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## Is cotton still king?

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

For decades there seems to have been a bit of a rivalry on the West Texas plains with cattle and cotton battling for the top spot.

If you ask the personnel at one of the area gins they'd probably be reluctant to say anything produced in Texas rivaled the crop their livelihood centers around, but when autumn arrives and the white cotton bolls are glistening in the sun awaiting harvest it's hard not to shout that "cotton is king!"

Hector Flores, Jr., a second generation cotton worker, and a 19-year employee and superintendent of Muleshoe Coop Gin, cotton isn't just an autumn job. Yes, during a good year,

the cotton processing lasts about three months, but the nine months between the harvests are spent getting ready for the next one.

On Monday, Flores talked about working in the cotton gin, and how the many of the residents in the area

### It's a challenge...

— Hector Flores, Jr.

only saw the dark side of the harvest — the West Texas wind scattering the trash and burrs left from processing the cotton lint, and filling the air with greyish-brown dust.

Although they see the stacks of baled cotton lint stacked around the gin

awaiting transport to market, relatively few have followed the modules through the field to see how the cotton is wrapped in those dainty, 500-pound bales.

According to Flores, the cotton modules shipped to the gin in Muleshoe come from a 30-mile radius, from area farmers who have battled the weather for months, hoping for a successful crop.

"They need that million dollar rain," Flores said, rains that come at the right time in the plants' growing cycle to produce the greatest yield. And then, they need the heat.

Like many crops, water and temperature are important factors in the crops' growth, but according to Flores, weather plays an important role in the processing of the cotton as well.

He explained that farmers do what they can to battle the elements prior to the 15,000-pound modules arriving at the gin — covering it with net wrapping to prevent loss due to the "mild" winds of West Texas, and tarping the modules to prevent rain damage.

But when the rainwater soaks the cotton, the cotton gins have no choice but to deal with the problem to the best of their ability,

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Employees at Muleshoe Co-op Gin unload, clean, bale and wrap some of this year's harvest of cotton produced in the Bailey County area.

Photographs by Larry Thornton



### Local Weather

Thursday  
Cloudy..... 65/36

Friday  
Cloudy..... 73/38

Saturday  
Cloudy..... 71/40

Sunday  
Pt. Cloudy..... 76/44

Monday  
Mt. Sunny..... 76/33

Tuesday  
Sunny..... 61/30

Wednesday  
Sunny..... 69/33

### Give It A Thought

It's better to let them wonder why you didn't talk... than why you did.

Words to ponder from Beverly

Missed your paper?  
Call the carrier Bobby Flores at 806-891-3950 (leave a message) or call the Journal at 272-4536, between 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## Rep. Neugebauer talks about cotton issues

As part of its efforts to keep its readers up on the efforts of our legislators, the *Muleshoe Journal* recently posed the following questions to Cong. Randy Neugebauer:

*Journal* — What is your opinion of the free trade agreement and its current impact on our nation's agricultural industry, and especially that of West Texas? Is it fair? Is it necessary?

Neugebauer — "I continue to maintain that the United States has lived up to commitments we made in the last World Trade Organization (WTO) agreement that has been in place since 1995. That WTO agreement opened new markets and helped bring other nation's agriculture domestic supports more in line with ours.

"However, there is still more that can be done when the European Union provides five times as much domestic support to its producers and when major expanding markets remain closed to U.S. products. That's why the United States needs a seat at the WTO table as a new agreement

is negotiated, but it doesn't mean we should take a bad deal. The message I've sent to our U.S. negotiators, most recently in my meeting with United States Trade Representative, Ambassador Susan Schwab this month, is that no deal is better than a bad deal.

"It's been very frustrating that Brazil has brought cotton complaints against the United State and that the WTO dispute panels have sided with Brazil. Because of Brazil's success, other nations have decided that U.S. cotton is their biggest and best target in the WTO negotiations. Activist groups have jumped on the cause of poor African cotton farmers, despite the fact that complete elimination of U.S. cotton programs would provide no benefit to these farmers because their countries' own domestic policies are holding them back.

"In light of the cotton cases, it would be easy for me to say the WTO should just take a hike or that the United States doesn't need trade agreements. But that would be harmful to U.S. agriculture, as well as the

U.S. economy in the long run.

"U.S. agriculture exports are at an all-time high. A third of all U.S. crop acres go to exports, and nearly three-fourths of our cotton is exported. Beef exports are growing again since the



CONG. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

2003 BSE case. Canada and Mexico continue to be our largest export markets since NAFTA, and agriculture exports to China have quadrupled since China was admitted to the WTO. Separate agreements with countries such as Australia, Chile and Central American countries have also resulted in new exports.

"Yes, cotton has been unfairly targeted, the WTO is large and cumbersome organization, and other

countries don't always live up to their end of the bargain in other trade agreements. That makes it even more necessary that the U.S. continues to be fully engaged in the process so our trade representatives can stand up for U.S. agriculture."

*Journal* — What about this issue over cotton from Brazil? Could you give our readers a brief explanation, along with what its impact could be on our farmers if it isn't changed?

Neugebauer — "I think Brazil is using these cotton complaints to gain leverage in the overall WTO talks. Brazil thinks they have more to gain through litigation and that they can use the cotton case to get other concessions or take attention away from their agriculture subsidies or parts of their market they don't want to open. However, these issues should be decided by open negotiations among countries, not litigation threats.

"U.S. cotton production has declined while Brazil's cotton production has increased and cotton

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## Christmas in Muleshoe to begin

Bailey County Ministerial Alliance is once again sponsoring "Christmas in Muleshoe," a program which assists families with limited resources by supplying Christmas gifts for their children.

Parents can make application for the program at South Plains Community Action or at Muleshoe City Hall.

The deadline for receiving completed applications is Nov. 26.

Persons or groups interested in supporting this effort can make cash contributions at Muleshoe State Bank.

In 2006, a total of 139 children received gifts through the program.

More than 550 children have been helped since the ministerial alliance began sponsoring the program in 2003.

Churches and other community groups will assist with wrapping the gifts on the night of the

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**Bushland football tickets**

Tickets for the district championship football game at Bushland on Friday should be purchased in advance at the Muleshoe High School front office. Adults are \$3, and children are \$2. The deadline is Friday, Nov. 2, at 3 p.m.

**Cooking well with diabetes**

Plan to attend the Cooking Well with Diabetes program, in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center, on Nov.13, at 6:30 p.m.

Presentations include up-to-date information and cooking demonstrations. There is no cost to participate.

To register for the classes and/or for more information contact Mandi Seaton, County Extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas Cooperative Extension, Bailey County, at 806-272-4583.

**Thanksgiving Dinner**

The annual Rebekah/ Jennyslipper Thanksgiving Dinner is set for Thursday, Nov. 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Contact Nancy Kidd, 946-7292, or Dianne Thornton, 946-6592, for tickets.

**Meals on Wheels benefit**

A hotdog cook out to benefit Bailey County Meals on Wheels, sponsored by NursCare Home Health, will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., in the parking lot at 803B W. American Blvd. Call 806-272-6884 for details or to order ahead.

**Alzheimer's Disease support group**

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting Thursday, Nov. 8, at noon, at Park View Nursing Home. Lunch will be served.

Come for lunch and a time for learning and sharing about the disease. For more information contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 272-4583.

**Noah's Ark Fling**

New Covenant Church's ninth annual "Noah's Ark Fling," is set for Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 5:30-8 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum.

The event will include entertainment, refreshments, candy and prizes for the children, and will be open for all ages, providing a safe, family friendly environment. This function is open to all faiths.

Individuals who desire to assist in this year's festival, should call Peggy Kelly at 806-272-5272, Vivian Cortez at 806-272-3360, or Lisa Gamble at New Covenant Church at 806-965-2787.

**Drivers license office closed**

The Muleshoe Drivers License office will be closed Nov. 5-7, and will reopen on Nov. 8 at 8:30 a.m.

**Junior fund raiser dinner**

Muleshoe's Junior class will be hosting a fund raiser dinner on Friday, Nov. 9, from 5-7 p.m. The menu will include turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, pumpkin cake and tea.

Tickets are \$8 .

Orders may be placed for delivery from 4:30-6:30 p.m. by calling 272-7306.

**St. Ann's annual dinner**

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina will be hosting their annual turkey dinner on Sunday, Nov. 4, from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., in the church's parish hall on Thrid Street.

The menu will include turkey and dressing, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread, cranberry sauce, a relish place, desserts, tea and coffee.

Donations requested are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 6. Takeout plates will be available, and there will be a quilt raffled off during the dinner.

