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'Bad luck' ends Mules' season hopes



It's lonely at the top

Someone once said, "It's lonely at the top," and if that's the case, the River Road quarterback pictured above, who suddenly found himself wrapped up by the Muleshoe defense during Friday's bi-district game won't have long to worry about that... in just a second or two, it appears that he's going to be slammed to the bottom. The Wildcats

took home the trophy from Friday's game, but there were more than a few moments when Muleshoe's defense — and its offense — were definitely in control. As for the quarterback above... it's rather obvious why the words and melody of Eric Carmen's 1975 musical hit, "All by myself," would come to mind. **Photograph by Stacy Conner**

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

"All good things must come to an end" according to an old English proverb certainly proved to be true for the Mules Friday night when they met the Amarillo River Road Wildcats in Plainview's Greg Sherwood Memorial Stadium.

A long time Mule fan was heard to say after the game, "In the playoffs you have to be good and you have to be lucky." The Mules had proved they were good all season long by going 10-0 during the regular season and winning the Dist. 2-2A Championship.

But if it had not been for bad luck the Mules would have had very little luck at all Friday night. Cooper Washington batted a Wildcat pass back in the first half that was caught by River Road and taken in for a seven-yard touchdown to put the Wildcats in front 12-0 in the first half.

Caleb Conner's apparent interception was disallowed by an

official that had his view blocked by the diving Conner. But the Mules continued to give it their all as the game progressed.

River Road left Plainview with the Bi-District gold ball and a 25-21 win.

"Unless we had gone all the way we had to lose sometime," said Mule coach David Wood. "I was very proud of the kids tonight. They came out in the second half and showed a lot of character."

"We got them on their heels and took advantage in the second half. I told the kids the mark of a champion is not whether you win or lose but how you play the game. And they played it just like you are supposed to play. They have no reason to hang their heads as they gave it their all tonight."

"The kids left it all on the field here tonight and our kids had a great run. The ball bounced River Roads way tonight and that is the nature of the playoffs. We take our

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Texas parents warned to watch for signs of 'gang recruitment'

The violence surrounding the Mexican drug cartels have been an ongoing concern for residents on both sides of the border, but according to the Texas Department of Public Safety, and local law enforcement officials, it's a concern for area parents as well.

On Tuesday, Nov. 17, issued a news release warning Texas parents of efforts by drug cartel and transnational gangs members to recruit Texas youth, but while most of the concerns are about the schools and communities in border counties, local law enforcement officers say it is a concern for the Bailey County area as well.

"It's not beyond reason," Muleshoe

Police Chief Brian Frieda said Tuesday, "to think that such recruitment efforts could take place in Muleshoe or the surrounding area."



The police chief noted that in recent months area law enforcement officers have documented the movement of such gang members from the El Paso and Juarez, Mexico, area through Bailey County and Curry County, N.M. According to TxDPSS

officials, these violent organizations are luring teens with the prospect of cars, money and notoriety, promising them if they get caught, they will receive a minimal sentence.

The Mexican cartels constantly seek new ways to smuggle drugs and humans into Texas are now using state-based gangs and youth to support their operations on both sides of the border.

For example, Laredo natives Gabriel Cardona and Rosalio Reta were recruited in their teens to be hit men for the Zetas. The Zetas, composed primarily of former Mexican military commandos, originally served as the enforcement arm of the Gulf Cartel, but have since become their own cartel.

El Paso teens have been recruited to smuggle **Continued on page 3**



It's a...

It's a bird... it's a plane... it's a... well, it's not Superman™, but maybe it's a Kryptonite "picker upper?" For additional information, turn to page 14, for additional information about the robot constructed by students at the Lazbuddie Independent School District.



This week's new videos

Bi-district game highlights:

- Game video clips
- Muleshoe Mighty "M" Band at halftime.
- The Muleshoe Mules' cheerleaders.

Opening of new gymnasium set for Monday

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Football season has come to an end for Muleshoe, but that doesn't mean the district's sports excitement will be diminishing. In fact, with the news that the student

athletes should be moving into their lockers in the new gymnasium Monday brings a new level of excitement to Muleshoe basketball.

"Everything is looking good at the gymnasium," Sam Whalin, who has

been overseeing the school district's multi-million dollar expansion projects for the past couple of years, said during the Nov. 16 board meeting.

Whalin said the second "punch list" at the gym

and locker rooms has been completed, and with basketball season just around the corner, the Muleshoe Independent School District will no doubt draw larger crowds than ever before, with parents and patrons

wanting to check out both this year's varsity teams, and the new seats in the gymnasium.

The board members also discussed other area under renovation, including:

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Editorial

Seeking the better prize

It was an amazing journey, but we can't help but be a little disheartened at the results of Friday's match up with the River Road Wildcats. For the Muleshoe Independent School District to have a set of State Championship bookends would have been, well... awesome.

Still, when you look at where this year's varsity football team started the season, you have to admit it was still an amazing ride.

Although we ended last year's season undefeated, and with a state championship under our belts, the gurus of the gridiron decided Muleshoe's 2009 varsity team wasn't worth ranking as we entered into this season.

Granted, our team didn't make it past the first leg of the playoffs, but they made a fantastic run at it, ending the season with what we understand is a school district record of 25 consecutive wins... and maybe a little extra.

The way we see it, the Mule's 2008 and 2009 football teams carried away something that was probably a lot more valuable than the championship rings that were handed out last year, or the rings the team hoped for this year... maybe even more valuable than even the hearts of their community, the ability to both win and lose with dignity.

It's a tough bite to swallow, but playing, winning and losing with dignity actually says more about the school district, its coaching staff, and the young athletes representing it than that other bookend.

The parents and patrons of Muleshoe ISD should be proud of the fact that our football team played tough... without playing mean. They played with heart, without being heartless. And, they played honorably.

We have little doubt there will be a lot of teams claiming their division's top football trophies across this nation that won't be able to make such a claim, and in doing so they will diminish the sport.

We can be proud of our teams, and our coaching staff, and the way both have represented their community. Their conduct is a foundation more solid than... well, even the biggest bookend.

4-H oranges still available

Bailey County 4-H still have oranges and grapefruits for sale. To purchase drop by the Bailey County Extension office, 118 W. Ave. C, or call 806-272-4583 for additional information.

MHS blood drive

Muleshoe High School will be hosting United Blood Services for a fall blood drive on Monday, Nov. 23, from 9:15 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the old Muleshoe High School gym.

Call Sharon Villa, Muleshoe High School nurse, at 272-7309 or 272-7354 to set up an appointment time, or log onto www.bloodhero.com. The sponsor code is "muleshoehigh."

