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County constable candidates respond to questionnaire

As part of the *Muleshoe Journal's* continuing effort to keep the voting public informed, candidates for the position of Bailey County constable — Alfredo Anzaldua and incumbent Gerry Pierce — were asked to respond to questionnaires.

Alfredo "Freddie" Anzaldua was born in Mercedes, and has lived in Muleshoe since graduating from Muleshoe High School in 1972, when he married Mariann Madrid. They have a daughter and three



ALFREDO ANZALDUA

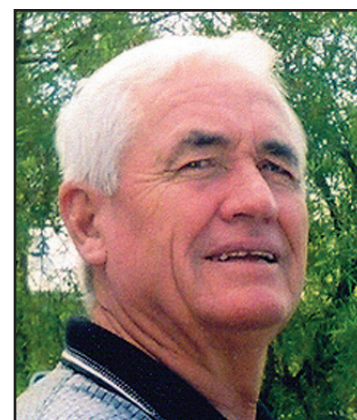
grandsons.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1972 until 1976, returning to Muleshoe to work in his parent's tortilla



factory. He purchased the company from them in 1985.

Gerry Pierce was born and raised in Muleshoe. He



GERRY PIERCE

married Jan Kee of Roswell, N.M., in 1962. They have two children. They moved back to Muleshoe in 1972, where they ran the family business, Combination Motors. He was elected to the office of Bailey County Constable in 1980 and has held the office since that time.

Please list your qualifications for county constable, and explain why you think you are the best candidate for the position?
Anzaldua — I'm a veteran, ready willing and able to serve the citizens of Bailey County. For the past four years I have worked as

a bondsman and the last two as a towing operator. In both of these businesses I have worked closely with law enforcement. I believe that I am a well qualified candidate for this position because my business experience keeps me in contact with judges, and law enforcement and what better way to stay up with the law and not be a lawyer.

A constable is an elected peace officer that has to be up to date with the laws of our state.

Pierce — I have experience in law enforcement for almost 28 years. I have attended schools that were

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Photograph by Terry Brewster

Coming down the back stretch...

The young, and "not so young", had a great time during Saturday's celebration at Sudan. Pictured above are a couple of the contestants in the tricycle race.

City adopts FY 2008-09 budget

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe City Council officially adopted the budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09 during Monday's regular meeting.

The new \$2,707,713 budget is an 11.05 percent increase from the FY 2007-08 budget.

The council also adopted a .7573 tax rate, which includes .6550 for maintenance and operation and .1023 for the city's debt service.

In other business, the city council:

- Approved a request from Fred and Ruth Locker for the city to abandon the right of way to the alley separating some of their property at the edge of the Richland Hills Addition, contingent upon

receiving a written approval from other affected property owners in the area, at the recommendation of City Manager David Brunson.

- Took no action on a similar request from the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation, which wishes the city to abandon about 100 feet at the west end of West Ash Avenue.

The city manager said this was a different situation from that in the Locker request because it involved a paved street that may occasionally be used by residents in the area rather than an alley way.

"If residents in the area are using the street then it probably shouldn't be abandoned," he said.

At Brunson's recommendation, the city's

staff was asked to gather additional information for the city council prior to a vote on the issue.

- Reluctantly accepted the resignation of Wanda Hooten, president of the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation.

"She's been a real asset... for a long time," said Mayor Cliff Black, referring to Hooten's years of service on the MEDC board and the leadership she's provided on the board and in the community.

- Approved the purchase of a "light-used" landfill compactor at a price of \$195,350 from Warren Caterpillar.

"We feel good about the machine... we feel good about the price," said the city manager.

Local Weather

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Monday
Showers..... 73/50

Tuesday
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A Thought

"The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice."
— Proverbs 12:15

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County commissioners court sets FY budget at \$3.4 million

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners Court adopted a \$3,472,313.30 budget for Fiscal Year 2009 during Monday's regular meeting.

The budget, which includes raises for county employees, with the exception of the county

commissioners, is expected to increase the total property taxes by 8.91 percent, according to County Judge Sherri Harrison.

While the budget for the general fund was set at \$2,283,583.08, the individual precinct budgets — which were included for the county total — were \$268,578.06 for Precinct

1; \$364,244.98 for Precinct #2; \$289,611.55 for Precinct #3; and \$266,295.95 for Precinct #4.

Of this \$173,831.15 increase, \$39,200.47 is to be raised from new property added to the tax roll in 2008.

The court also adopted a total tax rate of .7305.

In other business, the

court received some good news from Sheriff Richard Wills, who reported that the county jail was full again after receiving prisoners from other agencies, including the jail Curry County, N.M., due to the escapes the out of state facility had a couple of weeks ago.

The court also voted to increase the fees for printed

and digital copies of the county's voter lists, raising the price for a CD copy of the list to \$5 for the entire county, \$50 for a complete printed list, and \$25 for lists from the individual precincts.

The court also approved budget amendment #9 to the FY 2008 county budget.

Deputy seeks information in burglary, cruelty case

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Cuteness doesn't always translate into kindness... such is the case of a burglary under investigation by Bailey County Dep. Jeanne Knight.

Over the Labor Day weekend, the apparent burglary of a building in the area of FM 1028 and 173 took a step on the cruel side, according to Knight, when the offender(s) decided the attention they received from a pair of miniature equine — a horse and a mule — was

too much interference and allegedly beat the animals so severely that the horse had to be euthanized and the mule required medical treatment.

"We don't put up with cruelty to animals, old folks and children," Knight said, referring to the Bailey County Sheriff Department's efforts to solve this particular crime.

Although the sheriff department considers illegal entry of the building,

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Gotcha!

Sometimes the best laid plans of Rams and men get trampled in the dust. Such was the case in the photograph above in which Mule Alex Godinez is pictured making a flying tackle during Friday's game against the Portales Rams.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

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Muleshoe Day Bazaar

Muleshoe's Jennyslippers' first annual Mules Day Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Applications for booth space are being accepted until Sept. 5. To request an application contact June Green, 946-8182, or Elaine Parker at 272-3165 or 729-6753.

MHS Class of 1998 reunion

The MHS Class of 1998 will hold its 10-year reunion on Sept. 12-13. Planned events include: Homecoming football game attendance on Friday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m.; New City Park activities on Sept. 13 at 2 p.m.; Country Club dinner and dance on Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. Additional information regarding the MHS Class of 1998 reunion at www.myspace.com/muleshoeClassof98 or by emailing muleshoeClassof98@hotmail.com.

Historic village open for tours

Muleshoe's historic village offers an authentic look at life in the early days of our area. Free, guided tours are available Monday - Friday, from 1-5 pm.

The facilities may also be used for private parties and community events. The village is operated by the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation, a 501c3 charity. Donations are always needed. Call 272-5873 for more information.

Junior Class Pre-game meal

The MHS Junior Class will be hosting a pre-game meal before the homecoming festivities on Friday, Sept. 12. The menu will include chopped brisket sandwiches with all of the trimmings, baked beans, chips, chocolate chip cake and iced tea. The meal will start at 5 p.m. and continue until 7 p.m. Deliveries will go from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call 272-7306 to place delivery orders. The cost of a ticket is \$6.

Pre-game ticket sales

Muleshoe ISD will have pre-game general admission football ticket sales Wednesday through Friday during the season for home games only. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Tickets will be available at the administration office and the high school office.

FUMC KFC

The Kids for Christ (KFC) program at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, 507 W. Second, will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 3:30 p.m.

Area 'Concerned Citizens' meet over Bailey County liquor issue

A group of area residents gathered Monday, Sept. 8, to form "Concerned Citizens of Bailey County," focusing on the liquor sale issue on the Nov. 4 election ballot.

