decade. The students wore big hair, lots of makeup, and a variety of brightly colored and rock and roll outfits.

On Thursday night, the bonfire will take



Sudan's Homecoming candidates, pictured above from left to right, are Danielle Logan, Melodee Gunter and KyLee Shultz.

place behind the football field.

The bonfire had to be approved by the Lamb County judge because of the burn ban that is in effect. It was determined that the bonfire could only consist of pallets and be only a certain amount of wood and space.

Friday marks the beginning of a busy time at the school. The Sudan Elementary students will be a part of a Hornet Wagon. Each class has decorated a miniature wagon and made signs and spirit items.

They will march around the high school

and cheer on the football team. The students will be dressed in black and gold for their dress up day.

At the pep rally, the Homecoming Queen candidates will be escorted in to the gymnasium.

This year's candidates are Danielle Logan, Melodee Gunter, and KyLee Shultz. Danielle Logan is the daughter of Lee and Lisa Logan of Sudan. Her escort is Alan Hernandez. Melodee Gunter is the daughter of Steve and Kimberley Gunter of Dimmitt. She is being escorted by Mitch Edwards. KyLee Shultz

is the daughter of Missy and Jo Ky Shultz. She is being escorted by Ryan Fred. The crowning of the Homecoming Queen will take place during halftime of the football game.

The junior class is sponsoring the homecoming meal. This year's menu is enchiladas made by Mary Powell. With the enchiladas, the class is serving beans and rice with homemade chocolate cake. The plates will be sold for \$8.

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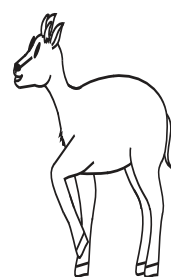
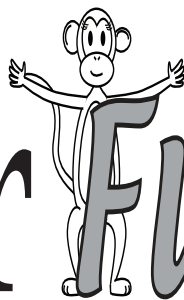
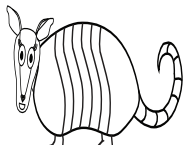
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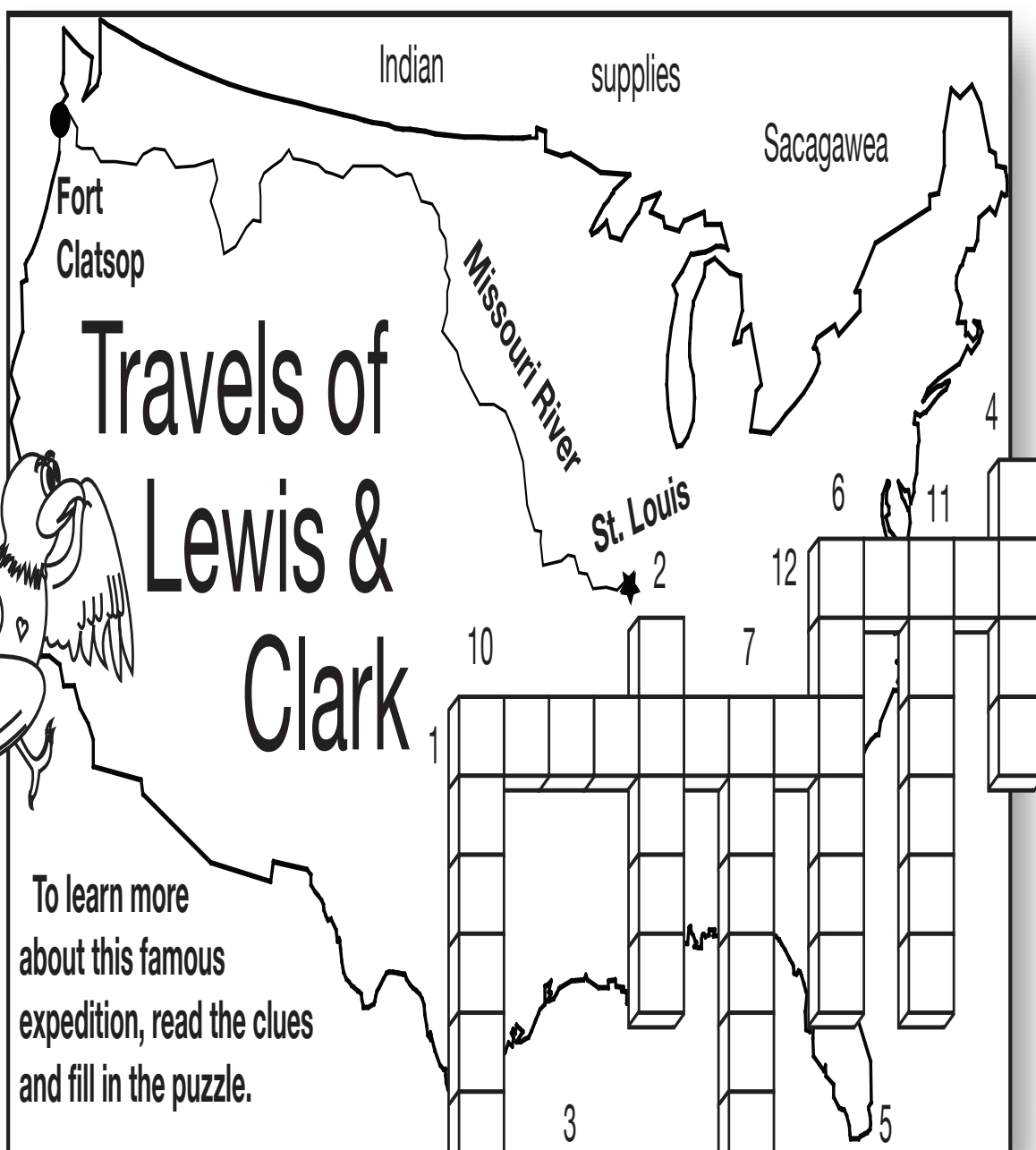
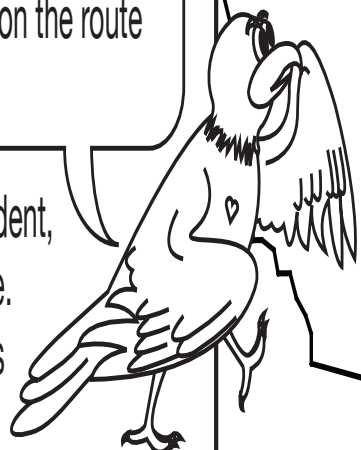
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In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson and Congress wanted to learn about the western part of the country. They gave money to Captain Meriwether Lewis and Second Lieutenant William Clark to lead an expedition to:

- find a water route to the Pacific Ocean for trading
- map the "new" territory
- learn about the Native Americans living on the route
- study plants and animals along the way

1. President Thomas _____, our 3rd President, wanted a group to travel and map the route.
2. _____ and Clark became co-commanders of the "Lewis and Clark Expedition."
3. The men prepared for the trip by doing research, buying _____ and having a keelboat built.
4. In May 1804 they began their _____ in a keelboat and two pirogues (flat-bottomed rowboats.)
5. The group traveled about 15-20 miles a day. They met fur traders and peaceful _____ tribes.
6. In the fall of 1804, to get ready for _____, they built Fort Mandan near Indian villages.
7. They added a trapper to be an interpreter. His Shoshone wife, _____, pointed out landmarks and helped them talk with the Native Americans they met. She had a baby boy in 1805.
8. In March, when the _____ on the river broke, the group split and went in two different directions.
9. The group met the Shoshone people, who told them to travel on land and sold them _____.
10. As they traveled, the group kept _____, logs of the animals, plants and people and made maps.
11. _____ became very hard through thick woods and bitter cold and snow. The group was forced to eat three of their horses. They met the Nez Perce Indians who fed them and saved their lives.
12. They traveled on the _____, again finding it very rough. They were battered by storms.
13. The group soon settled in for the winter in _____. They built a fort called Fort Clatsop.
14. During the winter, they prepared for their return trip. They got back to _____ on Sept. 23, 1806.
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Materials key to relaxing outdoor living space

(NAPS)— Having outdoor living space is important to today's homeowners, but, according to MarketWatch, homeowners no longer want huge yards to maintain.

They want smaller yards, complete with entertaining centers and grilling and dining areas.

Designing these spaces is much like designing an outdoor living room.

While many are looking to incorporate outdoor space that will improve their home's curb appeal, no one wants the headache of maintenance, repair and upkeep.

While a traditional wood fence or deck can

look beautiful when first installed, it takes time and money each year to treat, stain, paint and keep up appearances after every winter.

With both vinyl and composite options available, homeowners have high-quality, worry-free alternatives that can meet their maintenance needs.

With a low-maintenance picket fence or backyard deck, they can rest easy knowing that all that is needed is a quick washing with a garden hose to keep them looking new.

After a few years, a wood fence that has been exposed to the elements may rot, resulting in less stability and a shorter life span, not to mention the

wood will quickly lose its luster.

A low-maintenance vinyl fence is an ideal alternative to wood because it is beautiful, durable and built to last, providing years of enjoyment with virtually no upkeep necessary. Unlike wood, it will not warp, rot, splinter, peel or blister.