Athletic booster meetings

The Athletic Booster Club will now be meeting in Room 9 of Muleshoe High School, one of the new classrooms. People can park near and enter through the new front doors.

Olton FUMC fund raiser set

Olton's First United Methodist Church will be serving a chili and stew lunch on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 11 :30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall, 312 Ave. D. The menu will include chili or stew, relishes, cornbread or crackers, homemade pie and tea or coffee. Take-outs will be available.

Children under 2 years of age eat free, while the cost for children 2 - 10 years is \$3.50, and the adult cost is \$6.50.

In addition to the lunch, the church will hold its country store from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Store items will include handmade crafts, baked and canned goods, and frozen casseroles.

Community Thanksgiving service

The Bailey County Ministerial Alliance will be hosting the annual Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 6 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

Donations of canned goods for the Bailey County Food Pantry are being accepted.

Sudan church to hold revival

Terrell and Beverly Glaze of Glaze Ministries will be leading a "one-day" revival at Fellowship Christian Church, 201 Main, Sudan on Sunday, Nov. 22, beginning at 10 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

Heritage center special event

The Muleshoe Heritage Center will be giving free tours and serving light refreshments on Saturday Dec. 5, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Pheasant hunt breakfast set

The annual Bailey County EMS Organization's Pheasant Hunt Breakfast has been set for Dec. 5, beginning at 5 a.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum. Tickets are \$7, and will be available at the door.

Contact the Bailey County EMS at 272-4390 for additional information.

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Letters to the Editor

Cheering Muleshoe's team

To the Editor:
We watched the Muleshoe Mules football team play 25 games in a row and win every one. We know these young men and have seen them win with class.

Everyone of them has shown character with class while winning. I had hoped that when the time came, that these same kids could lose with as much class as they displayed when winning.

I was not disappointed. These young men, coaches, cheerleaders, fans and others showed lots of class on Friday night in Plainview. My

hat is off to these people and I look forward to following a very good football team returning next year.

Earl Behrends,
Muleshoe



It's official!
The fishing pond in Muleshoe's new city park has officially been named. City workers recently put up the sign designating it as "Lake Muleshoe."

Don't forget your family photographs!

Photographs that have been submitted for publication in the *Muleshoe Journal* may be picked up during regular business hours.

At this time, a large number of photographs have been accumulated at the *Journal*, and may include your missing photographs.

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• DeShazo Elementary, where work crews are digging the footings for the campuses new main entrance.
By the start of school next year, the eastside expansion project and the kitchen expansion

should be finished.
• The demolition of part of the old Muleshoe High School building. Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets said the demolition work should be completed in about six weeks, adding that

anyone who wishes to donate any amount to the MOST scholarship program would receive a souvenir brick from the old high school building.
• All of the district's work on campuses'

buildings has been completed.
• Construction on the new classroom wings at the high school is scheduled to begin in January.
Dr. Sheets also noted that the figures on

the renovations to the football field and track are expected in January or February, at which time the school board will determine the extent of the renovation project and whether artificial turf will fit into budget.

In other business, the school board:
• Appointed board members Charles Precure and Daniel Guzman to the Bailey County Appraisal District's board of directors.
• Conducted the second reading and adopted Update 86 to the board's policy manual.
"We pretty much have to adopt this policy," Sheets said.
"We're going to try to work with the students and help them not give up," he said about one portion of the update regarding how grades were recorded.
• Approved a resolution appointing Curtis Preston, Kathy Carr and Monti Vandiver as adjunct faculty members to allow them to better assist students participating in various 4-H programs in the district.



Time to make some noise

Muleshoe's Jennyslippers will be "making noise" after receiving a \$500 matching grant from Wes-Tex Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc. The civic organization plans to purchase a portable sound system that will be used at local events. Pictured above, from left to right, Jennyslippers members Elaine Parker, Nelda Merriott, Ruby Green and June Green receiving the grant check from Churk Smith and Mario Avila of WTRC&D.

Recruitment warning

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drugs across the border, many with the packs taped to their bodies.
While such recruitment is growing across Texas, juveniles along the Texas-Mexico border are particularly susceptible. In 2008, young people from the counties along the Texas-Mexico border accounted for just nine percent of the population in Texas, but 18 percent of the felony drug charges and gang-related arrests.
"As these dangerous organizations seek to co-opt our children to support their criminal operations, it is more important than ever that parents be aware of these risks, talk to their children and pay attention to any signs that they may have become involved in illegal activities," said Steven C. McCraw, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Annual Pep community Thanksgiving dinner set for Nov. 26

The Pep Community will hold its 64th annual Thanksgiving Festival on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, at St. Philip Neri Parish Hall in Pep.
Pep is located in Hockley County on Hwy. 303.

The Pep Community gathers for a time of giving thanks by celebrating with a meal consisting of Pep's famous German sausage and turkey with all the trimmings.
Mass will be held that day at 10 a.m.

The dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., and is self-serve. Cost for adult plates will be \$9, and plates for children under 10 will be \$5. Take out plates will be available until 2 p.m. for \$9, also.

This year's festivities will include a country store filled with handmade crafts, homemade baked goods, and a fishpond and grab bags for the children.
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We would like to say a special thank you to:

- + Ellis Funeral Home
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- + Father Leo and the men and women of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
- + The men and women of St. Clement Anglican Church
- + Magann, Jack and Gilrobert Rennels of Channel Six
- + and most especially the employees of Leal's Restaurant and Leal's Tortilla Factory for their support and concern over these last months and days.

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Congratulations to our Muleshoe Mules football team. Pat your self on the back. You are a fine group of young men and the senior citizens are very proud of you.

We were notified on Monday that Ben Jackson is not with the Hearing Technology of Lubbock anymore.

If you should need help from them you can call 806-795-0188.

Remember the birthday party is Thursday, Nov. 19. All of you birthday senior citizens make plans to come and join in the fun and fellowship.

Tuesday, Nov. 24, Kathy Carr will be presenting her nutrition program. Make plans to have lunch and enjoy her presentation. We really appreciate Kathy giving of her time for us.

Tuesday night is senior

dance night. Call a friend and come enjoy the fun, fellowship and exercise. Sandy always has good country and western music from the 50s and 60s.

If you would like to have fun exercising just come to the dance.

The center will be open their regular hours on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 23-25.

The center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26, for Thanksgiving.

We hope everyone takes a little time and give thanks for living in Muleshoe, where their friends and neighbors are the best.

The center will open on Friday, Nov. 27, at the regular time, but the menu will be stew and not fish and chicken.