"It's our belief that easing the availability of alcohol creates greater opportunities for underage drinking and addiction," a CCBC representative said.

Almost 70 people were present at Monday's organizational meeting,

during which Barry Cowart was elected president, Mark Morton - secretary, Gene Sheets - treasurer, and Charles Bratcher - assistant treasurer.

The organization's next meeting has been set for Oct. 6, at 7 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Individuals wishing to join the effort are encouraged to contact one of the CCBC's elected officers for additional information.

MHS Class of 1953 to celebrate Homecoming, Mule Days in Muleshoe

The graduating class of 1953 are coming home for the 55th anniversary of its graduation this weekend and a busy time is planned.

Those arriving early are invited to the Oneita Wagon Senior Center on Friday for a fish lunch and will enjoy the center until closing time at 4 p.m., before traveling to the MHS cafeteria for a brisket meal.

The class will provide a cheering section as the Mules square off with Lubbock-Cooper at the Homecoming football game at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday morning the group, 41 at last count, will go to the senior center for a pancake breakfast, before heading for the parade line-up.

The class will be riding on the float provided by the Jennyslippers.

After the parade, the group will assemble in the meeting room of the Bailey County Coliseum from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. with side trips to take part in the activities of Muleshoe including the bazaar, a tour of the Muleshoe Heritage Center, the muleshoe pitching tournament and the putt tournament at the Jennyslipper Mule-Putt Golf Course, as well as a play day at the Good Times Arena on Hwy. 214.

Sunday morning, plans are tentative for breakfast at the Girl Scout Hut, or perhaps a restaurant.



Mule statue has a new home

"Bustin' Loose," the abstract mule that has been at the entrance of Muleshoe High School has a been moved.

The statue was former seniors Christi Adrian and Lela Hancock's art project for the spring of 2000. The girls along with the help of former art teacher Helen Adrian put together the concept, arranged the donations of materials, and presented it to former principal David Jenkins and the MISD board, and

learned how to weld.

The project was approved and the girls got to work. "Bustin' Loose" was presented to the high school on behalf of the Class of 2000 that spring and has been part of the entrance ever since.

Due to the new design and construction at the high school, the statue has a new home. It has been retired to Lela's family home four miles west of town where it will get to hang out in the horse pasture.

DeShazo to host UIL contest

Muleshoe has been chosen to host the District 2-2A Elementary UIL Academic Contest this year. However, the date of the contest has been changed from what was known earlier in the year. This will require a change in the District Calendar.

There is an Early Release Day for this event because of the number of faculty and staff and the number of classrooms required to host the event.

The revised District Calendar for Muleshoe ISD is as follows:

- Elementary UIL Academic Contest

The Early Release Day scheduled for Nov. 12 has been changed to Dec. 10. This will be an Early Release for all four campuses - 11:40 a.m. for Dillman; 11:50 a.m. for DeShazo; and 12 noon for the junior high and high school.

The campuses not involved in hosting the UIL Academic Contest will have staff development on their campuses that afternoon.

"We are proud to sponsor the Elementary UIL Academic Contest in Muleshoe," said Superintendent Gene Sheets. "Muleshoe High School has hosted the District UIL Academic Contest in the past several times. It is great when we win the Academic Contest and we do it at home."

"I appreciate Debbie Gallman for volunteering to organize this year's elementary contest, and everyone who will be involved in putting on this large event here in Muleshoe," he added.

MARTA members to hold Sept. 19 meeting

The Muleshoe Area Retired Teachers Association will gather for a meeting of all area retired educators on Friday, Sept. 19, at 10 a.m., at the Oneita Wagon Senior Center.

Muleshoe Independent School District Superintendent Gene Sheets will be the guest speaker at the event.

Muleshoe Art Assn. News

The Muleshoe Art Association met recently in the Five Area Telephone Cooperative Training Room for the opening session of 2008-2009.

The MAA president, Jennie Seifert, and secretary, Sandra Chancey, conducted scheduled business.

The Artist of the Month is Misti Wilbur, whose work is being shown at the Muleshoe Public Library.

Regular meeting dates are the first Tuesday of each month and the annual Spring Show is scheduled in April.

Visitors are welcome and anyone interested in working with this group is encouraged to contact Sandra Chancey at 946-9221 or Ann Sowder at 946-3617.

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Writer prefers kinder, gentler politics

Well, this is Sunday afternoon following the Republican Convention that closed Thursday evening. I thought they had a good convention even though stormy weather interfered with it.

So now the campaigns are underway with a little less than two months to go. I think we have good candidates representing the two major parties. And, as usual, there is two or three representing minor parties.

I would say that the principle one of those is Ron Paul. He is a republican, but much more "conservative" than the others. I would guess, however, that he might get quite a lot of support.

And, along with the others I like to hear him talk. That isn't saying that I agree with him all the way around, but I like to hear him.

And I like to listen to the others also. That's about the only way I know to evaluate them as possible officials-by their looks, the way they present themselves and explain their proposals.

I do wish however that they would leave off personalities and personal abuse and stay a little bit closer to the issues. That would be appreciated, and would in my judgment, be more effective. For after all we need to know what they propose to do, spelled out in simple details so we can understand them.

They are no doubt good

Constable...

Continued from page 1 needed for the officer certifications, the lat being civil process classes. I serve civil papers issued by the Justices of the Peace when called to do so.

What do you perceive to be the constable office's greatest assets?

Anzaldua — To be able to serve the citizens of Bailey County.

Pierce — The people of Bailey County can depend on my office to work closely with the Bailey County Sheriff's Office and police department at any time and helping in any way I can. I believe this close working relationship with all law enforcement agencies is the greatest asset to this office.

What do you perceive to be the greatest problems faced by the office, and how would you suggest these problems be addressed?

Anzaldua — The constable is responsible for the security and safety of the Justice of the Peace Court.

Through state statute, constables are mandated to attend Justice of the Peace Court in their precinct including providing bailiff services, transporting prisoners, and summoning jurors.

Constable's serve civil and criminal process originating in the Justice of the Peace Court, County Court and District Court. I am able willing and readt to fulfill the job of Constable of Bailey County. The greatest problem at the present time with the constable's office is the present constable's inability because of health reasons to do his job.

Pierce — In the last election, the constable offices were combined and Bailey County now has one constable. I see no problems in the day-to-day duties of the office. I enjoy working for the citizens of Bailey County.



people with the interest of the country at heart.

I would much rather vote for a person, and his program than to vote against one because of his faults... especially when those alleged faults have never been established, which is quite often the case.

The peoples of America know what their problems are, they want them corrected and they know they can be corrected. But they might not know the best way to correct them. That's because they don't have access to all the facts, and they are not in a position to do it.

That's why we hold elections... to chose certain ones and give them the authority and the responsibility to do it for us.

So they would do well to tell us now what they plan to do, and how they plan to get it done.

And as the story goes if they don't "get with it" and tend to it then the people just might get some one else to do it.

I need not tell you that this country has serious

problems today. I'm sure you know that better then I do. And it may take a while, but I have no doubt that we will finally work them out.

And we always have a question about taxes, and the promise that "I will cut your taxes." That would be great except the services have to be paid for.

Personally I would rather pay cash than borrow the money and pay interest on it, which makes it that much more expensive.

Frankly I don't believe that people really mind paying taxes if they can be shown that what they are being spent for is really needed, that it is or will be administered on sound and honest principles, and are being assessed equally and fairly with other taxpayers.

Finally, when I sat down to write this column I never dreamed I would wind up on this "stormy" subject, but since I have I may write a bit more later.

But until then don't forget to vote when the time comes. And don't forget that I do love you.

