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Police Chief Brian Frieda, Mayor Pro Tem Irene Mason and City Manager David Brunson study the damage at the police department after the tower's collapse.

Police department radio tower falls, damages building

Muleshoe's police department experienced a few tense moments Wednesday, Oct. 5, when the department's radio tower gave way, falling across the room of the building

and striking the west wall, outside the police chief's office.

Although the building suffered approximately \$6,000 in damage, according to the initial estimates and without the cost of the tower's

replacement, no injuries resulted from the tower's fall.

According to Police Chief Bryan Frieda, the only communications failures that occurred were to the Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department's pager system.

However, these services were only out temporarily as Plainview's mobile command unit, manned by Plainview Fire Department personnel, was brought in.

This was the first deployment of Plainview's mobile command unit.

A portable tower, from Lubbock County, was also brought in and will be used until the police department's tower is replaced.

Bailey County's burn ban is temporarily lifted

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners' Court temporarily lifted its months-long burn ban during Monday's regular meeting.

The board action, which came at the request of Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver following his discussion of the issue with Muleshoe Fire Chief Tom Ladd, set the temporary lift beginning

"Please use common sense..."
—Judge Harrison

on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 8 a.m. until noon on Monday, Oct. 17, with the additional stipulation that the winds must be under 15 mph during the burning.

"Please use common sense," County Judge Sherri Harrison urged county residents who anticipate burning.

In other business, the court held a public hearing regarding taxing "goods in transit," and approved a resolution that eliminates an exemption, as required under current state law.

"For a tax year that begins on or after Jan. 1, 2012, a taxing unit may not tax goods-in-transit unless the governing body takes official action on or after Oct. 1, 2011, to provide for the taxation

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Mules call tune in second half

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

The Mules were a bit slow out of the gate in Slaton Friday night against the Slaton Tigers.

The Tigers were jumping around on

defense like frog legs being fried in a hot skillet and the Mules attempted to continually adjust to the tune the Tigers were playing.

The second half proved to be a totally different story as the Mules took

over the microphone and called the tune.

The Mules led 14-6 at the intermission, but exploded in the second half to crack the whip and caged the Tigers 41-12.

"It was definitely a learning experience for us tonight," said Mule Coach David Wood. "They dictated the first half as they were giving us a lot of looks and we were a little hesitant and unsure about what we were suppose to do. We were just out thinking ourselves and did not really know what to do."

"In the second half we did not care what they were doing and we just snapped the ball and did what we were suppose to do. Things worked out a lot better for us. That is Muleshoe's brand of football."

"When you are dictating things just work out a lot better for you. I was proud of how the boys came out strong in the second half. Slaton is a good football team and are very talented

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Mule Junior Baca fights for a fumble during the game against the Slaton Tigers.

Photograph by Stacy Conner.



Matt Blackburn of the Plainview Fire Department mans the mobile command unit in its first regional deployment in Muleshoe.

Photographs by Larry Thornton

Constitutional amendment election is just around the corner

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, Bailey County voters will join with others across the Lone Star State for a Constitutional Amendment Election.

Although the registration deadline closed on Tuesday, Oct. 11, there are still some important dates related to the election still ahead.

Early voting for the Constitutional Amendment Election starts on Monday, Oct. 24 and continues until Friday, Nov. 4, at the Bailey County Courthouse.

Voters who will be away from Bailey County on the election day, and voters who are sick or

disables or are 65 years of age or older on election day; or you are confined in jail, but eligible to vote, may apply for a ballot by mail, but must do so by Tuesday, Nov. 1.

The polls will be open at the Bailey County Coliseum from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on election day.

The 10 amendments that will be listed on the Nov. 8 ballot include:

- **Proposition No. 1 (SJR 14)** which would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of

all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows:



"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market

value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

- **Proposition No. 2 (SJR 4)** which would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional

general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding."

- **Proposition No. 3**

(SJR 50) which would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for students, subject to certain constitutional restrictions, including a restriction as to the maximum principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional

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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

Cookie dough, pies offered

The Freshmen Class of Muleshoe High School will be selling cookie dough and pies until Oct. 17.

The orders will be delivered by Thanksgiving.

For more information contact any freshmen class member or one of the class sponsors at the high school, 272-7303.

Seliger town hall meeting

State Sen. Kel Seliger will be holding a "town hall meeting" in the Muleshoe State Bank's meeting room on Thursday, Oct. 13, beginning at 1 p.m.

Chamber banquet

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

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.

Library movie night

Oct. 24 is "Movie Night" at the Muleshoe Public Library. Watson Junior High and Muleshoe High School students are invited.

A permission slip will need to be signed by parents for the students to watch the movie entitled, "The Ultimate Gift," based upon the best-selling book by Jim Stovall.

Contact the library at 272-4707 for further details.

Friena pre-game meal

The Friena Noon Lions Club will have its annual football game tailgate fundraiser Friday night, Oct. 14, at the Muleshoe-Friena game.

Hamburgers and French fries will be available for \$6 at the football field by the concession stand. The Friena Chief's Booster Club will be selling drinks separately.

Serving will begin about 6:30 p.m. and continue until at least halftime.

Park View events

Park View Nursig Care Center will be hosting an open house and "trick or treating" on Monday, Oct. 31, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

All of the community's children are invited to drop by, share their costumes with the residents and receive a treat from the residents in Park View's "Spook Room."

MHS blood drive

Muleshoe High School will host a blood drive on Monday, Oct. 17, from 9:45 a.m. until 2p.m. in the United Blood Services donor coach which will be located in front of the MHS office.

To make an appointment please contact Sharon Villa at (806)-272-7309.

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Apologies unwarranted for terrorists' death

"They're appalled by what they perceive as the government's indifference."

