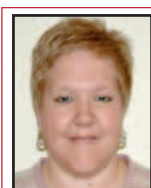




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Sheriff discusses replacing units

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The replacement of three of the sheriff's department's vehicles with four-wheel-drive pickups topped the agenda at Thursday's special session of the Bailey County Commissioners' Court.

Sheriff Richard Wills appeared before the court to discuss options for lease-purchasing three new vehicles, specifically four-door pickups, to replace three of the department's high-mileage patrol cars.

According to Wills, the pickups he wants to lease-purchase would last longer than the department's current Ford Crown Victorias, and would have a higher trade-in value when it came time to replace them.

He also noted that at the end of the pickups' use in law enforcement they would be more useful if transferred to other county departments.

"I don't have a problem with it, if the department's budget would cover it," Commissioner Juan Chavez said.

However, Commissioners Joey Kindle and C.E. Grant expressed concerns about the pickup's higher initial costs, and the increased fuel expense.

In other business concerning the sheriff's

department it was noted that the jail's census has been up and the sheriff has been forced to turn down requests for prisoner lodging from other departments in Texas and New Mexico.

The sheriff also told the commissioners' court that the large cell which had been vandalized by prisoners from New Mexico is back in service.

In other business, the court:

- Turned down a request by a county employee requesting assistance from the county in paying her private health insurance carrier premiums.

The county employee explained that she hadn't signed on to the county's premiums because the premiums with her private carrier were lower.

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Photograph by Norm Brantley

New doctor hanging out shingle at MAHD

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District is excited about the arrival of Dr. Francis Lansang, who plans to open his office at the corner of West Ave. H and Second on Oct. 16.

"I've always wanted to practice in a small town," Dr. Lansang, a primary care physician, said about the decision he and his wife of almost four years, Myriam, made to move to Muleshoe.

A graduate of the medical school at the University of Colorado, Lansang — who is also a graduate of Texas State University — said he grew up in Rock Spring, Wyo., which he described as being a city a little larger than Muleshoe.



DR. FRANCIS LANSANG

Lansang also mentioned that his wife is from Mexico, and was pleased that the move to Bailey County would place them closer to her family.

Lansang, who speaks Spanish, enjoys flyfishing, golf and rock climbing.

Homecoming Queen selected

Muleshoe senior Irma Torres, the daughter of Sylvester and Alicia Torres, received the crown as the 2006 Football Homecoming Queen during ceremonies prior to Friday's game against River Road. Pictured on the left is Irma and her father.

Texas AG candidate speaks out at courthouse

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Texas attorney general candidate David Van Os addressed a small gathering at the Bailey County Courthouse Wednesday morning, Sept. 27, as part of his "whistle-stop" tour of the state.

Van Os, Democrat, an attorney from San Antonio, spoke out against the power-broking of the current AG administration, which he said has sold out the citizens of Texas to the corporate business world.

Van Os specifically addressed the issue of the Trans Texas Corridor, which he said would allow foreign companies to loot billions of dollars from the Texas economy, and called the decision by state officials to move forward on the

corridor was unconstitutional.

Van Os said the single biggest legal issue facing the people of Texas is "the power that greed, self-interest, and money have over politics and government."

"We have got to restore the public to public service and government," Van Os said.

And when asked about the incumbent attorney general's decision to prosecute a hotel owner who was capitalizing on the Katrina disaster for overcharging her customers, but declining to comment when asked if the oil companies should be prosecuted for the damage they did the people of Texas and the Texas economy by price gouging, Van Os said,



AG candidate David Van Os talks with residents at the Bailey County Courthouse.

"The incumbent AG is quick to prosecute small business owners for violations, but he does not prosecute giant corporations because he is owned by them."

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Seliger expresses views about TAKS testing

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Dist. 31 State Sen. Kel Seliger told local officials and residents attending Wednesday's "town hall" meeting that the state's TAKS testing was no longer doing what it was intended to do.

Seliger told those in attendance, including several members of the local school district, that TAKS testing focused too much on college preparation and could easily discourage some students from completing high school.

"We already have college preparatory tests," he said, referring to national SAT and ACT tests.



STATE SEN. KEL SELIGER

"The purpose of school is learning," Seliger said. "The purpose of school is not testing."

According to Seliger, the TAKS tests went beyond holding school teachers and administrators accountable for the progress of a district's students.

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The Muleshoe Freshman Class will be hosting a pregame meal on Friday, Oct. 13, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. The meal will include a Mexican Pile-on, and Rice Crispie Treats. Tickets are \$5, and orders will be delivered from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call 272-7306 for additional information, tickets or to place an order.

GED classes to start soon

Muleshoe's WorkSource GED Lab is now enrolling for the fall session. Classes available are:

- GED- ESL- College prep- improve basic skills
- Learn to speak English

Instruction is being provided by Region 17 Adult Education, at 203 Main, Muleshoe

The service center is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Contact Sharon Grant at 272-7540 or 272-5766 for additional information.

AA meeting

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA and Al-Anon meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Friday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. 2nd. Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.

Athletics boosters to meet Monday

The Muleshoe Athletic Boosters will be meeting every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Muleshoe High School Science Room.

4-H fund raiser

The Bailey County 4-H Club is now selling meat, fruit and candles. Meat and candle orders are to be turned in for Thanksgiving and the fruit orders will be done at the end of October for Christmas.

Contact the extension office at 272-4583 or a local 4-H member for more information.

All orders must be received before Oct. 13, and will be delivered the first or second week in November.

Box supper benefit

The Bailey County Senior Center will be hosting an "old fashioned box supper" fund raiser on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Ladies wishing to participate are asked to bring a decorated box with supper in it to be judged. Voting will be held for the title of "most unusual" and "best decorated."

The boxes will then be auctioned to the men in attendance to be eaten with the person who brought it. Both men and women are invited to bring a pie or dessert to be auctioned. Drinks will be provided.

The center will be open at 3 p.m. for games and visiting. Entertainment will begin 5:30 p.m., with the auction to follow.

Cancer screening clinic to be held

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 South First Street, in Muleshoe on Oct. 11.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806)356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Cookie dough, pie sale

Muleshoe High School Senior class is conducting a Gourmet Frozen Cookie Dough and Pie fundraiser. The cookie dough comes in nine flavors. Each tub sells for \$10. The pies are 10" in diameter and range in price from \$10 - 14. To order cookie dough and pies, contact any senior class member or sponsor. The phone number at the High School is 272-7303 or email an order to asmith@muleshoeisd.net or by emailing dconner@muleshoeisd.net.