Revised Mule Days schedule released by Muleshoe chamber

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture invites everyone to enjoy Mule Days events on Sept. 13.

Among this years events, and schedule changed are:

- A pancake breakfast will be served at the Oneita Wagon Senior Center from 6:30-11 a.m.

- Mule Days Bazaar will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum.

- Mule Days parade at 10 a.m. The theme is "Kickin' It Up."

- Lunch will be served at the Muleshoe Heritage Center at noon. Free Historic Village tours beginning at 1 p.m.

- Mule Days Playday at the Good Times Arena, located three miles north on Hwy. 214, begins at 1 p.m.

The events include: barrels, keyhole race, pole bending, straight away barrels, halter classes and trail classes. Admission is \$5 per vehicle.

- Jennyslipper Mule Putt

miniature golf tournament registration begins at 1 p.m.

- Mule Shoe Pitching tournament begins at 2 p.m. at Mule Putt golf course.

- Co-ed softball tournament.

For questions regarding any planned Mule Days event, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 806-272-4248, email chamber@fivearea.com or call Cellie Parham at 806-566-5067.

Cruelty...

Continued from page 1 and theft of tools inside, to be a serious offense, the cruelty displayed by the offenders has elevated the crime in the eyes of county law enforcement officers.

Individuals with information related to this particular case may contact Dep. Knight at 946-7413.

Individuals with information about other crimes in Bailey County may call the sheriff department at 272-4269.

Fine Arts Booster Club News

The Fine Arts Booster Club has started another year.

Elections were held on Aug. 18. Richard Orozco was elected president, Martha Alvarado is first vice president, Lynn Cain is second vice president, Sarah Santos is secretary, Ricky Rodriguez is treasurer and Seth Whitworth is the historian and reporter.

The new board held its first meeting on Sept. 8.

Minutes of the election were read and accepted. The band director, Mr. Stephenson, reported on upcoming contests, at Denver City on Oct. 4, Plainview on Oct 11 and the UIL competition in Lubbock on Oct 18.

The choir director, Mrs. Mason, reported the choir had elected their class officers, and are preparing for UIL all-region competition on Oct. 4 and the first concert on Oct 13, at 6 p.m.

Dr. Moore reported that the annual Speech-Debate Tournament was set for Oct 4 with several schools already committed to attend.

The next board meeting is set for Oct. 6, at 7 p.m.

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

If you missed the meeting on Aging Well In West Texas, you missed a very good informative and helpful meeting.

The door prizes, and other prizes were great. The lunch was also very good.

Thanks to Mandi Seaton for all her hard work in getting this together.

Saturday, Sept. 13, is Mule Days for Muleshoe. There will be a Pancake Breakfast at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center. We will start serving at 6:30 a.m. and continue until 11 a.m.

The menu is pancakes, sausage, bacon, orange juice, milk, all different flavors of syrup. Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$5 for

adults, \$3 for 10 and under. Come and join in the good eats, fun, and fellowship.

Monday, Sept. 15, is the last day to vote for a board member. You must vote at the center.

Tuesday, Sept. 16, is Bunco playing day. Call your friends and come in to play. This is always a fun time.

Wednesday is always

steak day at the center. There is always a good crowd to play dominoes, eighty, or just visit. Make plans to come and have lunch.

Thursday is our Bingo day. Come have lunch and join in the fun. The games are from 1:30-3 p.m.

We have a lot of fun. Prizes and refreshments are

served.
Menu for Sept. 15-19:
Monday, Sept. 15 — Teriyaki chicken, rice, oriental vegetables, salad, wheat roll and cake.

Tuesday, Sept. 16 — Ham with pineapple, scalloped potatoes, black eyed peas, sliced onion, tomatoes, pickles, cornbread and pudding.

Wednesday, Sept. 17 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Sept. 18 — Stew, salad, cornbread, cookies and fruit.

Friday, Sept. 19 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

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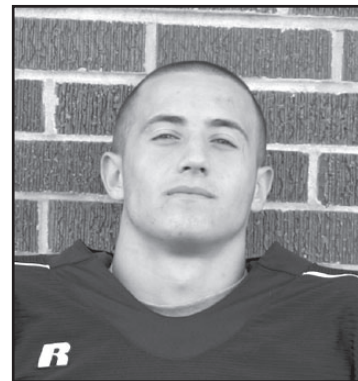
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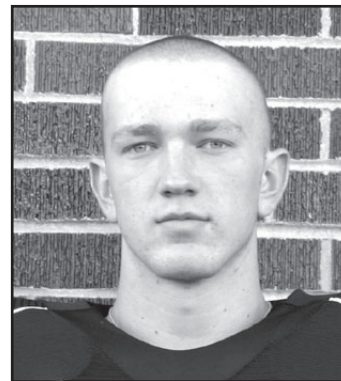
ADRIAN MUNIZ (84)
DEFENSIVE PLAYER



ADOLFO SALCIDO (67)
LINEMAN OF THE WEEK



STEVIE CISNEROS (10)
SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER



COOPER WASHINGTON (14)
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Baby Shower

Ruiz honored with baby shower

Shelby Carpenter Ruiz was honored with a baby shower on Sept. 6 at the Hubert Kidd Community Room at Five Area Telephone.

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Dianne Brunson, Janet Claborn, LeAnn Gallman, Melinda Loke, Sharla Saylor, Joyce Wright and Ellen Morgan.

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Special guests at the event included Zanea Carpenter, Martha Ruiz, Clea Robertson, Frankie Carpenter, Lorene Obenhaus, Shayla Carpenter, Shyanne Carpenter, Mandy Whitaker and Cathy Robertson.



SHELBY CARPENTER RUIZ

Muleshoe ISD Junior Class to host pre-game meal

The MHS Junior Class will be hosting a pre-game meal on Friday, Sept. 12.

The menu will include

chopped brisket sandwich, baked beans, chips, chocolate chip cake and iced tea, and will run from 5-7 p.m.

Deliveries will go from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call 272-7306 to place delivery orders. The cost of a ticket is \$6.

Obituaries

Wilma Hughes

Funeral services for Wilma Hughes, 82, of Farwell were held on Monday, Sept. 8, at Farwell Church of Christ with Phillip Steyn and Don Thomas officiating. Burial followed at Lawn Haven Memorial Garden in Clovis, N.M.

Hughes died on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2008, at BSA Hospice in Amarillo. She was born on Sept. 2, 1926, in Hollene, N.M., to Joseph and Mary Lillian Osborn Clark,

where she lived and was raised and graduated from Rosedale High School.

She married H. L. Hughes Nov. 22, 1943, in Clovis, and farmed with her husband in the Hollene Community.

She was a member of Farwell Church of Christ in Farwell.

Hughes was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother — Marion; and a sister — Billie Southward.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law — Lynn and Jo Hughes of Texico, N.M.; a daughter — Peggy Burnett of Muleshoe; a daughter and her husband — Jackie and Roger Sameck of Huntsville, Ala.; a brother and his wife — Joe and Marilyn Clark of Clovis; two sister-in-laws — Reba Mollindo of Mesa, Ariz., and Jolly McKinley of Grants, N.M.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Sports

Mules dominate Portales Rams in 63-35 victory

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules exploded on the Portales Rams Friday night in the Mules home opener. The Mules put on a clinic on the Spread Offense for the Rams. The Mules ran past the Rams with a 63-35 win to go 2-0 on the young season.

Wes Wood had been battling a stomach virus and when asked how he felt after the game he said, "Much better than I would have if we had lost."

"About all we knew about Portales was they had gone to the Spread and had high expectations for this season," continued W. Wood. "We approach every team as the best we will play all season so we have to play up."