Such was reported in a news article published in the *Charlotte (North Carolina) Observer*, following a statement by the family of slain Al Qaida, and self-proclaimed terrorist, Samir ibn Zafar Khan, who was killed along with Al-Qaida leader, and fellow US citizen Anwar al-Awlaki in a recent CIA drone strike in Yemen.

Apparently according to the published news story, Khan's family is upset that the US government hasn't offered its condolences for the air strike that killed their son or taken action to recover his remains.

Personally, I would hazard a guess that the US government's response goes beyond "indifference," and I am surprised that Khan's family would even expect such a response.

Should the family of Timothy McVeigh, who was convicted for the

Satan's slogan: 'It's not personal; it's business!'

"It's not personal; it's business."

I first heard that cold phrase in the 1972 movie *The Godfather*. Mafia hoodlums would assure the fellow they're about to "off" that he should feel better about being "whacked" since the aforementioned whacking is "not personal; it's business."

I'm told that business tycoon Donald Trump uses the phrase on his so-called "reality" TV show *The Apprentice*. No surprise.

But "the Donald" quite aside, it's clear that in our culture, all a person has to do to be considered a "success" is to have a lot of money, regardless of how it is made. So what if it involves legalized "whacking"? Crawling to the "top" over rivals' bodies and disdaining integrity is "not personal; it's business."

With the Mafia, and with cut-throat business, we expect ugliness. But let me tell you where we should never expect it...

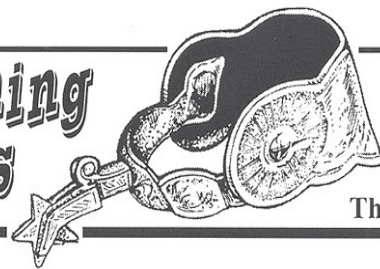
I've seen some odd and interesting mottoes or slogans below some of the church names on church signs, but I've not yet seen anything quite this obvious: Christ The Redeemer Church... where it's not personal; it's business.

No, I've not seen it on a sign, but I'm afraid it is all too often the unspoken motto of churches that have sold out to our consumer culture and thus burned incense to our society's most popular gods.

Eugene Peterson once wrote a letter to a pastoral colleague who was flirting with leaving his present flock for a very large church that was "more promising" and where he could "multiply his effectiveness." (All the usual pseudo-sanctified buzzwords.)

Be careful! Peterson warned. "Every time the church's leaders

Spinning Rowels



by Larry Thornton

bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building in Oklahoma City, and executed on June 11, 2001 for killing 168 people, have received an apology for his death?

Should the family of bank robber and alleged murderer John Dillinger, Jr., have received an apology for his death at the hands of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on July 22, 1934, when he pulled a weapon and attempted to flee from arrest?

Obviously not. Both died as a result of their actions, and the decisions they made that brought harm to the citizens of the United States.

The case of Samir ibn Zafar Khan is no different. Thousands of people, both civilians and military personnel, have died at the hands of Al Qaida.

Billions in taxpayer's

dollars have been expended as a result of actions taken by Al Qaida's leadership, including Samir ibn Zafar Khan and Anwar al-Awlaki.

Whether or not Khan's hands were on the switch that detonated explosive devises that took the lives of American servicemen in Afghanistan or elsewhere in the Middle East, or around the world, doesn't matter.

He was a voice behind

ongoing actions against the citizens of the United States, actively recruiting the murderers of American sons and daughters.

At most, it is unfortunate that Khan died before being brought to justice for his involvement in Al Qaida's actions to harm citizens of these United States, and the world, but it was Khan's choice to be where he was... doing what he was doing.

The fact that Khan died while furthering Al Qaida's terrorist agenda deserves neither condolences nor apologies from the White House, the US government, or the American people.



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Commissioners' court...

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of goods-in-transit.

"Official action to tax the property must be taken before Jan. 1 of the first tax year in which the governing body of the taxing unit proposes to tax the property. ...Goods-in-transit made subject to taxation by a taxing unit remain so by that taxing unit until the unit by official action rescinds or repeals its previous action to tax the property.

"Goods-in-transit' consist of tangible personal property stored under a contract of bailment in a public warehouse that is not owned or controlled by the owner of the personal property for 175 days or

less.

"Under certain circumstances, a taxing unit that has pledged taxes to the payment of debt may continue to tax goods-in-transit if the taxing unit took action to tax such property before Oct. 1, 2011," according to information the court received from the Bailey County Appraisal District.

The commissioners' court also:

- Approved payment of county bills totaling \$53,848.91 for FY 2011, and \$21,569.22 for FY2012.
- Received the county treasurer's report for September, and approved August's report.
- Approved soil conservation worksheets

totaling \$850.

• Approved the annual actions of directing that "all money that would otherwise be deposited in a salary fund, be deposited in the general fund;" authorizing the county judge to take various "housekeeping" actions during the fiscal year; and compensating "public officials on a salary basis rather than fee basis."

• Tabled a report regarding the audit of felony forfeitures for the past fiscal year until the court's special meeting set for Oct. 26.

• Approved in-county travel forms, and received the precincts' daily equipment inspection reports.

Publication of announcements in the Journal

The Muleshoe Journal invites your news of weddings, engagements, showers, anniversaries and births.

In order to be fair to everyone, we must limit the amount of space for certain events.

For weddings, 25 column inches, which includes a photo if desired, is the limit. If the photo and announcement runs longer, we reserve the right to eliminate parts of the story.

However, if a longer write-up is desired, it may be placed in purchased space.

For anniversaries, the space will be free for anniversaries of 50 years or 75, specifically, and will be limited to a single photograph. A fee will be charged for other anniversaries.

Birth announcements with one-column photos are run free of charge with names of the immediate family, including grandparents. Great-grandparents, etc., will not be included.

The permission of both parents is required for a birth announcement to be published.

Small stories describing showers are run free of charge after the fact and may include the names of the principals, the hostess gift, the names of special or out-of-town guests.

