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## 'Bus stuffing' has amazing result

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Someone once said that in any work for God, "you have to leave God room." In other words, you have to leave enough room for God to perform a miracle.

This idea, if not these words, were expressed to Donna Jay of the

Bailey County Food Pantry, who began the idea of the recent "Stuff the Bus" program with plans to utilize one of the Muleshoe Independent School District's small buses.

Then, someone suggested she "think big," and ask for one of the larger yellow route

buses.

But, when she approached Assistant Superintendent Carl Krug with the food pantry's need and request, she said his response was "We'll use the activity bus," the district's largest bus.

"The activity bus!" Jay said she thought, "How

could we possibly fill that thing?"

And in other areas of West Texas and the Texas Panhandle that might have been a valid concern, but she apparently forgot she was dealing with Muleshoe area residents.

After kicking off a

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One of Muleshoe's youth receives food Saturday.

## 'Cellphone prohibition' approved by council

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The City of Muleshoe has followed suit with many other communities by banning the use of wireless devices, such as cellphones, and texting while driving in school zones during Monday's regular council meeting.

According to City Manager David Brunson, prior to drawing up the new ordinance for the council's consideration a review was of the existing ordinance and it was learned that in spite of the "all times" speed limit signs that had been posted, in many areas the ordinance designated the speed limits were for specific times.

The ordinance passed Monday corrects this error, fixing the 20 mile per hour speed 24 hours a day, every day.

Regarding to use of cellphones, whether for verbal communication or "texting," in the school zones, it will prohibit such use by the drivers of the vehicle if the vehicle isn't stopped

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### Coronation held

Muleshoe High School student Jennifer Vasquez, the daughter of Isauro and Maria Vasquez was crowned as the 2010 Football Homecoming Queen by former queen Breann Baca during ceremonies held prior to Friday's game against Slaton. Additional court photograph on page 12

Photograph by Stacy Conner.

## County court tables action on wellness program

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners Court tabled action on Covenant Health System's "Wellness Program," allowing the commissioners to talk to their employees and gather additional information.

"I'm not talking about a fly-by-night program," Lamar Hayes of CHS said about the hospital system's preventative health program he said had been in operation for 11 years.

"Our health is a train wreck," Hayes said. "We've lived off the fatted calf for too long."

Hayes said the best way to manage the cost of health care is to improve the health of the county's employees through such a program as Covenant is offering.

And, when asked by Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver if Hayes could guarantee the addition of the program to the county's employee benefits would reduce the county's insurance costs, Hayes said he believed he could, adding that actions taken by the employees to improve their

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## Sales Tax Results

City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$35,473.21	39,312.82	-9.76%
Dimmitt	\$26,848.00	26,267.84	2.20%
Morton	\$ 8,599.14	8,379.99	2.61%
Littlefield	\$60,038.86	62,155.68	-3.40%
Olton	\$ 7,893.21	8,453.40	-6.62%
Sudan	\$ 3,400.06	3,487.44	-2.50%
Earth	\$ 6,313.88	3,939.02	60.29%
Farwell	\$ 7,452.95	6,339.08	18.99%
Bovina	\$ 6,588.13	5,747.15	14.63%
Friona	\$26,473.60	23,596.66	12.19%

## Top allocations go to cities with lowest percentage

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

As can happen when percentages of sales tax increase, rather than actual tax dollars allocated, are the case, the three area communities to receive the largest checks from the State of Texas brought up the tail according to figures received from the Texas State Comptroller's

office.

Dimmitt, with a 2.2 percent increase, and Littlefield, with a 3.40 percent decrease, outdistanced Muleshoe in the monthly race for sales tax, leaving the Bailey County seat at the bottom of the pile with a 9.76 percent drop in sales tax dollars compared to the same period in 2009.

At the other end of the scale, Earth took the top prize with a 60.29 percent increase, representing a \$2,374.85 climb in sales tax dollars.

Earth was followed by Farwell, which received \$1,203.87 more than in October 2009.

In the year-to-date totals, Littlefield remains on top with a .52 percent increase over last year,

and a total accumulation of \$645,705.09, while Muleshoe's total distribution rests at \$448,410.91, a drop of 3.98 percent.

Sudan's numbers, with a 10.69 percentage of increase, tops the list for the year-to-date totals, while Olton fell to the bottom, receiving \$99,548.13 from the

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## School district marks day with ribbon cutting

Friday was a special day in the Muleshoe Independent School District as public officials, students and friends of the school district gathered to celebrate the end of the district's multi-million dollar expansion program with speeches, tours of "Muleville" and a ribbon cutting at DeShazo Elementary. Pictured on the left, DeShazo students, Mary Nell Weems of El Paso — the daughter of former elementary principal Mary DeShazo, and Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets cut the ribbon at the new entrance to the elementary. Pictured below, the Muleville population sign.



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### Noah's Ark Fling

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

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

### Senior class fund raiser

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

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

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

### MHS fall blood drive

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

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

### Senior class pre-game dinner

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

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

### Harvest Fest 2010

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

### Crimestoppers phone number

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



Photograph by Stacy Conner

## Some music selections are puzzling

This is West Texas, and in West Texas cotton may still be the agricultural king, but the king of sporting events is football.

That's not to say the round ball sports — whether golf, tennis, baseball, softball and basketball, don't have their following and fans, but when it comes to Saturday morning quarterbacking or sports discussions over a cup of coffee, the greatest enthusiasm still falls to the gridiron game.

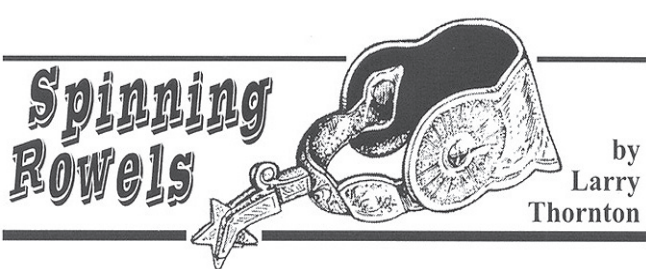
However, I've noticed some things are a little out of whack at recent games. I'm not complaining... I just don't understand some of the thinking on the far side of the Benny Douglass Stadium.