**Angel Food Ministries**

Trinity Christian Church of Muleshoe is going to be taking part in Angel Food Ministries, providing good quality food at a reduced price. The food boxes are \$25 each per month.

For additional information call Berna Bradley at 272-3702 or or 946-7358.

**Pep Community Thanksgiving dinner**

The Pep Community is currently making plans for its 62nd annual Thanksgiving Festival, on Nov. 22, at the St. Philip Neri parish hall, on Hwy. 303.

The dinner, which will include German sausage, turkey, dressing, and all of the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$4 for children under 10. Takeout plates will be available until 2 p.m.

There will be a quilt raffled off as well as \$100 gift cards. Call 806-933-4696 or 518-8449 for more information.

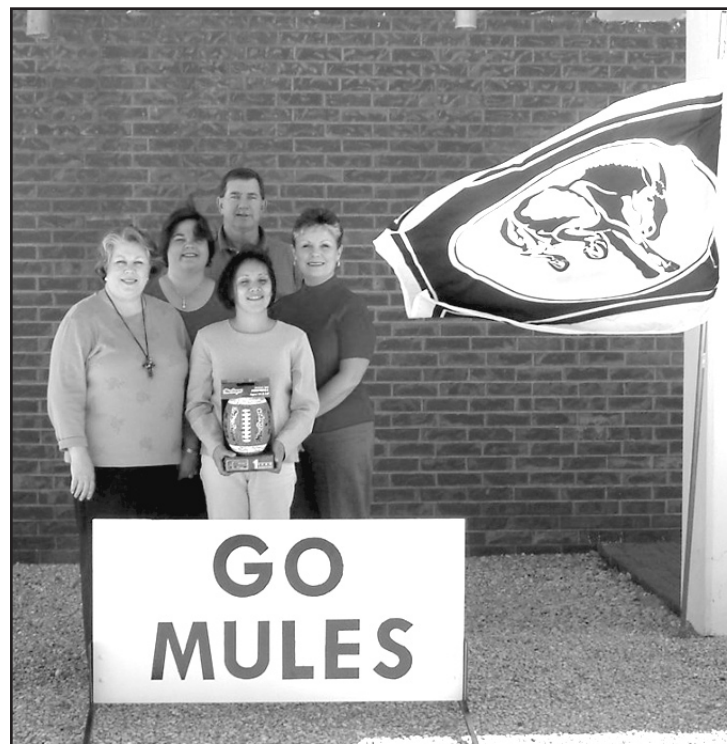
**Council meeting changed**

The meeting date for the regular meeting of the Muleshoe City Council has been changed for the month of November from Nov. 12 to Nov. 19, at 5:30 p.m.

**Christmas donations sought**

"Christmas in Muleshoe," a project of the Bailey County Ministerial Alliance, helps loving hearts and able hands provide Christmas gifts for children of families with limited resources. Contributions for this project may be made at Muleshoe State Bank. Ask your teller to deposit your gift to the "BCMA Christmas in Muleshoe" account.

The BCMA is also accepting applications for the program. The applications are available at South Plains Community Action or at Muleshoe City Hall.



**Booster club football winner**

Muleshoe City Hall was the most recent recipient of the Muleshoe Athletic Booster's decoration award. Pictured above are Juana Shelburne, Zanea Carpenter, Denise Esparza, LeAnn Gallman and David Brunson.

**Births**

**Wyatt Long**

Brad and Shelley Long of McKinney announce the birth of their son, Wyatt Dean Long, on Oct. 18, 2007.

Wyatt weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces at birth and was 20 inches long.

He has a sister — Carlynn,

10, and a brother — Tristan, 9.

Wyatt's grandparents are Carlin and Freda Long of Muleshoe, Ned and Linda Harris of McKinney, and Robert and Donna Shield of Bossier City, La.



WILLIAM ALAN RUTHARDT  
**William Ruthardt**

Erin and Cory Ruthardt of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, William Alan Ruthardt, on Sept. 25, 2007, at UMC Hospital in Lubbock, Texas.

William weighed six pounds, 14 ounces, and was 20 inches long at birth.

He has one step-sister — Mallory Sirkel-Ruthardt of Muleshoe.

His grandparents are Larry and Pam Hancock, Bruce and Patti Hartline, all of Muleshoe, and Joe and Brenda Ruthardt of Levelland.



ABIGAIL MARIE JONES  
**Abigail Jones**

Lela and Scott Jones of Muleshoe announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Marie Jones, on Sept. 28, 2007, at Lakeside Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

Abigail weighed nine pounds, 10 ounces, and was 24½ inches long at birth.

Her grandparents are Larry and Pam Hancock of Muleshoe, and Art and JoAnn Jones of Clovis, N.M.

**Friday is last day for early voting**

Friday, Nov. 2, is the last day for "in person" early voting in Bailey County, according to County Clerk Paula Benton.

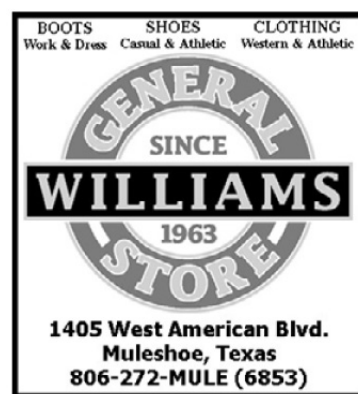
Ballots may be at the County Clerk's Office from 8:30 a.m. until noon and 1-5 p.m.

Voters who don't take the opportunity to cast an early ballot, or a mail-in ballot may do so at the Bailey County

Coliseum on Nov. 6.

Mail-in ballots must reach the County Clerk's Office by election day to be counted.

For more information call 272-3044.



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# Iraq: A sad, scary place for service personnel and Iraqis

Iraq is scary sometimes, but usually just sad. Last night, as I was lying in bed, I heard mortars landing somewhere in the distance, followed by about 20 minutes of return artillery fire, along with the very familiar sound of an F-16 plugging in the afterburner... probably to get the guys who were firing the mortar rounds.

These are the moments that impact me the most. As I lay in bed listening to the sounds of war I said, "I hope no one dies," a silly hope under the circumstances I suppose.

But then the realization that someone will.

I've talked to a lot of incredible young soldiers and Marines over here, and I can't help but wonder if it will be one of their families on the receiving end of that dreaded phone call that stops life dead in its tracks.

Or maybe it will be an insurgent's family that gets the message that a son has died — just as sad for sure I suppose, though the death of an insurgent means life for women and children who are saved from the bus bomb that dead man might have planted, or the mortar fired on a rival neighborhood, or the suicide vest worn into busy morning market.

I'll take the death of insurgents over innocents.

If there is one thing that this trip has taught me, it is that war is always a complicated, messy, horrific thing, and that the media has made this war much worse, and much more complicated than it needs to be.

The men and women who are serving here have honor and integrity. They have a desire to help the people of Iraq, showing compassion to people who could easily be plotting to kill them. And the truth is that they are



*As I see it*  
Musings from  
a land far away... by  
Terah Kay

helping.

I have never seen a group of people so determined to do the right thing, even if it means giving their very life.

I am ashamed on behalf of the America that makes these men and women of honor out to be bloodthirsty criminals.

Recently, I spoke to a young soldier named James who enlisted on the same day as his twin brother. This brother, Nick, was in a Humvee when it was hit by an IED, causing it to flip 13 times. Nick, the only survivor, was flown to Walter Reed Medical Center in D.C.

James was on his way to Iraq at the time, but he was able to visit his brother before he left. As he walked into the hospital to visit his twin brother who was in serious condition, in danger of never walking again, he heard the shouts of war protestors: "You got what you deserve, Baby-killer!"

This James is the same man who held back tears as he told me about watching a warlord in Afghanistan shoot a four-year-old girl in the street for absolutely no reason.

James has only brothers, and he's always wanted a little girl. The trauma of seeing this little girl's death has him on anti-anxiety medication.

James also told me that when searching the homes of potential insurgents, he often finds the suspect waving his gun, surrounded by children — little human shields.

This happens "all the

time" according to James. He said Iraqis have told him they know Americans are sensitive to children, and will not use violence in their presence, so they take advantage of the compassion of American soldiers and Marines.

It's ironic to me that the Iraqis who kill their own children and willingly expose these children to violence recognize the compassion of American soldiers. But Americans safe at home in the United States do not.

The media has repeatedly put these men and women in danger, whether by giving up details that compromise security, or so twisting the truth that public opinion keeps the soldiers from doing their jobs for fear of media retaliation.

After all, this war is one that will be determined by American politics and public opinion.

The insurgents, Al Qaeda in Iraq and their cohorts know this, and use it to their advantage, but Americans seem completely oblivious to this fact. I'm sure many of you watched or have read about Gen Petraeus' testimony.