The cook will be taking a much deserved holiday.

Menu for Nov. 23-27:

Monday, Nov. 23 — Chicken enchilada pie, beans, salad, Mexican cornbread and brownie.

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Wednesday, Nov. 25 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and peach cobbler.

Thursday, Nov. 26 — Closed. Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, Nov. 27 — Stew, salad, cornbread and pudding.

Newspaper office to be closed

The Muleshoe Journal newspaper office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Football Contest Results

By Terry Brewster

The Muleshoe Journal Playoff Picks contest ends all too soon, but it has been a fun football season. I hope to have a new contest for you soon. So keep reading and watching for the next fun thing from the Muleshoe Journal.

Congratulations to the Muleshoe Mules on a great season and being the district champions.

The Playoff Picks contest had a few flaws, but everyone managed to get it figured out. If you waited until Friday to make your guesses, you might have seen that Farwell and New Deal played on Thursday. That was probably better than an educated guess. And everybody got another correct guess with the Sanford-Fritch game.

They did play against Friona. So everybody started with at least two correct guesses.

There were eight people who guessed all of the games correctly. So by virtue of the tie breaker score, Gabe Toscano won the dinner and a movie. His tiebreaker guess was only one point away from the actual combined score.

And Rudy Gonzales gets the "Oh, so close!" award this time. He missed the tie breaker

score by only two points.

The top 10 contestants this week were Gabe Toscano, Rudy Gonzales, Terry Field, Butch Green, Hilbert Wisian, Debbie Weir, Gabriel Acevedo, Conner Harrison, and Rene Valle and Patrick Orozco.

We hope that you enjoyed playing this contest.

Keep reading to find out what fun the Muleshoe Journal will bring next time.

Community Thanksgiving service set

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Obituaries

School construction update

School News

By Dr. Gene Sheets

Wanda Eakins



Wanda Eakins

Visitation was held for Wanda Eakins, 71, of Portales on Sunday, Nov. 15, at Wheeler Mortuary in Portales, followed by cremation.

A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Bovina, with Fr. George William as celebrant. Interment of her ashes followed in the Bovina Cemetery at the side of her husband.

Wanda was born on June 21, 1938, in Muskogee, Okla., to Verna and Luther J. Metcalf, and died early Saturday morning, Nov. 14, 2009, in Portales, N.M. Her family moved to the Texas panhandle when she was a girl, where she graduated from Littlefield High School.

On April 25, 1960, in Ruidoso, N.M., she was married to Jerry Eakins. They made their home in Friona and later Bovina. She

was a homemaker for her young family until her husband's death in 1972. Soon after her husband died, she moved to Friona and later to Clovis. Wanda completed training as a hairdresser, and worked for three years in Clovis, before moving to Portales in 1976.

In 1977, Wanda became the bookkeeper for Food Town Grocery, where she was employed until 1989. The latter portion of that time, she worked in the Ben Franklin Dept.

When she left the grocery store, she kept books at Portales Plumbing, and later at SOS Outlet, where she worked from 1994 until

2003. In 2003, she suffered a stroke and was no longer able to work. She was a devoted mother and grandmother, and enjoyed reading, quilting and watching movies and television.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents, a brother — Luther Metcalf, a sister — Barbara Williams, and her husband, Jerry, who died on April 22, 1972.

She is survived by three sons — Luther Eakins, and his wife Dodi, of Portales, Randy Eakins, also of Portales, and Quentin Eakins of Clovis; two daughters and their husbands — Darynda and Danny Jones, and Annette and David Duarte, all of Portales; six grandchildren — Jerrdan Jones, Casey Jones, Ashlee Duarte, Stephen Duarte, Alex Eakins and Zi Eakins; and a brother — David Metcalf of Muleshoe.

Arrangements by Wheeler Mortuary.

This past week, demolition began on Phase II of the high school expansion project.

The area that housed the old library now has a "hole" in the wall by the corner.

The contractor will use this as an access point to remove everything on the inside of the building.

In a couple of weeks, they will begin the demolition of the exterior walls on the southern part of the school.

We will begin actual construction of the two new classroom wings in Phase II of the expansion project in January after demolition is complete.

One classroom wing will proceed south of the auditorium to include classrooms for English, social studies, and technology. The other classroom wing will connect the existing hallway to the existing science classrooms.

We are hopeful that construction will be completed on this final phase of the high school by the start of school next year.

We will keep a few bricks for anyone would

like to keep a souvenir from the old high school building.

If you would like a brick, contact the school at 272-7404. For a donation of any amount to the MOST Scholarship fund, you can have a keepsake from the old high school.

Construction on Phase II of DeShazo Elementary has also begun. This expansion will provide a new building entrance with the security features that exist at all of the other campuses. Visitors will have to check in at the office before going into the rest of the building.

We will also have a drop-off/pick-up location that will be out of the street and much safer for parents and students.

The expansion will add a classroom and provide a new library for the students. Construction should be completed by the start of school next year.

We continue to

explore design options for the expansion of the bleachers at the high school football field.

We are trying to get cost estimates for constructing new bleachers on the west side of the football field and for making that side the home side.

The west side bleacher expansion, if approved, would include new rest rooms, concession stand, and new parking for that side.

Once we have a cost estimate on the expansion of the bleachers on the west side, we will also evaluate the cost and feasibility of installing turf at the football field.

Regardless of the outcome of the stadium expansion plan, we must replace the track at the football field.

The track is in very bad condition. Much of the reason for the poor condition of the track is because of people bringing baby carriages and skateboards onto the track. These cause serious damage to the surface, and we must now completely replace the track instead of simply resurfacing it.

We ask all patrons to be considerate and abide by the posted track rules by not bringing anything onto the track that will damage the surface.

We are hopeful that all of the track and football field additions can be completed by the start of school next year.

Lois Billingsley

Church services for Lois Billingsley, 88, of Oklahoma Lane, were held on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church, with the Rev. Dr. Jim Smith of Amarillo and the Rev. Ken Peterson of Lazbuddie officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Billingsley died on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009, in Amarillo. She was born on July 13, 1921, to Ed and Cora McGuire in Oklahoma Lane, and married Leon Billingsley in Clovis, N.M., on Dec. 23, 1939.

He preceded her in death in 1986, as well as her parents, daughter — Judy Jones, in 1981.

Billingsley was a lifetime resident of the Oklahoma Lane community, a member of Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church, and salutatorian of her graduating class at Oklahoma Lane High School.

Billingsley was the first winner of the Parmer County Gold

Star Award.