And, to be perfectly honest, the issue I'm talking about isn't directly related to the events on the field. In other words, it doesn't have anything to do with the decisions of the opposing coaches, the members of their football team, their trainers or cheerleaders or even the fans.

That's right. If you've counted the list of folks on the visiting side, about all that remains are the people on the south end of the visitor's stand... which is usually reserved for the opposing school's band.

Before I continue, I'm not complaining about their musical abilities, or questioning their skills. And, before one of the band students' parents or grandparents start warming up a pen, pencil or word processor, let me add that I have the utmost respect for the bands on both sides of the football field — especially for the football players who drop off their pads and helmets to pick up an instrument to play during half time instead of grabbing a bench to catch their breath.

What I don't understand are some of the musical selections



by Larry Thornton

chosen to inspire the visiting team at some fateful moment when Muleshoe's Mules are making another drive to the goal line.

Case in point... At critical game moments, the musical number performed by the band that followed the Roosevelt Eagles to Muleshoe is best known as the "War Chant," the fight song of the Florida State University Seminoles.

While some Native

American groups disapprove of this musical piece, anyone fond of FSU, the Atlanta Braves and several hollywood westerns of the 1960s are quick to picture North American Indians bedecked in eagle feather war bonnets.

That's right... head gear decorated with feathers "plucked" from eagles. Shouldn't it be the Mighty "M" Band playing a song associated with plucking the Eagles? Whose side is the

Roosevelt band on?

A similar incident occurred during Friday's game against the Slaton Tigers, when that school's band began playing the Claude King tune, "Hold that Tiger."

I won't go through the lyrics, but trust me to say they're a great encouragement for the Mules' defense.

It would be like the Friona Chieftains playing "Gary Owens." Wait a minute, the Indians defeated Custers' Seventh Calvary at the Little Big Horn, I guess they won the right to play that one.

I'm so glad the Mighty "M" Band hasn't been practicing the Muleskinner Blues.

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### Trapped Tiger...

Pictured on the left, the Mule defense takes the suggestion of the Slaton band's to heart, and successfully "hold that Tiger."

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# Bailey County Food Pantry effort supported by Muleshoe residents

**Continued from page 1** While the final total campaign that included posters around Muleshoe, collection contests at MISD campuses and local churches, and a front-page photograph in the *Muleshoe Journal*, expressing the food pantry's great need, area residents and began to give... and give.

While the final total hasn't been determined, Jay said Monday that more than 30,000 pounds of food have been collected — an amount that has apparently surprised food pantry officials in Lubbock even more than Jay. "I'm not astonished, I'm flabbergasted," Jay said.

"The generosity of the people in Muleshoe is overwhelming," she said. "The people of Muleshoe are very caring and very giving." "We didn't get one bus of food... we got two," she added. Saturday's efforts to stuff the bus included volunteers from across

the community, as well. Bailey County 4-H members, and other students, school faculty and even the school district's coaches and varsity Mules football team joined in the effort, loading the bus, and then unloading the bus, almost completely filling the

food pantry building. Now, Jay has learned there might be a little more work to do. One of the food pantry officials from Lubbock has hinted that Jay may be called upon to speak to the public assistance organizations from other communities because of

Muleshoe's success. That she can do. Jay can tell them about the work that went into the food drive, and even give them the numbers from the final tally. The hard part will be accurately describing the size the Muleshoe people's heart.

## Council approves school zone ordinance

**Continued from page 1** or is being operated "hands-free."

While the portions of the ordinance dealing with the speed limit went into effect immediately, that portion dealing with the use of wireless devices by the vehicle's driver won't be in effect until the signs prohibiting their use are in place.

The "cellphone prohibition" will be in effect during both regular school hours and during scheduled activities at the school campuses.

Brunson said the city would be installing 21 new traffic signs around the school campuses.

In other business, the city council:

- Welcomed the members if the city's new student advisory council — Carly Krug, Bayless Bessire, Haley Orozco, Marissa Hernandez, Sabrina Chavez, Garrison Myers, Devnie Orozco, Stephanie Infante and Sarah Whitworth.

"We're excited about your being part of city

government," Mayor Cliff Black said.

- Approved resolutions regarding the city's Affirmative Action Plan, and a related grievance plan, both of which were required for the city's participation in the state's community development block grant program. A resolution setting the mayor, mayor pro-tem, city manager and city secretary as the authorized signatories for the CDBG program was also approved.

- Received the city's monthly financial statement, ending Sept. 30.

- Received administrative reports that noted the "standstill" with state officials concerning the permit for the city's upgraded wastewater treatment

The city manager said overcoming the impasse — which was over the language contained in the permit dealing with the loss of the water from the plant's holding

tank and would have required additional testing procedures that would have cost the city more than \$100,000 — was brought about by assistance from the office of State Senator Kel Seliger.

An additional report noted that 36 units had been collected during the Oct. 6 blood drive at city hall.



### Youth Advisory Council...

Pictured above, from left to right — Sabrina Chavez, Stephanie Infante, Baylee Bessire, Carly Krug and Sarah Whitworth. Standing — Mayor Pro Tem Irene Mason, Haley Orozco, Devnie Orozco, Garrison Myers, Marissa Hernandez and Mayor Cliff Black.

### Beef cow, calf clinic set

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Bailey County will conduct a beef cow, calf clinic on Wednesday Oct. 20, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe.

The meeting will focus on winter feeding and supplementation of the beef cow herd.

Dr. Ted McCollum, beef cattle specialist with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service at Amarillo will present the information.

For more information contact Curtis Preston at 806-272-4583.