While the "surge" has done some good, and gains have been made, there is still "much work to be done." Yet the calls are still heard within the United States to withdraw all combat forces.

The government of Iraq is not yet fully equipped to restrain the likes of Al Qaeda in Iraq, and other insurgent groups who are willing to massacre thousands to gain power.

If our government heeds the voices that cry for our troops to return home "now," only then will the true bloodbath begin.

It is widely agreed, here in Iraq, that if Coalition Forces pull out now, or in the near future, a tragedy like the likes of Rwanda could be repeated: ethnic cleansing is likely to occur, unfettered by the security that is currently provided by Coalition Forces from around the world.

I cannot imagine sitting through such horrific killing and doing nothing to stop it. The whole world regrets doing nothing during the Rwandan Genocide. Will we allow the same to happen in Iraq?

The sad thing is this: those who call for withdrawal of troops are doing exactly what Al Qaeda in Iraq would have them do. The "anti-war" voices are the very voices of the insurgency.

They scream the message that Al Qaeda would have us hear. The war that Al Qaeda in Iraq wages is not against the Coalition Forces alone, but against the people who stand behind the forces, the people at home, either standing firm or — Al Qaeda hopes — standing down.

Here's how an insurgency works: Al Qaeda in Iraq kills lots of civilians using a myriad weapons intended for the sole purpose of killing civilians, including using civilians as human shields.

The media then tells the good folks back home that lots of kids are dying in Iraq

— very sad to be sure. And then there are the military casualties.

People hate losing kids to war, whether the kids are little Iraqi kids, or all-grown-up American kids. So the people back home say, "this must stop!" and they start to believe that everything will be better if we leave Iraq now and let the Iraqis... or Iran, or whomever has the biggest guns, settle it.

This is exactly what the insurgents want. They know they can't have all-out war for absolute power if the Coalition is still here. They know the government of Iraq is not quite equipped to hem them in.

So they use the American people as puppets who will, they hope, persuade the

government to leave Iraq. All of this so they can massacre people, unhindered by a military that stands for honor, freedom, and for justice, even justice for Iraqis who can't fight for themselves.

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## Christmas in Muleshoe...

Continued from page 1 distribution, Dec. 10, 11, and 13, at First Baptist Church.

Cash donations are now being received to purchase specific gifts for the children

### Mulshoe PTA Fall festival poster winners

Muleshoe PTA Fall Festival poster contest winners were:

#### Pre-K

First place — Fransico Zubia; second place Brianna Shaw.

#### Kindergarten

First — Reagan Mullins; second — Emili Mora; third — Osvaldo Nunez.

#### First Grade

First — Ethan Clapp Gonzales; second — Luke Del Toro; third — Enchinachea Hazel.

#### Second grade

First — Triston Bommer; second — Georgia Taylor; third — Joshua Torres.

#### Third grade

First — T.J. McCall; second — Victoria Villalobos; third — Britney Mendoza.

#### Fourth grade

First — Rachelle Whitworth; second — Sasha Esparza; third — Simon Chavez.

#### Fifth grade

First — Lyzette Trevino; second — Daniela Diaz.

whose applications are approved.

Applications must be submitted by the Nov. 26 deadline.

The application form includes information for each child, such as special likes or dislikes, particular needs, and clothing sizes.

After applications are received and screened, parents are notified regarding their status, and for those approved

an appointment is made for one of the distribution nights.

"Christmas celebrates God's greatest gift, the gift of his Son for the forgiveness of our sins and a place in his family," said a BCMA representative.

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Register each day to win prizes.

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**Thanks for reading!**

# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We had a very "Happy Birthday" for all the seniors with October birthdays. A free lunch is given to the oldest one attending and then a drawing will be held for another free lunch. You have to be present to win.

Tuesday, Nov. 6, remember *Bunco* will be played at the center beginning at 10 a.m.

We need at least 12 players. Call a friend and come play with us.

The seniors are having a great time learning and playing. Prizes are given to the winner.

All you domino players remember there is a game or two being played everyday here at the center.

Also, the *Eighty* players are really enjoying playing. Perhaps you have just moved here and have not come to the Center. We urge you to come by and visit. We have several activities in which you can take part.

Are the cold mornings too cold for you to walk outside? Come to the center and walk. We welcome you. The center is open by 7 a.m. for early walkers.

Friday, Nov. 9, we will

honor our veterans. We invite all veterans to come to the Center and be our guest for lunch. If you know a veteran, please invite him to the center on this day.

Harvest is taking a few of our seniors to the field. We wish them a good harvest and looking forward to having them back with us.

Several of our senior citizens are on trips. We wish them a safe trip and good time. Hurry back, we miss seeing you.

### Menu for Nov. 5 - 9:

Monday, Nov. 5 — Smothered pork chops,

mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, salad, wheat rolls, and lemon pudding cake.

Tuesday, Nov. 6 — Chili, beans, rice, cornbread and fruit salad,

Wednesday, Nov. 7 — Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Nov. 8 — Ham, black-eyed peas, tossed salad, wheat roll and pudding.

Friday, Nov. 9 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

# Baby Showers

## Fosters feted with baby shower

Brice and Kristen Foster were feted with a baby shower in the home of Jana St. Clair on Oct. 20.

Hostesses for the event included Marca Morris, Clair Brown, Sheryl Engelking, Vicki Morris, Sarah Black, Vickie Burch, Linda Martin, Stephanie Foster, Debbie Weir, LaDonna Scott, Ellen Gallman and Jana St. Clair.

The gossess gift was a gift card from Babies R Us.

Among the special guests attending were Paulette Foster of Lazbuddie, Karen



KRISTEN FOSTER

Moore of Lubbock, Nanette Moore, also of Lubbock and Sharon Hodges of Hereford.

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THREE TIMES THE BIBLE SPECIFICALLY STATES "THOU SHALT NOT SEETH (BOIL) A KID IN HIS MOTHER'S MILK" (EXODUS 23:19, EXODUS 34:26, LEVIT. 17:1). THIS WAS GOD'S LAW LAID DOWN TO ISRAEL BY MOSES AND, TO THIS DAY, THE ORTHODOX HAVE NO MEAT AND MILK AT THE SAME MEAL. MANY PEOPLE THINK THIS WAS A DIETARY LAW—THAT MILK AND MEAT TOGETHER WOULDN'T DIGEST WELL, ESPECIALLY IN THE HOT DESERT CLIMATE—WHICH IS NONSENSE! MILK AND MEAT, BOTH HIGH PROTEIN FOODS, DIGEST AS EASILY TOGETHER AS THEY DO APART—HOT WEATHER OR COLD. BUT THERE WAS A GOOD REASON, IN MOSES' EYES, FOR THIS LAW—VERY UNDERSTANDABLE WHEN WE EXAMINE A CUSTOM OF THE IDOL WORSHIPPERS WITH WHOM THE ISRAELITES CAME INTO CONTACT IN THEIR DAILY LIVING....

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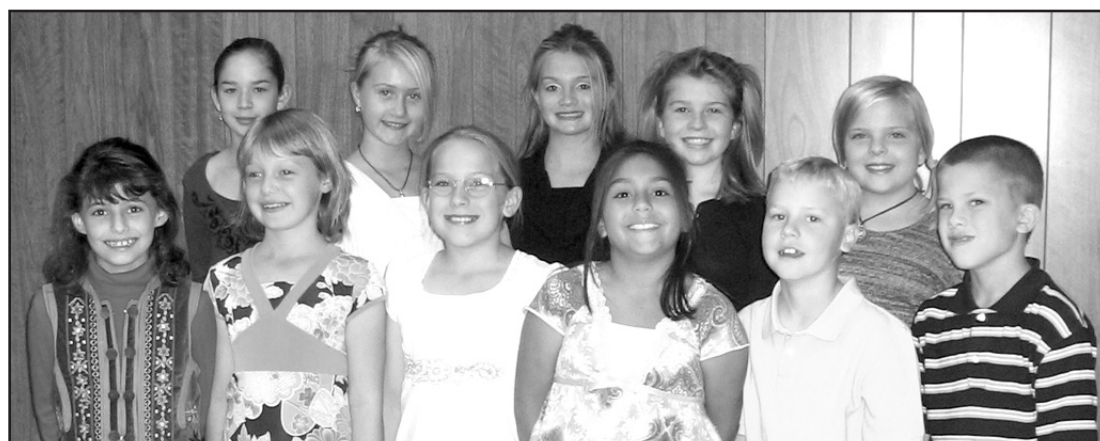
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# BAILEY COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

## 4-H News

The Bailey County 4-H Food Show was held on Oct. 22 at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe.