"Their quarterback was very good and scrambled out of trouble and had receivers that would come back for the ball and made unbelievable catches. Our defense played good technique and just stayed after them all night."

"The game changer was when Adrian Muniz picked off that pass. That gave us a little padding and put the pressure on them."

"Everyone in our offensive line is my hero as they blocked for me on every play," continued W. Wood. "Our receivers make it easy to be the quarterback. You just put the ball up and they go get it," concluded W. Wood.

The Rams have adopted their version of the Spread this season and is a highly rated team in class 3A in New Mexico. The second-year head coach, Andy Correll, was quoted as saying, "We are the team to beat in 3A football in New Mexico."

The offensive-fireworks display was ignited with the opening kick and continued through the first half. Nether team's defense could find an answer to this powerful offense. The first four possessions of the game resulted in touchdowns leaving the score knotted at 14-14 with three quarters left to play.

The Mules were able to



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Mule Lane Wood shows the Rams his heels during Friday's game against Portales.

cash in on a couple of Ram miscues in the second period to open a 41-28 advantage. The Mule Bend-But-Don't-Break defense made some adjustments at the intermission and held the Rams to a single tally in the second half.

"It was a track meet tonight and both teams probably ran 10 miles," said Mule coach David Wood. "The difference tonight was that our kids grabbed the opportunities when they were presented."

"Both teams stayed focused but we were able to take advantage when opportunity flashed in front of us. Muniz's interception in the end zone really put the final nail in Portales' coffin and you could see hope disappear from their eyes."

"We are so young and yet have so much poise, maturity and football savvy. That really speaks volumes about this team," concluded Coach Wood.

The Rams took the opening kick and drove 67 yards in 10 plays. The Mules answered with a three-play drive that was capped with a 40-yard pass and run from W. Wood to Ray Ramirez.

The Rams only took two plays to put more points on the board with a 60-yard pass and run.

The Mules were back in the end zone when Lane Wood broke loose up the middle with a 62-yard romp. Ramirez opened the way to

the end zone with a block on the final Ram between L. Wood and the goal line.

The Rams were the first to blink in the shoot-out with a high snap on a fake punt. The quarterback chased down the loose ball and threw up a prayer. Victor Vasquez and Nathaniel Chavez had plenty of time to reach and knock the ball away from the intended receiver and give the Mules the ball on their own 39.

W. Wood hit Chavez on a post route on a third and eleven. Chavez made the grab in stride and went 47 yards before being hauled down. The Mules set up a screen to the left side with L. Wood running behind a wall of Mules.

The way was paved for L. Wood to the five yard line. He had to carry two Rams across the goal line to complete 25-yard Td run and give the Mules their first lead of the night.

Vasquez missed his first point after attempt of the night but the Mules led 20-14 with 8:17 left in the first half. Vasquez was successful on seven of nine attempts on the night.

A minute and a half passed before the Rams knotted the score at 20-20 and missed the extra point attempt to leave the score tied.

The Mules retook the lead with a 57-yard toss from L. Wood to Ramirez with 6:26 showing. It was a one-play

drive.

Adrian Muniz picked off his first pass of the night by running the tip drill to perfection at the Mule 20 and returned the ball to the 36. Ten plays later W. Wood found L. Wood on a toss over the middle that covered the final 11 yards to pay dirt.

Portales cut the Mule lead to six points with a two-point conversion with one minute left in the half.

The Mules returned the ensuing kick to the Mule 37. The Mules marched to the four-yard line and W. Wood got a time out called with one second showing in the half. The march included a catch by Cooper Washington for 13 yards. He had to hang his toes on the side line and hang his 6-4 frame out of bounds for the grab.

W. Wood went to the sideline to discuss strategy with his Dad, Coach Wood. "I ask Wes if we should kick a field goal or go for the touch down," said Coach Wood. "He looked me in the eye and said 'Let's go for it Dad'. So I sent him over to Coach (Ralph) Mason to get a play."

The Mules went to their double twin set in the spread and W. Wood hit Ramirez in the end zone. The two teams had scored a total of 69 points in the first half but the Mules owned a 41-28 advantage.

After the intermission W. Wood scrambled for his

only running TD of the night and threw his sixth scoring pass of the night to Chavez. Chavez catch sandwiched the Rams only TD of the second half between his and W. Wood's scores.

A high snap over the Ram's punter rolled out of the back of the end zone to give the Mules two points. Vasquez capped the Mules nine TD game with a 14-yard run with just less than five minutes left in the game.

The Mules gained a total of 647 yards with 384 coming through the air and 263 on the ground. W. Wood was 21 of 27 passing for 356 yards and six TDs. Vasquez had one toss for 28.

L. Wood was the Mules leading rusher with 10 carries for 162 yards and caught six passes for 67 yards and two TDs. The Mules had seven different players to carry the ball. Juan Sanchez gained 37 yards on three attempts and Jared Skipworth ran twice for 21.

Seven Mules caught passes with Ramirez grabbing five for 140 yards and three TDs. Chavez made three catches for 91, Vasquez had four for 33, Washington two for 21, Muniz and Sanchez had one each for 16 yards apiece.

The Mule defense gave up 354 yards through the air and only 30 on the ground on 16 attempts. Twenty-one Mules made stops during the game. Alex Godinez led with seven solo stops, L. Wood made six and Marshall Head had five.

Pressure on the quarterback was a priority for the Mule defense and Washington had six hurries.

Danny Montejano added four hurries; Sanchez, L. Wood and Adrian Chacon had two each. Muniz picked off two passes with one being in the end zone.

W. Wood and Chacon led the special teams with three stops each Ramirez and Godinez made two apiece. Vasquez caused two fumbles and recovered one.

The Mules will host the Lubbock Cooper Pirates Friday night as Muleshoe High celebrates Homecoming.

Pre-game tickets on sale

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JV Mules hand Portales Rams a pounding in 46-0 win

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

The junior varsity Mules have played 96 minutes of football and have yet to be scored against. The Mules latest victim was the Portales Rams. The Mules raced up a down the field and pounded the Rams 46-0.

Juan Orozco kicked off for the Mules to start the game and a host of Mules downed the return man at the Portales 35. Rico Alarcon broke into the Ram backfield to drop the quarterback for a 15-yard loss.

The Rams could not recover from the loss and had to punt from their 15. The ball took a Mule bounce and rolled dead on the Ram 30.

Ryan DeLeon made a perfect pitch on the option to the right side to Royce Strader and he was finally brought

down at the nine. Strader followed with a blasted up the middle for five more yards. Larry Richardson was the second man through and danced into the end zone.

The two-point conversion failed and the Mules led 6-0 with 8:43 remaining in the first period.

Nether team could score during the balance of the first frame. The Mules took possession with under a minute left after a Ram punt rolled dead on the Mule 34. The Mules marched toward the end zone before the Rams picked off a DeLeon toss at the eight-yard line.

Brandon Ellis and Strader plugged up the right side on first down. On second down Chris Anguiano drifted into the right flat to return the favor and steal the Ram's pass. There was nothing

but green grass between Anguiano and the end zone. The two-point conversion failed and the Mules led 12-0 with 6:26 remaining in the half.

Estaban Vidana and Clay Pena stopped the Rams for a short gain but it was enough for a first on the Ram 46. Strader stepped in front of the intended receiver on first down and returned back to the line of scrimmage.

Joey Ramirez found a seam in the defense on the left side and refused to be denied the end zone. He broke four tackles on his 46 yard jaunt and carried two Rams into the end zone. Ramirez added the two-point conversion to extend the Mule lead to 20-0 with 4:09 left in the half.