84 on 84

The City of Muleshoe will be participating in "84 on 84," in which businesses and area residents will be setting up sidewalk and garage sales on Hwy. 84, extending from Shallowater to Farwell on Saturday, Oct. 14.

For event information contact the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture office at 272-4248.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Bailey County Aging Services and the Texas Cooperative Extension of Bailey County have formed a support group for the care givers of Alzheimer Disease patients. The next meeting will be Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

Dr. Kyle Sheets will present the program.

Alzheimer's disease is the fourth leading cause of death in adults after heart disease, cancer, and stroke. Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the most common form of dementia — a brain disorder that seriously affects a person's ability to carry out daily activities. Scientists think that as many as 4.5 million Americans suffer from AD.

Most primary caregivers for the Alzheimer's disease patient are family members. Many other people also participate in the care of those with AD. Friends, neighbors, work colleagues and faith community members often help to care for the person with Alzheimer's disease. Research has shown that caregivers are often at an increased risk for depression and illness, especially if they do not receive adequate support.

For more information contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, 272-4583.

Band competition set for Oct. 7

The Mighty M Marching Band will host a marching festival on Saturday, Oct. 7, at Benny Douglas Stadium beginning at 3 p.m.

Bands from around the area will be performing and competing for three top awards for marching.

The Mighty M Band will perform at 4 p.m. for the preliminary round and again at 6:30 p.m. for the final round of competition.

The Tulia Hornet Band and the "Legends in Blue" from Farwell High School will compete as well.

The Mighty M Band will use this competition to prepare them for the Pioneer Marching Festival on Oct. 14 in Plainview.

This will also be a tune up for the UIL marching contest in Lubbock at Lowery Field on Oct. 21, at 3:45 p.m.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. All proceeds will go toward the scholarship fund for summer band camp at Angelo State University.

Band Director Brad Walker said, "It's my hope that we are able to raise enough money for every high school band student to attend this camp without having to use their own personal funds."

"The training they will receive there and the memories they take away from living in a college dorm and attending classes will be immeasurable."

"I hope to see at least a thousand people at our festival."

"These kids have worked very hard this year and deserve the community's support."

Births



DEKON RILLIE VEGA

Dekon Vega

Angelo Vega and Casey Tosh of Muleshoe are proud to announce the birth of their son, Dekon Rillie Vega, on Sept. 14, 2006, at 8:46 p.m. at Littlefield Health Center.

Dekon weighed five pounds at birth and was 17-1/2 inches in length.

Dekon's grandparents are Carmen and Carmela Vega of Muleshoe, and Billy and Linda Tosh, also of Muleshoe.

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"It should be the exact opposite," Van Os continued. "The Texas AG's priority is supposed to be using the tools of office that he has, that local DA's don't have, to be a watchdog for the public in regard to the corporate giants. That is the reason the framers of the Texas Constitution gave to the AG the big tools of office that local officials and private lawyers don't have — to level the playing field for the little guy in dealing with the power elites."

According to Van Os, "\$3 per gallon gasoline is an equal opportunity oppressor" and said big oil companies instead of the public are being represented by the current administration.

"You expect the attorney general to fight for you," Van Os said. "That's what I'll do."

And when asked about Texas' open meeting laws, the AG candidate said, "In my experience, the most common way local governments get around the

open meetings law is to bring their attorney into the closed-door session so they can claim they're exempt because they're getting legal advice. The legislature needs to tighten and narrow this exemption. Further, open meetings violations

should be vigorously prosecuted. Openness to the public and the press is vital to the preservation of democracy and civil liberty."

Van Os also filed an affidavit listing his promises to the public with the Bailey County Clerk's office.



DAVID VAN OS, DEMOCRAT



Students of the Week

The Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of Oct. 2 are, from left to right: Front row — Hunter Carter, Priya Patel and Jose Rascon; back row — Yesenia Magallanes and Sabrina Chavez; Not pictured — Esteban Vidana.

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Commentary

The large and small of it

Leah Bell
General Manager

Have any of you heard the new radio commercial airing locally praising the very newest concept in comfort from Toyota — vehicles made especially for "larger" people?

"Larger" people. What does that mean? Should I be offended? Should I feel discriminated against? Should I feel segregated and ashamed?

The commercial doesn't say "taller" people or "wider" people or people with extra long torsos... just the broader generalization of "larger" people.

I believe it means pleasantly plump drivers such as myself.

But why build a larger vehicle for us, for me? I've driven for more than 20 years and have never once been unable to fit in the car I was attempting to drive.

Actually, I'm lying. I did drive my brother's ragtop MG once and had to leave the top down to accommodate my head, but that's a different story.

Are there other groups being discriminated against out there?

Should we design cars specifically made for left-handers because I'd have to have one of those, too.

Hum, Toyota is going to have to expand their showroom considerably if they want me to drive the type of vehicle they think I need — one made for "larger," left-handed people.

Oh yeah, and my pocketbook is bare — how about an affordable car? Dreamy concept.

What about a car meant especially for blondes? Let's not forget about that

physical characteristic — it's probably the most significant of all! All the knobs and "things" would have to be simplified.

To recap — I need vehicle designed for a larger, blonde, left-handed person who doesn't have any money, but it can't be black because I only wash my car once a year. Perhaps a special paint job would be practical for those of us with that particular design flaw.

How about vehicles designed for all women in general that are equipped with spray-on tanning machines and chocolate dispensers... Or for men, trucks that absolutely refuse to stop at bathrooms or anywhere that might be able to give directions (Sorry, guys, if I can make fun of myself, surely you won't be offended if I make fun of you too.)

You get my point. No other special groups get their own vehicle design, why should "larger" people?

Some of the Kias I've seen do come close to fitting "smaller" people, but I don't think Kia is necessarily targeting that group of folks. More likely, they're hoping misers will buy their itsy-bitsy creations.

I've been large my entire life and some day plan to die the healthiest large person I know.

I agree with my mom, who isn't with us anymore, but still comes to me in my head thanks to wonderful memories: Who the heck wants to die a skinny, frail ol' lady who doesn't enjoy eating or anything else for that matter?

So, fill my plate full, Toyota will just have to upgrade to an extra "larger" version next year!