It is the responsibility of the party providing the information to provide all of the information.

News releases in which names were left out by the party providing the information will not be re-published free of charge.

A deadline of three months after an event will be the rule for free publication. Information must be received by Monday noon. Publication cannot be guaranteed in the week it is provided.

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Obituaries

Loyce Davis

Loyce Bradley Davis, 82, of Denton, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011.

She was born on Jan. 7, 1929, in Montague County, to Charlie and Lola McDowell Bradley.

She was the youngest of five daughters.

She was married to Floyd Davis on Feb. 18, 1948, in Palestine, and was a resident of Muleshoe for 35 years.

She worked 17 years for Lindsay's Jewelry and was engaged in farming with her husband. She and her husband moved to Denton in 1999.

Family visitation was held Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home in Denton.

Graveside services followed at Union Hill Cemetery in Alvord. Jim Hill of Denton Bible Church officiated.

She is survived by



her husband — Floyd Davis of Denton; four sons — Charles and wife Debbie of Waller, Allen of Amarillo, Brad and wife Avonna of Denton, and Lindel and wife Nancy of Bells; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four sisters.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

Online condolences may be made at www.mulkeymasondenton.com.

Joni Sudduth

On Oct. 8, 2011, a beautiful daughter, sister, aunt, and friend lost her valiant four-year battle against cancer.

Joni Sudduth, 46, was a beautiful woman who shared her love and quick-wit with everyone she met. She was an inspiration and a hero to those closest to her as she battled courageously through this difficult journey. Always by her side were her loving parents — Dave and Clara Sudduth; brother — Richard Sudduth and his wife Michelle, their children, Taylor Sudduth and Shelby Morgan and her husband Jonathon; brother — Carey Sudduth and his wife Susan, and their children, Sadie and Sydney; best friend — Shelly "Frank" Hayden and her husband Chad; and her two faithful, four-legged, furry companions — Morris and Mikey Elvis.

Joni graduated from Texas Tech in 2000 with a BBA in accounting and was a true Red Raider fan. Her most recent position was a controller of Capstone Management in Austin.

She was a fan of football, running the trails, music, reading and traveling. Her favorite destinations were the mountains with her family, and RV adventures across the states with her best friend.

As an animal lover, she provided a loving home to so many beautiful pets throughout the years, and they repaid her with nothing but unconditional love.

The family would



like to give special thanks for the care, compassion, and love shown to her by Dr. Debra Patt and her nurse Candy, and the wonderful staff at Texas Oncology Austin, the home caregivers from Heavenly Care; Hospice Austin and the caring staff at Christopher House, who made her last days with us as peaceful, calm and comfortable as possible, as well as caring for the family who was by her side.

The staff went above and beyond our expectations and made it feel like home for the remaining days for Joni. Her family is very appreciative of the love and care she received.

In lieu of Flowers, the family suggests donations in Joni's name to the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation, 7412 University Ave. #2, Lubbock, Texas 79424, or Bailey County Relay for Life, c/o Rhonda Myers, PO Box 685, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Graveside services were held at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery on Wednesday, Oct. 12, under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Muleshoe. Everyone was encouraged to wear yellow, which was Joni's color of choice to signify her battle.

Efforts of former Presidents recalled

I guess I need to write a bit more regarding my opinion of former Pres. Jimmy Carter. I fully understand that he was not what most people would speak of as having been a good president.

Most people that I know, if they were called on for an opinion about him would say he is a good man, and his intentions were good, but he was not a good president.

And, as you probably know, I pointed out three mistakes he made that I think cost him the election when he was running for another term.

But I think he did do some good things too. And I think it only fair that I mention some of them.

One thing he did was to negotiate an agreement for a permanent plan for the ownership and operation of the Panama Canal.

I can't think right now of the proper way to speak of it. So I will just say it had to be done, and it has worked out well. Presidents Eisenhower, Nixon and Ford had planned to make the change that Carter made. But it was controversial at the time.

Another thing he did that I thought was very good was to work up and promote an agreement between the presidents of Israel and Egypt — the first time, so I have read, that official representatives of the two peoples had met in more than 3,000 years. I thought it was quite an accomplishment.

Their official meetings were held at Camp David and Carter met with them. In my best knowledge the official agreement is known as The Camp David Accord.

Another thing, not many years ago Pres. Carter received an award of some kind. I really don't know what it was for except it was for some service he had rendered of international nature. And he was given one million dollars along with it. And he gave half of the money to his wife.

Pres. Carter has consistently been known as a good-natured and honest person. Consequently he can get along with and promote peace among or within nations that were having trouble. As is some times said: Get them to talk "with" each other, rather

Births

Nyellie Montes

Vince and Josephnie Montes of Sudan announce the birth of their daughter, Nyellie Olivia Montes on Sept. 23, 2011, at 6:39 p.m., at Lamb Healthcare Center.

Nyellie weighs six pounds, nine ounces at birth, and was 19-1/4 inches in length.

Her siblings include Ambrosia Neison, Vince Christian and Yazmeene Montes

Her grandparents are Vince and Gloria Montes of Sudan, Robert Ayala of Lubbock and Angie Ayala of Levelland.

Something worth saying...

By Glen Williams

than to shoot "at" each other.

I heard one person say he thought Carter would have made a better preacher than a president. I'm not certain about that, for he is fully capable of doing most anything he feels is the best, and is the most meaningful in service to others. I am satisfied he has made those choices, and has spent his life at them.

But I believe I admired Eisenhower more than any president we have had during my lifetime. And that's not because he was the most attractive or had a dashing personality, for he didn't have either of those qualities. But he appeared to be mature and well-collected in judgement, was a man of faith — and was honest.

But the things he did, and the way he did them said a lot about his nature and character.

During his eight years in office there was one person, a member of his administration that got into trouble — and one only. His government was stable, and he worked with all types of people.