Many low-maintenance materials such as vinyl also allow for unbelievably realistic woodgrain textures and provide a wide array of color and style options.

For example, CertainTeed's EverNew decking and railing lines offer 19 rich shades and multichromatic colors that provide the deep, natural look of wood.

While these alternatives to a wood fence or deck may cost more up front, they are a wise investment and will save homeowners both time and money over their lifetime.

Many products also come backed by strong warranties, such as EverNew PT and LT decking — the only products on the market backed with a 20-year stain and fade warranty.

Vinyl fence and vinyl or composite decking offer an excellent solution for homeowners looking to create a relaxing, outdoor escape.

For more information on how to design your backyard getaway, visit www.certainteed.com or call (800) 233-8990.



The look of fine wood with the easy care of vinyl is available for fences and decks these days.

Use color to revamp the look of your home

(NAPS)— Choosing a new look for your home can be a liberating, rejuvenating change that will pay off in the future.

By choosing the right color, you can express yourself, freshen up an old look and increase the value of your home.

According to a recent Cost vs. Value Report conducted by Hanley Wood, LLC, an exterior makeover — such as installing fiber cement siding — can be a great investment, returning more than 83 percent of the project cost upon resale.

Here are several tips to help you increase the value of your home while

boosting curb appeal:

- Go green.

Color choice can affect the energy efficiency of your home. Darker colors absorb the sun and therefore warm the home, while lighter colors reflect the sun's rays, keeping the home cooler.

This is an important consideration depending on the amount of sunlight your home is exposed to on an average day.

- Get back to nature.

Look to your natural surroundings for inspiration.

For example, in a wooded area, vivid greens and browns can help blend the style of a home with its

environment.

In an urban setting, bright, eye-catching colors can help to offset the sometimes drab hues associated with city living.

- Go back in history.

If your home is from a certain historical period, play off that history.

Find old pictures of your house or neighborhood to use a historically accurate color scheme.

Try to select shades that were used at the time your home was built.

This will add character and a certain amount of authenticity to your own little historical treasure.

- Visualize the finished product.

The ColorView free online tool at www.certainteed.com lets homeowners picture their home complete with new color.

You can even mix and match colors of roofing, siding, trim, rail and deck to choose the perfect style and look.

- Make a lasting impression.

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- Look up.

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Controlling your garage clutter

(NAPS) — As consumers spend more time at home, the garage is being rediscovered and transformed into more than just a place to park the car or an overflow storage area.

It's a versatile workspace that can house the entire family's hobbies and favorite things — from tools and sports gear to toys and gardening equipment.

All these items converging in one place can add up to one big mess. According to a survey from the National Association of Professional Organizers, 50 percent of homeowners say the garage is the most disorganized place in their house.

The wide range of storage needs and ever-changing daily activities make the garage a complicated space to keep organized.

To help take back the garage, ClosetMaid® has developed eight main Garage Zones™. This systematic, efficient method of organizing tackles clutter from the ground up and provides a great low-cost space reclamation to add a sense of order to the home.

Put your garage to work by utilizing every valuable and reachable inch of space with heavy-duty shelving or

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For example, ClosetMaid offers do-it-yourself installed products, such as Dimensions® Cabinets, which can house frequently used items including auto fluids and tools. Strategically place mowers and that larger-than-life trash can along the wall for maximum effectiveness.

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The upper shelving is excellent for storing seasonal and infrequently used items such as the

Christmas tree, holiday decorations, plant fertilizer and boxes of extra parts.

Go-to tools should be within arm's reach on a waist-level shelf or in a drawer, while activity items should have a separate but accessible space in the garage.

When space in the garage is tight, keep boxes, motor oil and other items tucked away from view. These occasional items can be pulled out when needed, leaving plenty of open space for possessions like large toys or sports equipment.

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Save time, money on next kitchen remodel

(NAPS) — Home remodeling projects can be daunting, especially in the kitchen. Most home remodeling veterans will agree that the biggest frustrations during a kitchen renovation are the unexpected delays.

Thankfully, there are things you can do to defray this time lost by choosing products that are made to work together seamlessly, like cabinets and countertops.

One home improvement expert, Danny Lipford, has had his fair share of remodeling headaches and setbacks. He shares his remodeling

experiences and tips for seamless renovations as the host of "Today's Homeowner with Danny Lipford®."

Lipford wants to educate homeowners on challenges they will face during their remodel, while providing them with tips and practical ideas for their next project.

"No matter how extensive your research and planning are before you begin your remodeling projects, you need to expect delays," explains Lipford. "That's why, for my biggest project yet, I chose to go with a cabinet/ countertop partnership that helped make the

kitchen renovation run smoothly and avoid those delays."