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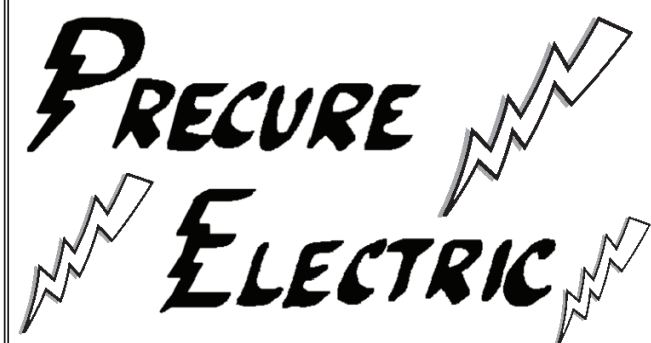
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Thursday, November 4, 2010 - Sale Time: 9:30 a.m.  
**Wayne Smith - Owner**  
Located: Dalhart, Texas - Selling: Farm & Shop Equipment

Saturday, November 6, 2010 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.  
**Gary McQuigg & Buster Miller - Owners**  
Located: Milo Center, Texas - Selling: 60 Antique Tractors  
For Info: Call Gary (806) 578-4368

Wednesday, November 10, 2010 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.  
**Mack Seymour Estate & Neighbors - Owners**  
Located: Turkey, Texas - Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment

Saturday, November 13, 2010 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.  
**Prater Enterprises - Owners**  
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For Info Phone Mr. Prater: (806) 217-0079

Saturday, November 20, 2010 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.  
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# Obituaries

## Joe Bob Stevenson

Joe Bob Stevenson, 66, of Muleshoe rode off into the sunset on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010. Memorial services were held at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Monty Leavell, pastor, officiating.



Joe Bob was born to Elton and Vivian Harris Stevenson in Amherst, on May 1, 1944. He lived for a brief time in Baghdad, Iraq, when his father worked there for Phillips Petroleum.

He graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1962 and attended West Texas State University until his father died in 1964.

Joe Bob was a Vietnam veteran serving with the United States Army. He was a bookkeeper for H.D. King at King Feedyard and later King Grain until 1997.

He also worked for Renner Feedyard, West-Tex Feedyard, Muleshoe Housing Authority, and CK Nickels.

He married Sheila Snyder in March of 1985.

Joe Bob was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe and served on the administrative council there.

He was a member and past president of the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation, member and past president of Muleshoe Country Club and the Senior Men's Golf Association.

Joe Bob is survived by his mother — Vivian White of Stratford; his wife — Sheila; two daughters — Katie Akens of Amarillo and Tessa Kirkland and her husband Lee of Roscoe; two grandchildren — Megan and Kevin; sisters — Annette Gaillard and husband Bud of Texoma, Okla., and Rhonda Walls and husband Greg of Texoma, Okla.; a step-sister — Jeri Nell Flowers; his aunt — Babe Walker of Las Vegas, Nev.; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his infant son — Steve; his father — Elton; and step-father — TR White.

Joe Bob enjoyed playing golf. He was a lover of horses, dogs, little children and his wife.

He was the quintessential cowboy who loved the cowboy way of life and always looked forward to the Lubbock Cowboy Symposium.

The family suggests donations be made to the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation or the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe.



## Adrian honored for logo

Hellen Adrian was surprised with a recognition ceremony at half-time during the Muleshoe Homecoming football game Friday night as the creator of the mule logo that has served as the symbol of Mule pride for the past 23 years.

It all started with a casual comment to Mike Richardson when they were both teachers at Watson Junior High.

Adrian commented that she wasn't particularly crazy about the two commonly used mule logos around at the time, to which Richardson suggested she do something about that... "being an art teacher and all."

So that was on her mind as she accompanied the varsity cheerleaders to cheerleading camp at Eastern New Mexico in the summer of 1987, and they passed a mural depicting a Portales High School ram busting through a brick wall.

The girls were taken with the concept and they asked Adrian if she

could come up with a mule busting through the bricks instead of the ram. Three days later she presented the girls with a mule breaking through a brick wall, and "Mule Mania Bustin' Loose" was born.

The girls gained permission from Irvin St. Clair to paint the new logo on the American Boulevard side of the St. Clair building with the understanding that the next owner would have the right to paint over it.

Adrian then presented Krystal Angeley Bennett, Lisa Noble Gunstream, Lisa Triana, Amber Green, Amy Harrison Lackey, Selina Gonzales Graves, Monica Pacheco Gonzales, Debbie Brown Schulze, and Wendy Green Patton with a paint-by-numbers diagram she had devised, which they followed in painting the mule and the bricks on the wall of the building.

Mule Mania busted loose on the building for several years and the mule became the logo of choice for all things Muleshoe.

## Bridal Shower

### Arlington feted with shower

A bridal shower was held for Jessica Arlington, the prospective bride of Tanner Bales, on Saturday, Oct. 2, in the home of Starla Ellis.

The hostess gift was a gas grill with a grill accessory tool kit.

Special guests included Kim Chance, Lori Bales, Jan Glover, Mary Richards, Anna Bales, Kaitlyn Arlington, Nichole McCord, Bailey Bales, Kathi Richards and Jeanna MacLean.

Guests were served sausage balls, miniature cinnamon rolls, and grape salad with orange juice and coffee.

Hostesses included Pam Atwood, Sue Bessire, Kim Birkenfeld, Shelli Carpenter, Zanea Carpenter, Rhonda Eagle,



Jessica Arlington

Starla Ellis, Kathy Embry, LeAnn Gallman, Kelly Heinrich, Patti Kent, Linda Lutz, Terri Precure, Marilyn Riley, Jackie Scoggin, April Smith, Mechele Standard, Susan Sudduth, Lisa Whalin and Dawn Williams.

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## Artist honored...

At Friday's presentation, Muleshoe ISD Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets said Muleshoe is indebted to Hellen Adrian (center) for her creative efforts and generosity in sharing the logo with the community.

## The Agee Family

During a time of sorrow we learn how much our friends really mean to us. We would like to thank all of you that expressed your friendship to us during the loss of our loved one, Louise Agee.