Commissioners' court...

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However, Judge Sherri Harrison explained that state law prohibited the county from doing that.

"Our hands are tied," Commissioner Kindle said.

It was explained that Commissioner Grant had taken similar action with the intent of saving the county money, but that a ruling from the State of Texas had left him in the same predicament.

Both the employee and Grant have the option of signing onto the county's insurance carrier at the next enrollment period.

"It's not that we don't want it," Harrison said. "I wish we could change the law, but we can't."

- Received a presentation concerning the Bailey County EMS' patient transfer procedures following a request for information about a specific ambulance call from Grant.

EMS director Chris Thompson talked about the circumstances of the ambulance call in question,

and explained why it was handled as it was, and passed around copies of the state-approved procedures under which the service operates.

"We are not going to get in trouble with the state over our procedures," Thompson said, noting that the service has passed its state audits.

Thompson also said the ambulance service will always have an ambulance crew in Muleshoe, noting that at times the ambulance is on an emergency run out of county the service is provided through interlocal agreements with other departments in the area.

However, Thompson also said it wasn't feasible to have a paramedic on both of the ambulances all of the time.

- Approved extension agent Mandi Seaton to attend school in Mexico for a week in October as part of her pursuit of a masters degree.

- Passed a resolution regarding the Indigent Defense Grant Program.

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Obituaries

Willie Mae Rice

A church service for Willie Mae (Sissie) Rice, 75, of Sudan was held on Saturday, Sept. 30, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Roecker and Al Harrison officiating. Burial followed in Sudan Cemetery.

Rice died on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006, in Covenant Medical Center of Lubbock. She was born on Dec. 18, 1930, in Borger.

Rice was a life-time resident of the Sudan

community. She attended Draughan's Business College, and was member of the 1950 Sudan Study Club. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sudan, and a former owner of Sudan Florist.

Survivors include her sisters and their husbands — Wanda and Jim Holt of Muleshoe, and Kathy and Gary Gatewood of Sudan; her brothers — Dale Rice of Sudan, Doug Rice of Atlanta, Ga., and Norman Rice of Dallas.

Ava Woodson

A church service for Ava Woodson, 96, of Farwell was held on Saturday, Sept. 30, at the First Baptist Church of Farwell with the Rev. Rob Hollis and the Rev. Kyle Clayton officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Woodson died on Sept. 27, 2006, in the Farwell Convalescent Center. She was born on June 25, 1910, in Quannah, and married Virgil Woodson in Quannah on Sept. 8, 1928. She was preceded in death by her husband — Virgil, in 1974; a son — Billy Woodson, in

1990; a daughter — Joy Lee Chadwick, in 1994; and four sisters and four brothers.

Woodson had lived in Farwell since 1953, moving from the Muleshoe area. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Farwell and a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters — Peggy Sudderth and Janie Martin, both of Farwell; 10 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Farwell First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 129, Farwell, TX. 79325.



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Bridal Shower Selections

Nursing Home News

Nancy Lemons delivered ceramics for the residents to paint in craft class Thursday morning. Among the residents who participated in the painting class were: Lela Crawford, Loma Mosley, Wanda Day, Willo Dean Kimbull, Mary Johnson, Beverly Heathington, Argilee Mullen and Gladys Wright.

Lucille Harp and Alaberto Rojas were honored with a party on Friday afternoon for having their birthdays in September. Della Puckett hosted the celebration.

Della brought and served pies from La Tea Da to off of the residents, guest and staff. Mrs. Harp had many guests attending, including Bro. and Mrs. Bennie Wright, Frankie Carpenter and several other folks from Trinity Baptist Church, Janice Hughes and Betty Jo Davis, Willard Carter and Willard Carter Jr.

W.T. and Pat Watson provided entertainment.

April Smith and her computer lab class of Muleshoe High School made the October activities calendar.

Van and Betty McCormick come by to visit Tennie McCormick every afternoon.

Marilyn and Ed Nickels came by to visit Gladys Wilson, Johnnie Kimbrough, Bill Wilkins and others Wednesday afternoon.

James Wedel came Wednesday morning to run errands and went shopping for us.

Bill Lambert's daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Gene Vandergrift of Wyoming, and Sandra Nunn were here visiting him this week. They also visited Marie Lane.

Mrs. Brice and her community service group came to visit the residents and help pack away the back-to-school decorations

Monday afternoon.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell served coffee and donuts Wednesday morning. Buster read a list of humorous things to say to telemarketers.

Buster, James and Ann Sinclair, and Anna B. Lane directed the devotional and singspiration time, following coffee time Wednesday morning.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins gave a great performance of music and song Wednesday afternoon.

Peggy Dent visits the residents and staff three times a week.

The Muleshoe Church of Christ directed a communion service Sunday morning.

The Cowboy Fellowship directed church services Sunday afternoon.

Gladys Wilson was visited by Stanley and Pat Wilson and two of Gladys' great-grandsons Sunday. Rita Thomas and Cathy Wilson visited her also.

Beverly Heathington received a visit from Don and Dona Heathington.

Buster Herington, Carolyn Hearington and Emma Lou Wilhite visited Doris Hearington recently.

Art and Edna Freeman of Littlefield directed a music and song, and Bible study session Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Lackey and Mrs. Brown brought their first grade classes to visit and read to the residents Monday morning.

Happy October birthdays to Nathan Bemmer, George Williams, Hattie Heathington, Troy Thomas, Trueman Nix, Virginia Barrett, Cynthia Crawford, Argilee Millen and Ardeth Long.

The October birthday party is planned for Oct. 27, at 3 p.m. All visitors are welcome.

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

The senior center is beginning a new fiscal year this month. We are so proud of the volunteers for their generous help to make the center what it is today.

The enjoyment and fellowship our senior citizens are having really makes it worthwhile. We invite you to come by for coffee and visit with us if you have been here.

Just a reminder that your annual donations are needed and appreciated. If you need to send a memorial, a donation to honor someone, or just a donation to the center, we will be greatful for your help and support.

We still have tickets on the "patriotic quilt" that will be given away in November. The quilt is displayed in the center. The tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. The quilt is a very beautiful one quilted by Savannah Killough.

The Old Fashioned Box Supper will be this Saturday, Oct. 7. The center will open at 3 p.m. for games and visiting. Entertainment will begin at 5:30 p.m. The auction of the boxes and the desserts or pies will follow. All you seniors plan to be here for the fun.