Lipford's latest project was a top to bottom renovation of an old Tudor-style home in Mobile, Ala., which he calls The Koppersmith Project. This project was documented in a 13-part series on "Today's Homeowner with Danny Lipford."

Through this project, Lipford showed viewers realistic approaches to remodeling. One practical approach was the partnership between Merillat® cabinetry and DeNova™ countertops. This partnership integrates the design, selection and installation

of cabinets and countertops, making the process of remodeling a kitchen much more seamless.

"Even though the Koppersmith house was a huge undertaking, Merillat and DeNova's integration made for quick and easy installation and was perfect for the project," said Lipford.

"In fact, we were able to utilize this partnership all over the house, including the bathrooms, dining room and living room, to help

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- * **MISC:** 12 place setting of flatware, Sentry safe, 2 gold mirrors w/ hanging candle holder (set) green house ceramics gold candle sticks, 2 ceramic bedroom lamps, Satin green lamp, floor lamp, hanging lamp, exercise equipment. 2 maple chairs, sheets, pillows, 2 Hoover upright vacuum's. lots of artificial flowers and decorations for all seasons, afghans, quilts, blankets, camp folding stools, stadium folding seats, entry cabinet, suitcases, bed spreads, sheets, pillows baskets .coo coo clock, typing table, folding chairs, card table, large copier, lots of luggage.Barn/ yard lawn chairs, bird bath, wood flower pot, cream can, 3 fertilizer spreaders, hand sprayers, lawn edger, weed eater, wheel barrow, stool. life jackets, fishing poles, skis., rolling stool, ext. cords, air compressor, creeper, saws, bench grinder, wood keg, easy roll garden cart, push brooms
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TEXAS' LARGEST RURAL LENDER

Eighth grade Mules 'come up short' against Andrews Mustangs

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules fell short against the Andrews Mustangs in their season opener.

Orlando Villezcas booted the opening kick to the Andrews' 26.

The return man fumbled the ball and then picked it up and raced 74 yards for a touchdown 14

seconds into the game.

The Mule defense stuffed the two-point conversion.

Andrews led 6-0. The Mules were never able to over come the shock of the run back and fell to the Mustangs 18-0.

Brandon Chavez covered the Mustang kickoff at the Mule 37. The Mules were forced

to punt and Josh Lopez booted the ball to the Andrews' 35. Julian Borunda made the stop at the Mule 30.

Tony Castillo stopped a swing pass for a single yard gain. Villezcas strung a Mustang sweep wide and made the tackle for a yard loss. Kevin Mendoza batted down a pass on fourth down to

give the Mules the ball on downs.

The Mules could not get their offense rolling and Lopez punted the ball away.

Andrews returned the ball 68 yards for a touch down.

The Mules stuffed the two-point conversion and the Mustangs led 12-0 at the half.

The Mustangs picked off a Mule pass at the Mule 37. Two plays later they were back in the end zone for the final time

with a 29-yard run. The two-point conversion failed. The Mustangs made the 18-0 score stand up.

The Mules travel to Littlefield Thursday to meet the Wildcats in a non-district game.

Seventh grade proves itself 'mighty'

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules kicked off their football careers Thursday afternoon when they hosted the Andrews Mustangs in Benny Douglas Stadium.

The Mules quickly

proved they are mighty Mules in the making.

The Mules scored on the third play of the game when Beto Diaz, the Mules' quarterback hung on to the football and scampered eight yards to the end zone.

Tre Villa blasted in to

the end zone for the two-point conversion. The Mules led 8-0.

Villa was back in the end zone on the second play of the second quarter with an eight-yard run.

Mario Flores recovered an Andrews fumble late in the half but the Mules ran out of time on the Mustang 12 when the first half ended with the Mules leading 14-0.

The Mules kicked off to start the second half. Dagen Dunham made a stop but not before the Mustangs had picked up a first down.

Javy Perez and Diaz broke into the Andrews backfield to sack the quarterback for a seven-yard loss.

Andrews fumbled on fourth down and Jesse Leal was there to claim the ball for the Mules.

Diaz tossed a swing pass to Villa wide right. Villa followed his blocks and gained 21 yards to the Mustang 45.

The two teams traded possession into the final period.

Villa picked off an Andrews pass at the Mule 36 and returned to the Mustang five with just less than two minutes left in the game.

Diaz hung on to the ball and broke two tackles on his way to pay dirt. The five-yard run ended all scoring, 20-0.

The Mules will travel to Littlefield Thursday to meet the Wildcats in a non-district game.