Survivors include a son — Bruce Billingsley of Farwell; a daughter — Janis Billingsley of Amarillo, son-in-law Donald Jones and wife Victoria of Farwell; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Sports

Mules fall in first round of playoffs... Continued from page 1

hats off to them."

The Mules seemed to turn things around in the second half when Larry Richardson fielded a River Road punt on the Mule 10 near the Wildcat sideline. He made the first defender miss and angled across the field picking up the necessary blocks along the way.

Washington had to shift into road gear to come back to make a crushing block on the only Wildcat that stood between Richardson and the end zone.

Richardson flew the across the final 50-yards to the end zone to put the Mules back in the game. Jared Skipworth tacked on the point after to cut the Wildcat lead to 12-7.

The Mule defense shut out the Wildcats in the third quarter. Washington fought



Mules Ryan DeLeon and Adrian Muniz break up a pass to a River Road receiver during Friday's game. Photograph by Stacy Conner.

through a block as he pursued River Road's quarterback, Chris Perez.

Perez attempted to pass the ball as Washington

hit him and he tossed up a dying quail.

Beau Avila raced to scoop up the ball before it hit the turf at the Wildcat 45. Avila returned to

the River Road 34 before going to the turf.

Juan Sanchez took the handoff wide left and cut up field outside the tackle for 12 yards. Sanchez also

had runs of four and two yards before taking an option pitch from Skipworth 13 yards to the Wildcat three.

On the next play Sanchez spun out of the grasp of a "ould-be" tackler at the two and powered into the end zone to give the Mules their first lead of the night.

Skipworth booted the point after to give the Mules a 14-12 lead with 10:57 left in the game.

The Mule defense kept the heat on the Wildcats and Adrian Alarcon knocked down a third down pass to force River Road to punt. The Mules allowed the ball to roll dead on the Mule 30.

Skipworth hit Washington on a wide-receiver screen near the River Road bench. Washington broke into the open and raced 70 yards for a touchdown. However, the play was called back for a holding penalty.

The Mules over came the 10-yard penalty with Skipworth and Sanchez teaming up to reach the Mule 45. But a seven-yard loss on first down left the Mules facing second and 17 from their 38.

Skipworth connected with Ryan DeLeon in stride on a fly pattern down the Mule sideline. He raced 47 yards before being ripped down

backwards by the back of his jersey. The horse collar penalty moved the Mules to the River Road seven.

Sanchez took the hand off and went wide to the right side and then picked his way through the defense for the Mule's third TD.

Skipworth added the point after for a 21-12 Mule lead with 5:47 to play in the game.

River Road seemed to get their feet back under them and scored on an eight play 73-yard drive with 3:20 still on the clock to cut the Mule lead to 21-18.

Unfortunately, the Mules were ruled to have touched the on-side kick and River Road recovered on the Wildcat 49. It took the Wildcats two plays to score again and retake the lead.

It had only taken 54 seconds for River Road to make up a nine-point deficit.

The Mules have shown great character and sportsmanship all season. Friday night was no exception and even in a loss they were still a team that represented themselves, their school and their community well.

The Mules will miss their seniors but will reload and return to the field next fall ready for another season.

Lepard competes in state track meet

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Texas State Cross-Country Meets are held each year in Round Rock, on the outskirts of Austin. The course is not as open as most courses West Texas runners are familiar with when they compete.

The course in Road Rock is open at the start but narrows to a one-man trail after the first 200 meters. Once a runner gets past the 200-meter

mark there are few places to pass.

Teams as well as individual runners compete together and a team that dashes away for a fast start can make it almost impossible for an individual runner to make up ground on the leader.

Sterling Lepard was in about 50th place when the course narrowed to a trail. After that point he had to carefully pick his spot for a successful

pass. He managed to work his way up from 50th to 21st by the end of the approximately three-mile course.

Sterling had completed the course in a time of 17 minutes 21.2 seconds with a pace of 5:34 per mile.

"The temperature was in the sixties with very little wind," said Mule cross-country coach Jessica Stovall. "It is a tough course because once the trail narrows there are so few places to pass. I have observed that the runners that

start fast and get in the lead normally hang on for the medals."

"Sterling is a smart runner and learns with every race. I believe he has the dedication to continue to train and improve. He will certainly be in contention for a medal next year. He had a great season this year and was named by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce as the Male Class 1A-3A Cross-Country Runner for the month of October. He will be honored during their banquet on Nov. 19."

MHS blood drive to be held

Muleshoe High School will be hosting United Blood Services for a fall blood drive on Monday, Nov. 23, from 9:15 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the old Muleshoe High School gym.

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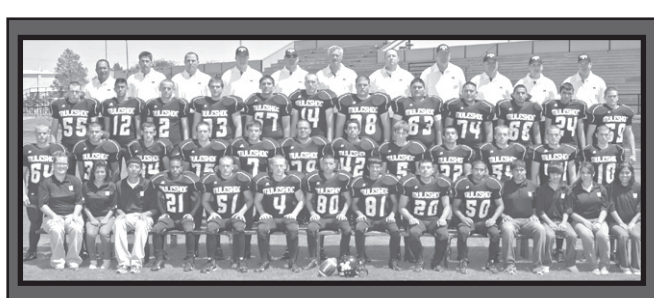
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Half of Muleshoe was there

It seemed as if half of Muleshoe was in attendance at the bi-district face-off against the River Road Wildcats at Plainview, Friday, Nov. 13.

Pictured above, Mule Juan Sanchez takes a handoff from quarterback Jerod Skipworth before scoring as Muleshoe's multitudes watch.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

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Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information:

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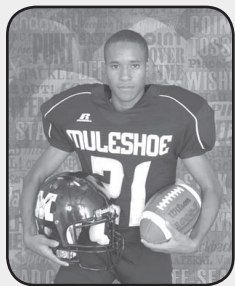
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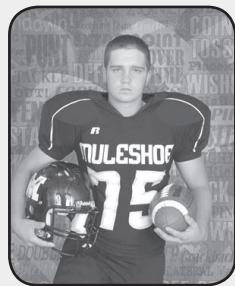
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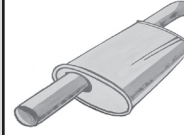
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The Sudan Buzz

High Plains Youth Football League Super Bowl held

The High Plains Youth Football League JV Division played the 2009 Super Bowl in Sudan on Saturday, Nov. 14.

The stands on both sides of the stadium were well occupied to root their teams on to victory.

Sudan kicked off to the Littlefield Grey Wildcats, and after several long runs the Sudan Defense stood tall and stopped the progress of the Wildcats when an interception by John Montez of Sudan

was returned for a 90 yard touchdown. Ashton Lacoss ran the ball for the point after to give the Hornets a 7-0 lead.

