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## Tax assessor/collector candidates speak out

As part of the *Muleshoe Journal's* continuing effort to keep the voting public informed, candidates for the position of Bailey County Tax Assessor/Collector — Mariann Anzaldua and Melba Clark — were asked to respond to questionnaires.

Mariann Madrid Anzaldua was born and raised in Muleshoe. Her parents are Juan and Avelina Madrid. She has four younger brothers — Dennis of Lubbock, Juan, Jr., of Illinois, Earl of Muleshoe and Matthew of Illinois. She attended school in Muleshoe until 1972, when she married Alfredo "Freddie" Anzaldua. They have one daughter —



MARIANN ANZALDUA

Audree Halcomb and three grandsons.

Melba Clark has been married to Robert Clark for 40 years in October. They are the parents of a son and four daughters, 14 grandchildren and five great-granddaughters.

She moved to Bailey County in 1961, and she



has been employed in the Tax assessor/Collectors' office for approximately 15 years.

*Please list your qualifications for county tax assessor/collector, and explain why you think you are the best candidate for the position.*

**Anzaldua** — I am

bilingual, and I am computer literate and consider myself open minded. I have worked in the service industry all of my life, beginning by selling popcorn at the drive-in as a teenager, hamburgers at the Dairy Queen later, then shoes at Anthony's to Mexican food at Viola's, as well as a cook at my current



MELBA CLARK

job at the Bailey County Jail. I feel I can better serve my community as the new county tax assessor and I am willing and able to carry out this new phase of my life if elected.

**Clark** — I continue to attend educational seminars and classes to stay updated on current issues related to

the office.

*What do you perceive to be the tax assessor office's greatest assets?*

**Anzaldua** — This office comes in contact with every citizen of our county within voting age and this puts us in the position to be able to help or answer any questions that person could have relating to their vehicle or a voting issue.

**Clark** — I believe the tax assessors' greatest asset is to be a well informed individual who is educated in the ins and outs of the laws pertaining to registration and titles for voters and automobiles. The tax assessor should be willing to help any citizen with questions pertaining to this office.

*What do you perceive to*

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## Fun times planned for Oktoberfest 2008

Oct. 18 will be a special day for the Muleshoe Area. People will eat. Pumpkins will be launched. Groups will entertain. People will eat more. Guided tours of historic buildings will be available. Contests will be won. Coffee will be served from a vintage chuck wagon. People will eat even more.

Oktoberfest is shaping up to be an exciting event as the Muleshoe area celebrates the heritage of its city, county, the 25th anniversary of the Muleshoe Heritage Center and Muleshoe High School's SCAC Club.

The festivities begin with an all-you-care-to-eat Pancake Breakfast at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, from 7-10 a.m..



The center will be serving fluffy pancakes, sausage, bacon and a variety of tasty toppings. Milk, orange juice and coffee are included. Adult tickets are \$5 and children 10 and under eat for \$3.

United Supermarkets is helping promote the pumpkin pie bake-off. United's Marketing Department has assembled an array of delicious and unusual recipes that will make your pie a winner.

There's also a pumpkin

decorating contest. Seniors are invited to a pumpkin decorating event at the Oneita Wagnon Center on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Helen Cook and Elinor Yerby are organizing the event. Pumpkins will be supplied by Kelly and Debbie Kettner and the senior center is furnishing decorations.

This is something the women will enjoy but the men can try their hands too!

### Are you ready!

Are you ready for this year's "flinging of the orange!"

This year's Pumpkin Launch will be held in the Five-Area lot west of the Bailey County Coliseum and the Muleshoe Heritage Center on Saturday afternoon.

Contact the chamber office for additional information.

All ages are encouraged to decorate pumpkins or cook pies for the contests. Various age groups will be awarded prizes and bragging rights.

Decorated pumpkins and pies should be dropped off at the Muleshoe Heritage Center between 8 a.m. and noon on Saturday, Oct. 18.

The afternoon will include a variety of local entertainers and activities. Lemonade and brownies will be served by Muleshoe's Boy Scout Troop.

At 5:30 pm, a short ceremony will be held to recognize contest winners, former members of SCAC, former presidents and members of the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation, public officials, and others.

Members of the SCAC Club who helped save the Santa Fe Depot will hold a reunion. The 10 senior students who worked with local citizens to save the depot have been contacted and many will be present to celebrate this special event.

From 6-7:30 p.m., Muleshoe Meals on Wheels will serve a hamburger dinner with baked beans and cobbler.

The hamburger dinner is \$5 and a Kids Meal (hot dog and chips) is available for \$3.

The evening finale is an old-fashioned gospel sing led by members of various local churches.

For additional information, contact the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture or the Muleshoe Heritage Center.

## Luck, hard work results in local arrests

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

A combination of luck, hard work and cooperation resulted in the arrest of four Muleshoe youth following a series of vandalisms and burglaries, according to Muleshoe Police Lt. Benny Parker.

On Oct. 1, Muleshoe police officers responded to the report of vandalism at the U.S. Post Office in Muleshoe, learning upon their arrival that someone had broken the small windows out of several of the post office mail boxes.

According to Lt. Parker, although it was evident that a letter was removed from one of the boxes, he said it was left at the scene.

Over the next couple of days, criminal activity in the area continued with a three of burglaries, including the burglary of BB&L

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### Local Weather

**Thursday**  
Sunny..... 81/49

**Friday**  
Sunny..... 81/51

**Saturday**  
I. T-Strms..... 79/49

**Sunday**  
T-Strms..... 76/46

**Monday**  
Few Shwrs..... 65/37

**Tuesday**  
Few Shwrs..... 71/39

**Wednesday**  
Sunny..... 70/42

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## First United Methodist Church to celebrate a century of service

The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, 507 W. Second, will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 12.

The 11 a.m. worship service will include a historical drama and video, and a message delivered by Bishop D. Max Whitefield. The worship service will include a shory play and video presentation.

The service will be followed by a fellowship dinner. Former pastors, members and friends are invited to share in the celebration.

"Tracing the history of the church reveals a legacy of faith and vision from all the pastors and members who have sacrificed in order to



Pictured above on the left is the Old Hurley Methodist Church prior to the structure's move to Muleshoe. Pictured on establish and maintain a United Methodist Church in Muleshoe," FUMC church member Pat Watson said. "When the big Texas ranches were broken up and offered for sale in 1907

and 1908, settlers came into the Bailey County area, bringing with them their faith in God and their desire to have a place of worship."



the right is the entrance to the fellowship hall at the church's current structure on Second Street.

The building was later moved from Hurley to a lot in the east part of Muleshoe in 1914. A few years later, the Santa Fe Depot was moved to the current day intersection of Hwy. 84 and 70.

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**Community blood drive**

Donate blood at Muleshoe United Supermarket, on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 11 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. in the donor bus. Now, 16-year-old donors can be accepted with a signed minor consent form. Call Chad at 272-3120 to make an appointment.

**Noah's Ark Fling**

New Covenant Church is planning its 11th annual "Noah's Ark Fling," to be held on Friday, Oct. 31, from 5 p.m. until midnight at the Bailey County Coliseum. Entertainment, refreshments, candy and prizes will be provided for children from Muleshoe and the surrounding area.