Eleven Bailey County 4-H members participated, including Kayla Preston, Joci Hall, Megan Pierson, Kaitlyn Schuster, Hudson Nitzel, Miranda deBruin, Bethany Nitzel, Jayden Shearer, Bailey Bales, Shelbi Harrison, and Laurel Nitzel. Food and Nutrition Project Leaders are Jo Pierson, Jaelynn Hall, Melinda Schuster, Deb Nitzel, Julie deBruin,



Karie Preston and Denise Dunham.

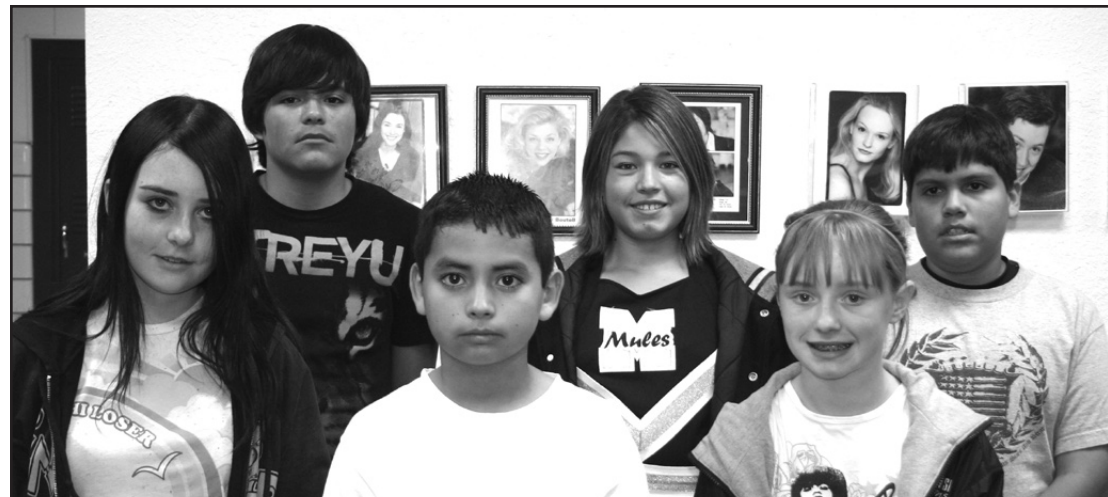
Food and nutrition project participants had the opportunity to learn about food safety, preparation

principles, and nutrition concepts through cooking experiences. Cooking experiences included healthy snacks, the healthy plate, soups, and whole

wheat bread.

The group prepared the meal for the Oct. 8 Bailey County 4-H meeting. The meal consisted of lasagna, spinach lasagna, meatless lasagna, manicotti, and chicken spaghetti; salad; homemade bread; and fruit pizza.

Bailey County 4-H members will be participating in the Dist. 2 4-H Food Show and the Dist. 2 Nutrition Quiz Bowl, in Levelland on Nov. 10



## Students of the Week

The Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of Oct. 29 are Kalie Lovell, Eliot Reyes, Isaiah Guerrero, Mariah Jones, Samantha Reyna and Michael Martinez.

## Library News

By Dyan Dunagan

New books in the library — *Quiet Strength* by Tony Dungy; *You Bring the Confetti* by Luci Swindoll; *God Isn't Through with Me Yet* by Thelma Wells; *74 Seaside Avenue* by Debbie Macomber.

VHS tapes — *Defensive Drills for Baseball*; *Offensive Drills for Baseball*; *Hitting Mechanics for Baseball*.

### Picks of the month

Picture book — *A Dog Need a Bone* by Audrey Wood. In this book, you and your child will read about a dog that makes all kinds of promises just to get a bone. This author is one of my favorites, she always has the most wonderful illustrators draw in her books.

Junior chapter books — *The Girls of Lighthouse Lane* by Erika Tamar and Thomas Kincade. Books in this series are *Katherine's Story*, *Rose's Story*, *Amanda's Story*, *Lizabeth's Story*.

All of these girls live on Lighthouse Lane. They all have become friends and each girl has their own special story. I have enjoyed each one of these books.

Youth fiction — *Ishbane Conspiracy* by Randy Alcorn. Four college students face many trials and hardships (good and evil) in a year. This book gives you a chance to see what the devil could be thinking and use that information to fight your own battles.

Adult fiction — *Deadline* by Randy Alcorn. This story is about three childhood friends. There is a tragic accident and we get to see a first hand view of what heaven might be like.

Adult non-fiction — *Heaven* by Randy Alcorn

As I read this book, the author brought to my attention that I don't remember ever hearing a complete sermon on what Heaven might be like.

This author has done extensive research into what he feels heaven will be. He uses scripture to back his thought up. I highly recommend this book to everyone. It is very thought provoking.

My Dream of Heaven

by Rebecca Springer. This book is a big pick me up. Whenever you feel a little down, you should pick up this book and read a chapter. Rebecca wrote this book in the 1800s and it has been re-released. She was very sick and dreamed about heaven.

When she was well enough, she felt lead to write this book. I have even recommended this book to young children as well.

Featured author of the month — Randy Alcorn.

Books the library has by this author include *Ishbane Conspiracy* (YF Alc); *Heaven* (236 Alc & Audio), *Deadline* (F Alc & Audio) and *Deception* (F Alc & Audio).

## Obituaries

### Bernardo Herrera

Chapel services for Bernardo Herrera, 79, of Muleshoe, were held on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel of Muleshoe with the Rev. Ignacio Gonzales of Muleshoe officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Herrera died on Oct. 24, 2007, in Muleshoe. He was born on Aug. 20, 1928, in Colorado City, and married Antonia Villegas in Muleshoe on June 13, 1954.

He had lived in Muleshoe since September 1970, moving from Pecos, and was a member of the Benediccion Vida Abundancia Church in Muleshoe.

Herrera was preceded

in death by his parents — Valente and Isadora Herrera Almader; three sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include his wife — Antonia Herrera of Muleshoe; eight sons — Sonny Herrera of Casa Grande, Ariz, Ramon, Roy, Carlos, Erbay, Efrén, Hilberto and Bernardo Herrera, Jr., all of Muleshoe; four daughters — Rita Sigala of Hobbs, N.M., Carmen Sanchez, Irma Mendoza and Jenny Herrera, all of Muleshoe; two sisters — Bernarda Herrera and Lucia Villa, both of Redford; two brothers — Ramon Herrera of Mexico and Benito Villa of Eagle Pass; 40 grandchildren, 64 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

## Annual Jennyslippers/Rebekah Thanksgiving dinner set

The annual Rebekah/ Jennyslipper Thanksgiving Dinner is set for Thursday, Nov. 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Contact Nancy Kidd, 946-7292, or Dianne Thornton, 946-6592, for tickets.

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## Hot Mustard Sauce, the Universe, and God's Love

This column is not about hot mustard sauce; it just starts with it—the stuff you find in most Chinese restaurants.

I think it's mis-labeled. I know a little something about food and a little something about words, and I don't think "hot" is the right word. Really spicy hot sauce, not the stuff you can drink like tomato juice, is hot.

But that mustard sauce, laced full of horseradish, isn't

your body, your head has just been effectively cremated.

I wandered across some words this week that worked in my mind a little like that mustard sauce.

In his book *Disappointment With God*, Philip Yancey shares this quote from Annie Dillard: "You do not have to sit outside in the dark. If, however, you want to look at the stars, you will find that darkness is required. The stars neither require nor demand it."

Take a bite of that. At first taste, you think, "Fine, that's true." Then it begins to detonate and the mushroom cloud of truth grows, and you think, "Wow! That is SO true!"

I know nothing about the context of Dillard's words, but Philip Yancey was writing a truly fine book about what happens when we're "disappointed with God."

We're disappointed with God because of suffering or tragedy. We're dealing with pain. We're experiencing depression. We're down and almost out. Maybe we haven't gone completely down the road to despair, but you can surely see it from where we are. And I hear Dillard and Yancey reminding us that stars appear in the sky not in the daytime but in the darkness.

Thank God indeed, we don't have to spend all of our time in dark and difficult days. But when we're walking through dark times, it's good to remember the lesson of the stars. God's love is there for us always, but some of the deepest and most beautiful facets of his love are only visible to our human eyes in times of darkness.

Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.



### Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

just hot, it's more on the order of "explosive." And the really amazing thing about it is that it's a delayed detonation sort of explosive.

It's not really "hot"; it's more like "nuclear." In the right amounts, I really like the kick.