The Sudan Hornets and the Littlefield Wildcats stood firm throughout the rest of the opening quarter with no scores being made.

In the second quarter the Hornets scored on a 35-yard pass from John Montez to Vince Montez to bring the score to 13-0 in favor of Sudan.

After half time both

defenses held with no score.

The fourth quarter seemed to be a stand off until the last three minutes of the game when the Hornets started an offensive drive that ended with a touchdown with no time left on the clock to bring the final score of 19-0 in favor of the Sudan Hornets.

The players for the Sudan Hornets were: Ashton Lacoss (2), Devan Salazar (5), John Montez (9), Jo Jo Nolte



The Hornets running for a touchdown in the High Plains Youth Super Bowl.

(13), Christian Montez (24), Cody Gonzales (28), Braxton Juado (33), Zach Gonzalez (44), Niko (45), Isiah Montez (54), B.J. Montez (55), Nathan Olivarez (65), Colt Walters (71), Teagan Nolte (80), Vince Montez (84) and B.J. Davila (88).

Coaches for the Hornets were: Angel Juado, offense; Ernie Montez, defense; Richard Salazar, offense; Rick Lacoss, defense, linebackers and secondary as well as special teams, and Robert Walters, offensive and defensive line. Assisting were Danny Gonzalez, Ronnie Gonzalez, Billy Montez and Vince Montez.

Operation Christmas Child

The Sudan First Baptist Church has filled 96 shoeboxes for children some where around the world.

These boxes were filled and delivered to Mardel Bookstore to be included with others from the area to be distributed through Samaritan's Purse.

The boxes are filled with personal items, books and other items that children will enjoy for Christmas.

Senior Citizens dinner announced

The Sudan Area Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Sudan Area Senior Citizens Center.

Serving time will be from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The meal will consist of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings.

There will be carryout or delivery orders are available placed at the center before 10:30 a.m.

The suggested donation for the meal will be \$7.

Sudan are veterans honored

The Sudan High School student council honored the Sudan area veterans during an assembly on Veterans Day with a cake and punch reception following the assembly.

There were about 475 students and community members in attendance.

Veterans Ansil Locke, Robert Roecker, Sam Merryman, Harold Beierman, and Luke Weyrauch did the presentation of the colors.

James Markham, student council president led the introduction and pledge, and Kimberlee Gonzales sang the National anthem.

Zach Lance, Jr. Class representative gave the

Presidential Veterans Day Proclamation, Hailee Gonzales, Freshman class representative handled the Presentation of Veterans.

Janelle Vanderlei, Sophomore class representative, was the candle lighter.

The Sudan sixth and seventh graders were asked to write essay

about what veterans means to them.

The essays of Matthew Paredes and Kiara Cumbry were chosen to be read at the assembly.

A documentary of the of the Sudan area veterans was provided by Bob Scisson.

James Markham gave the introduction and closing comments.



Thanks for reading the Muleshoe Journal!

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1 Tbsp. Liquid Smoke	rack (broiling pan works
1 Tbsp. Course Ground	good) 3 hours at 250
Black Pepper	degrees. Turn once each
Mix well (works	hour.

Sudan Thanksgiving service set

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Sudan First Baptist Church.

Everyone is ask to mark their calendars so they will not miss out on the churches' coming together for a special time of worship and thanksgiving.

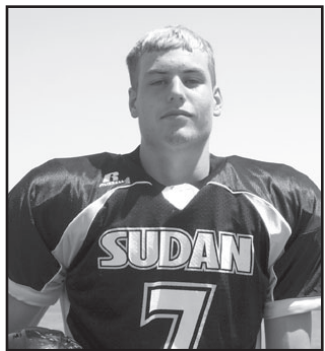
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Davis honored

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Logan signs with WTA&M

Lacee Logan, a junior at Sudan High School signed with West Texas A&M University on Nov. 12.

Lacee and her teammates, the Sudan Nettes are the Defending State Champions.

FUMC window fund established

The First United Methodist Church of Sudan has established a fund to replace windows in the church.

A deposit has been made and the work on them is about to begin. All donations would be appreciated to help with these windows.



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Muleshoe Class of 1972 reunion held

The Muleshoe Class of 1972 had its reunion Sept 18-19 in Muleshoe.

On Friday, there was a small gathering at the Muleshoe Area Public Library for visiting and snacks.

The Mules game was played on the radio at the library.

Among those attending were: Larry and Cassie Shafer, Henry and Mary Lopez, Terome and Jim Ella Clemmons, Becky Jones, Linda Lopez, John Street, John Bickel,

Geraldine Kiser, Kenny Kittrell, Bruce Bruns, Margie Silguero, Adela Garcia, Nancy Patterson, Peggy Buhrman and Noelia Flores.

The class was invited for a tour of the new additions at the High School, with Dr. Gene Sheets, superintendent of MISD, serving as the tour guide.

The reunion continued on Saturday night at the Muleshoe Country Club for a meal and more visiting. Music was

provided for dancing.

Attending were Ruby Page Underwood, Nancy Patterson, Henry Lopez, Kenny Kittrell, Becky Milner Jones, David Pedroza, Gary Lackey, Randy Burrows, Terome Clemmons, Geraldine Gray Kiser, Nanette Morris Lindsey, Ricky Black, Kaye Beene Elliott, Judy Calvert Davenport, Jenny Milburn Oliver, Bruce Bruns, Larry Mitchell, Lonnie Ferris, Mitzi Bass Miller, Karen Locker Garner, Larry

Shafer, James Turnbow, Peggy Carter Buhrman, Don Heathington, Mike Morris, Freddy Anzaldua, Nicky Nickels, John Street, Edward Orozco, Adela De Leon Garcia, Margie Silguero and Noelia Flores.

The award for "most grandchildren" was given to Henry Lopez. Geraldine Gray received the award for traveling longest distance to attend the reunion, and Larry Shafer was awarded for being in the military the longest.

Randy Burrows received the award for the "most changed." Larry Mitchell ran away with the award for the least changed and the most hair. A drawing was held for a Muleshoe Mule Championship cap and Henry Lopez was the winner.

Publication of announcements in the Journal

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

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

For weddings and quinceaneras 25 column inches, which includes a photo if desired, is the limit.

If the photo and announcement runs longer, we reserve the right to eliminate parts of the story or the person placing the article may indicate which portions may be left out. However, if a longer write-up is desired, it may be purchased in the form of an ad.