This year, Jeremiah 29:11 Ministries will be participating in the event as a special treat. There will be a puppet show at 6:15 p.m., for the younger children, and something for the older children at 9 p.m.

Contributions are appreciated. For additional information contact Lisa Gamble at 965-2787 or 575-693-2964. Mail contributions to Noah's Ark Fling, P.O. Box 531, Muleshoe, TX 79347. To donate prizes or candy, call Vivian Cortez at 518-4159, Sandy Lucero at 575-760-8932, or Tracie Claybrook at 965-2787.

**Alzheimer's Disease Support Group**

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting Thursday, Oct. 9, at noon, at Park View Nursing Care Center. Lunch will be served.

For more information contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, at 272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, county extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, at 272-4583.

**Sophomore pre-game dinner**

Muleshoe ISD's Sophomore class will be hosting a pre-game "Mexican pile-on" fund raiser dinner on Friday, Oct. 10, from 5-7 p.m., in the high school cafeteria, before the game against Floydada.

The menu will include the Mexican pile-on, rice, beans, chips and salsa, red velvet cake and tea.

Tickets are available from sophomore class members and sponsors at \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 11. Deliveries are available from 4:30-6:30 p.m. by calling 272-7306.

**Class of 1993**

The Muleshoe ISD Class of 1993 has scheduled its 15-year reunion for Oct. 10., during the Mules vs. Floydada ballgame, at 7:30 p.m., and on Oct. 11 at Leal's at 6 p.m., followed by a gathering at the Muleshoe Country Club at 8 p.m.

Go to Classreport.org for more information.

**Hurricane Ike donations**

Muleshoe Church of Christ, 2201 W. American Blvd., is taking donations of household items, new or slightly-used clothing, and money beginning this week until the end of the month for victims of Hurricane Ike. Volunteers will be on hand from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays to receive the donations.

**'Simply Christmas'**

Bailey County Extension Education Association will be hosting the program "Simply Christmas" on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 1:30 p.m., in the Bailey County Extension Office, 118 W. Ave. C. in Muleshoe.

For more information about the 'Simply Christmas' program or the Bailey County Extension Education Association, contact Mandi Seaton, county extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, 272-4583.

**Births**



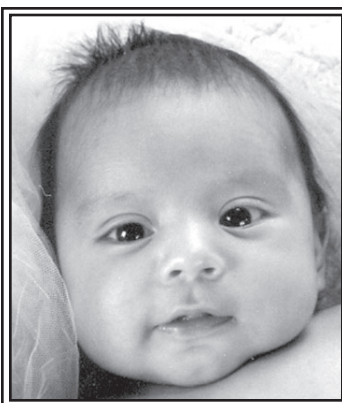
**RILEY CLIFTON**  
**Riley Clifton**

Steve and Amanda Clifton announce the birth of their son, Riley Clifton, on Aug. 25, 2008, at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock.

Riley weighed seven pounds, eight ounces at birth, and was 20-1/2 inches in length.

He has one brother — Ryan.

His grandparents are Marvin and Shirley Carpenter of Muleshoe, Pauline Clifton of Perryton and the late Benny Clifton.



**Caedon Alvarez**

Ricky and Lucila Alvarez of Amarillo are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Caedon Alexander Alvarez, on April 23, 2008, at 1:56 a.m., at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital of Amarillo.

Caedon weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces at birth, and was 19 inches in length.

His brother is Xavian Alvarez, 3.

Caedon's grandparents are Rito and Celia Flores of Muleshoe, Ricky and Michelle Alvarez of Amarillo, and Christina Chavez of Amarillo.



**RYHANA ADAMARI ESTRADA**  
**Ryhana Estrada**

Luis Mario Estrada and Ariana Diaz of Muleshoe are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Ryhana Adamari Estrada, on Sept. 12, 2008, at Clovis Regional Hospital, Clovis, N.M.

Ryhana weighed six pounds, 13 ounces at birth, and was 20-1/2 inches in length.

Her grandparents are Raul and Maria Gandara of Muleshoe, and Candelario and Guadalupe Estrada of Pampa.

**Sen. Seliger meeting set**

Dist. 31 State Sen. Kel Seliger will be at a "town hall meeting" on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 2 p.m., at Muleshoe State Bank.

The public is invited to attend and share their thoughts about the upcoming 81st Legislature.

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**MISD flag corps members honored**

Students from Muleshoe ISD's Flag Corps recently competed at the West Texas Auxiliary Competition and received a "First Division" or "Superior" rating, according to band director Nicholas Stephenson.

The students were Gabriela Perez, Natalie Head and Jenna Whitworth

"We are very proud of these color guard members," Stephenson said.

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The "Old Hurley" Church after the move into town, with additions and a stucco exterior.

## Methodist centennial...

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 Fe Railroad deeded land to the Methodist people for a church, and in 1920 the congregation purchased the "Old Hurley" building and moved it to the present location of the church at 507 W. Second Street.

Various pastors ministered to the congregation on a part-time basis until 1925, when the Rev. J.D. Farmer became the first full-time resident pastor.

The congregants constructed the first parsonage at this time, and made improvements to the church building during the

next several years. "The perseverance of the congregation during the financially lean years of the Depression attests to their faith and to their determination to maintain the ministries of the church," Watson said. "Their faithfulness was rewarded and the church remained strong."

The ensuing years held many changes for the church, including the building of a new sanctuary and parsonage and the merging of the Progress and Y.L. Methodist churches with the Muleshoe church.

## County assessor candidates...

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*be the greatest problems faced by the tax assessor office's and how would you suggest these problems be addressed?*

**Anzaldua** — I don't feel there are any "problems" facing this office. It provides a service that is needed by all and I feel I can be of help for all.

**Clark** — Changing laws and new plates that are being instituted. They should be addressed by continuing education hours.

## Letters to the Editor

### Local residents stand against alcohol sale election issue

**To the Editor:**

Something to think about.

Kids believe in us and believe in everything we do. Whether we want this responsibility or not, it is ours none the less.

Let's think about the issue of alcohol in this community. I have lived in this town for 13 years and one thing I have always been able to tell people is this town loves kids and is very family oriented.

We have 23 churches in this small community. For years, I've watched our young people grow up, become young adults, then leave this place they have called home for the first time. In many cases, these Muleshoe natives come home to visit. Countless numbers of them have come back with unbelievable stories about "the real world" ...about how alcohol absolutely destroyed their lives or a personal friends' life.

After each story that is told to me a very common gesture follows..."Thanks, Coach, for believing in me and for trying to forewarn us about the real world."

You see, people watch everything we do, hear everything we say, and learn from our examples. The young people in our community can't vote, but they are watching us and learning from us. What are we going to teach them on Election Day?

Every time one of our kids see us (or a stranger) pick up a six-pack from the shelf, a seed is planted. And if he sees it enough times it no longer becomes an issue of right or wrong, it just becomes standard, life, the way it is, what people do. I would hate to see anything creep into this community that would tarnish our pride that we have in this great town. Is this worth the risk?

What are we going to tell them on Election Day?