He was a Republican, but he and the Democrats got along quite well. In fact he and Lyndon Johnson, the majority leader of the Senate, would get together after hours and talk about the different proposals that

was before the Congress and then they would pass legislation that was agreeable with both sides.

One young farmer in the south part of Bailey County told me that some of them were talking about the situation the farmers were in due to the dry weather. This was about 1953-54 and Eisenhower hadn't been in office but a few months.

He said he decided to "go call the president and see about some help." And he said he had no idea that he would be able to reach him. But he did get him on the phone, and the President told him to meet with him on a certain day in Clovis, N.M., at the air base.

Well he said that on that

day it was cold and damp, but Pres. Eisenhower did meet with him. He said the President stepped down on the ground, and they had a lengthy conversation and the President told him he would see that they received some help.

Shortly thereafter Ezra Taft Bentsen, the Secretary of Agriculture, came to Lubbock and few of us met with him.

I don't know, but I have wondered if his coming to Lubbock was a follow up to the meeting with the young farmer that cold and wet day in Clovis, N.M.

HealthTip

Getting a sunburn is the chief cause of skin cancer.

If you are going to be out for over 15 minutes, putting on a cowboy or wide brimmed hat... and wearing sunscreen will help a lot.

Happy 60th Anniversary

Chester & Elinor Yerby

Chester and Elinor Yerby will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on October 12. They were married in Plainview, Tx on October 12, 1951.

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Proverbs 3:5, NIV



Sports

Varsity Mules destroy Slaton's Tigers... Continued from page 1

and extremely quick. It was a good win for us tonight. Now we have to get ready for Friona."

The Mules ended the Tigers first possession after only two plays as they jarred the ball loose and Adelaido Godinez scooped up the ball and advanced to the Tiger 29.

Issac Baca took the football wide to the right side, planted a foot and made the cut up field and gashed through the Tiger defense for 24 yards to the Slaton five.

the Slaton five. Neither team could gain enough traction to score and the Mules led 14-6 at the intermission.

Tony Molina gave the Mules their first break of the second half when he blocked a Tiger punt and gave the Mules the ball on Slaton's three-yard line. J. Baca blasted in from on the Hammer play to put the Mules up 20-6 with 6:52 left in the third period.

The Mule defense halted the ensuing Tiger drive and forced a punt

the Mule eight and J. Baca returned up the middle to the Mule 30. It was one-play-all-the-way for the Mules as Avila hit J. Baca with a swing pass. J. Baca ran a hole in the wind for a 70-yard TD. Guerrero ended all scoring with the PAT kick.

The Mule offense broke the 400-yard mark with 414 yards of offense. They rushed 28 times for 158 yards and passed for 256 more.

Junior Baca accounted for 205 of those yards with nine carries for 63 yards and caught seven passes for 142 more and one touchdown.

Beau Avila rushed 11 times for 35 yards and connected with 13 of 21 passes for 224 yards and four touchdowns. Issac Baca carried three times for 38 yards.

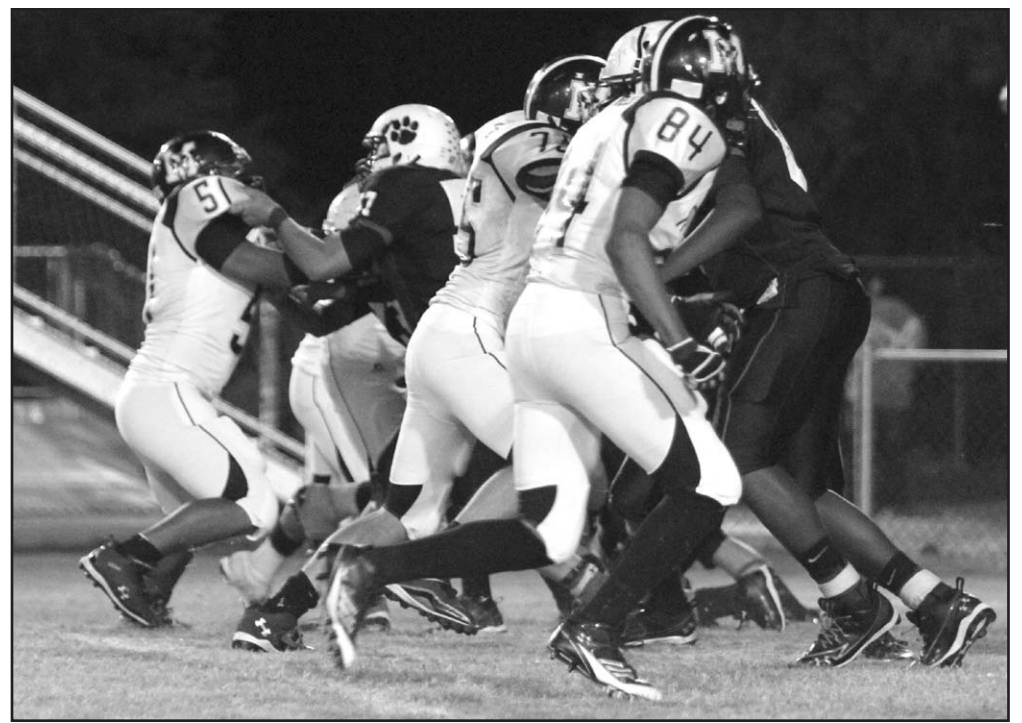
Caleb Wood rushed three times for 21 yards and was two-of-three through the air for 27 yards.

Saul Elizalde made two catches for 56 yards and two TDs, Adelaido Godinez caught four passes for 30 yards and Ryan DeLeon grabbed two passes for 25 yards.

The Mule defense held the Tigers to 219 yards with 29 coming on the ground and 190 through the air.