But if you wander into a bit of fried rice or egg roll laced with just a tad too much of it, well, for a moment, everything seems fine. Then, slowly at first, that mustard begins to detonate until it feels like inside your head a forest fire with hundred-mile-per-hour winds has just vaporized your brain.

A nuclear mushroom cloud has just filled your mind, and every bit of DNA in every cell in your cranium has just been scorched to ash. All of your thoughts are suddenly focused and purified as with a refiner's fire, just like all of your sinuses because no matter what method of final disposal you prefer for the rest of

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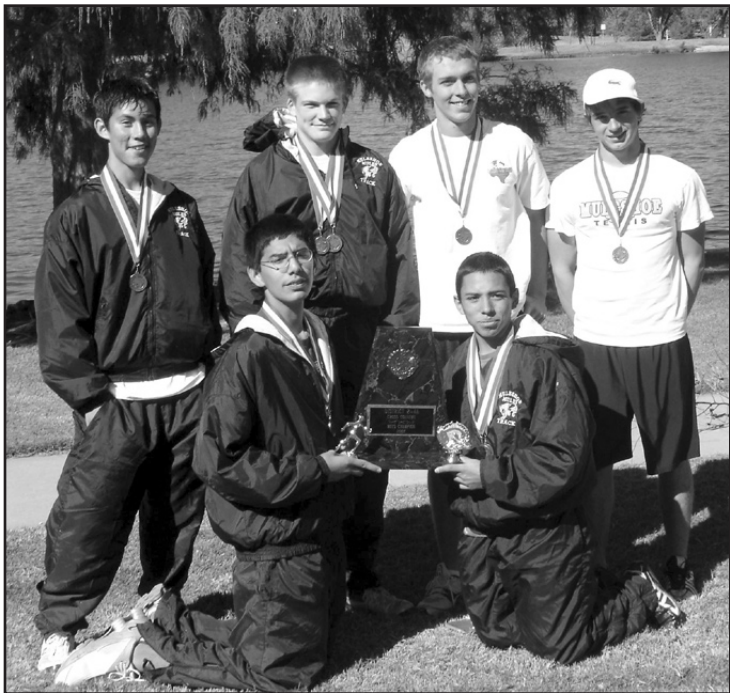
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# Sports



## Varsity girls

Muleshoe's varsity girls cross country team is the 2-2A District Champs for the seventh year in a row. The team members, pictured above from left to right, are: Kneeling — Cassidy Lowe and Shayla Carpenter; and standing — Sarah Johnson, Lupita Andrade, Ashley Cisneros, Yvonne Gardea and Sandy Mojica.



## Varsity boys

Muleshoe's varsity boys cross country team is the 2-2A District Champs. The members, pictured above from left to right, are: Kneeling — Carlos Bustillos and Josue Macias; and standing — Gilberto Mojica, Sterling Lepard, Colby Carpenter and Colt Ellis. Lepard also took an individual district championship.



## JV girls

Muleshoe's JV girls cross county team also claimed a 2-2A District Championship. The team members, pictured above from left to right, are: Kneeling — Vivian Ronquillo and BreAnn Baca, and standing — Jessica Behrends, Caitlyn Durben, Jenna Whitworth, Ali Eagle and Amelia Clemmons. BreAnn Baca also took an individual JV District Championship.

**Watch for Mule football next week!**

# MISD cross-country teams take district

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Muleshoe cross-country teams met the remainder of District 2-2A at Thompson Park in Amarillo Tuesday. The Muleshoe teams brought their brooms with them and swept the district championships in the girls, boys and junior varsity girl divisions.

It was the Lady Mules seventh consecutive district championship in cross-country. Cross-country coach Carey Sudduth said after the race, "There was a lot of pressure on the girls to win."

"The girls have done a great job all year and today was special. We have no seniors on this squad and four of them are freshmen. They were all very nervous but they fought off the nerves and performed very well today."

The Lady Mules finished

first with 35 points taking the district championship. Bushland finished second with 55 points and Tulia took third with 66. Dimmitt ran fourth with 110 points and Amarillo River Road placed fifth with 122. Many forget that cross-country is a team sport as well an individual one.

Two Tulia Lady Hornets finished first and second before Ashley Cisneros crossed in third place in 13 minutes and 18 seconds. Yvonne Gardea was just steps behind her for the fourth spot with a 13:31 and Lupita Andrade took fifth with a 13:47.

Sarah Johnson finished 10th with a 14:33 and Sandy Mojica ran 13th with a 14:53. Shayla Carpenter was 14th with a 15:01 and Cassidy Lowe completed the course in 15th with a 15:01.

This was the Mules first district championship in

many years. Coach Sudduth said after their race, "These guys have worked hard all year and definitely earned this championship. It was a surprise that they were able to pull it off and a very pleasant one."

"Most of these boys also play football and I really admire them for representing Muleshoe Schools like they do. It is very difficult to double up in sports and still be successful."

The Mules and the balance of District 2-2A were led around the course by freshman phenom, Sterling Lepard. He placed first in a time of 18:29. He crossed the finish line almost a full minute ahead of the second place runner.

Josue Macias was ninth in a time of 20:18 and Colby Carpenter took 11th with a 20:28.

Gilberto Mojica was 15th in 20:44, Colt Ellis ran 24th with a 22:12 and Carlos Bustillos finished 34th with a 27:38.

The Mules scored 60 points in their first place

win. Tulia was second with 68 points, Amarillo River Road finished third with 63. Bushland ran fourth with 76 points, Friona was fifth with 94 and Dimmitt trailed in sixth place with 109.

The JV Lady Mules got the day started with a first place finish in the junior varsity girls division. They finished with the lowest possible score in cross-country, 15 points, as they crossed the line in places one through seven.

Breann Baca led the charge with a time of 15:12. Vivian Ronquillo ran a 15:19, Jenna Whitworth had a 16:30 and Jessica Behrends ran a 16:49. Ali Eagle finished with a 17:06; Amelia Clemons ran a 17:20 and Caitlyn Durben finished with in 17:25.

"The two varsity teams will run in Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock Saturday November 3 in the Region I Meet. They will compete as teams as well as individuals for a trip to the Texas State Meet in Austin," concluded Sudduth.

# Eighth grade Mules' streak is still alive

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules kept their win streak alive by rolling over Canyon Westover Park Thursday night. The Mules shut out Westover 47-0 on the Amarillo campus of Westover.

Issac Baca scored two rushing touchdowns for 20 and 80 yards and caught a 30-yard TD pass from Beau Avila. He also booted an extra point. Avila had three runs for touchdowns from three, 25 and 13 yards out.

Saul Elizalde had a 47-yard pass and run for a touchdown. Joey Guerra and lineman, Pilar Campos, each scored two-point conversions during the night.

Baca was the leading rusher for the Mules with three carries for 135 yards, Avila ran four times for 68 and Carlos Sosa carried once for 10. Elizalde led the receiving corps with one reception for 47 yards. Baca had one reception for 30 yards and Eric Orozco had one for 10.

Campos paced the defense with six tackles. Matthew Ambriz made four tackles and a sack. Orozco had three tackles

and intercepted a pass, Baca made three tackles and Robert Brewster had three stops.

Four Mules had interceptions with Hector Flores picking off a pass in the end zone. Sosa returned his interception 40 yards. Adelaido Godinez and Orozco each picked off passes.

The Mules return to district action Thursday when they travel to Bushland to meet the young Falcons for their first artificial turf experience.

## Bushland football tickets available

Tickets for the district championship football game at Bushland on Friday should be purchased by 3 p.m. at the Muleshoe High School front office. Adults are \$3, and children are \$2.

## Fund raiser set

Muleshoe's Junior class will be hosting a fund raiser dinner on Friday, Nov. 9, from 5-7 p.m. The menu will include turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, pumpkin cake and tea.

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## SCOREBOARD

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Muleshoe	7	1	4	0
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River Road	1	7	1	3
Highland Park	0	9	0	5
Tulia	3	5	2	2
Dimmitt	4	4	1	3
Littlefield	6	2	2	1

This Week's Schedule  
 Dimmitt at Friona (Dist.)  
 Tulia at River Road (Dist.)  
 Highland Park is Open  
 Littlefield at Floydada  
 Bovina at Farwell  
 Lazbuddie at Samnorwood  
 Sudan at Springlake-Earth

Last Week's Scores  
 Muleshoe was Open  
 Friona 7, Tulia 12  
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# 'Upsets' play a big factor in this week's football contest

**By Leah Bell**  
General Manager  
Brutal, there's simply no other way to put it.

This week saw some of the worst scores in contest history, but it wasn't our players' fault. Who really knew Tulia could beat Friona?