Please join me in helping Muleshoe continue to be a safe haven for our kids to come back to. Let's do all we can to keep "the real world" out of our town.

**David Wood, Muleshoe**

**To the Editor:**

I have only lived here for 10 years, but I have seen what alcohol does to people's lives. I am opposed to the sell of alcohol in Muleshoe because it has affected my family and I in a personal way, bringing us pain, shame and suffering.

I have lost a family member because of drinking and driving. Another took a man's life, and a son whom I love dearly ruined his life by alcohol and drugs. By God's grace, he is recovering. But the years wasted can never be recovered.

I understand people will still drive and get it somewhere else, but please, care enough for your family to vote "no" to the sale of alcohol.

Proverb 20:1 says, "Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler. Whoever is led astray by them is not wise."

**Ruth Guzman, Muleshoe**

## Obituaries

### Virginia Wyvonne Wilson

Virginia Wyvonne Wilson departed this life on Oct. 6, 2008. She was born on July 7, 1939, to E.B. "Booger" and Dollie Wilson.

Wyvonne married Jim Snider on Jan. 20, 1960, in Littlefield.

She loved gardening and her family was always forefront in her life.

Among those left to cherish her memory are her husband — Jim; two sons — Blake Snider of Madisonville, Drew Snider of Bakersfield, Calif.; a daughter — Charmange Snider of Muleshoe; three grandchildren — Sunny Snider of Plainview, and Thomas and Allison of Muleshoe; a sister and



VIRGINIA WYVONNE WILSON

her husband — Peggy and George Wheeler of Muleshoe; a brother and his wife — Barry and Sondra Wilson of Muleshoe.

Wyvonne was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial services are pending.

## Juveniles arrested...

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 Contruction, and a vehicle at the same location, slashed tires on postal vehicles, and spray painting of railroad cars and a local grain elevator.

Items taken during the burglaries included several small items, such as tools and toys, according to Parker.

While U.S. postal inspectors joined in the investigation — damage to postal property is a federal offense, and may be charged as such if adults are involved — a bit of luck dropped into laps of the investigators when they stopped by Muleshoe High School to speak with Principal Elizabeth Ward, and noticed a student she was speaking to had spray paint on his arm.

According to Parker, four juveniles were arrested on three burglary charges and four counts of criminal

mischief, and have since been released by the courts into their parents' custody.

"Restitution is going to be very high," Parker said.

Local officers involved in the investigation included Sgt. Shane Kirk and Det. Cassie Crandell.

## Early voting hours are announced

Early voting for the Nov. 4 general election in Bailey County is Oct. 20-31, at the County Clerk's Office, on the second floor of the courthouse, Monday - Friday, from 8:30 a.m. - noon, and from 1-5 p.m.

The clerk's office will be open late for voting on Tuesday, Oct 21 and 28, until 7 p.m.

Election day voting will be at the Bailey County Coliseum from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

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# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the families that have lost loved ones.

Tuesday, Oct. 14, the Senior Companions will be visiting the center at noon. We welcome them.

Tuesday night is our senior dance. Call a friend and make plans to come and have fun, fellowship,

and good food. Bring your favorite dish for the pot luck supper break at 8:30 p.m. Hope to see you here.

Wednesday, Oct. 15, Mandi Seaton will be presenting her monthly program, at noon. She is always a delight to listen to.

After lunch at 1:30 p.m. the pumpkin painting will

take place. This should be a lot of fun. The pumpkins will be furnished along with the paint and brushes. Just bring yourself and a friend to enjoy the afternoon at the center.

Should you need more than one day to finish your pumpkin, you will have Thursday and Friday also. The painted pumpkins will

be delivered to the Heritage area Saturday morning for the Pumpkin Painting Contest. Also, remember there is pumpkin pie contest too. So all you good cooks, get busy.

Friday, Oct. 17, the retired teachers will be meeting at the center. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. We invite all of you to come and enjoy

the center. Saturday, Oct. 18, the center will have a pancake breakfast to start the day for the Oktoberfest celebration for the anniversary of the Muleshoe Heritage Center, Bailey County, and City of Muleshoe.

Start the day right, come and enjoy the pancakes and all the trimmings. We will

start serving at 7 a.m. and serve until 10 a.m. Hope to see you here.

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"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck...."  
Proverbs 1:8-9, NIV

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## He Can Heal the Hurt

by Max Lucado

Grudge is one of those words that defines itself. Its very sound betrays its meaning. Say it slowly: "Grr-uuuud-ge."  
It starts with a growl. "Grr ..." Like a bear with bad breath coming out of hibernation or a mangy mongrel defending his bone in an alley. "Grrr ..."  
Remove a GR from the word grudge and replace it with SL and you have the junk that grudge bearers trudge through. Sludge. Black, thick, ankle-deep resentment that steals the bounce from the step. No joyful skips through the meadows. No healthy hikes up the mountain. Just day after day of walking into the storm, shoulders bent against the wind, and feet dragging through all the muck life has delivered.  
Is this the way you are coping with your hurts? Are you allowing your hurts to turn into hates? If so, ask yourself: Is it working? Has your hatred done you any good? Has your resentment brought you any relief, any peace? Has it granted you any joy?  
Let's say you get even. Let's say you get him back. Let's say she gets what she deserves. Let's say your fantasy of fury runs its ferocious course and you return all your pain with interest. Imagine yourself standing over the corpse of the one you have hated. Will you now be free?  
The writer of the following letter thought she would be. She thought her revenge would bring release. But she learned otherwise.  
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# Obituaries

## Roberto Ruiz

Funeral services for Roberto Guzman Ruiz, 82, of Edinburg were held on Thursday, Oct. 2, at Trinity Worship Center in Pharr. Burial followed at Valley Memorial Gardens in McAllen.

Ruiz died on Monday, Sept. 29, 2008, at his residence in Edinburg. He was born in McAllen, and lived in Edinburg all of his life.

He was a member of Trinity Worship Center in Pharr, a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II; and owner of Robert Ruiz, Inc., in Edinburg.

Ruiz is preceded in death by a son — Ernest Ruiz; a grandson — Rodney Perez; and a granddaughter — Sarah Celeste Ruiz.

Survivors include his wife — Lucia Ruiz of Edinburg; five children and their spouses — Linda and Ramiro Perez of Las Vegas, Nev., Robert and Dujuana Ruiz, Jr., Richard and Laura Ruiz, Dalia and Roy Herber, and Eddie and Sylvia Ruiz; all of Edinburg; 12 grandchildren



ROBERTO GUZMAN RUIZ

— Romeo, Rhonda, Michael, Todd, Timothy, Lori, Erica, Jessica, H. Ryan, K. Brad, Sarith and Gabrielle; and 10 great-grandchildren — Riley, R.J., Presleigh, Avonlea, Creed, Slade, Bryce, Brianna, Seth, Levi, Derek and Madeline.

Pallbearers were Romeo Perez, Michael Ruiz, Todd Ruiz, Timothy Ruiz, H. Ryan Herber and K. Brad Herber. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Andres Nisimblat and Dr. Manuel Espinoza.

Military honors were conducted by VFW Post 8788 of McAllen.