Ryan Johnson led the Mules with eight tackles, one for a loss, one sack, one quarterback hurry, caused a fumble and broke up a pass.

Juan Guerrero recorded seven tackles, two for losses, made one sack and made the quarterback hurry twice. Matthew Ambriz made eight tackles, two for losses, one sack, hurried the quarterback once, made



Muleshoe defense at work

The adage, "The best offense is a good defense," was in force Friday in Muleshoe's game against Slaton, with the Mule defense holding the Tigers to 12 points on the board. Pictured above, the Mules hit the Slaton line. Pictured below, Mule Ryan Johnson takes a line from the 1917 Dixieland jazz standard and "holds that tiger."

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Photograph by Stacy Conner

Mule Saul Elizalde goes in for a touchdown against the Slaton Tigers.

Beau Avila rewarded Godinez for the fumble recovery with a five-yard toss to the end zone for the Mules first touchdown of the night. Saul Elizalde tacked on the point after for a 7-0 Mule lead.

The Mules forced the Tigers to boot the ball away after just one first down. The punt rolled into the Mule end zone and the Mules started on their own 20.

It was Junior Baca's turn to gouge a hole in the Tiger defense and he juiced his was to mid field with a 29-yard run thru the left side of the Mule line.

Avila scrambled away from a pursuing Tiger and fired a strike down field to Elizalde on the Slaton sideline. He out ran the defense to the end zone to complete the 51-yard scoring strike with 5:59 left in the opening frame.

Elizalde booted the point after to increase the Mule lead to 14-0.

It only took the Tigers three plays to answer the Mules' second TD. Slaton returned the Mule kick off from the Tiger 28 to the mid field. Matthew Ambriz sacked Harrison Schafer for a nine-yard loss on first down.

Devon Cantrell blew up a screen pass for a two-yard loss.

The Mules seemed to be in charge when Schafer uncorked a pass as he was blasted. Kurtis Roberts out ran the Mules to the sky high toss, made the catch and scored on a 65-yard pass and run.

The Tigers faked the point after kick and Godinez made the stop to hold the Tigers to six points.

The two teams battled through the second period. One of the spectacular plays during that stretch was a 70-yard punt by Elizalde that rolled out of bounds on

that rolled dead at mid field. J. Baca raced 20 yards with a screen pass. The Mules pounded the ball down field to the 15.

Avila kept up the middle for a 15-yard TD jaunt. Elizalde made the score 27-6 with 2:38 left in the third quarter.

The Mules were back in the Tiger end zone as time ran out in the third period. It was three and out for Slaton and the Mule started their fifth scoring drive on the Mule 48. Avila scrambled for 17 yards on second down.

A screen pass to J. Baca was good for 14 more and Avila broke through the middle for 21 yards to the Slaton 6.

Avila hit Elizalde for his second TD of the night with a six-yard toss. Juan Guerrero added the point after to give the Mules a 34-6 lead at the end of three quarters.

The Tigers second TD come on a 30-yard pass from Schafer to Matthew Fennimore with 8:11 left in the game to cut the Mule lead to 34-12.

The Tigers kicked off to



a big hit and made two special team tackles.

Saul Elizalde had six tackles, caused a fumble, made an interception, broke up a pass and recorded two big hits. Devon Cantrell made five tackles, two for losses, one sack, and made a big hit.

Adelaido Godinez had

five tackles, one for a loss, recovered a fumble, broke up two passes and made a special team tackle.

The Mules travel to Friona to take on the

always tough Chieftains. Friona held on for a 25-23 upset of Bushland last week and will be on top of their game for the Mules.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Muleshoe ISD will hold a School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas public hearing on October 24, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., at the MISD Administration Office, 514 West Avenue G, Muleshoe, TX, for the purpose of presenting an overview of the District's 09-10 Superior Achievement rating on School FIRST followed by a time for public comment on the report.

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Sports

JV Mules walk over paper Tigers

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mules led 13-0 over the Slaton Tigers Thursday, Oct. 6, in Benny Douglas Stadium and had not been on offense. The Mules finally got to run some offense and rolled over the Tigers 50-0.

Austin Ross returned the opening kickoff 82 yards for the Mules first touchdown.

Only 14 seconds had ticked off the clock before the Mules had scored. The Mules led 6-0 with 9:46 left in the first quarter.

Following the kick off and on third down and 12 needed by the Tigers, David Diaz ripped the ball loose from the Tiger running back.

Trevor McCall grabbed the ball on a fortuitous bounce and flew to the Tiger end zone for the Mules' second TD.

Nacho Elizalde tacked on the point after into the teeth of a stiff south wind for a 13-0 lead.

Ross kicked off to the Tiger 32 and Xavier Reyes made the stop at the Slaton 39.

The Tiger offense had the ball for 10 seconds before the ball hit the ground again and Isaque Olivarez covered it for the Mules. Ross hit Matthew Barron with a wide receiver screen on the left side and Barron scooted 14 yards to the Slaton 28.

Joel Regalado shot up the middle for 17 yards to the 11. Chris Cage took the ball wide to the right side and Chris Lozano delivered a block to set him free for an 11-yard TD run.

Elizalde added the point after for a 20-0 Mule lead with 5:24 left in the first period.

Ross squib kicked the ball inside the Slaton 10 and Barron made the stop on the Tiger 11. The tiger quarterback was gang tackled and stripped of the ball and the Mules recovered on the Slaton 13.

Ross kept the ball on a sweep wide around the left side for a 13-yard TD run. Elizalde's kick was good and the Mules led 27-0 with 4:57 left in the opening quarter.

The Mules recovered another Tiger fumble on the Slaton 13. It took the Mules three plays to score on a screen pass from Ross to Lozano.

Lozano hopped through the defense for a touchdown with 1:34 left in the first quarter with the Mules leading 33-0.