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks, for all your thoughts and prayers, food, phonecalls and cards, during this sad time in our lives. We thank those who attended the funeral service and helped us celebrate her life. Your presence was of great comfort. We appreciate the various acts of kindness and love shown to us by our friends and neighbors. We treasure you.

Again, we humbly thank you for your thoughtfulness and sympathy. It was deeply appreciated.

Iou Ann Black  
Tim Black Family  
Becky Montoya Family

Sharon Agee  
Michelle Agee Family  
John David Agee Family

Rosemary Briggs  
Rhonda Churchwell Family  
Ron Briggs Family

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used on General Election Day, November 2, 2010, will be tested on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 West American Blvd., Muleshoe, TX.

Anyone wishing to observe the testing is welcome.

Paula Benton, Bailey County Clerk

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## AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en la Eleccion que se llevara a cabo el 2 de Noviembre de 2010 se probara el Miercoles, 13 de Octubre a las 1:30 p.m. en Coliseum Condado Bailey, 2206 West American Blvd., Muleshoe, Texas.

Bienvenidos al quien les guste observar.

Paula Benton, Secretaria del Condado de Bailey

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# Death Notices

## Barbara Jackson

Former Muleshoe resident Barbara Jackson, 43, of Clovis, N.M., died on Oct. 4, 2010, Lubbock. She was born on May 23, 1967, in Springlake. Funeral services were held on Oct. 9, at St. Luke Baptist Church of Clovis, N.M.

# Births

## Carter Osborne

Lori and Robbie Osborne of Richmond announce the birth of their son — Carter Vance Osborne, on Sept. 21, 2010, at 7:46 a.m.,

Carter weighed eight pounds, two ounces at birth, and was 19 inches long.

He has a sister and brother — Kaitlynn Marie and Caleb Wayne.

Carter's grandparents are Lloyd and Janice Bradshaw of Lazbuddie, and Robert and Caroline Osborne of East Bernard.



Carter Vance Osborne

## Chamber Employee of the Month announced

Misty Jefferson of the Bailey County Clerk's office was recently selected as the October Employee of the Month by the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture. Pictured below are Misty Jefferson, holding the certificate, and chamber officers Dave McNeil, Mark Anthony and Cory Collins.



## The Teddy Harrison Family

Would Like to express our deepest appreciation for all the many acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one. Words cannot begin to tell you how much we appreciate your thoughtfulness. We are so blessed to live in a caring community and have so many friends. May God bless each one of you.

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# Sports

## Slaton's hopes for a 'spoiler' crushed by the Mules

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The wounded 0-5 Slaton Tigers stalked into Benny Douglas Stadium with "spoiler" on their minds.

The Tigers goal was to spoil the Mules 2010 Homecoming and possibly knock the Mules out of having any hopes for post season play.

The Tigers were able to keep their hopes alive for the first 12 minutes of the game. The Mules seemed to be going though the throes of shedding their first regular season loss in 31 games.

"It was a good bounce-back night for us," said Mule coach David Wood. "It was good for moral and certainly put an exclamation mark at the end of our week of work."

"The kids really stayed focused and hopefully are ready for the second half of district. Everyone got involved and had fun tonight. These next two weeks will be very difficult for us. But tonight will sure help in our getting ready for Friona."

The Mules managed to shed the memory of the loss like a snake sheds his skin. They came alive in the second quarter and pasted 34 points on the board and never looked back after that. The Mules put 20 on the score board in the second half to tame the Tigers 54-7.

A week of homecoming activities can be a coach's nightmare. But the Mules were focus on the Tigers despite the celebrations swirling around them. Good practices were the norm and not just hoped for by the coaches.

Part of the shedding process was a fumble on the Mules second possession of the night at the Tiger 11. The Mule defense forced the Tigers to punt all three times they had the ball in the first period.

Junior Baca ended the first period with an eight-yard run behind a block by the Mule center, Royce Strader, which moved the Mules to the Slaton 40. Joey Ramirez caught

a Cooper Washington pass on a slant over the middle for a 14-yard gain.

The Mules lined up in the Hammer formation but Washington took the snap and bull dozed his way for seven yards to the Slaton 14. Washington took the deep snap from Strader and fired the ball wide to the right side to Ramirez.

He took the ball down the sideline before cutting back toward the goal post avoiding tacklers to reach the end zone. Saul Elizalde tacked on the point after to put the Mules in front 7-0 with 11:14 left in the second quarter.

The Mules forced the Tigers to punt and Rico Alarcon put pressure on the punter. The punter shanked the ball off the side of his foot and it went out of bounds for only a four yard punt to the Mule 49.

Washington started the drive with a keeper for nine yards. Isaac Baca broke two tackles for a 10-yard gain. Washington rolled to the right on an option play and threw a pass that Steven Durban had to go high in the air to bring down for an 18-yard pickup at the Slaton 20.

Washington found Eric Orozco open in the end zone for a 20-yard TD toss. Elizalde's kick

gave the Mules a 14-0 lead with 8:26 remaining in the half.

I. Baca set up the Mule's third TD by intercepting a Tiger pass at the Mule 50 and returned to the Slaton 23.

Juan Sanchez found a soft spot in the left side of the Tiger defense and gouged out 22 yards on two plays to push the Mules to the Tiger one. Washington blasted over from the one to push the Mules' lead to 20-0.

Slaton had the ball for two plays when Washington sniffed out a screen pass, he stopped his pass rush and moved out to help on the screen. The Tiger quarterback fired a bullet that Washington snatched out of the air and raced 29 yards for a defensive touchdown.

Elizalde added the point after and the Mules led 27-0 with 5:03 left in the half. The Mules had scored 13 points in just a minute and five seconds.

The Tigers drove from the Slaton 35 to the Mule 34 before running out of gas.

The Mules had a little over a minute and a half to move 66 yards for their final touchdown of the second quarter. Junior Baca took the handoff, started left, cut up field and broke a tackle for a 19-yard gain. A bubble



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Mule Steven Durbin stretches for the ball during Friday's game.

screen pass to Elizalde went for six yards.