The monthly board of directors meeting will be here at the center on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 1 p.m. New officers have been elected and will be sworn in. The meeting is open to the public.

The meeting sponsored by SPAG that was scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 11, has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 17, beginning at 1 p.m. This is a very important program. You need to come and let the government know what programs are needed for the senior citizens in this area for the future years.

The flu shots will be available here at the Center on Tuesday, Oct. 17, beginning at 10 a.m. until noon. If you need a flu shot

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make plans to come by. For citizens 60 and over there will be no charge, under 60 there will be a fee.

Menu for Oct. 9-13:

Monday, Oct. 9 — Brisket, au gratin potatoes, fried okra, pickles wheat roll and apple cobbler.

Tuesday, Oct. 10 — Lasagna, Italian vegetables, tossed salad, garlic bread and banana pudding.

Wednesday, Oct. 11 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll and peaches.

Thursday, Oct. 12 — Taco salad, beans, onions, lettuce, tomatoe, cheese, salsa, chips and fruit cocktail.

Friday, Oct. 13 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, hush puppies, tator tots, coleslaw and lemon cake.

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Hospital Report

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center has released the following list of admissions:

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- Sept. 21 — Anita Guest.
- Sept. 22 — Santiago Salas, Earl Schmitz and Nathaniel Shepard.
- Sept. 23 — Myrtle Puckett, Mina Sheets and Beth Watson.
- Sept. 24 — Jessica

Aguirre, Marisela Hernandez, Laura Killingsworth, Juanita Maldonado and Eusebio Villarreal.

- Sept. 25 — Nelda Merriott, Mary Roop-Ramirez, Jonathan Barrera and Cesilia Torres.
- Sept. 26 — Joe Alfaro, James Brown and Rene Orozco.
- Sept. 27 — John Brito.

4-H fund raiser under way

The Bailey County 4-H Club is now selling meat, fruit and candles. Meat and candle orders are to be turned in for Thanksgiving and the fruit orders will be done at the end of October for Christmas.

Contact the extension office at 272-4583 or a local 4-H member for more information. All orders must be received before Oct. 13, and will be delivered the first or second week in November.

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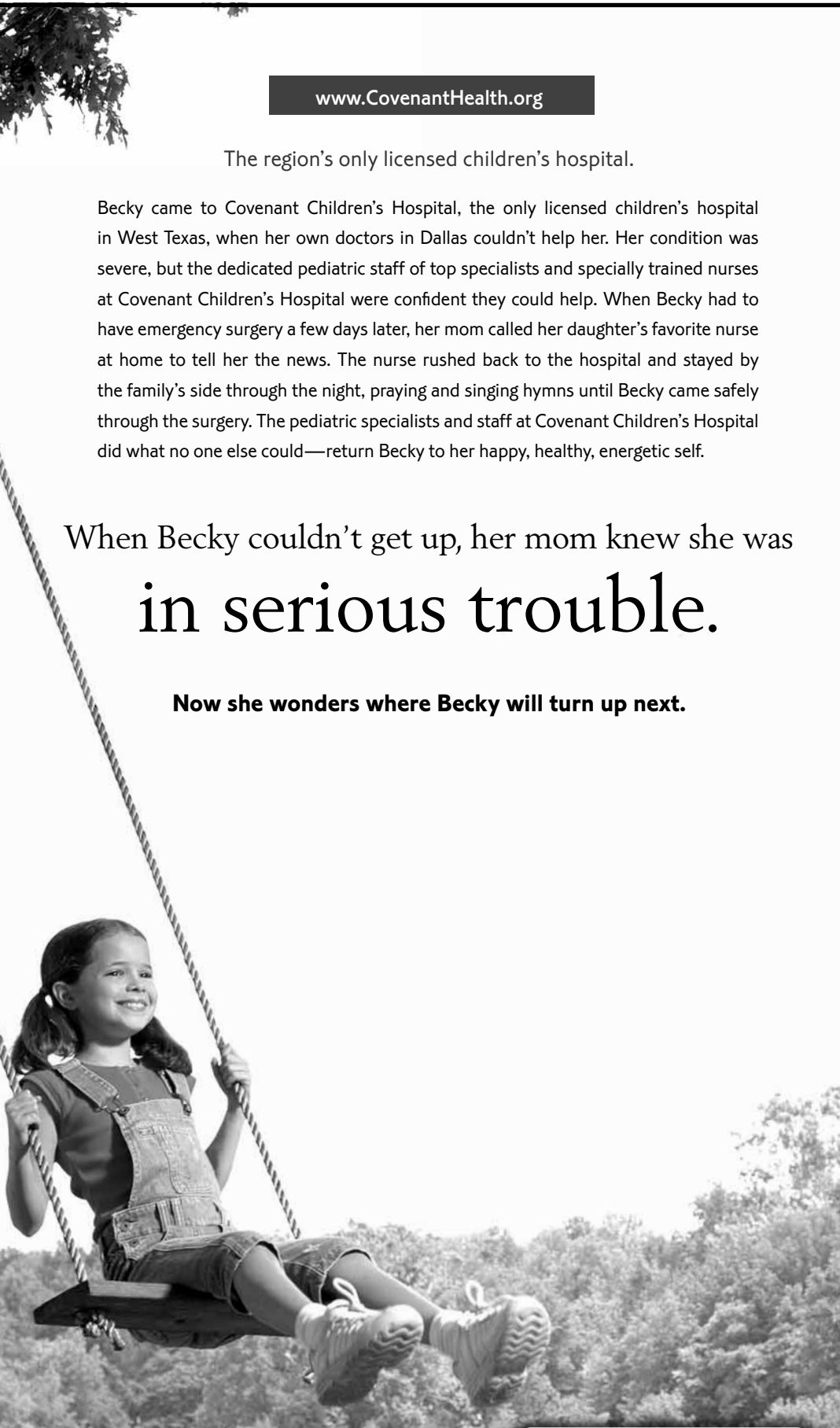
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Sports

Mules have better results against second team of Wildcats

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules faced a Wildcat team for the second week in a row. Last week's humbling experience seemed to be the perfect lead in to district for the Mules. Homecoming week is busy and can take away a team's focus.

The loss to Idalou reminded the Mules they had to stay focused for a shot at the District 2A Championship that is one of their goals. The Mules enjoyed Homecoming 2006 with a monster 47-0 win over the River Road Wildcats.