The Mules slowed down some in the second period and Reyes took over the helm for the Mules. Reyes capped an eight play, 77-yard scoring drive with a three yard keeper through the line.

Elizalde gave the Mules a 40-0 lead at the intermission.

It was three and out for the Tigers after the opening kick of the second half. The punt was high and short and

the Mules allowed the ball to roll dead on the Slaton 28.

Ross delivered the ball to Cage on a bubble screen. Cage zipped through the defense for the first touchdown of the second half. Elizalde increased the Mule lead to 47-0 with 5:40 left in the second period.

Christian Campos delivered a slobber knocker lick to the Tiger running back on Slaton's first offensive play after the kickoff.

The ball hit the turf and Matthew Mendoza scooped it up and went to the Slaton 29.

The Mules begin to use linemen in the back field as running backs as the clock ran continuously.

The Mules chose to allow Elizalde to kick a 18-yard into the wind rather than run an offensive play on first down and goal to go from the Tiger one-yard line.

Elizalde split the uprights to give the Mules a 50-0 win.

The Mules will host the Friona Chieftains Thursday night, Oct. 13, in Benny Douglas Stadium.

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FOOTBALL CONTEST 2011

By Rhea Gonzales

We had a very good week in the Muleshoe Journal Football Contest. A lot of you were ready for the picks I selected. The gimme game that was played on September 30 between Clyde vs. Merkel didn't get by the majority of you, I'm very impressed. This weeks game picks should be interesting, I encourage everyone to do some research on the teams I have selected.

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.

We had 12 contest participants who chose 7 out of 7 games correctly go to the tiebreaker score to decide who would be the weeks winner. Tie breaker totals: Gabriel Toscano 49, Fernando Toscano 62, Gerald Bond 42, Linda Lutz 62, Darin Bratcher 69, Randy Waggoner 59, Ruben Mata 71, Rene Valle 69, Claire Brown 55, Anna Lopez 47, Scott Brown 51 and Conner Harrison 57. The tie breaker game was Muleshoe 41 vs. Slaton 12- Total score 53.

Muleshoe football games begin with a coin toss but the Muleshoe Journal football contest ended with a coin toss between Scott Brown and Claire Brown. They were both 2 points off in the contest, so a coin toss was used to determine the winner. Congrats Claire, you won the toss!

We will post the top players current totals for the contest. Check in to see if you are on this week's list: Butch Green 41, Fernando Toscano 41, Rene Valle 39, Terry Field 38, Debbie Weir 38, Anna

Lopez 38, Linda Lutz 37, Darin Bratcher 36, Claire Brown 36, Scott Brown 35 and Gabriel Toscano 34. Your score for the week will be the amount of games you guessed correctly.

If you have any questions about your current standings in the contest, you can give us a call here at the Muleshoe Journal 806-272-4536 and we would be happy to give you your updated totals.

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 many ways to enter the football contest. You can come by the office and drop off your entry (201 W. ave.

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You can send a fax to 806-272-3567 or you can mail your entry to the Muleshoe Journal, PO Box 449, Muleshoe, TX 79347

(Entries must be postmarked by Friday) or if we are not here, you can put it in the black contest entry box on the front of the building. Just make sure it is here by noon on Friday.

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The Sudan Buzz

Sudan Hornets outfly the Nazareth Swifts, 48-0

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Hornets started district play as they traveled to Nazareth to play the Swifts at Swift Stadium on Friday, Oct. 7.

Sudan came in to the night's game first in the district, so the pressure was on the Hornets to come out of the night with a win.

Sudan and Nazareth were both three and out on their first possessions. On Sudan's second possession of the first quarter, Hornet Osmar Diaz passed to Dayton Fisher for a 25-yard touchdown with 5:48 left on the clock.

The PAT kick by Cesar Medrano was good. Sudan was up 7-0 and ended the first quarter with a strong defensive stand.

During the second quarter, the Hornets put

up 21 unanswered points. With 9:58 on the clock, Diaz carried the ball on a 12-yard touchdown run. Medrano kicked the PAT to give the Hornets the lead at 14-0.

On the Hornets' second possession of the quarter, Diaz once again ran it in for a Hornet touchdown.

The drive lasted for only 2:08, and they drove the ball 52 yards for the Diaz touchdown.

The PAT was good, and the PAT was once again good by Medrano. The Hornets were ahead 21-0 with 5:55 left in the half.

Sudan wanted one more score before halftime. Diaz connected with Richard Montez for a 72-yard touchdown with only 41 seconds left in the half.

The PAT kick was good by Medrano, and the Hornets led going in

to the locker room with a score of 28-0.

Sudan coaches fired up the players to come out strong for the second half. And they did. After a kickoff by Swift Daniel Kern, Bill Nolte ran back an 85-yard return for a touchdown.

The PAT was no good by Medrano, and the Hornets were up 34-0 with only 18 seconds off the clock.

Sudan would score again in the third quarter when Montez carried the ball over the goal line on a one-yard run. The score ended a seven-play 70-yard drive that took five minutes off the clock.

The PAT was good by Medrano giving the Hornets a huge lead at 41-0.

The final score by the Hornets happened with 2:49 left on the third quarter when Nolte would carry the ball in

to the end zone on a nine-yard run.

The PAT kick was good by Medrano giving the Hornets a 48-0 lead going in to the fourth quarter.

Coach Martin used the fourth quarter to give some of the younger players a chance to play in a district game.

No points happened on offense, but the young defense did stop the Swifts from scoring.

The whole game was dominated by the Hornet defense.

"The varsity game was a defensive exhibition with the Hornets giving up only 36 total yards," Coach Gordon Martin said.

The Swifts tried 39 plays and had a total offense of 36 yards. The Hornets ran 45 plays for 208 yards of total offense.

The Swifts had a total time of possession of

24:55 while the Hornets had 23:05.