I. Baca powered up the middle for six yards. A screen pass to Elizalde was good for 11 yards to the Slaton 25. Washington rolled left and found Orozco in the end zone for a 25-yard TD with four seconds left in the half.

It was the second time Washington and Orozco had hooked up in the second quarter. Elizalde's kick gave the Mules a 34-0 lead at the half.

The Mules second possession of third quarter started at the Mule 17. Washington hit Sanchez with a swing pass wide to the left side as he ran out of

the backfield. Sanchez cut back across the field behind down field blocking and raced 83 yards for a touchdown. Elizalde's kick gave the Mules a 41-0 lead.

It was three-and-out for the Tigers after the ensuing kickoff. Elizalde fielded the high punt and started across the field. Orozco came to meet him and took the handoff on the reverse. Orozco was dragged out of bounds at the Slaton 42.

It took the Mules six plays to score on a six-yard toss from Washington to Ray Martinez at the one. Martinez spun away from a defender and stepped into the end zone to give the Mules a 47-0 lead.

The Tigers reached the end zone with 9:14 left in the game on a six-yard pass from Dillon Chancellor to Jorge Hernandez. The Tigers trailed 47-7.

The Tiger celebration did not last long as I. Baca returned the ensuing kickoff 64 yards for a TD. I. Baca made the catch at the Mule 36 and broke two tackles while the Mules cleared a path for him to run through. Elizalde's kick was the final point of the game.

Beau Avila emptied the final six minutes from the clock with a drive from the Mule 39. Avila took a Victory knee at the Slaton 13 to start

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# FOOTBALL CONTEST 2010

By Terry Brewster

Homecoming means football, festivities and friendship, and all of those were realized during this year's homecoming week.

The bonfire, ribbon cutting, pep rally and the crowning of the homecoming queen were part of festivities. The Muleshoe Mules provided a winning homecoming football game. Friends past and present gathered to be part of this year's homecoming.

After a great Friday night of football, the Muleshoe Journal football contest players were left with watching their picks win or lose. Once again the upsets left some of the contest players with less points.

Only one person got a close to perfect score. Joe Abeyta was able make

nine correct guesses. Joe wins the \$25 weekly prize.

The high scores were as follows: Joe Abeyta, 9; James Lutz, Brennan Broyles, Rene Valle, Rosa Rey, 8.

Next week I will give an update on the highest scores to date. The player with the highest score at the end of the contest will take home the grand prize of \$200.

We would like to encourage you to play every week to increase your chances of winning the grand prize. Even if you haven't played it's not too late to start.

Almost every week there is an upset, just like some of the games this week, that will lower the total points of those veterans players. So join in the fun and maybe you

will be this week's winner of the \$25 prize.

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

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

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

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

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

## Eighth grade tames the Tigers

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules tamed the Slaton Tigers Thursday afternoon in front of a home crowd in Benny Douglas Stadium. The Mules downed the Tigers 42-22.

Braden Bessire stunted on third down and set the Tigers back six yards to force a fourth and 27 needed for a first. The Mules returned the Slaton punt to the Mule 42.

Medardo Andrade found a hole on the right side for 33 yards. Saul Sanchez kept around the left side and cut back toward the right for a 25-yard touchdown run with 1:26 left in the first quarter. The Mules led 6-0.

The Mules backed the Tigers up with Sanchez making a stop for a two-yard loss on first down and Andrade and Carlos Martinez controlling the middle for a one-yard loss to end the first period.

An incomplete Tiger pass forced a punt that rolled dead at the Mule 39. JJ Gandara got behind the Tiger defense and pulled in the pass from Sanchez at the Slaton 27 and was pulled down

at the 24 for a 37-yard gain.

Sanchez kept left for seven yards on first down and went left again on third down and ran over one tackler for a 14-yard gain to the Tiger two. The Mule tried to punch up the middle on two plays before Sanchez rolled left and hit Grey Johnson at the two.

Johnson stepped in for the touchdown with 4:39 left in the half. Sanchez hit Gandara for the 2-point conversion to extend the Mule lead to 14-0.

Slaton scored on a 57-yard run with 2:57 left in the half. Sanchez stopped the 2-point conversion and the Tigers trailed 14-6. Neither team scored

before the intermission.

The Mules got the ball to start the second half and started on their 30 after Slaton kicked off out of bounds. Sanchez kept left for 13 yards on first down.

Bessire took a reverse pitch wide to the right for six yards but a block in the back penalty cost the Mules 10 yards.

Sanchez faked the handoff to Andrade and kept wide left. Andrade sold the fake and drew the linebackers as Sanchez sped around the end. He race 51 yards for a TD. The Mules led 20-6 with 6:42 left in the third period.

The Mules kicked off and the Tigers returned

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## Varsity Mules defeat the Tigers

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the clock on the final 40 seconds.

The Mule offense rolled up 431 yards of offense with 310 coming through the air and 121 on the ground. Washington completed 18 of 27 passes for 272 yards and five TDS. He rushed nine times for 30 yards and one touchdown.

J. Baca carried five times for 37 yards; I. Baca also had five tries for 30 yards and a 64 kickoff return for a touchdown. Sanchez carried three times for 21 yards.

Sanchez had two receptions for 88 yards and a touchdown. Orozco made two catches for 45 yards and two TDS, Ramirez made four receptions for 55 yards and a TD. Martinez made one catch for six yards and a touchdown.

The Mule defense gave up 106 yards through

the air and 48 on the ground for a total of 154. Washington made seven tackles, four for losses, one sack, one quarterback hurry, one interception for a TD and broke up a pass.

Sanchez also made seven tackles with one for a loss. I. Baca made five tackles, had one interception, one special teams tackle and made

a special teams score by returning kickoff 64 yards for a TD. Damien Snell made five stops with one for a loss and special teams tackle. Ray Martinez led the Mules with four special teams tackles.

The 2-4, 1-2 Friona Chieftains will visit the Mules and play on the new turf for the first time Friday, Oct. 15.