Visitation, and a prayer service were held on Oct. 1, at Memorial Funeral Home.

## A.R. "Dick" Allison

A.R. "Dick" Allison, age 63, Evergreen Community, Cleveland, Texas, born in Muleshoe on Dec. 5, 1944, passed away Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008, after his battle with lung cancer.

Dick was a veteran of the U. S. Navy and served his country during the Viet-Nam era.

Dick spent his career in the oil field which began with Baroid, a division of NL Industries which merged with Dresser Industries and ultimately became a part of Halliburton, for a total of 36 plus years of devoted service.

A memorial service was held on, Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, at Pace-Stancil Chapel of Cleveland.

Dick is preceded in death by his mother — Lela Walker Allison, and his brother — John Allison.

Survivors include his loving wife — Patricia Allison; father — Alvin Rudolph Allison; three sons and their wives — Rodney and Beverly Allison; Van and Tamara Clement, and Clayton and Veronica Clement; two sons — Brady Cordell Allison and Justin Allison; a daughter and her husband — Dori and Larry Eads; a sister and her husband — Sandra and Dr. R.H. Cox, Jr.; 15 grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and other cherished family members and treasured friends.

## Senior Citizen News

### Menu for Oct. 13-17:

Monday, Oct. 13 — Hamburgers, beans, chips, lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese and banana pudding.

Tuesday, Oct. 14 — Ham, sweet potatoes, black eye

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Wednesday, Oct. 15 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Oct. 16 — King Ranch chicken, mixed veggies, salad, chips, salsa, fruit and cookies.

Friday, Oct. 17 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

### Services for the Aging.

Survivors include her husband — John; a daughter and her husband — Melanie Mark Montoya of Glendale, Ariz.; a daughter — Marcia Brown of Bovina; her mother — Shirley Parrack of Grand Island, Neb.; two sisters — Carol Rowell of Grand Island, Neb., and Darlene Barnes of La Marque; three half-sisters — Shirlene Christal of Conroe, Rossi Nelson of Palm Springs, Calif., and Jocelyn Rodriguez of Harlingen; a step-brother — Kelley Parrack of Amarillo; and five grandchildren

Memorials may be sent to the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, P.O. Box 3092, Coppell, TX 75019.



JO GENE BLACKWELL

## Jo Blackwell

Funeral services for Jo Gene Blackwell, 63, of Bovina were held on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the First Baptist Church of Friona with the Rev. Steve Patterson, Methodist minister from Dalhart, and Leon Talley, minister of the Sixth St. Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery.

Blackwell died Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008. She was born on March 10, 1945, in Buena Vista, to Joseph and Shirley Tate Matson.

She graduated from Amarillo High School in 1963, and married John R. Blackwell on March 2, 1963 in Amarillo.

Blackwell was a licensed nursing home administrator, working at both Prairie Acres

Nursing Home of Friona and Park View Nursing Care Center of Muleshoe.

She was also a licensed funeral home director, owning Blackwell Funeral Home in Friona with her husband.

Blackwell was a member of the First Baptist Church of Friona, and a past member of the ESA sorority, Texas Association of Homes and

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# Sports

## Freshman Mules plow the Plainsmen

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

Despite being short two players due to injury the freshman Mules sent the Lubbock Monterey Plainsmen looking for greener fields. The Mules stepped up and plowed the Plainsmen under 41-8.

The Mule defense set the table for the offense by holding Monterey on third down at the Monterey 11 and forced a punt that rolled dead on the Plainsmen 33.

A screen pass to Saul Elizalde picked up five yards and Beau Avila connected with Devon Cantrell on the Plainsmen sideline. Cantrell plowed ahead for 18 yards

before being brought down on the 10.

Alfredo Sanchez blasted up the middle for six yards. Avila then went back to the screen pass to Elizalde and he blew into the end zone to put the Mules ahead to stay with 2:39 remaining in the opening period.

Avila scooped up a Monterey fumble at midfield and scampered 50 yards for the Mules second TD. Elizalde made the grab for the two-point conversion to give the Mules a 14-0 advantage with 2:51 left in the half.

Monterey got on the board with their only tally with a 32-yard pass and run. The

two-point conversion closed the gap to 14-8 as the half drew to a close.

Elizalde stripped the ball away from the Monterey running back to give the Mules possession at the Plainsmen 25. Elizalde powered ahead for 11 yards on first down. Alan Diaz made a reception for short yardage.

Avila put the ball in the end zone from 13-yards out. Avila found Eric Orozco open in the end zone for the two-point conversion. The tally put the Mules up 22-8 with 2:38 left in the third period.

Robert Brewster stopped the Plainsmen at the line

of scrimmage for no gain on second down. Orozco chased the Monterey Plainsman all the way across the field for a three-yard loss and forced a punt.

The Mules sold the screen pass and Avila connected with Sanchez. He followed his blocks into the secondary and then out raced everyone to pay dirt. The TD gave the Mules a 28-8 lead early in the final frame.

Diaz made the stop on the ensuing kick at the Monterey 25. A defensive lineman tipped the Plainsmen pass on first down. Joey Guerra picked the ball out of the air and returned to the Monterey 14.

Avila faked the handoff up the middle and scooted around the end for a 14-yard TD. Juan Guerrero booted the ball through the uprights to push the Mule lead to 35-8.

Polo Padilla got in the Monterey backfield and brought down both the running back and quarterback at the mesh point for a two-yard loss.

Sanchez ripped the ball out of the hands of the Monterey running back at the Mule 25 and zipped 75-yards.

The TD was the final tally of the night for either team.

The freshman Mules will travel to Lubbock to take on the Monterey White team Thursday night before taking their open date on Oct. 16.



### A quick look back...

Pictured above, Mule Adrian Muniz (84) recovers a fumble in this year's game against the Pirates of Lubbock Cooper. The Mules had an open week Friday, Oct. 3, but will return to the gridiron on Oct. 10 in the home game against Floydada. **Photograph by Stacy Conner**

### Cross-country team warms up

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The cross-country teams ran a warm up meet on the Mae Simmons course in Lubbock.

They continue to battle respiratory problems and other injuries as they prepare for the district meet to be held on Oct. 27.

"They have two more meets to prepare for district," said Mule and Lady Mule cross-country coach Carey Sudduth. "Saturday was a good tune up meet for us and gave the kids a chance to run on that course. The district and regional meets are both being held in Lubbock this year."

"We continue to battle some colds and were very tired from the late return from the Borger football game. Everyone gave a good effort and I was proud of the way they competed. Conflicts with other activities caused us to be short of a full boy's

team."

The Lady Mules finished 11th in a huge race. Yvonne Gardea led the Lady Mules with a 14th place finish on the two-mile course with a time of 13 minutes and 14 seconds. Lupita Andrade was 43rd with a 13:58.

Sarah Johnson ran 59th with a 14:32 and Baylee Bessire was 91st in a time of 15:32. Jessica Behrends took 95th with a 15:38 and April Gardea finished 108th with a 16:22.

The Mules were led by Sterling Leopard with a 5th place finish on the three-mile course with a time of 17:14. Matthew Ambriz was 57th in a time of 20:11 and Angel Alvarez took 78th with a 22:26.