My point is this — upsets were the name of the game this go around and because of that, everyone got caught in a tide-pool of misses.

This week's winner managed to come out of the ordeal missing only three games — but she's the only one who did miss less than one-third of the matchups on the Week 9 entry form.

Picking up ten points and garnering herself her second first place win of the season was Sherri Harrison.

This week she turned her entry in two hours early she so confident in her choices — and that confidence paid off!

Nipping at the judge's heels this week was none other than her dad Travis Bessire who missed four games and was only three points away from the tiebreaker score of 35-0 in the River Road versus

## Sudan student is headed for regional meet

Chelsea Locke, pictured on the right, a freshman student at Sudan High School, participated in the Dist. 1A Cross County Meet held on Oct. 16, at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

Chelsea placed sixth at the meet with a time of 13:41 and will advance to the Regional Meet which will be held at Mae Simmons Park on Nov. 3.

Chelsea is the daughter of Chris and Melinda Locke of Sudan.

She is the granddaughter of Dennis and Beverly Turney of Muleshoe and Ferris and Diane Locke of Portales, N.M. and Joanne Cotton of Lubbock.

Highland Park game.

To take second place, Bessire outguessed seven other players who also missed four games.

Following closely behind him were: Patrick Orozco, third; Vicki Gonzales, fourth; Joe Flores and Fernando Toscano, fifth (tie); J.C. Orozco and Gabriel Acevedo, seventh (tie); Charlotte Field, ninth; and Tommy King, tenth.

The only top cumulative player helping themselves out this week was Flores, who added six points to his score and landed himself back in second place overall and just one point behind contest leader Rene Valle.

Just out of the points in week nine were Debbie Weir, Linda Flores, Todd Bessire, Brandon Acevedo and Terry Field.

Good news for those of your actually counting the number of games remaining for the Mules in their regular

season — I miscounted!

There were three weeks remaining in the regular season as of last week when I spouted off that there were only two. That means as of this writing, there are still two weeks left.

Nine folks are still in the hunt for the top prize because anyone as of Week 9 who has at least 19 points can still win it all, depending on the players ahead of them and how they fare over the next two contests.

Those with 18 points as of this week could potentially tie for the top spot with two first place wins. The possibilities are exciting!

Games that tripped players up this week were Sudan's win over Farwell, Friona's loss to Tulia, Dumas' win over Palo Duro, Dalhart's win over Perryton and Clarendon's loss to

Wellington.

Cumulatively speaking, here's the point totals after nine weeks of competition: Rene Valle 38, Joe Flores 37, Sandra Orozco 33, Richard Orozco 26, Sherri Harrison 25, Vicki Gonzales 24, Weldon Smith 23, Tommy King 21, Fernando Toscano 19, Travis Bessire 18, Rosalinda Toscano 18, Charlotte Field 17, Terry Field 17, Brandon Acevedo 17, J.C. Orozco 16, Bruce Bruns 16, Claire Brown 15, Patrick Orozco 14, Gabriel Acevedo 14, Starla Ellis 14, James Buie 13, Jan King 12, William Orozco 11, Fabian Martinez 9, Gerald Bond 8, Sam Gonzales 8, Patricia Orozco 8, Debbie Weir 7, Sue Bessire 4, Rudy Gonzales 4, Rosa Rey 4, Darin Bratcher 3, Charlotte Holt 2, Felipe Gonzales 2, Scott Brown 2 and Veronica

Gonzales 2.

Other players and how they fared this week: Jan King, 16th, Rene Valle, 17th, Weldon Smith, 19th, James Buie, 22nd, Richard Orozco, 23rd, Sandra Orozco 25th, Shonda Black, 27th, Starla Ellis, 28th, Johnathan Garza 30th, and Rosa Rey 31st.

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## Baby Showers

### Rodriguez shower held

Taylor Rodriguez was honored with a baby shower at the Muleshoe Church of Christ on Sept. 23.

Hostesses for the event included Lynn Cain, Hollye Hooten, Clara Sudduth, Doris Vandiver, Lela Ann Smith, Glenda Vale and Diane Saylor.

The hostess gift was a 10-piece baby bedding set.

Among the special guests in attendance were Kim Cox, Marilyn Nickels, Judy Cox, Tisha Grassell, Michelle Estrada, Rebekah Estrada, Susan Wilson, and Angela Rodriguez.



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### Fall nut sale set

The Girl Scouts of Caprock Council will begin their area-wide fall nuts sale, "Nuts about wildlife," on Nov. 1

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# Neugebauer on the issues... Continued from page 1

production in other countries has increased. It's hard for me to see how our cotton program is currently having a negative impact on Brazil.

"With regard to impact of the current compliance case, it is likely the U.S. will appeal the panel findings against the U.S., which will take some time. If the appeals body agrees with the panel, then they would have to decide how much damage the U.S. is causing Brazil. Brazil could have the option to impose retaliatory tariffs on any U.S. exports they choose, which probably will be things such as high-tech products, rather than agriculture products, or we could work out some type of settlement with them. This process will take several months, so nothing is going to happen until well into next year. It's hard to project what could happen when we get to that point."

*Journal* — Have any other Texas agricultural industries received similar rulings by the World Trade Organization? If so what, and why?

Neugebauer — "Since the WTO dispute settlement process was set up in 1995, the United States has brought 84 cases against other countries, and we've only lost four of those. In that time period, 120 cases have been brought against the United States, and we've won't all but 33, with eight cases still progress. The United States wins more

cases than it loses, and America is targeted in more cases than other countries. Most of these cases have to do with manufactured products and policies that restrict imports or exports.

"Other agriculture cases the U.S. has been involved in generally are situations in which countries have tried to keep our exports out for reasons other than valid, scientific ones, or cases involving alleged dumping. Many cases get resolved through consultations before they get to full litigation.

"There haven't been many farm program related cases yet because the last WTO agreement included a "Peace Clause" through 2003. The Peace Clause said that if countries didn't spend more on domestic support programs than allowed, other countries would agree they were in compliance with the WTO agreement and would not bring cases against their farm programs.

"The concern with the Brazil case is that it opens the door for other challenges, despite the fact that U.S. farm program spending has never exceeded the limits we've agreed to. Both Brazil and Canada are looking at new cases that claim the U.S. should classify our farm programs differently and, therefore, the U.S. is spending more than we've agreed to."

*Journal* — What do you see as the two most important issues before Congress

affecting, or having the potential of affecting, West Texas agriculture?

Neugebauer — "First and foremost, I believe that the most pressing issue in Congress effecting West Texas Agriculture is the lack of a Farm Bill. Crafting a new Farm Bill that meets the needs of agriculture in West Texas is by far the most important issue facing Congress today.

"I am pleased to report that the Senate Agriculture Committee finally reported a Farm Bill out of committee last week. Currently their version of the Farm Bill is likely to be debated by the full Senate the week of Nov. 5.

"While there are some things in the Senate bill I have concerns with, the good news is that the 2007 Farm Bill is again making forward progress. Congress certainly can't complete a Farm Bill this year if the Senate does not move on a bill, so the Committee's work last week was a big step in the right direction.

"If and when the Senate passes its Farm Bill, House and Senate members must work together in a bipartisan manner in conference to get a finalized Farm Bill. You can be assured I will continue to work with my colleagues to ensure that the interests of farmers, ranchers and consumers in the 19th District in Texas are represented.

"The second most important issue facing

West Texas agriculture is energy security. While the 19th District of Texas has openly embraced alternative fuels and renewable fuels, we must not have tunnel vision that these sources of energy should be the sole focus for providing energy to plant, maintain, harvest and produce our crops. These exciting new opportunities for energy are not self sustainable at the moment, we are still many years away from using just these forms of energy.

"That is why we must not neglect the natural resources and fossil fuels such as oil, natural gas and clean burning coal to continue our energy source, while reducing foreign dependence on oil. We have vast resources of fossil fuels in the 19th District as well as thought our entire nation and they must not be ignored as we continue to develop new sources of energy."

*Journal* — Is there anything else you would like to bring up with your constituents at this time?

Neugebauer — "Building upon my last question, I believe that energy policy is of the utmost importance not only to West Texas agriculture, but to national security as well. Energy security is national security and we must reduce our dependence on foreign oil. As we see gas prices hover over three dollars in the off season and higher bills for home heating oil, it is a wake up call that action must be taken, and it must be taken now.

"Now is the time to end partisan bickering. We must significantly reduce our dependency on foreign oil. This is not a political

issue; this is an American issue. It must be addressed with leadership, common sense and steadfast determination.

"While we pursue renewable and alternative energy, we must also enhance our ability to produce and use domestic fossil fuels.