For anniversaries, if two photos are included, the limit will be 25 inches. It will be 15 inches if only one photo is used. That space will be free for anniversaries of 50 years or more. A fee may be charged for other anniversaries.

Birth announcements with one-column photos are run free of charge with names of the immediate family,

including grandparents.

Please understand that the permission of both parents is required for a birth announcement to be published.

Small stories describing showers are run free of charge after the fact and may include the names of the principals, items served at the showers, a brief description of the decor and the names of special or out-of-town guests.

It is the responsibility of the party providing the information to provide all of the information. News releases in which names were left out by the party providing the information will not be re-published free of charge.

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

Drop by for a form or send the information via e-mail to editor@muleshoejournal.com.

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We thank you from the depths of our hearts for all the food, flowers, cards, prayers and contributions given in love expressing your sympathy.

We also want to thank the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church for their love in providing and serving the noon meal.

A special thanks to the employees of Park View who were so compassionate and loving in Mom's care. Also Samaritan Hospice for their loving care.

We are blessed to have such good friends.

The families of:
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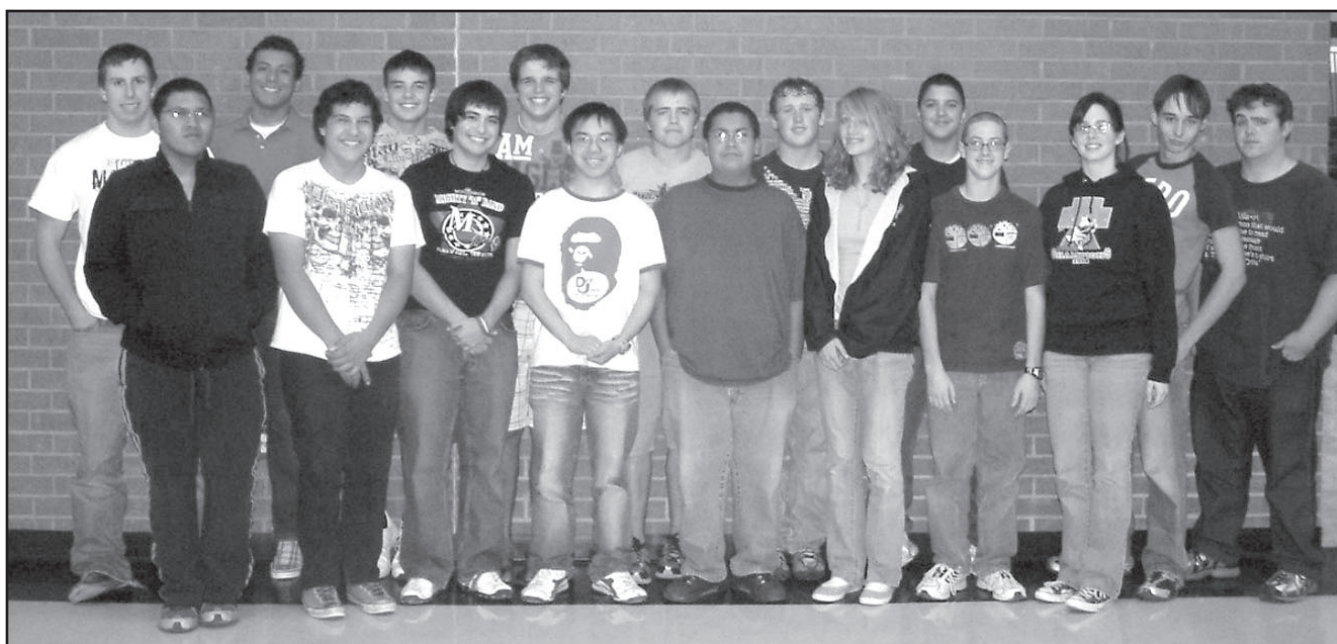
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Muleshoe students place in speech, debate

The Muleshoe High School Speech and Debate Team attended the Amarillo Caprock Speech and Debate Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Muleshoe High School's team took second place in sweepstakes of 17 schools in the competition. The results were as follows: First place, CX Debate

— Cole Hawkins and Steven Richards; first place, Poetry Interpretation — Natalie Head; second place, Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking — Xavier Mora; third place, Lincoln Douglas Debate — Robert Brewster; fourth place, Duet Acting — Billy Alaniz and Carlos Nunez.

MULESHOE CATTLE MARKET

The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on U.S. 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday, beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle following at approximately noon.

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Archaeologists think the first people to live in North America were the Paleo-Indians. At the end of the last Ice Age (around 12,000 years ago) these people moved from Asia into North America on a land bridge that existed then. It is believed that they lived in small family groups and moved constantly to **hunt** animals like the mastodon (an elephant-like animal that is now extinct) and to **gather** foods like berries and nuts. Arrowheads for spears and other tools mark places they lived.

In the next period, called the Archaic (8,000 to 1,000 BCE), these families had homes with wooden poles covered with hides, which could be **moved**. In the spring they would move to the river valleys to **fish** and **collect** shellfish. In the fall they would move to the forest to hunt deer or turkey and gather nuts and berries. Archaeologists have studied **tools**, soapstone bowls, cemeteries and pottery to understand these people's ways.

In the third period, called Woodland Indians, people were thought to have had villages, as well as seasonal camps. **Corn**, a key part of the Indian diet, was introduced. The first evidence for the bow and arrow were found. It is believed that there was **trading** between people: of salt, beads, shells, fish, pottery and animal skins.

During the next period, of the Mississippian Indians, settlements became more permanent. Squash, corn and beans, known as the **Three Sisters**, were important and foods from hunting and gathering were now added to the foods harvested from gardens. Beautiful **jewelry** and pottery were created too.

After 1650, when the first Europeans moved into the area, there were many years of both peace and fighting. In 1836, the U.S. Senate accepted a **treaty** signed by a small group of **Cherokee** to sell their land and the Cherokee were forced to leave the east to be **resettled** in Oklahoma. They were expected to walk 1,000 miles to get there! On this hard walk, it is estimated that 4,000-8,000 people died. The path is now called the "Trail of Tears." Some Cherokee refused to move and **hid** in the mountains. Their descendants are the Cherokee, many of whom now live on Qualla Boundary, a preserve.

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Sequoyah was a young Cherokee who learned how to work with silver. He wanted to sign his work like the white silversmiths did, so he went to visit Chief Charles Hicks who could write in English. After Sequoyah learned to write his name using the alphabet letters, he began to think about having a writing system for the Cherokee language. With it they would be able to read and write letters, write down stories and record their history. He created a system where each sound was represented by a symbol, so each letter was a syllable of a word. His system was easy to use and many Cherokee learned to read and write using it.