Leading the Hornets in stats were Osmar Diaz with four out of seven completions for 136 yards and no interceptions. Diaz also had two touchdowns on the night.

Montez and Nolte were neck and neck in statistics. Montez ran 14 times for 84 yards, and Nolte ran 11 times for 80 yards.

Montez also had one reception for 72 yards.

Both Nolte and Montez each had two touchdowns on the night.

On defense, Montez led all tackles with five assisted and five unassisted tackles.

Other notable players were Elijah Ramon with five unassisted and two assisted tackles, and Ryan Fred with three assisted and three unassisted.

The Hornets will play Farwell in a huge district game. The game will be a home game, and it will start at 7:30 p.m.

SISD speech team does well in Muleshoe competition

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Hornet Speech Team competed at the Muleshoe Speech Tournament recently, with several members of the team doing well in their categories.

Doug Ames and Joaquin Azua placed first in CX debate.

This win makes them qualified for the State TFA Tournament later on in the year.

Jacob Drennan and Ryan Fred placed first in Duet Acting. Both of these actors were also members of the Sudan One Act Play squad.

Others that placed at the event were Alex

Hernandez and Andrew Ames, who placed third in CX Debate; Deric McCurry, who placed ninth in LD Debate; Charlotte Schafmeyer and LaShea Weaver, who were semifinalists in Duet Acting; and Hailee Gonzales and Adriana Porras, who were semifinalists in Prose.

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July revised production, at 15.4 billion pounds, was up 0.5 percent from July 2010.

Production per cow during August averaged 1,810 pounds, 18 pounds above a year ago.

The number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.47 million head, 102,000 head more than last year and 3,000 head more than July 2011.

Sudan FCCLA partners with SE students

As a community service project with Springlake-Earth FCCLA, Sudan FCCLA will be collecting used cell phones until Oct. 21.

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Sports

Cross country teams compete in Sundown, SPC meets

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Muleshoe Mules and Lady Mules Varsity and JV Cross Country teams competed at the Oil Patch Invitational Cross Country Meet Saturday, Oct. 1, in Sundown and then this past Saturday, Oct. 8, competed at the South Plains College Invitational in Levelland.

In Sundown, the Varsity girls placed seventh. Freshman, Celeste Flores, was the top finisher by running a time of 14 minutes and 56 seconds on the 2.2 mile course and finished 16th.

Other finishers were Miranda Garza (31st), Kaylie Morris (56th), Marissa Martinez (62nd),

and Katelyn Gable (100th).

The JV girls competed but did not have enough runners for a team.

JV girls running were Adriana Loya (22nd), Hadlea Geissler (65th), Esmeralda Flores (67th), and Yanette Orozco (75th).

The Varsity boys placed eighth. Junior, Luis Ruvalcaba, was the top finisher and ran the 3.3 mile course in 22:22 and placed 30th.

Other finishers were Noah Del Toro (34th), Louis Guzman (48th), Roman Chavez (49th), Nacho Elizalde (51st), and Roman Franco (53rd).

The JV boys took second place in the meet. Christian Paez medaled in seventh place with a

time of 21:29.

Other finishers were: Wesley Clarkson (18th), Felipe Espinoza (22nd), Lupe Campos (28th), and Grey Johnson (35th).

In Levelland the Varsity girls placed fourth. Sophomore, Miranda Garza, was the top finisher and ran 13:09 on the two mile course and finished in seventh place, while Celeste Flores also medaled in ninth place.

Other finishers were: Adrienne Precure (26th), Ruby Andrade (27th), and Adriana Loya (42nd).

The JV Lady Mules placed second. Kalie Lovell and Shanice Rosas, both medaled finishing in seventh and 10th place, respectively.

Other finishers were Hadlea Geissler (14th), Yanette Orozco (15th), and Esmeralda Flores (16th).

The Mules took fourth

place. Junior, Luis Ruvalcaba, was the top finisher, running the three mile course in 18:57 and placed 12th.

Other finishers were Matthew Barron (23rd), Eli Leal (28th), Noah Del Toro (29th), and Nacho Elizalde (39th).

The JV boys competed but didn't have enough runners for a team.

JV boys running were Roman Chavez (19th), Felipe Espinoza (21st),

Grey Johnson (23rd), and Lupe Campos (25th).

The next cross country meet for the Mules and Lady Mules will be the District 2-2A Cross Country Meet at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock, on Monday, Oct. 24.

The JV boys and girls races will begin at 2 p.m. The varsity girls will run at 2:30 p.m., and the varsity boys will run at 3 p.m.

Friena pre-game meal offered

The Friena Noon Lions Club will have its annual football game tailgate fundraiser Friday night, Oct. 14, at the Muleshoe-Friena game.

Hamburgers and French fries will be available for \$6 at the football field by the concession stand. The Friena Chief's Booster Club will be selling drinks separately.

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Muleshoe Country Club Ladies Association

A total of 17 members of the Muleshoe Country Club's Ladies Association met Wednesday, Sept. 21.

Following the meal, Lavern Winn, MCCLA president, opened the meeting. Deborah Noble read the minutes, followed by Pat Kirk giving the treasurers report.

Winn announced the September birthdays of Analita Haley, Jeanetta Precure and Sandi Chitwood. Pat Kirk announced the candidates for next year's officers, and they were approved and

voted on. Officers for next year are: President — Linda Erdmann; vice president — Deborah Noble; secretary-reporter — Tammy Black; and treasurer — Judy Wilbanks. Haley finished out new business with a country club report.

Reporting for High Plains, Treena Matthews announced that Muleshoe has seven players who qualify for the end of year tournament. Kirk, Black and Erdmann participated in the Hereford play day. Black won one point for low putts in the second flight, and Erdmann earned one

point for low gross in the third flight. The final High Plains play day for the year will be held Oct. 12 at Clovis Chaparral.