"Congress must insist on efficient energy exploration that employs the latest technology and ensures strict accountability and environmentally friendly measures. Congress must act and approve exploration

in ANWR and we must not neglect other land based resources such as natural gas, coal and our offshore and coastal shelf prospects.

"Additionally, we must build new oil refineries and also put to use nuclear energy to meet our growing energy needs.

"If we combine all of these tactics, we will have in place a strong energy policy that reduces our dependence on oil from foreign countries that on the whole do not have our best interests in mind."

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## Bridal Shower

### Johnson honored at wedding shower

Kala Johnson, the prospective bride of Bradley Thomason, and the daughter of Reggie and Sue Johnson, was held on Sunday, Oct. 21, in the home of Lenda Trussell.

The prospective groom is the son of Charles and Pam Thomason.

Hostesses for the event included Brenda Black, Shonda Black, Tammy Black, Terry Byers, Donna Green, Flaine Greenhouse, Cindy Harrison, Dani Heathington, Debbi Hutto, Jan King, Kay Leopard, Ruth Locker, Rowena Meyers, Jan Morris, Dana

Rasco, Marilyn Riley, Linda Schuster, Gwen Sinclair, Linda Tarter, Liz Tipps, Lenda Trussell, Shelly Turnbow, Lisa Whalin and Pat Young.

The hostess gift was cash with which to purchase furniture.

Special guests included Sue Johnson, Pam Thomason, Margie Morgan, Loys Thomason, Glenda Cobb Thacker, Jana Thomason, Mackenzie Thomason, Laura Johnson, Alexis and Hannah Bates, Melody Thomason, Brittany Thomason and Kelly Cobb.



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# Club News

## Cub scouts attend 'pack campout' at refuge

By Cheryl Puckett

Muleshoe Cub Scout Pack 620 had their first annual Pack Campout at the Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, Oct. 20, with approximately 50 people attending.

After the leaders, parents, and boys set up camp, the cub scouts played a few games. Then the group was led on a hike along one of the trails at the Refuge by Cub Scout Master Todd Newberry.

This activity fulfills a requirement for either the National Conservation Project Award or the Leave No Trace Patch which the pack will be working on throughout the year.

The cub scouts were shown about conserving the environment and were also exposed to how scouts always leave a place better than they found it.

They were taught not to disturb the trails of the natural surroundings and shown how they should pick up trash that may see along the trails and camp grounds.

Camp fire safety was another important topic which was taught at the gathering. Everyone got to



Cub Scout Master, Todd Newberry teaching the cub scouts about campfire safety.

cook their own hotdog over the campfire for the evening meal.

The group took advantage of The "Star Talk" which was a free program that was being done by the Lubbock Astronomy Club at Paul's Lake on the east side of the Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge that evening.

The speakers from Texas Tech used a laser pointer to point out a few constellations and told of some myths of how some star groupings came to be named. A telescope was set up where the boys viewed Jupiter and its three moons. A TV monitor was connected to another telescope which

showed the moon and its craters in great detail. The program was fascinating to everyone.

The cub scouts, parents and leaders went back to camp where smores, hot chocolate and coffee was enjoyed by all. Lights out was at about 11 p.m. and everyone retired to their tents.

The next morning the group had breakfast and a scripture reading was done by Sergio Leal.

The cub scouts plan another pack campout in the spring, and have several other outings and projects scheduled through the year.

## Girl scouts spend an evening with the stars

By Nelda Merriott

It was a star-studded night on Oct. 20. when three members of the South Plains Astronomy Club of Lubbock brought their giant telescopes to Paul's Lake at the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge South of Muleshoe.

An appreciative crowd gathered, numbering about 140 and relaxed in lawn chairs, enjoyed their sack lunches and visited prior to the program.

Visitors included 11 from Girlstown of Whiteface, 10 Muleshoe Girl Scouts, five from the Children's Home of Portales, N.M., and others from Morton, Maple, Littlefield, Hereford and Muleshoe.

A group of Muleshoe Cub Scouts, which included parents and Cub Master Todd Newberry, especially enjoyed the presentation.

The wind settled down, and a beautiful red and gold sunset warmed the western sky as the perfect evening began — without traffic noise, computers, televisions and telephones. Through a special telescope, many viewed the setting sun.

Flocks of sandhill cranes circled the group and settled on the lake. Many had brought binoculars and enjoyed watching them. The Gwyn family of Muleshoe brought their own telescope and enjoyed their first visit to the refuge.

A lovely half-moon arose and many lined up at the telescopes to view the craters of the moon.

The sun was shining on the visible side of the moon

and the other half was in shadow.

All were given the opportunity to look through the telescopes at the night sky and the presenters graciously answered all questions.

Tom Heisey, president of the South Plains Astronomy Club and member of the teaching staff at Texas Tech University at the Teaching and Learning Technology Center, gave valuable insight into the use of the telescopes and additional information.

He is also a member of the Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences and travels many places with his astronomy group. They especially enjoy our viewing spot and said they will probably come again this fall.

Patricia Fay represented the Museum of Texas Tech University and the Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences, along with her husband, Rick.

She told the group of how the use of knowledge of the solar system, guided early-day people in planting their crops and other endeavors.

She used a laser pointer to direct attention to the Big Dipper, Little Dipper, and various planets and constellations.

When asked, "What is that bright star?" She replied, "That's Jupiter, a planet". She added a bit of mythology to her presentation and also asked questions.

The Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge is the oldest refuge in the State of Texas and covers 5,809 acres. It

has three lakes, Upper and Lower white Lake,

Upper Goose Lake and Upper and Lower Paul's Lake. There is an observation deck at Paul's Lake.

The Refuge Office features stuffed cranes and is a very interesting place to visit. Over 1,000 cranes have already arrived to winter on our lakes and hundreds arrive daily. Many other birds and animals are sighted at the refuge, even deer.

The refuge office is open daily and all visitors and groups are welcomed.

## Early voting ends Friday, Nov. 2

Friday, Nov. 2, is the last day for "in person" early voting in Bailey County, according to County Clerk Paula Benton.

Ballots may be at the County Clerk's Office from 8:30 a.m. until noon and 1-5 p.m.

Voters who don't take the opportunity to cast an early ballot, or a mail-in ballot may do so at the Bailey County Coliseum on Nov. 6.

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- Bailey County** - 160 acres non-irrigated in southwest part of Bailey County near state line. 150 acres in cultivation. Good direct payment. Good wildlife area.
- Lamb County** - 352 acres. CRP contract ends in 2012. Good payment. About 2000' of irrigated area.
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- Castro and Lamb Counties** - 637 acres in 3 tracts in Dodd Area. Some pavement. 4 sprinklers, 5 wells. Very good direct payment. A clean, well groomed farm.
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- Lamb County** - Pleasant Valley Area - Recently refurbished 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home on 6 acres. Large barn. On pavement.
- Lazbuddie Area** - 3 bedroom, 2 bath on 4.75 acres. Pavement. Various outbuildings & pens.
- Lamb County** - Earth - Beautiful, red brick home. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 4 park garage, lots of storage, fenced back yard, sprinkler system, \$130,000. Too nice to pass up.

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- BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM BUILT 3-2-2 Brick Home, built-ins, FP, isolated master, safe rm., patio, nicely landscaped, spktr. sys., fenced yd.!!
- NICELY REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick, new Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 3125' lv. area, spktr. sys., fenced yd., MORE!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fireplace, utility, new paint, carpet, tile, atrium doors, blinds, 7 fans, cov. patio, stor. bldg., fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$145,000!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-5-2 Brick Home, Dual Fuel Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, basement, cent. vac. & humidifier systems, auto. spktr., workshop/storage, fenced yd., corner lot!! \$169,500!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fans, basement, cov. patio, 26' x 30' metal bldg. w/A&H, fenced yd.!! \$170,000!!

**LENAU - COUNTRY CLUB AREA**

- VERY NICE 2-2-2 carport home, cent. heat unit, 3 win. refrig. air units, 5 ceil. fans, 2nd floor laundry room, hwdwood, hwdwood, carpet, & tile, workshop/storage, fenced yd., corner lot!! \$445,000!!

**HIGH SCHOOL AREA**

- 2-1-1 detached garage home w/workshop/storage, Cent. A&H, DW, fenced yd. w/deck!! \$55K!!
- NICELY REMODELED 2-1-2 carport, new electrical, plumbing, fixtures, cabinets, granite counter, heat pump, heat pump, new shingles & storm windows, workshop/storage!! \$47,500!!