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"2010 has the potential to be a very rare cotton year where a good yield, grade and market all occur at the same time," said Monti Vandiver, extension agent-integrated pest management.

Many of the area gins are beginning to report their first bales. Maple Coop Gin at Maple has reported it's first bale of cotton ginned on Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. It weighed 540 lbs. The color was 31, 3 leaf, with 37 staple length and 26 strength.

The bale was produced by Obie and Michelle Standard of JOB Farming, Inc. in Southwest Bailey County.

"The only thing that would have made this better is if my father in law, Jack Lane, could



have been here to see this cotton crop," said producer Obie Standard. Farmers Coop Gin of Sudan ginned its first bale on Sept. 30. Marty Drake of the Sudan area was the producer. This cotton was FiberMax 9063 variety planted and grown dryland southwest of Sudan. Marty's father, Jimmy Drake farms in the Bula area.

"I am expecting a record breaking year," said Dennis Flowers, general manager at the Farmers Coop Gin of Sudan, which is celebrating it's 75th anniversary. Flowers has been associated with the gin for 33 years.

Wade Baker, manager at Farmer's Coop of

Enochs, reports his first bale of cotton produced by Layton Sons Farms of Enochs was ginned on Oct. 5. It weighed 467 lbs. with 33 percent turnout. The grade was .57 in the loan. The cotton is Fiber Max Seed 9063 variety.

"The cotton was clean and easy to gin," said Baker.

The Farm Service Agency Office in Muleshoe shows more than 60 percent of the 2009 cotton crop was lost to hail, drought and disaster situations.

The total acres of cotton planted in Bailey County in 2009 were 67,912. Irrigated acres were 17,431 and 50,481 were dryland acres.

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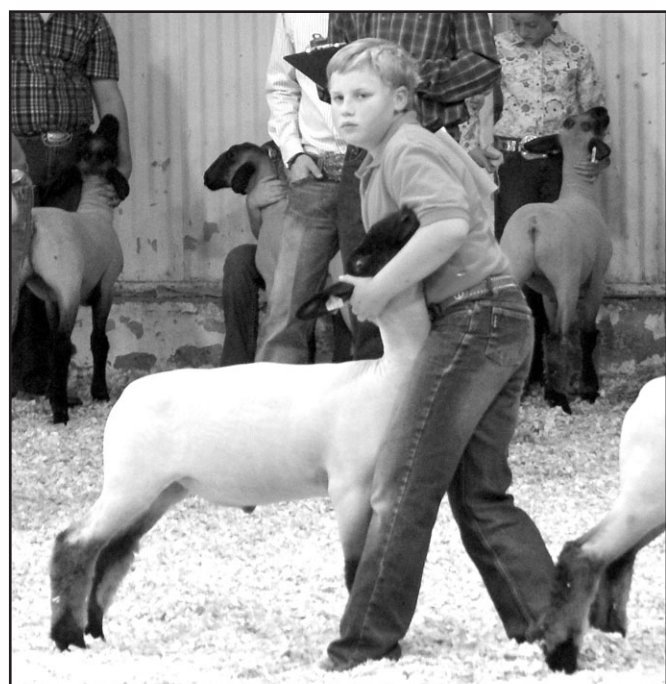
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### Shearer places at South Plains

Bailey County 4-H member Jayden Shearer, pictured above, placed in three divisions at the recent South Plains Fair Lamb Show. He took fifth place in middle weight finewool cross, second place in light weight Southdown, and second place in middle weight medium wool. Jayden is a student at Watson Junior High.



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## Eighth grade Mules defeat Slaton's Tigers

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to the Mule 49 before the Tiger fumbled the ball in a crowd of Mules. The Mules recovered on their 46.

Sanchez scooted wide left for a 54-yard TD run with 6:21 left in the third. The Mules had scored 12

points in 21 seconds to lead 26-6.

The Tigers added their second TD with 1:04 left in the third to trail the Mules 26-14.

Slaton recovered a Mule fumble at midfield. A hold moved the Tigers back 10 yards.

David Rodriguez and Bessire made the tackles on second and third downs to force a Tiger punt.

Sanchez rolled right and raced 54 yards for a touchdown on first down. Bessire carried in for the 2-point conversion

on the Hammer play with 6:15 left in the game. The Mules led 34-14.

Slaton score their final time on a 17-yard run with 3:04 left in the game to trail 34-22.

The Slaton kickoff did not travel 10 yards and were penalize five yards

and re-kicked. Nathan Rejino covered the short kick at the Mule 48.

Gandara made a spinning catch at the Slaton 25 for a 25-yard gain. Sanchez threw the ball high toward the back of the end zone. Gandara went high in

the air to make the catch and his feet just came down inbounds for the Mules final touchdown. Bessire carried the 2-point conversion on the Hammer play.

The Mules will host the Friona Braves Thursday afternoon, Oct. 14.



# The Sudan Buzzy

## Hornets sting the Swifts, 48-0

Savannah Sain  
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Hornets stung the Nazareth Swifts Friday, Oct. 8, in their first district game of the season with a final score of 48-0.

Sudan's running backs had a huge game against the Swifts. Derrick Williams ran 10 times for 160 yards, and Bill Nolte ran eight times for 125 yards. Their first half performance sealed Nazareth's fate as Nolte scored four touchdowns in the first half and Williams scored a touchdown.

In the first quarter,

Nolte scored on a seven yard run with the PAT failing with only a few minutes off the game clock.

At 4:32, Nolte scored again and the 2-point conversion failed. Nolte and Richard Montez sealed another touchdown for the Hornets with 2:23 left on the first quarter clock leaving the Hornets up 22 to 0 at the end of the quarter.

In the second quarter, Williams ran a 21 yard touchdown in to make the score 28 to 0. Jake Chester found Ivan Trillo for a 2-point conversion

making the score 30 to 0 with 11:07 left in the half. Nolte scored two more times in the first half of play. Nolte scored on a 13 yard run and a 1 yard run with both TK Nolte's PAT kicks were good leaving the Hornets to leave for halftime up 42 to 0.