"We will run at South Plains College Oct. 11 and then go to Abernathy for our final warm up before the district meet. The kids are looking forward to district and working hard to be ready," said Sudduth.



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# Sports

## What a surprise this year has been!

Wow! Maybe the 2008 Mules should be called the "Surprising Mules."

Twenty-one Mules graduated last season leaving only five returning players. Plus, and a big plus it was, Coach David Wood had to replace five varsity and two junior high coaches.

The veteran coaches scrambled to get the new arrivals up to speed on both sides of the ball. The nice part is new ingredients bring new flavors. The blend of coaches and players has produced some amazing chemistry in 2008.

The Mules are 5-0 through the non-district portion of the season. They have wins over four class 3A schools and the number two rated Class 2A Golden Cranes. The Mule offense

## From the Stands

By Delton Wilhite

has amassed 1808 yards through the air and 727 rushing for a grand total of 2535 yards. That is a 507 yards per game average.

If that is not enough big time chemistry to get you to say "Wow!" then maybe the following individual stats will.

Wes Wood has completed 104 of 157 pass attempts for 1763 yards and 28 touchdowns. He has only two interceptions through five games.

W. Wood is the number two passing quarterback in the State of Texas. If that were not enough to put a smile on his Mom and Dad's

face, he is ranked fourth nationally in all eleven-man football classifications.

W. Wood will tell you he has not been able to accomplish this alone and calls the Mule offensive line "My Heroes. They give me the time to look over the field and throw the ball."

Ray Ramirez is the Mules leading receiver with 27 catches for 647 yards and 11 touchdowns. He holds down the number four spot in receiving in Texas and is rated 16th in the nation.

Lane Wood has caught 28 passes for 390 yards and six touchdowns and is the 37th leading receiver in

Texas. Victor Vasquez has 23 grabs for 371 yards and six TDs. Vasquez is rated the 46th top receiver in Texas. Nathaniel Chavez is picking up momentum with 12 catches for 232 yards and three TDs.

L. Wood leads the Mules on the ground with 44 carries for 473 yards and three touchdowns.

The 'Bend-but-Don't Break Defense' is not with out its leaders. There are no individuals that are highly ranked in the state but none the less they have held the opponents down and own the second half.

L. Wood leads the charge in tackles with 43 stops. Marshall Head has recorded 33 tackles, Juan Sanchez 30, Cooper Washington 28 and Ramirez and Adrian

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## It was a brutal week in the football contest

By Leah Bell  
General Manager

This week proved to be brutal to most players throwing their hat in the ring. In fact, few came out of the Week 5 contest unscathed.

Of the 43 players, 34 missed three or more games and that didn't include the Lazbuddie game which wasn't counted for or against anyone this week due to a snafu in game selection.

Despite all the turmoil, this week's top dog managed to eek out a win by missing just one game and coming closer to the tiebreaker score than just one other player who also missed one game.

Contest faithful Travis Bessire will take home the \$25 prize this week, denying his daughter Sherri Harrison the chance.

Sherri will have to settle for an "oh so close" second place finish.

Travis guessed that 52 points would be scored between Texas A&M and Oklahoma State. The game

actually resulted in 84 points posted to the scoreboard.

Sherri was just four points further away, guessing 48 points would be scored.

Finishing out the top ten this week and earning cumulative points respective to their finish were: Lindsey Kitchens, Terry Field, Linda Lutz, Troy Moore and Charles Waggoner (tie), Felipe Gonzales, Fernando Toscano and Zedrick Herrera.

Terry Field's seven points earned this week placed him on top of the grand prize contenders for the time being.

Just out of the points this week were: Ruben Mata and William Orozco (tie), Charlotte Field, and Debbie Weir.

Here's how some of you fared this week: Jaden Herrera-15th, Joe Cortez-16th, Jan King-18th, Joe Abeyta-20th, Gabe Toscano-23rd, Joe Flores and Richard Orozco (tie)-27th, Veronica Gonzales-32rd, Gerald Bond-37th,

Alene Bryant-38th, and Weldon Smith-42nd.

Cumulative points through Week 5: Terry Field-22, Troy Moore-19, Jaden Herrera-15, Zedrick Herrera-15, Charles Waggoner-14, Travis Bessire-14, Charlotte Field-14, Tommy King-14, Veronica Gonzales-14, Devnie Orozco-14, Sherri Harrison-13, Joe Cortez-13, William Orozco-11, Alene Bryant-10, Fernando Toscano-9, Lindsey Kitchens-8, Michelle Toscano-8, Sue Bond-7, James Buie-7, Linda Lutz-6, Donnie McDonald-6, Raymond Villalobos-5, Debbie Weir-4, Gabe Toscano-4, Felipe Gonzales-3, Linda Flores-3, Jan King-2, Rene Valle-2, Ed Dabrowski-2, Ruben Mata-1, and Darryl McCamish-1.

Because the weekly winners have been varied and the points have been all over the board these first few weeks, no one is out of the grand prize race, yet. If you haven't been playing and want to start, do it! You still have a chance to win!

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@muleshoejournal.com.

You need not have an original copy of the contest to enter.

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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**A Cabin Boy:**

- had to \_\_\_\_\_ in spaces between the gear below or on the deck
- would swim next to his \_\_\_\_\_
- kept water out of the bilge using \_\_\_\_\_
- often did not wear shoes, went \_\_\_\_\_
- used a red wool \_\_\_\_\_ to keep his head warm
- had only a small sea \_\_\_\_\_
- was lucky to have one hot \_\_\_\_\_
- let his hair and \_\_\_\_\_ grow during the voyage
- kept \_\_\_\_\_ to kill rats
- used a \_\_\_\_\_ bowl for food

**Food and Supplies**

There are few records with information about the food and supplies Columbus stored on his ships. **Find and circle these items he probably had:**

beans pitch rope oil fish rice sea biscuits salt meat flags

cheese honey raisins vinegar water wine

candles canvas compasses muskets firewood cooking pots lanterns

**Four More Brave Explorers!**

Pop Quiz! Let's see if you know these four famous explorers. **Match each name to the correct description:**

- Marco Polo
- Ferdinand Magellan
- Juan Ponce de León
- Leif Erikson

A. his voyage was the first to sail around the world; he was killed in battle before the voyage was completed; only 18 men out of the 237 who set out on five ships made it all the way

B. is thought to be the first European to have landed on North America

C. this merchant was one of the first westerners to tell about visits to China

D. founded the first settlement in Puerto Rico (of course the native people were already living there); is well-known for his voyage to Florida, where legend holds that he searched for the "Fountain of Youth"

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# Health

## Fat is not a four-letter word

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

In spite of what you may have heard, not all fat is bad. Although a high-fat diet probably isn't good for anybody — especially for people with diabetes — fat can still have a place in a healthful menu.

People with diabetes need to be more careful than others in watching their dietary fat intake, because diabetes brings an increased risk of heart disease and other medical conditions.

But a few simple steps can help you lower your fat intake:

- When cooking and baking, use oils and fat substitutes instead of lard or shortening.
- Buy leaner cuts of meat and low-fat or no-fat dairy products.
- Trim the visible fats from cuts of meat before cooking.
- When cooking, reduce the amount of fat in a recipe by one-quarter.
- Limit the amount of fat you consume to 30 percent or less of daily calories.