**COMMERCIAL**

- ANA'S BEAUTY SHOP - Approx. 1120' bldg., with or without furniture & fixtures!! PRICE REDUCED!!
- 3 office units on 40.6' x 140' lot across from our house!! \$33,000!!
- VERY NICE CHURCH BLDG. WITH PARSONAGE - MAY BE SOLD SEPARATE!! Price Reduced!!
- GOOD INCOME PROPERTY-LONG TERM LEASE-Approx. 8,075' office bldg. w/ approx. 20,000' paved parking area!! PRICE REDUCED \$350K.
- NICELY REMODELED - 800 sq. ft. Bldg., Cent. A&H, updated electrical & plumbing. PRICE REDUCED \$39,5K
- 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheetrock bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!!

- Approx. 1274' Building, 75' x 140' lot, U.S. Hwy. 84!! \$39,5K!!
- 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760' Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/paved area!! \$49.5K!!
- FORMER RICHLAND HILLS TEXACO - 1414' Bldg. + 1080' canopy + 16,530' asphalt paving!!

**FARMS**

- LAMB CO. - Hwy. 70 frontage, 1160 acres CRP!! PRICED TO SELL!!
- CLAY'S CORNER - 320 acres, 2 wells, 2 circle sprinklers, 3 bedroom 2 bath, 2 carport home!!
- LAZBUDDIE AREA - 3-2-2 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, deck, hot tub, cellar, stor. bldgs., on 2 acre tract!! \$95K!! Additional 156 acre farm w/circle sprinkler, 3-20 hp. sub. wells!! \$495 per acre!!

**RURAL**

- PROGRESS/LARIAT AREA - 3 bdrm. & den or 4 bdrm., 2 bath, Cent. A&H, built-ins, approx. 2270' lv. area on 7 acres, corrals, MORE!!
- 70 acre tract close to town, has irrig. well (not used in several years)!! \$450 Per acre!!
- Nice 3-2 Home at edge of town on .88 acre tract, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, efficiency apt. or guest cottage, horse barn & corral!! \$119,900!!
- 3 bdrm., 2 bath home on 30 acres, 24' x 36' workshop, 13' x 36' storage, domestic well, irrig. well!! MORE!! \$75K!!
- NICE 4.8 acre homesteads, close to town, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!
- NICE 3-2-5 carport Home on 2 acres, Cent. heat, Cent. evap. air, built-ins, fireplace, fans, utility, cellar, large shop, stor. bldg., MORE!! \$129,500!!
- SUDAN - VERY NICE 2-1-1 carport Brick Home, elec. baseboard heat, window evap. air, fans, large utility, approx. 1220' lv. area, cov. patio, 3 car detached carport with storage, corner lot!! \$32,500!!
- CLAY'S CORNER - VERY NICE 3-2-75-2 Home on 5 acre tract, Cent. A&H (Elec. Heat Pump), built-ins, FP, 1100 sq. ft. new in 2005 plus additional updating w/carpet, tile, paint, fenced yd., cov. patio, 600' workshop/storage Bldg.!! Numerous other amenities!! \$189,500!!
- PROGRESS - NICE 3-2 Mobile Home on 1.24 acres, approx. 1876 sq. ft., Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 5 fans, 2 carport, 1250' Metal shop, 160', 480', & 96' stor. bldgs., domestic well, fenced yd.!! MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$69K!!
- -3-2 BRICK HOME on 7 acres W. Hwy. 84, built-ins, office, geothermal heat pump, whirlpool tub, basement, paved circle drive & conc. parking!! MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$125!!

## PTA festival winners announced

The booth winners for the Muleshoe PTA Fall Festival were:

- First place — Dillman's Pre-K classes — general store; Second — Mrs. Dunham's second grade

class Monsters Ink tattoo booth; Third — Mrs. Scott's second grade class basketball toss.

The costume contest winners are as follows:  
Under Kindergarten

Scariest — dragon Christopher Cogdill; Most original — Lady Bug Lacie Kirk; Funniest, — monkey Clayton Nichols.

K - second grade  
Scariest — Vampire Bailey Puckett; Most original — Ragady Andy T.J. Ballard; Funniest — Owl Ethen Young.

Third - seventh grade  
Scariest — skeleton Logan Smith.



## Lazbuddie football royalty

The Lazbuddie High School 2007 Homecoming King and Queen were seniors Mari Beliz and Joaquin Campos, pictured above. The returning king and queen, who crowned this year's royalty were the 1961 Football Queen, Kay Taylor, and Football Hero, Dickie Chitwood, pictured below.



Continued from page 1 the cotton with natural gas heaters, increasing the cost of production in the process.

Flores said he hopes for dry, mild weather during the ginning season, partially because with high temperatures comes an increase in static electricity, which can cause problems in itself.

"It's a challenge," Flores said, "it's different every year."

Along with the varying weather conditions, Flores said the wide variety of cotton seeds, and picking methods impact the ginning process.

Whereas there were only a couple of varieties 30 years ago, Flores said there are 10 times that number in use today, and many of them have different characteristics when it comes to preparing them for market.

Generally, stripper cotton produces larger seeds, more easily removed seeds, Flores explained, but accumulate more trash and sticks during harvest. While picker varieties probably produce more, and accumulate less trash, but apparently produce smaller seeds that are harder to remove.

"There's always a new variety that gins different," he said. "They're different as night and day."

All-in-all, about a third of a module remains after the cleaning process, with the trash and burrs exiting on one side of the gin's metal building, and the seeds exiting to a much smaller

pile on the other.

The gin buys the cotton seeds from the cotton farmers and either sells them for feed to area dairies, or sells them to cotton oil companies.

Muleshoe Coop Gin employees about 30 in two shifts during the ginning season, about have of which have several years experience in ginning. About nine years ago, Flores said, the gin replaced its 1950s era equipment, and the gin is automated, but he added that it is getting more and more difficult to find young workers who want to make it a tradition, as has the Flores family.

According to Flores, his father, Hector Flores, Sr., had 30 years experience before he retired.

"They just don't want to do it anymore," he said.

This year's cotton crop, Flores said, is expected to be less in the Muleshoe area, and he wouldn't be surprised if it reduced the length of the ginning season.

He said many of the area farmers have planted corn and milo instead of cotton this year, and with the burgeoning dairy business, the amount of acreage in cotton is less.



## Anne Camp Change of Address

Victoria Gardens  
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Dear Friends and Family,

Thank you to all who sent mother a birthday card on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. I am sorry to say that mother was in the hospital and has subsequently moved to a nursing facility in place of the independent living facility she was in for three years. In the transition some of her mail got returned. Mother loves to receive mail and hear from friends and relatives so if possible please re-send any card that has been returned to you. Her new mailing address is above. Again we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

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### APPLICATION FOR LOCAL OPTION ELECTION PETITION TO (LEGALIZE/PROHIBIT) (Circle one)

(APLICACIÓN PARA ELECCIÓN DE OPCIÓN PETICIÓN LOCAL (LEGALIZAR/PROHIBIR) (Circule uno)

To the \_\_\_\_\_, Texas  
(Al \_\_\_\_\_, Tejas)

We, the undersigned ten or more qualified voters of \_\_\_\_\_, Texas  
(Nosotros, los suscritos diez o más votantes capacitados de \_\_\_\_\_, Tejas)

in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Texas Election Code, Title 17, hereby submit this our written application for a "Petition for Local Option Election to (Legalize/Prohibit)" (circle one) to be circulated among the qualified voters of such area for the signatures of those qualified voters in the area who desire that a local option election be called in that area for the purpose of determining the following issue to wit: [de acuerdo con los términos y provisiones del Código de Elección de Tejas, Título 17, por el presente sometemos nuestra solicitud por para una "Petición para Elección de Opción Local para (Legalizar/Prohibir)" (circule uno) para que sea circulada entre los votantes capacitados de dicha área, para las firmas votantes capacitados en la área quien desean se ordene una elección de opción local en esa área, para las firmas de votantes capacitados en la área quien desean se ordene una elección de opción local en esa área con el propósito de determinar el siguiente asunto, a saber:]

"The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption only."  
"La venta legal de todas bebidas alcohólicas para consumo solamente fuera del establecimiento."

It is the hope, purpose and intent of the applicants whose signatures appear hereon to see (legalized/prohibited) (circle one) the sale of alcoholic beverages referred to in the issue set out above. (Es la esperanza, propósito e intención de los solicitante cuyas firmas aquí aparecen, que esté (legalizada/prohibida) (circule uno) la venta de bebidas alcohólicas referido en el asunto arriba presentado.)

We have attached proof of publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the political subdivision of our intent to apply for said petition. (Hemos adherido un comprobante de publicación en un periódico de circulación general en las subdivisión política con nuestro intención de aplicar para tal petición mencionada.)