In the second half, Sudan did not score in the 3rd quarter, and they made key defensive plays to keep Nazareth scoreless leading in to the fourth quarter.

Late in the ball game, Zach Richards found the end zone with time running out. The PAT

was no good, and the Hornets closed out an impressive win over the Swifts with a final score of 48 to 0.

Chester was four for six with 70 yards total passing. On the receiving end, Montes had three catches for 38 yards as the lead receiver.

The Hornets will take on Farwell High School at Farwell on Friday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

The junior varsity will play Farwell in Sudan on Thursday, Oct. 14.

The seventh grade team will play at Muleshoe, and the eighth grade will play Farwell at home.

## Cross country teams have impressive showing

Savannah Sain  
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Cross Country Teams took on the South Plains College Cross Country Festival this weekend and had an impressive showing with many participants in the top 25 of each category.

Marie Carrizales placed seventh in the Girls 3200 meter run with a time of 12:47.32.

Other Sudan girls who placed in the top of the boards were Ashlee Koontz with a place of 16, Sury Rodriguez placed 21st, and Madilyn

Edwards placed 25th.

In the Junior Varsity bracket, Faith Nolte placed fourth with a time of 14:27.60.

Madison Chester was close behind with a sixth place finish, and Caitlyn Netherland placed eighth.

Keela Chester was within 20 seconds of this group of girls, and she finished 10th overall.

Janelle Vanderlei finished 19th with a time of 17:01.88. The junior varsity girls ranked second in team scores with an average time of

15:11.13.

In the Mixed 3200 Meter Run in the Junior High Division, Ashton Sawyer placed fifth overall with a time of 13:50.87.

Only one other 1A girl was ahead of Sawyer for one of the top five spots.

Other impressive numbers were Allison Black who placed 16th,

Kristina Thorn who placed 18th, and Kenda Soles who placed 20th.

Jessica Barrett also turned a strong performance with a 44th place overall.

The Junior High Girls Team placed fourth overall with an average time of 14:58.94.

Christian Ruiz placed first in the JV boys' 5k run with a time of 18:34.54. Kort Hill placed fifth with a time of 21:34.33, and Tommy Whitehurst came in eighth with a 22:54.95 time.

These young men have been in several other cross country meets and have placed in the tops of the meets as well as this meet at South Plains College.

## Sudan FCCLA students attend Dallas conference

Savannah Sain  
Sudan Correspondent

Twelve members of Sudan's FCCLA organization were among more than 750 member and advisors attending Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's Peer Education Conference held Oct. 10-11, in Dallas.

The state conference centered on learning what the role of peer educators is and examined issues facing youth: school violence, financial literacy, alcohol poisoning, childhood obesity, and environment issues.

In their workshops, members learned how to give presentations, become dynamic leaders, facts and projects related to the following projects and programs: Our Earth Now and Then,

Childhood Obesity, Financial Fitness, STOP the Violence, Texting and Driving, and Alcohol Poisoning.

The Sudan FCCLA members in attendance were Josh Barrett, Brooke Lennon, Savannah Sain, Karen Trevino, Mecca Dodd, Hailee Gonzales, Julie Gonzales, Mackenzie Lance, Jade Goen, Maribel Centeno, Nancy Delgado, and Terra Desautell with their advisor, Cheri Sain.

This program certified attendees as peer educators and provided them with resources and

materials to be successful when conducting their school and community training with their peers and neighbors.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience has been described as a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

FCCLA has nearly 220,000 members and

over 6500 chapters from 50 state associations and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than ten million youth since its founding in 1945. There are over 18,000 members in Texas.

FCCLA is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical in-school student organization with the family as its central focus.



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# Cemeteries help keep life in proper perspective

I'm weird, and I know it. But I sort of enjoy spending some time in cemeteries. I'm talking, of course, about the times when I want to be there, not the times when I have to be. Big difference. There's been way too much of the latter recently, it seems to me.

But I find cemeteries peaceful and interesting. Strolling among the tombstones (since I don't have to mow around them, I much prefer the standing ones), you get the chance to play Sherlock Holmes and deduce all sorts of life stories from all sorts of inscriptions.

Some cemeteries are quite beautiful with well-kept shrubs and trees and grass. And, if I may say so, the folks who populate



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Curtis Shelburne

cemeteries tend to be incredibly easy to get along with.

Since I've been a pastor in my community for over twenty-five years, more than a few of the names I see on the stones in our area cemeteries are connected with lives and stories that I know. I stood at the heads of quite a few of those graves and spoke words I hoped would point to the Author of Life just before the earth's blanket was rolled over those remains.

When I think of my

life and the life of our community, it's hard for me to visualize life without many of the folks I've just mentioned. I no longer bump into them at worship or at the coffee shop or wave at them as we pass on the street. I miss that.

But they are still very much a part of me. A part of us. And that's especially true if they were part of the community of faith. They may or may not have been part of my congregation or my denomination, but so what?

Christ's church is so much larger than the fences we build to try to keep God all tied up and tamed. Thank God indeed, God won't be shut up in anybody's box, and he has never been willing to be

successfully tamed.

Death is the harshest reminder of all that we'll never get even this world tamed, much less its Creator. We may not look long upon those boxes that we bury, but they are nonetheless a constant reminder that life can't be successfully controlled.

Cemeteries help put our lives in perspective. The "drop dead" date for filing federal taxes is almost upon us. (Yes, I was that late this year.) But dead people care not at all. Life's cost is almost certainly increasing at a steadier clip than your paycheck, but once your heart stops the meter quits running, too. Perspective.

Cemeteries help us divide what really matters from what really does not.

What matters most is who we chose to ultimately trust in this life—ourselves or our Creator. That's a serious decision.

But once that decision's made, cemeteries also remind us that life is far too precious to be taken

too seriously. God is the God of all joy. Those who love him can dance in his presence both here and hereafter. They know better than to think that love and laughter and beauty cease on the other side of the tombstone.