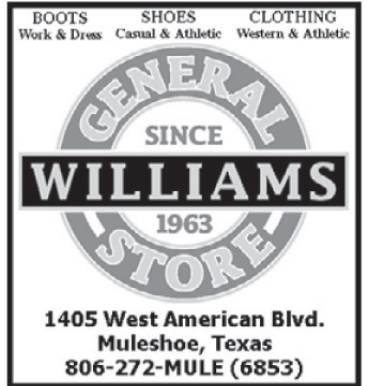
The Mules may have taken the Rams out of the game

two-point conversion to push the Mule lead to 28-0 at the intermission.

Steven Durben took over the helm in the third period and started up the middle. He drew in the defense before making a perfect pitch wide to Strader. Strader punched the ball in from the one.

The Mules final TD came on an 11-yard blast by Alarcon thru the left side of the line.

The Mules will travel to Lubbock Thursday to battle the Cooper Pirates.



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Football contest results released

By Leah Bell
General Manager

This year's annual football contest started out with several new names taking on some faithful players and doing rather well in the process.

At least three of the top ten spots went to newcomers this go around, including first place.

To my recollection, Joe Cortez hasn't played our game before, but his first time on the field scored him a touchdown — the \$25 weekly prize for his first place finish and those all important 10 cumulative points that may just help him take the final \$200 grand prize down the line.

Joe missed just one game and his tiebreaker guess of 59 points was closer than anyone else to the monstrous 98 points scored in last Friday's game featuring the Mules demolishing the Portales Rams.

Three other players missed just one game.

While only 18 players vied for the prize this week, that number is typical for the first week of competition. We received 21 entries, but three couldn't be counted

because they were "stuffed" under the door of the Journal after my departure from the office on Friday. According to my clocks at work, I left at 5:00 p.m. which is the deadline for entry in the contest. I have no way of determining if those three entries arrived two minutes after I left or two hours.

Let this be a warning to those of you who wait until the last minute to turn your entries in — I will follow the rules! You may want to stop in and synchronize your watches with my wall clocks!

The other top remaining spots went to the following players: second place (nine pts.) - Charles Waggoner (also a newcomer); third place (eight pts.) - Terry Field; fourth place (seven pts.) - James Buie; fifth place (six pts.) - Donnie McDonald; sixth place (five pts.) - Raymond Villalobos; seventh place (four pts.) - Tommy King; eighth place (three pts.) - Linda Flores; ninth place (two pts.) - Ed Dabrowski; tenth place (tie - one pt. each) - Ruben Mata (also a newcomer) and William Orozco.

Cumulative points earned are stated in parenthesis

above and are based on their finishing order.

Just outside the points earners for the week were: Jaden Herrera, Felipe Gonzales and Jan King.

Just a reminder, anyone over the age of 12 can play our weekly football contest. It's good family fun!

Entries can be mailed to us at: Football Contest, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. They must be received at the Journal office no later than 4 p.m. on Friday prior to that week's games, or be postmarked on that date.

Entries may also be emailed to either ctyankee@fivearea.com or advertising@muleshojournal.com.

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Our \$200 grand prize will be awarded after the end of the Mules' regular season to the person gathering the most cumulative points throughout the season.

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REPRESENTATIVE SALES - SAT., SEPT. 6, 2008

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D. Carilla, Portales	23	Hol. str.	200 lbs.	at \$71.00
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Jacob Giesbrecht, Seminole	2	Mxd. clfs.	150 lbs.	at \$305.00
Jacob Giesbrecht		Blk. str	245 lbs.	at \$148.00
Jacob Giesbrecht		Blk. str	370 lbs.	at \$129.00
Jacob Dueck, Seminole		Blk. bull	345 lbs.	at \$132.00
Jacob Dueck		3 Mxd. bulls.	393 lbs.	at \$128.00
Jamie Gray, Littlefield		2 Blk. str.	383 lbs.	at \$128.00
R.D. Jones, Brownfield		Blk. str	255 lbs.	at \$160.00
R.D. Jones		2 Blk. str.	403 lbs.	at \$134.00
R.D. Jones		7 Blk. str.	575 lbs.	at \$115.75
R.D. Jones		3 Blk. str.	473 lbs.	at \$120.00
Suzanne Doyal, Lubbock		7 Blk. bulls.	563 lbs.	at \$107.00
Edwardo Rodriguez, Hereford		Blk. hfr.	345 lbs.	at \$113.00
Jamie Gray		5 Blk. hfrs.	395 lbs.	at \$110.00
FM Farms, Brownfield		4 Blk. hfrs.	400 lbs.	at \$112.00
R.D. Jones		10 Blk. hfrs.	439 lbs.	at \$116.00
R.D. Jones		14 Blk. hfrs.	524 lbs.	at \$114.50
Jacob Giesbrecht		3 Blk. hfrs.	447 lbs.	at \$118.00
Suzanne Doyal		9 Mxd. hfrs.	519 lbs.	at \$109.00
Jacob Giesbrecht		3 Blk. cows P7		\$900.00
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Jacob Giesbrecht		Blk. cow	1065 lbs.	at \$62.75
Jacob Giesbrecht		3 Blk. cows	1130 lbs.	at \$61.75
Jacob Dueck		RWF cow	1140 lbs.	at \$55.50
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Robots never have to "work their fingers to the bone!"

1 automatic 2 science fiction 3 robot 4 mobile 5 program 6 robotics 7 computer 8 industry

I was built by robots in a factory.

Oh - oh. I'm not sure I want to clean Chitter's messy room!

Are **you** ready for robots? Most of robots we see on TV or in movies are played by human actors. Remember C-3PO and R2-D2 from the movie **Star Wars**? Fill in this puzzle to show how much you know about robots:

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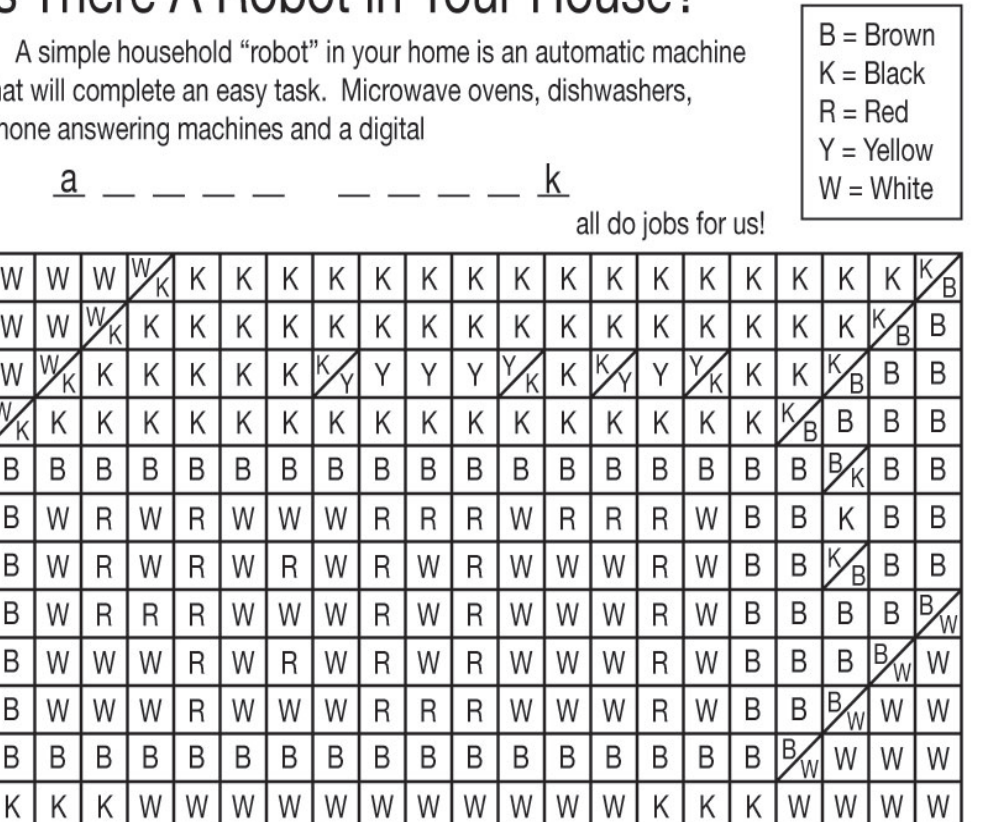
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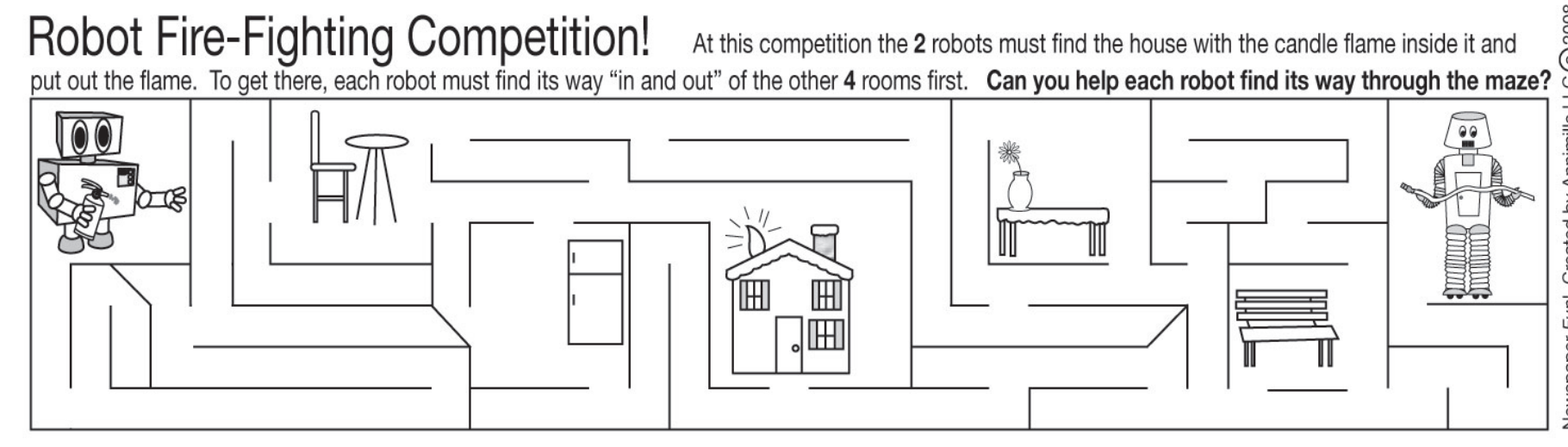

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The Sudan Buzz

Sudan celebration had fun, food and festivities

Preserving the Past-Shaping the Future was theme of Sudan's 90th year celebration on Sept. 6.

The day began with the parade lead by the Sudan High School Marching Band. The Sudan Hornets Football Team and Sudan Cheerleaders were also part of the parade.

The Sudan EMS, Fire Department, and Police Department were also on hand with sirens blasting.

Antique cars, trucks and tractors, ATV's, bicycle riders, and horse and riders joined in the fun of the parade that made it way down Main Street to the Sudan School.

The days events held many activities for young and old. Many of the children enjoyed the coin dig at the track while some ran through the blow up slide and obstacle course. There was



Photographs by Terry Brewster

a tricycle race, horseshoe tournament, and many other activities.

Water polo was enjoyed by members of the area fire departments. A ball was strung on a wire attached to poles.

The teams used the water hoses to move the ball along wire to the opposite side. Everyone had a fun and wet time at the water polo event.

Many vendors were on hand for the celebration.

Burritos, roasted corn, barbeque, hamburgers, and snow cones were enjoyed by the crowd as they gathered at tables by the school. While sitting in the shade they enjoyed the bands from the area played music.

Shopping was also so available, with vendors selling jewelry, airbrush painted t-shirts, and many other items. A garage sale was held by the Junior class for a fundraiser.

The Talent Show proved to

be a huge success. The Sudan High School Auditorium filled many people anxious to see what talent that the area had to offer.

There were three groups and eight individuals participating in contest. Kimberlee Gonzales singing "Stay Beautiful" won the individual award winning \$50. The Dynamite Barbershop Quartet won the Group award for \$50. The Barbershop Quartet also won the grand prize of \$300.

Each contestant did a wonderful job of entertaining the crowd. Everyone was invited to enjoy an evening meal hosted by the Sudan Volunteer Fire Department.

The evening continued with gospel singers and a dodge ball tournament, and concluded with a street dance with "The Penni Lawrence Band."

Sudan defeats Bovina

By Lonnie Wilhite

The Sudan Hornets found winning to their liking last week as they defended their home turf with a 22-12 defeat of the Bovina Mustangs Friday night.

Sudan's offense started off in trouble as three of Bovina's first four possessions were on Sudans side of the 50 and had two fumbles.

The Hornet defense, on the other hand, was there to bail out them out and did not allow the Mustang's to score.

The first score of the game came with 25 seconds left in the first half of the game.

After an 84-yard drive Derrick Williams found what is becoming his favorite receiver in tightend BJ Davis for a three-yard touchdown pass.

The extra point attempt was no good so as the teams went into the locker

room Sudan led 6-0.

Bovina then scored their first points, with 5:34 left in the third quarter, as they again started on the Sudan side of the field at the 48.

The score came on the legs of quarterback Jesus Rocha as he went right behind his center for a 42-yard scamper to tie the game at 6-6, the extra point try failed.

Sudan returned the ensuing kick-off to their 42 yard line.

The Hornets picked up six yards then Williams hit Davis again on a short pass but Davis decided to take it to the house.

Fifty-two yards later the score was 12-6 Sudan. Taylor Soles added the two point conversion to extend the lead to 14-6.

Sudan started the fourth period on defense and the Mustangs driving down the

field, but the Hornet defense stopped the Mustang's on fourth down at their own 25 yard line with 11:52 left in the game.

Sudan then decided to chip away at the clock, in doing so they also chipped away yardage.

With about five minutes left Williams threw up a long pass down field that was intercepted by Jesus Rocha who in turn returned it 76 yards for a touchdown.

The only problem was the Mustangs hit Williams too late after the pass and were called for roughing the passer.

After the 15 yards were marched off for the penalty, and a couple more plays, Williams scored on a one yard scamper to extend the lead 20-6 at the 4:35 mark.

Williams then added the two-point conversion and made it 22-6 Sudan.

All night, Bovina had very good returns on punts and kick-offs so Coach Fambro wanted a high short kick so his coverage team would have time to stop the Mustangs.

Instead Rocha had his own plans and returned the kick seventy-five yard for a score to cut the lead 22-12.

The two-point conversion failed. Sudan was then able to run out the clock on their last possession.

For week two of the high school football season Coach Fambro will take his 2-0 Sudan Hornets to Plains and take on the 1-1 Cowboys led by Coach Tom Harvy and his spread offense.



Hornets football on internet

Lonnie Wilhite, Monty Edwards and Greg Lance are broadcasting the Hornet football games over the internet at www.hssz.net. The trio hopes to have an FM transmitter up soon so the folks in town who don't have the internet can listen.