There are four types of fat: Monounsaturated fats, polyunsaturated fats, saturated fats and trans fatty acids.

All of these fats contain nine calories per gram. But they affect the body in different ways.

The good news is monounsaturated fats and polyunsaturated fats can help you lower your blood cholesterol if you decrease the amount of saturated fat in your diet.

Both of these kinds of fats are liquid at room temperature and can be used in sauteing and frying; polyunsaturated fat can also be used in baking.

Monounsaturated fats are found in olives, olive oil, peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oil, avocados and some nuts. Polyunsaturated fats are in vegetable oils such as corn, sunflower and soybean oil.

The bad news is saturated fats are solid at room temperature and, when consumed, tend to accumulate in the blood vessels, which restricts blood flow through those vessels.

This increases the risk of heart attack or stroke. Experts advise that you limit your intake of saturated fats to no more than 10 percent of your total fat intake.

Saturated fats are found in animal sources such as meats and dairy products. They are also found in some plant oils, such as coconut, palm and palm kernel, which are often used by manufacturers of packaged baked goods.

Trans fatty acids, often found in baked goods, margarine and hydrogenated oils, can raise blood cholesterol levels.

When reading ingredients labels, check to make sure hydrogenated oils are listed second or lower, and the food contains no more than two grams of saturated fat per tablespoon.

While you're checking the label, check the amount of dietary cholesterol listed, if any. Some dietary

cholesterol is necessary for good health, but too much can increase your risk of heart disease.

Cholesterol is found only in foods of animal origin, such as meat or eggs. It is not found in foods of plant origin, such as vegetables and fruits, unless eggs or other animal products are included in the sauces or breading.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration requires that nutrition information be included on food packages so consumers know what they are eating.

When checking these labels, in addition to calorie count and cholesterol amount, check for the serving size, total fat, types of fat, and the amount of sodium, fiber and carbohydrates in each serving. Use this information to help plan your daily menus.

To help you learn how to plan and prepare meals that can be enjoyed by people with and without diabetes, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, is sponsoring the diabetes cooking classes called "Cooking Well with Diabetes."

The series will be held Oct. 14, 21, and Nov. 18, at 6 p.m., in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center. There is no cost to attend.

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



### School renovations begin

Area residents who have been watching all of the progress at the Muleshoe Independent School District now have a new work site to monitor as the renovations to the Stegall School building began at the Muleshoe Heritage Center Tuesday afternoon. Pictured above, workers for Landon Black's Arch-Tech Custom Homes strip the siding and old tin off of the roof.

Photograph by Larry Thornton

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# The Sudan Buzz

### Donut fund raiser announced

The Sudan and Springlake-Earth Schools are having a Krispy Kreme fundraiser, as well as selling Angelic Candles for Kody Fields.

Fields is a lifetime resident of Sudan and a Springlake-Earth High School student who was severely injured in an accident two weeks

ago. The donuts are \$6 a dozen, and order forms are available in the Sudan Elementary and High School offices or from a student council member.

For more information call Neal Kleman at Sudan High school, at 806-227-2431.

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# Education

## A note from the Superintendent

By Gene Sheets

I appreciate everyone who took the time to come to the Ribbon Cutting for the new addition at Dillman Elementary last week.

It was an exciting time to reflect on how the new addition will affect students for years to come. Many of the people at the ribbon cutting ceremony were involved in the project at one point or the other.

The Dillman Elementary faculty and staff who did such a great job helping the architect and contractor design the building to meet the needs of the children at Dillman were at the ceremony.

Members of the original Citizens' Facility Committee who developed the construction priorities and helped pass the \$25 million bond program were there.

Former school board members who laid the foundation for an excellent school system in Muleshoe were there.

The present school board members who had the vision and courage to go to the



community with the needs of the school and pass the \$25 million bond election were there.

Our contractor, Lee Lewis of Lee Lewis Construction, was there. Our architect, Melanie Meixner from MWM Architects, was there.

The administrators who oversaw the construction project were there. Students who are attending Dillman Elementary and their parents were there.

Citizens from Muleshoe who supported the school and voted for the \$25 million bond election were there.

It was great to show off the new addition to the

building, as well as show off the new music room and library. Two classrooms from the existing building were converted into the new music room.

The old cafeteria was renovated into the new library. There is now plenty of room for books, reading areas, computers, etc. Mrs. Anthony has done an outstanding job of setting up the new library and arranging everything to be very functional and inviting for students.

The community can be very proud of the new addition at Dillman Elementary! Everyone loved

all of the color in the building. It was fun to watch people walking down the halls and impressed with the design and functionality of the building. It's a great building for elementary students.

We have a beautiful front entrance that is also very functional and secure. Visitors must enter the office and check in before continuing into the building.

The principal, counselor, and nurse are all in one centralized location with a small conference room for training and meetings. The cafeteria is now big enough to serve students at lunch.

We have much more parking. And there are no children in portable classrooms. They are all secure inside the building in large classrooms that will accommodate innovative teaching.

We are proud to be building the future, one student (and brick) at a time!

## 4-H News

Submitted by Bailey Bales, Bailey County 4-H Reporter

Bailey County 4-H Club's Annual Banquet was held on Sept. 7 at the Bailey County Coliseum.

The banquet began with a welcome from 4-H president Jackson Myers.

Rodney Baker and Cliff Black cooked. Craig Black introduced special guests, Mr. and Mrs. Kim Black. Mr. Black represented Bailey County Electric Co-op, who provided the meal for this year's banquet.

This year there were 50 4-H members who qualified to receive a project pin. Other awards given were Outstanding 4-H Leader awarded to Denise Dunham, and Outstanding Friend of 4-H awarded to Bailey County Electric.

4-H'ers participating in district events were Kayla Preston, Miranda deBruin, Johnny deBruin, Garrison Myers, Jackson Myers, Bailey Bales, McKenna Dunham, Laural Nitzel, Bethany Nitzel, Hudson Nitzel, Dagen Dunham, Judd Baker, Megan Pierson, Dallas Tosh, Adrienne Precure, Kalie Lovell and Craig Black.

Jackson Myers and Craig Black represented Bailey County 4-H at the State 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M

University.

Jackson participated in the State Record Book Contest, receiving a third place award. Leaders were given certificates to give thanks for the time and guidance that they gave us throughout the years. Also during the banquet, new members and Clover Kids were recognized.

After the 4-H prayer, Jackson closed the banquet.

The first open enrollment 4-H meeting was held on Sept. 16 at the coliseum.

The meeting was presided over by Jackson Myers. After the meal, registration began for everyone joining 4-H.

The annual meat sales forms were handed out to everyone.

If you would like more information about our meat sales, please contact the Bailey County 4-H office at (806)272-4583. All members area required to participate in the meat sales.

The meeting was adjourned. The next 4-H meeting will be held on Oct. 13 at the coliseum, at 6:30 p.m.

The program is Record Keeping. Other 2008-09 projects include the Food Pantry, Bailey County Electric safety program, Relay for Life

and Drug Awareness.