Jeri Flowers then gave the play day results for Wednesday card play. Aug. 17 — High score second game, Pat Kirk; Aug. 24 — best score second game, Helen Templeton; Aug. 31 — first high score, Flowers; Sept. 14 — high score first game, Jenny Bamert and Flowers.

Flower then gave the winning golf results for Wednesday play days.

They were: Aug. 30 — first on green #18, Erdmann; Aug. 24 — closest to the pin on #3, Haley and Noble; Sept. 7 — scramble, team of Black, Matthews, Templeton and Elinor Yerby; Sept. 14 — handicap play, Templeton.

Lynn Campbell conducted the monthly drawing which was won by Yerby. The meeting was adjourned by Winn. Three teams of four ladies played in the scramble with the team of Black, Erdmann, Flowers and Kirk winning.



Scramble winners — Pat Kirk, Tammy Black, Linda Erdmann and Jeri Flowers.

Super news from MISD
By Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets

Art students' work displayed

Two Muleshoe High School Art students recently had their artworks selected to be a part of the Texas Association of School Boards/Texas Association of School Administrators (TASB/TASA) Art Exhibition this past week in Austin.

The exhibition was during the annual TASB/TASA Convention of the school board members and school administrators from school districts all across Texas.

The two Muleshoe High School students were Alyssa Leal and

Stephanie Vasquez. They are students in Sandra Chitwood's High School Art class.

The art exhibit showcased Pre-K through 12th grade works of art from across the state of Texas. Thirty school districts were represented at the Texas Association of School Board and School Administrator Conference. The exhibition was on display for conference attendees from Sept. 30 to Oct. 2.

The artworks in the TASB/TASA Convention Exhibit were displayed in

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Cow, calf clinic set for Oct. 19

Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Bailey County will conduct a Cow/Calf Clinic beginning at 9: a.m. on Oct. 19, at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Winter feeding of cows will be the main topic of discussion. The current drought has forced many producers into a feeding program earlier than

normal.

The clinic will cover various feeding programs that will help producers get through the winter.

Ted McCollum, extension beef specialist, will conduct the meeting.

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- Get out of the house quickly if there is a fire.
- Call the fire department from a neighbor's house.
- If your clothes catch on fire remember to **STOP, DROP AND ROLL!**

Read our fire safety and prevention words scattered about this puzzle. Notice the letters already placed in the puzzle. Use them to help you fit the fire words into the puzzle.

fire truck, escape plan, firehouse, F, safety, smoke, firefighter, hose, I, R, N, O, M, L, S, ladder, smoke alarms, stairs, S, sprinklers, fire hydrant, E, K

Cut out the list and talk with your family about each idea.

Family Fire Safety Checklist

- Cook in the **kitchen** only when an adult is helping you.
- Don't touch matches, lighters or candles. They are for **adult use only**.
- Do you have **smoke detectors** on every level of your home? Test them monthly. Change the batteries at least once a year.
- Do you know **two** or more ways out of the house?
- Never use elevators (**stairs** are much safer) if there is a fire.
- Smoke rises. If there is a fire, stay low: **crawl** under the smoke.
- Have you picked a place to **meet** the rest of your family once you are all out of the house?
- Once you are out of the house, **stay out** of the house.



Millions of people go hiking and camping each year? How great is that!? Hikers and campers can help keep wildfires from starting by making sure that they put out any campfires they make!



Banquet tickets are still available

Tickets for the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's annual banquet are still available.

The chamber will be holding its banquet on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 6:30 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum.

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.

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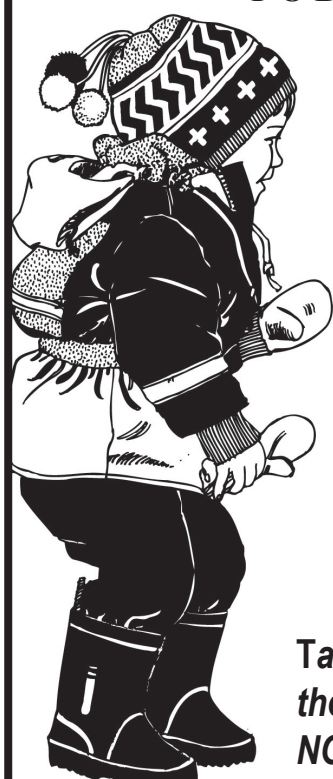
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Amendment election set for next month... Continued from page 1

amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

• **Proposition No. 4 (HJR 63)** which would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county, and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes.

The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area.

The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."

• **Proposition No. 5 (SJR 26)** which would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties

without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal contract.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

• **Proposition No. 6 (HJR 109)** which would amend the constitution to increase the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution.

Increased access to the principal of the state public education trust fund would be based upon HJR 109 granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund.

HJR 109 would also provide authority to distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the

permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

• **Proposition No. 7 (SJR 28)** which would amend the constitution by adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

• **Proposition No. 8 (SJR 16)** which would amend the constitution by requiring the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

• **Proposition No. 9 (SJR 9)** which would amend the constitution to authorize the governor, on the written

recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of punishment to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing

the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

• **Proposition No. 10 (SJR 37)** which would amend the constitution by extending the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders if they announce candidacy or become

candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office.



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Continued from page 9 and also to promote the importance of student art within the community.

I attended the TASB/TASA Convention last week, and I was very proud to see the outstanding artwork of students from Muleshoe High School displayed at such a prestigious event.

The art exhibit is part of the celebration of Youth Art Month for the Texas Art Educators Association (TAEA), according to Alisa Meli, TAEA vice president.

Mrs. Meli said that TAEA is proud to be able to provide avenues for children within the state of Texas for exhibition

and also to promote the importance of student art within the community.

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The level of student achievement evidenced in this exhibition was outstanding. Congratulations to Alyssa and Stephanie for the honor of being selected to display your artwork at the TAEA exhibit.



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