Sudan news reporter sought

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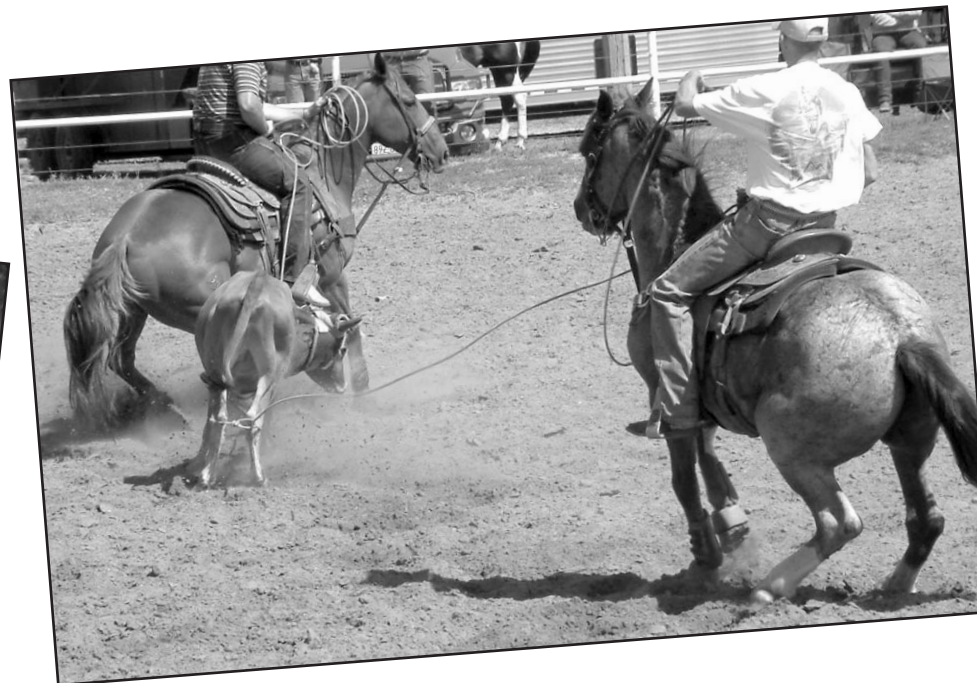
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Annual Rotary roping results released

It was another successful year for some of the ropers who traveled to Bailey County Labor Day to participate in the Muleshoe Rotary Club's annual team roping.

A total of 272 teams took part in Roping #14 with header Jerry Trujillo and heeler Michael Trujillo taking home the saddles with a time of 39.62 seconds. Their individual payouts were \$1,810.

Other headers, heelers, times and payouts

included:

- Second average — Bailey Herwig, Kaleb Anderson, 39.66 seconds, \$1,498.

- Third average — Lance Lightfoot, Cody Gatlin, 41.32 seconds, \$1,186.

- Fourth average — David Mosley, Jason Thomas, 41.97 seconds, \$874.

- Fifth average — Lance Lightfoot, Jake Matthews, 42.59 seconds, \$563.

- Sixth average — Scott Marshall, Randy Sanchez, 43.72 seconds, \$312.

A total of 275 teams participated in Roping #12 with header Dan Collins and heeler Mike Macy taking the saddles with a time of 31.33 seconds. Their payout was \$1,830.

Other headers, heelers, times and payouts included:

- Second — Billy Good, Jarryd Burris, 32.79, \$1,515.

- Third — Dan Collins, Chris Perez, 32.96, \$1,199.

- Fourth — Don Collin, Jim Ellera, 33.99, \$884.

- Fifth — AR Northcott, Mike Macy, 34.32, \$568.

- Sixth — Dustin Nelson, Ryan Brewer, 35.01, \$316.

A total of 243 teams participated in Roping #11 with header Linde May and heeler Ryan Brewer taking the saddles with a time

of 36.66 seconds. Their payout was \$1,617.

Other headers, heelers, times and payouts included:

- Second — Linde May and Lathe May, 38.74, \$1,338.

- Third — Bubba Garcia, Chongo Alvarado, 39.02, \$1,060.

- Fourth — Steve Friskup, Clay Myers, 42.58, \$781.

- Fifth — Stan Long, Chongo Alvarado, 43.03, \$502.

- Sixth — Marcos Bustamonte, Daiy Irwin, 48.95, \$279.

A total of 596 teams took part in the #5-and-under drawpot, with Jimmy English and Brandon Clements capturing the saddles with a time of 42.66, and a purse of \$2,490.



Jerry Trujillo and Michael Trujillo, winners of Roping #14



Mike Macy and Don Collins, winners of Roping #12



Linde May and Ryan Brewer, winners of Roping #11



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The prospective bride, the daughter of Alec and Lindy Schuster, is a 1997 graduate of Muleshoe High School, a 2001 graduate of Angelo State University, and a 2005 graduate of Parker College of Chiropractic.

The prospective groom, the son of Sterling Wood and Cherryl Flocken, is a 1995 graduate of Cedar Hill High School. He attended the University of Texas at Arlington from 1996-2001, and graduated from Parker

College of Chiropractic in 2004.

The prospective bride and groom work in their own practice in Springlake.

An Oct. 22, 2008, family wedding has been planned in Los Cabos San Lucas, Mexico, with a reception to follow in Dallas on Jan. 31, at the Texas Star Country Club.

The prospective bride is the granddaughter of Jack and Cara Juan Schuster of Muleshoe.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Elmo Reeves of Waxahachie.

Education

By Gene Sheets,
MISD Superintendent

On the first day of school this year, I watched Kindergarten students look amazed as they walked down the hall of the "new" Dillman Elementary and saw the painted ductwork in the exposed ceiling of the main corridor (I think a few parents and employees were amazed, too).

I watched students helping new students find their classroom in the "new"

Watson Junior High. The new addition has literally transformed the junior high into a new building with a new look and feel to it.

I watched high school students parking in a real student parking lot for the first time ever. The "new" high school student parking lot no longer serves as a through street for the public to use while buses, parents, and students all try to navigate it at the same time. And we have plenty

A note from the Superintendent

of those parking spaces for our high school students — 142 spaces — more than we had before!

Okay, I saw that we still have some work to do on the new Dillman Elementary parking lot situation; but the second day was much better than the first day, and we're still working on it.

I was a part of the DeShazo Elementary groundbreaking ceremony Monday morning, where we poured black and white sand into a jar symbolizing everyone working together as we "Build the Future, One Student at a Time."

By the way, I was also a part of the historic groundbreaking ceremony for the "new" high school on the second day of school. Actual construction began the next day.

I watched a few parents with tears in their eyes

as they dropped off their Kindergarten child for the first time, and I realized what an important job we have. We are "Building the Future, One Student at a Time."

I loved my first day of school! I can't wait for tomorrow! And I would love to hear about your child's first day.

Heritage Board Report

At the monthly meeting of the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Board on Aug. 25, members voted to join the City of Muleshoe in celebrating Oktoberfest on Oct. 18. Details will be worked out between the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture and the Heritage Center Board soon.

Board members are excited about this day because this year is the 25th year anniversary of both the Muleshoe Heritage Center and the Muleshoe High School student group the Student-Community Action Club (SCAC).

Former members of both organizations will be encouraged to attend this historic celebration. There will be special entertainment, food, and tours conducted.

A time to briefly explain the road that led to the truly unique historic village and to honor those who helped bring it all about will be set aside during this special day. The City of Muleshoe will be celebrating its 95th birthday and Bailey County's 90th so we will have plenty to celebrate.

Other business conducted at the August meeting included a discussion about the many improvements going on at the center. These include removal of the large steel building on the recently purchased property where Sain Irrigation was located and cleaning off all of this

property.

Board member Kenneth Henry has headed up this phase at the center. He, along with Marshall Cook, have done a tremendous job of replacing the old platform around the Santa Fe Depot.

Board member Sammie Simpson is heading the cleanout and redoing the former office building of Sain Irrigation. This will soon house Muleshoe's first Post Office as well as a display of former early dentist's equipment, the Lewis'.