"We needed that win and it was good for both our offense and our defense" said Mule coach David Wood. "We started the game like we have the two previous ones. They took the opening kick a began to drive down the field. We finally stopped them and after that the game was pretty much all ours."

It took almost nine minutes of the opening period for the Mules to settle in and begin to dominate the Wildcats. River Road strung together an opening drive that appeared to be de ja vu all over again for the Mules.

They drove deep in Mule



Photograph by Norm Brantley

Mule Brant Hamilton carries the ball during Friday's game against River Road.

territory before being halted at the Mule 17. The Mules marched 83 yards on nine plays for their first TD of the night. Garrett Riley found Dustin Barker open for a 12-yard TD toss to put the Mules on top with 3:20 left in the opening period. Victor Vasquez tacked on his first of three extra point kicks.

Back to back Mule miscues at the end of the first period and beginning of the second period did not aid River Road. The Mules fumbled a punt that River Road recovered on the Wildcat 42.

Vasquez picked off a CJ Arney toss at the Mule 45 and scooted back across mid field to the River Road 41. The Mules could not get

their offense untracked as the second period got under way and attempted a fake punt.

A low snap to Riley wound up in the Wildcat's hands on their 46. River Road's big running back Andrew Allen carried on three successive plays for a first down on the Mule 43. Two incomplete passes by the Wildcats' sophomore quarter back and the Mule defense stopped Allen for only two yards to force a punt.

The Wildcat punter managed to chase down a high snap and he got off a hurried punt that just crossed the 50 before Tony Guzman tried to pick up the ball and run. Guzman failed to find the handle and River

Road covered the loose ball.

The punt did not go far enough for a first down. The officials originally called it Mule ball and then changed their call. Following a long and at times heated discussion between the officials the call was changed back in favor of the Mules.

Timothy Conner ran a slant over the middle and Riley hit him for a 22-yard gain following the lengthy discussion. Eric Washington caught a fourth down screen pass and was knocked out of bounds just inches short of the seven yards needed for a first.

The Wildcats took over on downs on their own 24. River Road had a first and short following an incidental face mask penalty on the Mules' 30. The Mule defense separated the Wildcats from the ball and Guzman was their to recover the loose ball only 26 yards from pay dirt.

Riley hit Conner two yards from a TD and Conner fought through a tackle for the Mules second TD of the night. Vasquez kick put the Mules on top 14-0.

After the ensuing kick Allen and the Wildcats moved from their 34 to the Mule 22 on seven plays. Riley looked like he was playing center field from his safety position when he picked off Arney's pass on the Mule 2.

He made an impressive return up the Wildcat sideline to the 27. Riley connected with Conner and

Adam Zamora for seven yard gains each and Vasquez picked up nine on the ground to put the ball at mid field.

Barker ran a slant back to the middle and Riley fired him a strike at the 30. Barker secured the ball and ran between a pair of defenders before being drug down at the Wildcat 10. On fourth and goal from the 10 a Wildcat defender had to make a choice to interfere or give up a touch down.

He chose to grab Hamilton before the ball arrived and gave the Mules four more chances from the five. Riley kept on the option for a one-yard gain and then found Hamilton deep in the end zone with four-yard TD toss. Vasquez tacked on the point after with 20 seconds left in the first half with Mules in front 21-0.

"When we came back after the half we expected River Road to make some changes in their defense" continued Wood. "They had been stopping our running game with six men in the box and that allowed our passing game to operate."

"When they did go to five in the box Hamilton got loose for a long run. Our offense worked like it is suppose to work tonight."

Riley completed five passes on seven plays as the Mules opened the second half.

Zamora was stopped on the two after making a seven-yard grab. The Mules introduced the Heavy Set offense and utilized the Hammer Play for the final two yards.

The right side of the Mule line blew a hole in the Wildcat defense that Hamilton could have driven a truck though. They repeated the Hammer with Hamilton going in for the two-point conversion.

Hamilton burst up the middle on a 67-yard scamper when the Wildcats made a defensive change. He broke through the middle of the line and cut to the River Road sideline. He

made a defender miss and angled toward the goal post. He broke an arm tackle near the 25 and raced on in to push the Mule lead to 35-0.

Riley connected with Conner for a 21-yard TD with 2:35 left in the third period. It was Conners second TD catch of the night.

Vasquez got the call for the Mule's final tally and dove in from the one-yard line.

River Road's Allen led all rushers with 119 yards on 27 tries. No other Wildcat had positive yards rushing. The Wildcats were seven of 21 through the air for 80 yards and a total offensive out put of 170 yards. The Mules picked off two River Road passes.

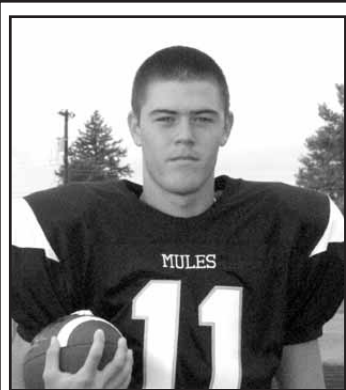
Riley was 30 of 40 attempts and had one picked off for 359 yards and four touchdowns. Hamilton led the Mules rushing attack with five tries for 88 yards and Vasquez went 21 yards on three attempts.

Seven Mules caught passes with Conner grabbing nine for 134 yards and Barker caught six for 79. Hamilton had seven for 58, Vasquez two for 41 and Eric Washington two for 18. Zamora caught three for 16 and Clayton grabbed one for 13 yards.

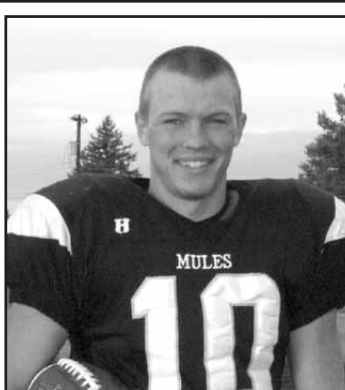
"That was a great way for our kids to celebrate Homecoming and now they can go home with a sweet taste in their mouth knowing they are 1-0 in district. Tomorrow we will celebrate a little and then begin to prepare for Highland Park", concluded Wood.

The Mules (1-0) go on the road Friday night to meet the Highland Park Hornets. The Hornets (0-1) fell to Dimmitt (1-0) in their first district game 20-13. The Mules return home October 13 to host the Tulia Hornets.