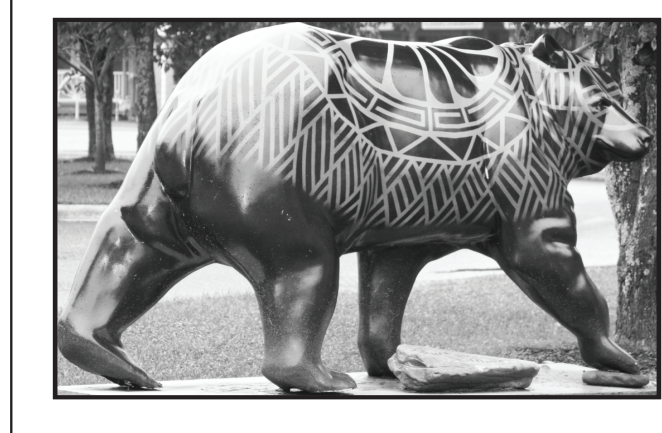
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Y = Yellow
G = Green



Arts and Crafts

The Cherokee people create many beautiful arts and crafts that have been taught from generation to generation. Match the art or craft to what may be used to create it:

- pottery
- beadwork
- doll
- baskets
- wooden items
- belt made by finger weaving
- masks
- stone artwork
- jewelry

- woven from river cane, white oak or honeysuckle
- carved from maple, cherry, butternut
- formed from clay, fired in pits of wood fires
- made of glass, used on clothing and for jewelry
- traditionally made from tree bark, gourd or animal fur
- may be made of buffalo fur, mulberry bark, some beads
- carved from soapstone, pipestone (a clay stone used for making pipes)
- may be made with stone, silver, beads
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MHS students place in language competition

Muleshoe High School students participated in the 2009 South Plains foreign Language Festival in Levelland on Friday, Nov. 6.

The students received the following ratings:

• Poetry
Excellent — Andrew Villarreal, Stephanie Vasquez and Liliana Chagolla; Superior —

Navit Esparza;
• Syllabication
Excellent — Juan Guerrero, Sonia Sanchez and Lynn Reza; Superior — Saul Elizalde;
• TV Broadasting
Excellent — Teresa Ramirez;
• Written Test
Excellent — Carla De Santos, Andrew Villareal, Navit Esparza,

Paola Morales and Saul Elizalde; Superior — Yesenia Magallanes, Sonia Sanchez, Juan Guerrero, Victor Flores, Viviana Elizalde, Lynn Reza, Lilliana Chagolla and Mari Andrade;
• Sight Reading
Excellent — Navit Esparza, Carla DeSantos, Paola Morales and Lynn Reza; Superior — Mariela

Medina, Teresa Ramirez and Mari Andrade;
• Puppets
Superior — Sonia Sanchez, Carla DeSantos, Yesenia Magallanes and Alejandro Montejano;
• Art
Excellent — Ismael Ramirez; Superior — Stephanie Vasquez and Victor Flores.
• Baile Bachata
Superior — Juan Guerrero and Paola Morales, Victor Flores and Mariela Medina, Saul Elizalde and Viviana Elizalde.

Sponsors for these students were Val McCamish, Josie Guerrero, and Elizabeth Ramirez.

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Veteran Recognition Program

Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc./ West Plains Telecommunications, Inc. Wishes to recognize all Veterans in their service area.

Anyone that has served in any branch of the Armed Forces past or present.

The Veterans from this area will be recognized at the Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Annual Meeting, Saturday, February 27, 2010.

Call Colleen at 272-5533 to have a Veteran's Recognition Packet mailed to you, or stop by Five Area and pick up a packet at 302 Uvalde, Muleshoe.

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Deadline is Monday at 5 PM to place a Classified ad. Call 272-4536.

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS
Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.
CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock Contract 6204-90-001 for CRACK SEAL in BAILEY County, etc will be opened on December 16, 2009 at 10:00 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$191,087.40.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 31288
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Dist/Div Office(s)

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District Engineer
135 Slaton

Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771
Phone: 806-745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of Ethlee Evins, Deceased, were issued on November 16, 2009, in Cause No. 2502, pending in the County Court of Bailey County, Texas, to: Derrel Evins.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o Tina Davis-Rincones, Attorney at Law, 101 S. Main, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BAILEY

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 287TH Judicial District Court of Bailey County, on the 29th day of October, 2009, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No.	Styling	Legal Description
8601	Bailey Central Appraisal District, et al v. Paul Eugene Carr	1. Lot 1 and the North 10' of Tract A, Block 4, Harvey Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas.
8652	Bailey Central Appraisal District, et al v. Pete Franco	2. A tract of land 70'x100' and described as Northwesterly One-half of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 9, Original Town Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas.
8662	Bailey Central Appraisal District, et al v. Lamb County Bail Bond Board	3. East 15' of Lot 16, Block 11, Original Town Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas.
8677	Bailey Central Appraisal District, et al v. Helen C. Lopez	4. Northwesterly 50'x96.5' of Lot 1, and 16.5'x96.4' of Lot 2, Block 2, Warren Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the **1st day of December, 2009**, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the **East** door of the Courthouse of Bailey County, in the City of Muleshoe, Texas.

Levied on the 29 day of October, 2009, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

" ALL BIDDERS MUST NOW DISPLAY PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH 34.015 OF TEXAS TAX CODE."

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 29 DAY OF October, 2009.

SHERIFF, BAILEY COUNTY, TEXAS

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Northwest of Earth - 160 acres, excellent soil, lays good, 3 wells, center pivot, good set of pens.
Pleasant Valley Area - 208 acres, one center pivot, 3 wells, excellent soil, lays good.
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- NICE 3-2-1 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, office, auto. splkr., fenced yd., garage/workshop/storage bldg. in back yd.!! \$117,000!!
- 4 bedroom, 5.5 bath, 2 car garage, geothermal (cent. A&H), built-ins, FP, approx. 5100', workshop, storage, RV port, auto. splkr., REDUCED TO \$185K!!
- 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 car garage, Cent. A&H, built-ins, basement, fenced yard!! \$79,900!! PRICE REDUCED \$74,900!!
- VERY NICE 2-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, storm windows and doors, auto. splkr., workshop/storage, fenced yard!! \$79,500!!
- VERY NICE 3-1 1/2-2 Brick home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fireplace, thermal windows & doors, metal trim, workshop/storage, fenced yd., MUCH MORE!! \$139,500!!