On October 18, there will be many new improvements and possibly new structures to display. It is believed that the Stegall School from South of Bailey County and a dugout representative of where some early Bailey County residents lived will be soon located at the center.

Board member Lonnie Adrian gave a brief update about the annual Heritage Tour de Muleshoe suggesting several ways to advertise the City of Muleshoe as well as a money-making activity.

4-H News

Open enrollment set for Sept. 16

Bailey County 4-H will hold its open enrollment meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Bailey County Coliseum.

4-H reaches youth third grade through 12th grade with activities and events combine learning and fun; help youth develop their own special talents; and build self-esteem, self-confidence, and communication skills.

4-H emphasizes family involvement, and is continually evolving, making changes that will keep it in step with today's youth and

their family.

In 4-H, there are more than 40 projects offered in these categories: Mechanical science, animal science, family and consumer sciences, natural sciences, plant science, personal growth and development, and communication arts.

For more information, contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, 118 W. Ave. C., Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-272-4583. Join 4-H and make it yours.



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The Muleshoe Jennyslipper Bazaar (Civic Center) and other events will be happening in Muleshoe the same weekend!

Call for more information:
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MISD receives 'tangible' expressions of appreciation

While the expressions of appreciation from the students, parents, administrative staff and school board of the Muleshoe Independent School District are always welcome, the district's excellence in education has been expressed in a more tangible manner during the past two years through receipt of a Texas Educator Excellence Grant.

At the beginning of the 2007-08 school year, DeShazo Elementary staff received cycle 1 funding in the amount of \$50,000 to be shared among its staff. Part of that award, referred to as "Part II money," was also shared with Dillman staff since they are the feeder campus to DeShazo.

"The TEEG grant acknowledges the excellent job our staff does. It is exciting to see children gain in their test scores and teachers recognized for the important role they play in our future," said Debbie Gallman, principal of DeShazo Elementary.

At the beginning of this school year (2008-09), both Watson Junior High and Muleshoe High School staff will share \$45,000 and \$50,000 respectively.

"We are thrilled that we can recognize our outstanding faculty and staff with a monetary award like this. Our faculty and staff dedicate countless hours of work in an effort to help all of our students be successful," said Superintendent Gene Sheets.

"One of the best things that could have happened to our teachers in regards to this award is that it went out to so many individuals. I had not told any teacher that we had accomplished the goal set forth in the TEEG grant application until we passed out the money," said Alex Salazar, WJH principal.

"As I went around handing out the checks to the teachers, I can say that the responses will be with me for many years to come. I had one person tear up when she

saw that she was included in the funds... It was a great monetary response to the hard work that everyone put into this past year," he added.

The award amount appropriated to each campus was based on student enrollment at each campus. Every campus wrote a plan that was approved by the state on how the awarded amount would be distributed to staff members. In general, the appropriation was based on the percent of students who showed gains in math and reading/ELA from the previous school year.

"For most teachers, the decision to choose their career is not based on the salary they expect to receive but rather the love they have for children," said Assistant Superintendent Don Wood. "The rewards are not seen as dollar signs but rather seen in the smiles, the excitement, and the accomplishments of children."

"Teachers really don't

expect to receive incentive money for teaching, loving and caring for the lifeblood of our future, but the TEEG is a great way for the state to recognize just how hard our teachers work and they are well deserving of this award," he added.

"The TEEG provided Muleshoe High School a unique opportunity to reward faculty and staff for the extra efforts that are put forth to help students learn," said Elizabeth Ward, MHS principal. "The process allowed us to evaluate programs that were already in place and seek innovative improvements to help with the success of each student. Meeting the goals set by the grant would not have been possible without the dedication and determination of every member of the faculty and staff."

"Being awarded the TEEG reflects the heart of Muleshoe High School and the amazing people who are committed to the learning of our children," she added.

Campuses that give the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) are eligible to receive TEEG grant awards base on the following criteria:

- Ranking within the top half of campuses with the highest percentages of educationally disadvantaged students enrolled at the campus.
- Schools were ranked from highest to lowest percentage within each school category — elementary, middle, high, and all grade campuses;
- Rating of exemplary or recognized;
- Top quartile performance with respect to comparable improvement in math or reading.

God Will Not Stay Locked Up in Anyone's Box

In the preface to *The Pillars of the Earth*, thriller-writer Ken Follett tells how he came to write a historically-based novel about the building of a grand Gothic cathedral.

In the midst of writing best-sellers, he'd toyed with the project for a long time, starting it, stopping it, almost dropping it. But, against his better judgment, he kept coming back to it.

"In the book business," he

room with rows of chairs around a central table. Paintings, statues, and all forms of decoration were banned. The sect also discouraged members from visiting rival churches, so," he writes, "I grew up pretty much ignorant of Europe's wealth of gorgeous church architecture."

But he did write the book, which became his most successful, and he caught my attention on page 2.

I'd heard of the Brethren, "Plymouth" being one flavor. (Storyteller Garrison Keillor's "Sanctified Brethren" sub-type is one he made up, but the real deal was obviously his model.)

The more I learn about the Brethren, the more I think the church I grew up in WAS them. We thought just like them. We distrusted color and mystery and crosses and preachers, loved law, were grace-challenged, etc. Yes, I learned to love the Lord there, but our distrust of anything much bigger than what we could control or do or figure out, was deeply damaging. It's not difficult for me to understand those who refuse to believe in a God that stunted.

We hurt ourselves badly if we choose to stay behind the walls we build and think we have nothing to learn from others who love the Lord.

It's okay to love cathedrals. Lots of folks who love the Lord deeply have worshiped him in cathedrals, and Puritan "shoeboxes," and all sorts of edifices in between.

But anyone who thinks that God is locked up in their box, be it penny-pinching paltry or breathtakingly beautiful, is in for a surprise.

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



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

writes, "when you have had a success the smart thing to do is to write the same sort of thing once a year for the rest of your life. Clowns should not try to play Hamlet. Pop stars should not write symphonies." It made no sense for him to try to write something "out of character" and "over-ambitious."

Strange, he says, that he would focus his story on the building of a cathedral when he doesn't believe in God and doesn't consider himself a "spiritual" person. (Whatever that is. "Spiritual" can be a squirrely word whether it's used by believers, unbelievers, or sort-of-believers.)

What's more, his early religious upbringing argued against his ever writing a book centering on a cathedral. His family belonged to a "Puritan religious group called the Plymouth Brethren." For them, "a church was a bare

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2008 Homecoming Queen candidates announced

The candidates for the 2008 Muleshoe High School Football Homecoming Queen were recently announced.

These candidates, pictured here from left to right, are: Front row — Caitlyn Durben, junior, the daughter of Bill and Pat Durben, who will be escorted by junior Austin Bamert; Jessica Behrends, junior, the daughter of Earl and Donita Behrends, who will be escorted by junior D.J. Attwood. Back row — April Gardea, senior, the daughter of Jose and Adrianna Gardea, who will be escorted by junior Adrian Muniz; Cassie Steinbock, senior, the daughter of



Terry and Judy Steinbock, who will be escorted by senior Victor Vasquez; and Lupita Andrade, senior,

the daughter of Benito and Antonia Andrade, who will be escorted by senior Ray Ramirez.

Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DIST. conducted public hearings on September 11, 2008 and September 18, 2008 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DIST. from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 2.564103 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of 0.400000 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$1,202,179.35.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 0.400000 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$1,232,688.82.

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The Board of Directors of Muleshoe Area Hospital Dist. is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 25, 2008 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, Hospital Dining Room, 708 South First Street, Muleshoe, TX 79347 at 6:00 PM.

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