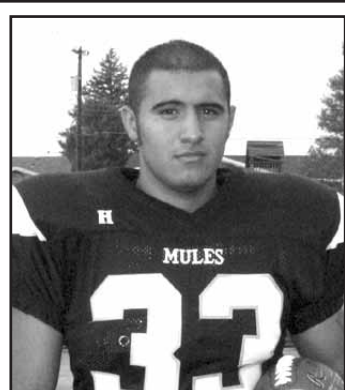
Tulia (0-0) fell to Panhandle 17-6 in a non-district game last Friday. Friona (1-0) defeated Bushland (0-1) 34-7 to round out the district teams and how they fared.



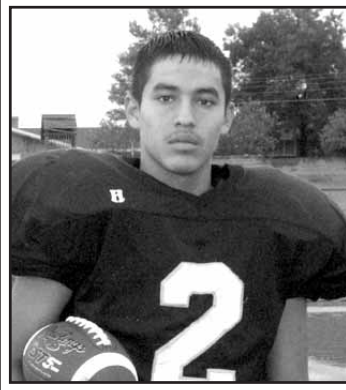
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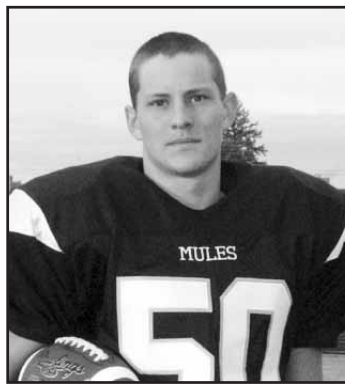
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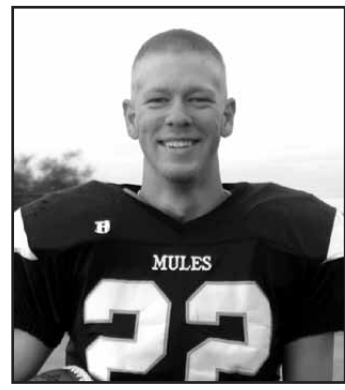
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Sports

JV Mules thump River Road, move to 1-0 in district

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mules move to 1-0 in district by thumping the River Road Wildcats 35-0 Thursday night.

Ray Ramirez scored twice for the Mules in the opening period on runs of 14 and six yards.

Wes Wood connected with Dillon Gallman with a 13-yard toss in the second quarter. Elias Alvarado scored on a 10-yard blast in the third frame and then returned a pass interception for 60 yards. He also kicked all five points after.

The Mules rushed 30 times for 221 yards with Alvarado carrying 11 times for 113 yards. Ramirez went 38 yards on

eight tries, Austin Wright had five tries for 14 and Patrick Precure picked up three yards on two tries.

Wood was nine of 14 passes for 182 yards and one TD. Ramirez caught three for 85 yards, Alvarado grabbed two for 28, Wright had two for 21 and Gallman had two for 21.

Stephen Dominguez and AB Flores each made 10 tackles, Precure had seven stops and Alex Godinez had six. Alvarado, Marshal Head and Joe Vargas each made four stops.

The Mules will entertain the Amarillo Highland Park Hornets Thursday at 6:30 p.m..

Freshman Mules defeat River Road, 34-18

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The freshmen Mules got off to a fast start in district play Thursday night by dropping the River Road Wildcats 34-18.

Jared Skipworth got the Mules started with an 85 yard ramble in the opening frame.

Austin Bamert added the

Mules second first period TD on a 36-yard run to push the Mule lead to 14-0. Bamert's second tally came in the third period with a five-yard blast.

The Wildcats mounted a rally with two TDs in the third period to trail the Mules 20-12 going into the final frame.

Larry Richardson got loose for a 62-yard scamper

in the final period. Caleb Conner ran in from 10-yards out for the Mules final tally. River Road ended all scoring with a TD late in the game.

The Mules rushed 39 times for 420 yards and Skipworth connected on five of eight passes for 54 more. Skipworth led the Mules in rushing with 10 runs for 162

yards and Richardson had 100 yards on seven tries. Conner carried nine times for 79 and Bamert carried 11 times for 64.

Conner had one catch h for 30 yards, Richardson and Adrian Muniz had one grab each for 10 yards and Chris Anguano had one for three yards. Adrian Muniz picked off a Wildcat pass on the Mule five to halt the Wildcats initial drive.

Adrian Chacon made 10 solo tackles, three assists and three quarter back pressures.

Bamert made five solos and three assists, Kyler Steinbock had one solo stop, a pass break up and two interceptions. Joseph Lopez made two solo tackles, one assist, one tackle for a loss and a sack.

Eighth grade Mules capture district opener

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The River Road Wildcats mounted an 80-yard drive after Cooper Washington banged the opening kick through the end zone. The drive consumed all but 22 seconds of the opening frame.

The Mules bounced back in the final three periods to take their district opener 22-8.

Havier Bara returned the ensuing kick from the 14 to the Mule 40. Tyson Turnbow picked up 35 yards on the Hammer play. Washington had his pass picked off at the River Road 12 and returned to the 30.

Juan Sanchez, Brandon Ellis and Esetban Vidana all read the screen pass and

stopped in for a one-yard loss. A high snap on fourth down forced a short punt the Mules allowed to roll dead on their 45.

Washington kept from the shotgun on an option and raced 55-yards for a TD. Turnbow made the two-point conversion to knot the game at 8-8 at the half.

Neither team could score in the third quarter and the Mules force the Wildcats to punt from their 34 as the final period began.

Turnbow returned the kick from the Mule 39 to the Wildcat 35.

Turnbow spun out of a tackle on first down for a 20-yard gain. Washington connected with Joey Ramirez with a 15-yard TD toss. Turnbow added the two-point

conversion to give the Mules a 16-8 advantage.

Sanchez made back to back stops and the Wildcats pass fell incomplete on third down. They faked a punt but the Mules were not fooled and ball fell to the turf.

It took the Mules two plays to score their final TD. Washington kept on the option up the middle and raced 29 yards to end all scoring.

The eighth grade Mules wrapped up their non district schedule with a perfect 3-0 record. They shut out the Wildcats of idalou 36-0 in their final warm up game.

The Mules will host the Amarillo Highland Park Hornets in the teams second district battle.