Geissler captures fourth national title

USA Gymnastics held its national championships at Freeman Coliseum this past month in San Antonio.

Hadlea Geissler of Muleshoe qualified to compete in two events by being the state and regional champion in level 9 individual trampoline as well as synchronized trampoline with her partner Kaylin LeRoy of Clovis, N.M.

The girls competed with the Acrospirit trampoline team that consisted of 64 members that qualified to the competition from levels 5 - SR Elite, and ages ranging from 6 - 22 years of age.

The team comes from West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

The synchronized pair would compete first and would compete against 22 other teams from across the United States.

They would lead the completion going into finals by nearly a point and would hold on to be national champions by the slimmest of margins by only 0.1.

This was Geissler's fourth national title in her career.

Geissler also competed in individual trampoline a day later.

After a rocky compulsory routine Geissler came back with a solid performance on her optional routine to make the finals in the individual completion in seventh place.

The top eight make the finals out of the 84 competitors in level 9, 15-16 competition.

She competed even better in finals to move up to third place.

"It was a great performance by Hadlea in both events. For her to win her fourth national title it was great!" gymnastics coach Will Green of Muleshoe Sports Academy said.

"We have had many national champions, but very few go on to win as many as she has," he said.

"She is not only a great national champion, but also a great role model for the many young gymnasts we have coming up," said Green.

Geissler and her teammates will take a short break before getting ready for the 2012 season.

Kitchen remodelling...

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Super news from MISD

By
Superintendent
Dr. Gene Sheets

The Muleshoe High School Choral Program has been offered a wonderful opportunity to participate in the Lubbock Chorale's Fall Masterworks Concert on Oct. 14, at 8 p.m., in the Hemmle Recital Hall of Texas Tech University.

Four students from the MHS Choir have been invited to join the Lubbock Chorale and sing with them in their Fall Masterworks Concert.

The four MHS students who will be singing in this concert are Marissa Hernandez, Junior, soprano; DonAnn Rempe, Sophomore, alto; Garrison Myers, Junior, tenor; and Blayne Shipman, Freshman, bass. These fine young people will represent Muleshoe High School extremely well.

Muleshoe High School is the only 2A school invited to participate with the Lubbock Chorale. Dr. John Hollins, artistic director of the Lubbock Chorale, invited students from a total of nine high schools in the Lubbock area to sing with this prestigious group. This speaks very highly of our students and the choral program here at MHS.

Mrs. Lorissa Mason is not only the choir director for Muleshoe High School, but she also sings in the Lubbock Chorale and will also be participating in the event.

The Lubbock Chorale is now entering its 36th season. Including select choir members from area high schools is a new program of the Chorale designed to interact with

school music programs and to nurture young people in the choral arts.

Students will come to regular Lubbock Chorale rehearsals during September and October leading up to the Fall Masters Concert on Oct. 14. During these rehearsals, students will learn and perform the *Fauré Requiem*, as well as repertoire from the All-State list of concert music for high school students.

This is a phenomenal opportunity afforded to Muleshoe High School students through the Lubbock Chorale. We are proud to have been invited and to be taking a quartet of such fine students to represent Muleshoe High School. It is a chance to show students that music can be an outlet for them, even after high school, through community choruses and other choir events.

Mrs. Mason does an outstanding job with our students, and she believes that our choral program plays an active role in the encouragement of our students to pursue their dreams in a college setting.

One of the goals of all of our faculty and staff of Muleshoe ISD is to steer students in the direction of college or other post-graduate activities. We are fortunate that this opportunity has come our way through the Lubbock Chorale and Texas Tech University School of Music.

It's a good time to be a Mule!



2011 MHS Homecoming Court

The 2011 Muleshoe High School Football Homecoming Court, from left to right: Sabrina Chavez, the daughter of Gloria Mendoza and Simon Chavez; Samantha Reyna, the daughter of Roland and Carla Ambriz; Homecoming

Queen Stephanie Vasquez, the daughter of Israel and Lizette Vasquez; Dominique Mata, the daughter of Rachel Mata, and Baylee Bessire, the daughter of Todd and Cindy Bessire.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

Sophomore's to host Sept. 30 pre-game meal

The Sophomore Class of Muleshoe High School will be hosting a pre-game dinner on Friday, Sept. 30, from 5-7 p.m., in the MHS commons area.

The menu will include hamburgers, baked beans, chips, cobbler and iced tea.

Tickets are \$6 per person, and may be purchased from any member of the Sophomore Class.

Telephone orders will be taken from 5-6:30 p.m. on the day of the dinner. To order call 272-7306.

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