Oct. 5-11 is National 4-H Week.

Our 4-H activities include Food and Nutrition, where we learn about nutrition facts, cooking and Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl; Shooting Sports, where we learn about hunting safety; Clothing and Textiles, where we learn about sewing and participate in a fashion show; Photography, where we learn about how to take the best pictures.

Also, Record Book, where we keep records of our projects; and Stock Shows, where we learn to take care of animals that we have purchased and show them in the county show and the bigger shows like Ft. Worth, San Antonio and Houston.

We participate in 4-H Roundup where we show off our talents and things that we have learned through being 4-H members. Anyone can still enroll by contacting the Bailey County Extension Office at (806)272-4583.

4-H members can be enrolled in third grade through 12th grade.

Clover Kids can be enrolled in Kindergarten through second grade.

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## Wedding Announcements



DEVIN CARPENTER AND ANGELA VILLARREAL

## Villarreal, Carpenter to exchange wedding vows

Angela Villarreal and Devin Carpenter will be united in marriage on Nov. 8, 2008, at Farwell.

The prospective bride to be is the daughter of George and Nickie Villarreal of Bovina.

The prospective groom is the son of Otis and Karen Carpenter and Cara Wade. Both parents reside in Clovis, N.M.

The prospective bride graduated from Bovina High School and continued her education at West Texas A&M University, obtaining a bachelors of science degree in nursing. She is currently working at Muleshoe Area Medical Center as a registered nurse.

The groom graduated from Muleshoe High School and continued his education

at South Plains College, receiving an associates degree in nursing. He is currently the Assistant Director of Nursing at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona.

The couple will continue to reside in Muleshoe, Texas.

## Conservation Reserve Program payments began on Oct. 2

Kim Hanlin, county executive director for USDA's Farm Service Agency, announced Oct. 2 that USDA has begun issuing \$139,882,022 in Conservation Reserve Program payments to eligible producers in Texas. More than \$1.7 billion in CRP payments are being made on 34.7 million acres across the country.

"The Conservation Reserve Program works cooperatively with America's farmers and ranchers to conserve and preserve the soil and water that we, and numerous wildlife species, depend on for survival," said Hanlin. "These payments represent an investment in the nation's land that will pay dividends in the form of a cleaner environment today and for our grandchildren."

The payments announced today are annual rental payments earned on the 3.9 million acres enrolled in CRP for fiscal year 2008 in Texas, including acres enrolled in the Continuous Sign-Up Program. Texas currently has 24,974 CRP contracts on 18,132 farms. The number of contracts is

higher than the number of farms because producers may have multiple contracts on a single farm.

Other CRP payments are made throughout the year, including a 50-percent reimbursement of expenses for establishing cover and incentive payments for enrolling eligible conservation practices, such as wetland restorations and conservation buffers.

For more information on CRP, producers should contact the Bailey County Farm Service Agency office at 806272 4538 or go to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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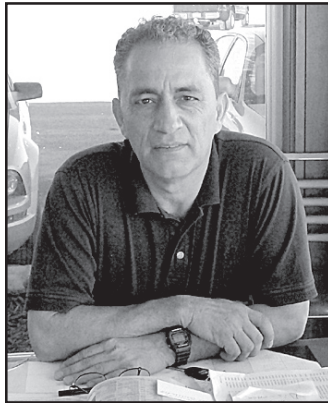
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Youth Fiction — *Elske* by Cynthia Voigt.

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Junior Non-Fiction — *Wormy Apple Croissants and Other Halloween Recipes* by Brekka Hervey Larrew; *Tom Brady and the New England Patriots Super Bowl XXXVIII* by Michael Sandler; *Eli Manning and the New York Giants Super Bowl XLII* by Michael Sandler; and *Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts Super Bowl XLI* by Michael Sandler.

Junior Fiction — *The New Katie Kazoo Switcharoo books (# 26-29)*; and the new *Hank the Cowdog books (#51-52)*.

Everybody Books — *Fancy Nancy Sees Stars* by Jane O'Connor; and *Fancy Nancy's Favorite Fancy Words from Accessories to Zany* by Jane O'Connor.

## "The Bigger the Ego, the Harder the Fall"

In last week's column, I wrote to extol the virtues of physical labor, reasoning that our minds work a lot better if our bodies do some hard work also from time to time. I closed with the Apostle Paul's words, "Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your hands" (1 Thess. 4:11).

This week another Scripture quickly comes to mind (in the King James Version, for some

way involved concrete.

Just as the newspaper containing my pro-physical work column was hitting the driveways, I was searching for an "in the office on a Wednesday afternoon" doctor. I'll explain . . .

I've been familiar with the law of gravity for a good while. I just didn't know the corollary to that law which dictates that wet concrete flowing down a shoot from a big truck moves toward you at 148 miles per hour. (I'd vote for mirrors that stick out from those trucks a bit farther so the driver can stop the concrete before it's up to your left eyebrow.) I knew I was in trouble when the guy backed the truck in, surveyed the scene: "Heckuva job for one man!"

He poured. I shoveled. He left. My three miles of forms did fine. But three miles is a lot of concrete for trowel work. Oh, it's fine at first. Nicely gloppy. Then you blink, it starts to set up, panic sets in, and you've still got a mile left to work and 47.3 seconds before that stuff that had been moving at 336 miles per hour (I think 148 mph is a low estimate) is solid rock.

I learned a lot that day—most notably to use knee pads and a kneeling board and never, never, never again to spend hours with blue-jeaned knees marinating in wet concrete. You see, in concrete is cement and in cement is lime and lime . . .

Second degree burns. Vital bodily knee-juices dripping down shins. Lots of burn salve. A good bit of pain. Knees that were almost unimaginably good-looking (okay, I'm kidding) really messed up. But, just maybe, a much-needed dose of humility.

See, I told you. Physical work is good for you!



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

reason): "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

*The Message* renders it this way: "First pride, then the crash—the bigger the ego, the harder the fall." At least one other version translates "fall" as "stumbling." And no version gives the fallen stumbler much room to remain arrogant.

I should know. I've been stumbling around for a week or so in varying degrees of pain.

I wrote last week's column on Monday after a day's worth of digging for a garden shed construction project. It was work, yes, but it surely beat making some cardiologist's Ferrari payment. As I dug that footing, I passed the accompanying heart test just fine, thanks. I lived.

Last week I wrote that physical work is good medicine, and so it is. But so is anything that forces us—make that "me"—to adopt a little humility.