Seventh grade takes opener

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules opened their district campaign against the River Road Wildcats Thursday afternoon. The Mules bounced back from a loss the week before to hammer the Wildcats 34-12.

Jose Marrufo got the Mules going by taking the opening kick at the Mule 24.

He returned the kick up the Mule sideline and after picking up a couple of path paving blocks raced 76 yards to the end zone. Isaac Baca blasted over on the Hammer play for the two-

point conversion. The Mules led 8-0 seven seconds into the game.

The Wildcats got no return on the Mule kickoff and started their first drive on their 30. Sergio Vasquez bull dogged the River Road running back for no gain on first down. The Mules continued to hold and forced a punt to the Mule 49.

Baca picked up nine yards for a first down. He then went off right tackle for a 40-yard TD to put the Mules up 14-0 with 2:26 left

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Whew! I just finished a homework paper. It had to be about an explorer. I chose **Christopher Columbus** because I think he was really brave to sail across the ocean in such a small ship to explore the world.

For years people have discussed - and argued over - the importance of Christopher Columbus' landing in the Americas. Some people feel that his discoveries were the beginning of a wonderful New World. Others argue that the lands he found had many groups of people - each with its own way of life - and that Columbus' coming to these lands was destructive. However, no one argues the fact that Columbus' voyages to the Americas beginning in 1492 set in motion a period of change that continues today - more than 500 years later!

East to West - West to East

After Christopher Columbus made several trips between Europe and the Americas, changes began to take place in the lives of people in the eastern and western parts of the world. The voyages' introduction of people, maps and writings all helped to exchange new ideas and knowledge across the world.

Which parts of people's lives were affected by the exchanges or changes listed below? Match them:

1. food and animals	health
2. farming sugarcane, roping cattle	religion
3. Indian words + Spanish words	language
4. missionaries, prayers, spiritual treasures	work
5. disease, medicines	diet

I love the beautiful colors, smells and tastes of all of these fruits and vegetables in my cooking!

The items in this puzzle were brought **to** the Americas **from** other countries. Study the clues to fill in the puzzle:

Old World to the New World

1. sugarcane
 2. bananas
 3. horses
 4. cattle
 5. coffee
 6. sheep
 7. wheat
 8. pigs

New World to the Old World

1. tomatoes
 2. potatoes
 3. pumpkins
 4. peanuts
 5. squash
 6. cacao
 7. corn
 8. gold

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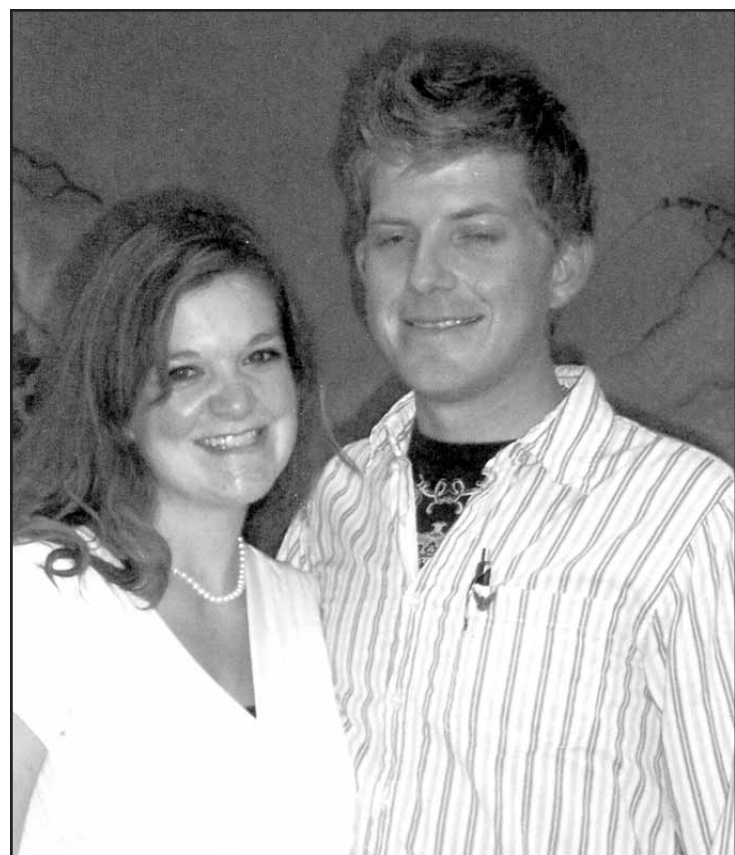
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Bridal Showers



ADAM AND JESSICA GRAVES

Graves feted at bridal shower

Adam and Jessica Graves were honored with a bridal shower on Sept. 16, at Trinity Christian Center Church of Muleshoe.

The bride is the daughter of Bob and Nancy Darden of Henderson, Nev.

The groom is the son of John and Kay Graves of Muleshoe.

Hostesses for the event included Nancy Barrier, Nancy Benham, Lana Boomer, Belinda Caswell, Beckye Conklin, JoEllen Cowart, Carol Cox, Judy Davenport, Kaye Elliott, Kathy Embry, LeAnn Gallman, Linda Lee, Terry Marricle, Sally Messenger,

Karie Preston, Dawn Williams, Kristy Price, Donna Redwine, Magann Rennels, Lindy Schuster, Jackie Scoggin, Amanda Shelton and Pam Thomason.

The hostess gift she received was money to purchase patio furniture.

Special guests attending included Dale and Gina Brassfield, Brie Brassfield, all of Dumas, Diann Reynolds of Tahoka, Marcy Gray of Lubbock, Donna Haire, Etta Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. John Bosserman of Amarillo, Kaitlyn Hudson of Amarillo, Jessi Ann McClendon and Trina Johnson.

Heathington, Green honored with bridal shower

A bridal shower honoring Myndi Heathington and Kody Green was held on Sunday, Oct. 1, in the home of Jan King.

Special guests included Dani Heathington, Krystal Heathington, Bobbie Dunham, Shelly Turnbow, Rhonda and Madison Myers, Denise, McKenna, and Keely Dunham, Jo Ellen Nickels, Billie Graves, Donnie Beringer, and Margaret Heathington.

Also attending were Jill Brasher of Katy, Jean Green of Olton, Kasey Green, Megan Green, Lacy Bunt, Liz Green, and Rhonda Green.

The serving table featured a beautiful mixed bouquet of fresh flowers in fall colors.