## Something Worth Saying: The power of compounding

By Glen Williams

I heard the president of the Republic National Life Insurance Company say a few years ago that compound interest is the greatest thing that has been invented since women. That, no doubt, put a tremendous value on it.

One example he gave was — if you went to work for 35 days at a penny a day — to be doubled every day — how much money would you have at the end of the 35 days? And he said that it would be more than a million dollars.

That was hard for me to believe, but I have figured it, and it is true, of course we can't get anything like that interest or return on money. But we can get 10 percent interest, and that compounded will grow to staggering amounts.

I have just now thought about it, but of our eight grandchildren five are girls, and the other three are, of course, boys. But among the great and the great-great-grandchildren a larger percentage are girls. But leaving that as it may be, we are vitally

interested in what their lives might be from the standpoint of their health.

I guess that comes about partly because of the problems I've had, but others I've known whose lives were ruined because of cigarettes one nephew, shortly before he died told me that cigarettes were to blame.

Another gentleman, had served as a member of the state legislature, was a lawyer and was ordained to the ministry. I visited his church often and after the ordination service I went down and inquired about him. They told me he was short-winded and couldn't do much good trying to preach. I asked what the trouble was, and they said, "too many cigarettes"

The next word I got he had died. And I thought what a terrible loss. I've seen so many cases like that, both men and women whose lives were literally ruined by cigarettes, that it bothers me to see young folks smoking.

Cigarettes kill more people than car wrecks, liquor and drugs combined. Pres. Eisenhower was asked if he would ever start smoking again. His reply was "I don't know, but I'll never quit again." Apparently the habit, once

formed, is terribly hard to break, and in most cases is pretty expensive.

And that brings us back to the theory of compound interest. I don't know how many people really think of the cost of buying cigarettes over a period of years. With an average life, even if a person survives, which some of them will, the money spent for cigarettes, and properly invested would make a very nice retirement fund. A few years ago one little lady I know started smoking cigarettes, so I made it a point to talk with her about it. She told me they were costing "three dollars a pack and I smoke a pack a day."

Well, that's not hard to figure, three dollars a day if 21 dollars a week — 52 weeks in a year totals about \$1,090 a year. That for 25 years means about \$27,000 or \$28,000. Burt invested at 10 percent and compounded annually for 25 years means about \$115,000 or \$120,000 dollars.

That, I would say, is a tidy little sum to burn up and puff away, especially when it endangers one's health.

Furthermore, everyone that has quit smoking tells me they feel better after quitting than they did

## Court...

Continued from page 1 health would show up in reduced insurance premiums.

He also noted that at Covenant, each year an employee chooses not to participate in the program, the individual employees insurance participation fee increases by 15 percent.

According to Hayes, several area counties have already signed on to the program, which costs \$25 per employee — a total of about \$1,500 for Bailey County if it had 100 percent participation.

Hayes also said the Cities of Muleshoe and Sudan also utilize the program.

While Vandiver questioned whether the wellness program would be better than the individual employees going to their physician and paying the necessary co-pay for a yearly physical, Precinct 3 Commissioner Joey Kindel and Judge Sherri Harrison appeared to disagree.

"We know we do," Kindel said about taking an his own annual physical, "but what about the employees?"

While the judge suggested the convenience of having the health care professionals coming to where the employees were might persuade some of the employees, especially the younger ones, to participate.

"They both do the same thing," Hayes said, referring to either covenant's program or a physical provided by an individual's doctor, "but the program does it on a wider scale."

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## 2010 MHS Homecoming Court announced

The 2010 Muleshoe High School Football Homecoming Court, pictured on the right, includes Homecoming Queen Jennifer Vasquez, the daughter of Isauro and Maria Vasquez, pictured on the right center; Shayla Carpenter, the daughter of Jeff and Zanea Carpenter; Devnie Orozco, the daughter of William and Marisa Orozco; Samantha Reyna, the daughter of Roland and Carla Ambriz; and Andrea Solano, the daughter of Osvaldo Maria Solano.



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## Letter to the Editor

### MFAB disapproves of messy fans

To the Editor:  
This year Muleshoe Mule fans have another event to be very proud of. We have a new, state of the art, sports complex. Working in the concession stand, I hear all of the comments from local fans and visitors alike. They all say the same thing. Wow! This is amazing! I agree. A lot of planning, hard work and long hours have gone into finishing our new gym and football stadium. A lot of thought has gone into making the fans as comfortable as possible. The trouble? The fans themselves.

Last Friday, we spent way to much time cleaning up the stands after the game. We had junior high kids at the

stadium until after 11:30 p.m. Parents were upset, as well they should be. And why? Because Muleshoe fans do not clean up after themselves.

We had a dozen full trashbags from the student section alone. We never have to take as much time in the visitor's stands. Just ours. It's embarrassing to those of us who are proud of our new facilities.

Muleshoe fans, please clean up after yourselves at the football and basketball games. There are conveniently placed trash cans all over the grounds, please use them.

Students, this is your school, be proud of it. Keep it clean!

Lori Bales, Muleshoe  
Fine Arts Boosters

### Sales tax... Continued from page 1

comptroller's office. The state and local sales tax figures represent sales that occurred in August.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said Oct. 6 that state sales tax collections totaled \$1.57 billion in September, up 6.8 percent compared to a year ago.

"This increase is significantly larger than recent monthly gains which have been in the zero to two percent range," said Combs. "Sales tax increases were posted across almost all sectors including oil and gas, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade and restaurants."

Combs will send local governments \$443.5 million in monthly

sales tax allocations, a six percent increase compared to a year ago. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations are still down 1.3 percent compared to the same period in 2009.

Her office will distribute monthly sales tax allocations of \$300.1 million to Texas cities, up 6.1 percent compared to last October. So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are running one percent lower than the same time last year.

Texas counties will receive sales tax allocations of \$26.9 million, up 5.6 percent compared to a year ago. For the calendar-year-to-date county sales tax allocations are down 3.8 percent.



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