Wednesday did that for me. The corrective lesson fired my

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

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Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on **November 4, 2008**, for voting in a General Election for state and county officers, with a measure concerning the sale of alcohol in Bailey County;

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., el 4 de **Noviembre de 2008**, para votar en la Eleccion General para el Estado y oficiales de condado, con una medida con respecto a la venta de alcohol en el condado de Bailey)

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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted: Bailey County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 300 S. 1st, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.  
*Votar temprano por la apariencia personal se conducira: Bailey County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 300 S. 1st, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.*

October 20, 2008-October 24, 2008, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
October 27, 2008-October 31, 2008, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Late Days - Tuesdays - October 21 and October 28 - open until 7:00 p.m.**  
*Octobre 20, 2008-Octobre 24, 2008, Lunes-Viernes, 8:30 asta medio dia y las 1:00-5:00*  
*Octobre 27, 2008-Octobre 31, 2008, Lunes-Viernes, 8:30 asta medio dia y las 1:00-5:00*  
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**Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:**  
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(Name of Early Voting Clerk)  
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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: **October 28, 2008.**  
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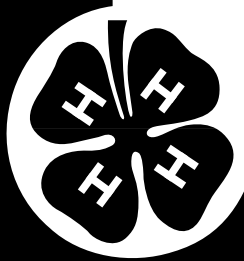
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## Lazbuddie ISD honor rolls released

Lazbuddie Independent School District has released its "A" and "AB" honor roll for the first six-week period.

### Elementary "A"

Joshua Cox, Coby Glover, Tyler Haseloff, Marrena Hunn, Gunner Russell, Miranda Salazar, Preston Stewart, Avery Timms, Jr Vallejo, Avery Hicks, Sidney

Urbantke, Devon Pacheco, Andres Solano, Katharina Harder, Bernardo Lopez, Ginsyn McGehee, Cambree Glover, Gentry Hicks, Destry Ivy, Ashley Scott and Micah Vera.

### Elementary "AB"

Jake Harder, Kayleigh Russell, Marisol Gomez, Matthew Russell, Ashlyn

Timms, Triston Bomer, Julie Chavez, Lexee Gonzalez, Priscilla Salazar, Iridian Fernandez, Juan Samarron and Alonzo Soto.

### Junior High "A"

Lacey Jesko, Haley Beasley, Katlyn Hicks, Shyann Rainey and Ian Thompson.

### Junior High "AB"

Benny Fehr, George Fehr, Haldon Ivy, Haley Ivy, Albert Moran, Jordon Russell, Josephine Samarron, Riley Burris, Keena Diaz, Gilberto Fabela, Cutter Glover, George Harder, Ashton Mason, Allison Weaver, Alfredo Chavira, Jessica Estrada, Karina Galaviz, Victor Godinez, Anna

Harder, Alex Lopez, Denise Sanchez, Shea Scott and Jared Timms.

### High School "A"

Kylie McGehee, Justins Schacher and Carrie Gilly.

### High School "AB"

Paola Estrada, Jarrod Jesko, Todd Nichols, Jose Samarron, Joseline Garcia, Jordan Hernandez, Cassidy

Lowe, Elias Ramos, Colton Weaver, Darin Ivy, Kayle Jesko, Logan Mason, Kinzi Schacher, Riley Smith, Tyler Steinbock, Trevor Coker, Ryan Mason, Brittany Sexton, Devlin Thompson, RaJon Thorn and Chase Timms.

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## Classifieds



# From the Stands

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Muniz 27 apiece.  
Washington has rushed the quarterback into 23 hurried passes. Sanchez has 14, Danny Montejano 11 and Head 10.  
Vasquez leads the defense with seven pass break ups. W. Wood has made five and Chavez and Adrian Chacon have four each. Ramirez, Muniz and Sanchez have three apiece and a host of Mules have two each.  
Chacon is the leading head hunter on special teams with 12 tackles. Stevie Cisneros has made nine stops and Alex Godinez and Mighty Joe Vargas have eight apiece.  
I mentioned the team of

coaches David Wood has assembled for the 2008 season. Ralph Mason in the Offensive Coordinator and calls the plays when the Mules have the ball.  
He is also the backfield coach. Jason Cole coaches the offensive line and Benjie Jay works with the receivers and tight ends.  
Kirk Byrd is the Defensive Coordinator and makes the defensive calls for the Mules. He works with the inside linebackers. Matt Mason has the outside linebackers. Wes Boatmun coaches the defensive ends and Lee Fletcher the defensive tackles. Drew Thorn works with the defensive secondary.  
During games coaches

Boatmun (defense), Jay (offense) and M. Mason (both offense and defense) are the Mule's eyes in the sky. They are in the press box communicating with the coaches on the field.  
Jose Gonzales is in charge of getting the special teams on the field and sideline control. Lesley Stafford takes care of the charting and sideline control. Coach Wood said, "Sideline control consists mostly of keeping the coaches off the field and avoid a penalty. The kids do a good job of staying in the box."  
Val Acree and Colie Cox compile the statistics for the Mules. Carey Sudduth films the game with the side view camera and Tommie

Stiles runs the end zone camera. Josh Woolbright is the trainer and is the first on the field when a Mule is injured.  
This has turned into a special year because the Mules have blended into a TEAM. "Better living through chemistry", a tag line for a once popular brand may best describe the Surprising 2008 Mules.

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# Fitting the pattern of Paul...

As we attempt to write about "the life that I now live in the flesh," we need to make clear what we are talking about. Paul, I would say, may have had reference to life after being converted to faith in Christ rather than life as he had lived under the out-moded law of Moses.



As far as I know there is very little question with people today as to whether we follow Christ, or whether we follow Moses. Neither do we have questions about the Pharisees or the Sadducees, though they were prominent in those days.  
So I am not concerned about those things. It is how we get along with ourselves and with one another in this good land today that I am most interested in.

it is a model, or a sample, anything cut out or formed or shaped to be copied. Those who make dresses, for example, make them by a pattern. The detail includes the cloth, the color, the length, the buttons, etc. Its the same in the design of a building or the specifications for paving a road.  
In like manner we should commit our lives to the teachings of Paul, and shape them after the life that he lived. That is everlasting life. And, I think it means here, today in Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas.

more error into it on and on until they get so out of shape they won't work. And so it is in life.  
We cannot follow the teachings, nor can we follow the activities of Paul to perfection. We make errors every day. So, in our lives, we too need to follow the pattern.  
The lesson is a good one. It behooves us therefore to study to show ourselves approved unto God workmen that needeth not be ashamed — rightly dividing the word of truth. As you know, there is quite a difference in studying and in reading. To study requires a lot of hard work.  
Best wishes to all.

In I Timothy, we read of Paul's conversion, which I think was to faith in Christ as the Son Of God, and to his call to the ministry. He says that before the call he was a blasphemer, and a persecuter, and injurious.  
"But I obtained mercy" he said, "Because I did it ignorantly in unbelief." Should this not be a suggestion that we in our day ought to be patient, and understanding with those that we think are in error? I think so.  
Now here's the thing that I want us to think about: Paul obtained mercy for this cause "that in me (he said) first Jesus Christ might shew forth all long-suffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting."  
Now, may we ask, what is a pattern? You know what a pattern is. Webster says

Here is an example that was real with me when I was a little boy. My father was a carpenter and he was building a little building of some kind. He cut out a rafter and marked it "P" for pattern and got up on top to nail the rafters in place. He told me to cut out the rafters, and cut them by the pattern. So I cut one and laid it back, and cut one by it, laid it back and cut one by it and continued that way.  
After a bit, my father came down and asked "What's wrong here, those rafters don't fit, like they ought to."  
When he saw what I was doing he explained, "You can't do it that way. You must follow the pattern!" Because you can't cut one exactly like the pattern. At the best you can do you will cut some error into it. Then you will cut that error into the next one and a little

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