HIGH SCHOOL AREA

- NICE 2-1 1/2-1 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, basement, screened patio, fenced yard, approx. 1762' lvg. area!! REDUCED - \$82,000 \$75,000 \$65,000!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2336' lvg. area, auto. splkr., fenced yd, MORE!! \$125K!!
- 3-1 1/2, 1+1 CP, auto. splkr., Tile and Carpet, fenced yard. \$70,000!! Price Reduced \$65,000!!
- 3-2-1 Brick home, total electric, Cent. A&H, (heat pump), built-ins, approx. 1318' lvg. area, fenced yd!! \$69,900.00
- 3-1 3/4-2 w/workshop, wall furnace heat, window refig, plus efficiency apt, storage bldg, fenced yard, corner lot. \$77,000!!
- Six Unit apartment plus additional lot with 2 bedroom Mobile Home!! \$19,500!!
- 2-1-1 car detached garage, Cent. A&H, built-ins, nice carpet, den, MORE!! \$49,500
- VERY NICE 3-3-2 CARPORT Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fireplace, approx. 2653' living area, covered deck &

RURAL

- VERY NICE 4-3 doublewide (2006) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., 25' x 40' Metal Bldg. septic system, domestic well, on pavement close to town!! \$152K \$130K!!
- Nice 3-2 Home at edge of town on .8 acre tract, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, efficiency apt. or guest cottage, horse barn & corral!! PRICE REDUCED!! \$92,500
- NICE 4.8 acre homesites, close to town, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!
- NICE 3-2-5 carport Home on 2 acres, Cent. heat, Cent. evap. air, built-ins, fireplace, fans, utility, cellar, large shop, stor. bldg., MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$109,500!!
- CLAY'S CORNER - VERY NICE 3-2 3/4-2 Home on 5 acres, approx. 2500' lvg. area, remodeled, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, whirlpool tub, fenced yard, 600' workshop/storage!! \$185K !!

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- NICE commercial bldg. w/approx. 3300' plus 1040' upstairs, Cent. A&H, 2 restrooms, MORE!! \$39,500!!
- NICE OFFICE/SHOP/WAREHOUSE on .7 acre on N. Hwy. 214, Cent. A&H, insulated shop & warehouse, has 1-3/4 bath & 1-1/2 bath!! MUCH MORE!! PRICED TO SELL!! \$85K!!
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Team members include James Baca, Lydia Campos, Katie Chavez, Ethan Frieda, Riley Smith, Monica Vera, Dylan Haney, Tanner Beasley, Keeley Burris, Daniel Galindo, Elias Ramos, Matthew Samarron, Colton Weaver, Jordan Hernandez, Rodrigo Mata, Joseline Garcia, CarrieBeth Gilly, Arthur Gomez, Charles Baca, Dallas Cox, Paola Estrada, Angel Samarron, Colton Hill, Justin Schacher, Trevor Hill, Todd Nichols, Denton Randolph, Jarrod Jesko, Jordan Mason, Alicia De la Fuente, Ashlea Burt, Jessica Estrada, Alex Lopez, Denise Sanchez, Alfredo Chavira, Karina Galaviz, Josh McIntosh, Shea Scott and Jared Timms.

Lazbuddie robotics team takes second in competition

The Lazbuddie High School robotics team won second place at the BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology) Team competition in Lubbock, qualifying the team for the regional and state competition to be held at North Texas State in Denton Dec. 4-5.

A total of 18 teams took part in the Lubbock competition, and 40-50 teams from Texas and New Mexico will be represented in the

Denton robotics meet. Lazbuddie's team placed fifth in the robot race, second in the oral presentation to judges, and third in the engineering notebook competition.

The team also won second place in the table display and presentation, received first place in t-shirt design, and third place in auto cad drawings.

And, the team placed second in spirit and

sportsmanship. The second place oral presentation team consisted of Katie Chavez, Riley Smith, Elias Ramos, Jordan Hernandez, Colton Weaver, Todd Nichols, Jarrod Jesko and Karina Galaviz.

Debbie Weir is the science teacher and robotics coach.

This year's competition called for the design and operation of a robot with a theme of "alternative fuel collection."



Governor announces state investment in robotics education

Gov. Rick Perry was joined by Texas Workforce commissioners Andres Alcantar and Ronnie Congleton, Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott and business leaders Tuesday to announce a \$1 million investment from the Texas Workforce Commission to expand statewide student participation in robotics education programs.

The governor emphasized the importance of preparing young Texans to work in an increasingly competitive global economy by promoting programs that integrate science, technology, engineering and math into Texas classrooms.

"Exposing more young Texans to science, technology, engineering and math, and continuing to emphasize these core subjects in our schools, will help accelerate the pace of our high-tech education in Texas," Gov. Perry said. "This investment will strengthen our state's future workforce and contribute to making Texas even more competitive."

The FIRST Robotics Competition and FIRST Tech Challenge are supported by businesses throughout Texas, and immerse students in science and technology through competitions to design, build and program robots using engineering

principles and a sports model of teamwork and competition.

Currently, 133 Texas teams have registered to compete in the FIRST Robotics Competition and FIRST Tech Challenge in the upcoming tournament season. This investment will increase participation in the next year by supporting up to 250 new teams and more than 2,500 more students.

"It is important to inspire the future workforce to be science and technology leaders," Texas Workforce Commissioner Andres Alcantar said. "This investment in robotics combines the excitement of sport with the acquisition of science, engineering and technology skills that will help to mold our future innovators."

"The FIRST Robotics Competition and the FIRST Tech Challenge enable students to apply their learning and build their problem solving skills in a hands-on manner that is exciting and fun for them," Education Commissioner

Robert Scott said. "Today's announcement marks yet another highlight in Texas' ongoing commitment to high-quality STEM education."

Ensuring that Texas remains a leader in job creation depends on the development of our workforce and is imperative to Texas' future prosperity.

Last month, the governor announced a \$160 million initiative to expand the number and scope of Texas Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (T-STEM) academies, an initiative he established in 2005, as well as fund STEM scholarships.

Building on successful initiatives like T-STEM academies and legislation such as House Bill 3 of the 81st Legislative Session, which holds schools accountable for graduating college- and career-ready students, helps ensure future generations of Texans have the educational foundation necessary to compete and win in the increasingly competitive global economy.

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"Christmas Around Muleshoe" participants will give one entry for every \$10 purchase (up to \$100) every day between Nov. 7th and Dec. 12th. The merchants will also have four special days customers will receive double entries - Nov. 21, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12. You will receive two entries for every \$10 purchase (up to \$100) on these four days! \$1000 Chamber Mule Bucks certificates and Gift certificates up to \$50 from sponsoring businesses will also be given away. Enter at the participating businesses listed below.

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