Guests were served thumbprint cookies and almond tea from crystal and silver appointments.

The hostesses presented the prospective couple with a gift certificate.

Among the hostesses were Cindy Barrett, Brenda Black, Sarah Black, Tammy Black, Estela Duarte, Charlotte Field, Terri Hahn, Karen Harris, Cindy Harrison, Hollye Hooten, Debbi Hutto, Sue Johnson, Connie Kenmore, Sherri Kennedy, Jan King,



STACY HARLAN

Harlan honored with shower

Stacy Harlan was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, Sept. 23, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe's parlor.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Sam and Jean Harlan of Lubbock.

The prospective groom's parent is Andrew Miller.

Hostesses for the event included Cindy Barrett, Brenda Black, Connie Bruns, Terri Byers, Jo Ellen Cowart, Carol Cox, Kathy Embry, Kay Fields, Joy Glover, Ruth Hall, Diana Harrison, Holly Hooten, Sue Johnson, Suzanne Nichols, Denna Redwine, Lindy Schuster, Lanelle Skaggs and Marilyn Young.

Special guests attending included Jean Harlan,

Dorothy Ray Harlan, Connie Kenmore, Sarah Harlan, Lauren Harlan, Doris Latham, Corrie Igo, Micah Aten, Sheila Wiseman and Carrie Huber.

Stacy's hostess gifts included a down comforter, a sheet set and a vacuum cleaner.

Seventh grade Mules defeat River Road Wildcats, 34-12

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The Wildcats finally got their offense cranked a marched 57 yards for a touchdown on eight plays with 3:28 left in the first half.

Eric Orozco covered the ensuing kick off on the Mule 33. A Mule fumble gave the Wildcats a short field and they scored five plays later. Vasquez stopped the two-point conversion to keep the Mules in front 14-12 with 56 seconds left in the half.

The Wildcats started the second half on their 30 after the MuleOs kick rolled out of bounds on the 11. Beau Avila dragged down the Wildcat after a two-yard gain. Baca and Matthew Ambriz plugged line for a stop for no gain.

The Wildcats faked a punt and Ambriz swipped the pass for the Mules and returned to the

River Road 43. The Mules ran the Hammer to perfection and Baca raced 43 yards for a TD on the

Mules first play of the second half for a 20-12 lead.

The Wildcats got no return on the Mule kickoff and started their drive at their 22. Vasquez got in the backfield for a one-yard loss. Avila forced the sweep back inside where Saul Elizalde made the stop.

Damian Gardea met the running back two yards behind the line for a loss on third down.

Baca took the River Road punt on the Wildcat 44 and raced back to the nine before being dragged down. A penalty gave the Mules first and goal at the five. Avila tossed to Elizalde for a five-yard TD to push the Mule lead to 26-12 seven seconds into the final frame.

Avila kept for a 21-yard TD run and Baca picked up the two-point conversion to end all scoring.

The Mules are 1-0 in district and will host the Amarillo Highlan Park Hornets Thursday afternoon.

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Durans honored with couples shower

David and Cassidy Duran, formerly Cassidy Cleavinger, were honored with a couples shower in the home of Mark and Eileen Morton on Saturday, Sept. 16.

The hosts served an assortment of homemade ice cream and cakes accompanied with fruit teas and coffee.

Special guests at the gathering included Mike and Criss Cleavinger, Mrs. Neleen Dent, Orville and Lorene Cleavinger, Ed and Norma Dawson, Troy and Billie Kirby, Jim and Ina Cleavinger, Ginger Armstrong, Royce and Kim Jordan, Cindy Harrison, Jason and Mandy Helton, Jeff and Jamie Armstrong, Jessica Saenz, Ashley Jordan, Tara Jordan, Staci Leonhard, Heidi Leonhard, Dustin and Lysie Cleavinger, Johnna Cleavinger, Brad Newton, Suzy Hutcherson, Peggy Wall, Daniel, Piper and Cooper Garbarino and Joan Lewis.



DAVID AND CASSIDY DURAN

newlyweds with a five-foot Landon Bookcase from the Pottery Barn.

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They are currently making their home in

Philadelphia, Pa., while Cassidy attends Temple University Medical School.

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4-H News

Submitted by Cori Sheets, Bailey County 4-H Reporter
 The Bailey County 4-H Achievement Banquet was held on Aug. 25., during which members of the Bailey County 4-H Club were recognized for their outstanding achievements this past year.
 Club president Madison Myers served as mistress of ceremonies. Jackson Myers presided at the registration table. Garrison Myers led the invocation. Kayla Preston led the Pledge of

Allegiance and Sarah Whitworth led the 4-H Motto and Pledge. Dal Whalin welcomed 4-H members and their families.
 Bailey County 4-H Club officers McKenna Dunham, Kaleb Baker, Jackson Myers, Dal Whalin, Sarah Whitworth, Cori Sheets, Garrison Myers, Madison Myers, and Kayla Preston assisted with awards.
 Achievement project pins were awarded to 4-H members participating in 4-H projects for 2005-2006.

District 4-H participants were presented 4-H t-shirts. 2006 Clover kids were recognized. Bailey County 4-H Volunteer Leaders were recognized and presented with certificates.
 Rodney Baker has been a volunteer leader for Bailey County 4-H for 10 years. He supports the 4-H program by giving his time and talent to help both the 4-H'ers and the County Extension Agents. Baker was honored as this year's Outstanding 4-H Adult Leader.

The 4-H Family of the Year was the Sam Whalin family.
 The Whalin family has participated in agricultural projects, family and consumer science projects, leadership projects, the Parent's Association, Club Management, record books, and citizenship activities.
 They have been involved with the Bailey County 4-H program for 9 years.
 Buddy Embry was awarded the Outstanding Friend of 4-H Award. Embry

has assisted the 4-H program in Bailey County in a special way with his support and cooperation for many years. He has been involved for 15 years.
 The Gold Star Award is the highest award which a 4-H youth can achieve on a county level. It is given annually to 4-H members who have shown outstanding leadership and citizenship abilities.
 The Gold Star winners for this year are Dal Whalin and Courtney Mardis. These 4-

H members will represent Bailey County at the District Gold Star Banquet in Lubbock on Nov. 20.
 The Achievement Banquet concluded with the installation of the Bailey County 4-H Club officers for 2006-2006.

Thanks for reading!

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Each year, 6.5 million 4-H members and over 500,000 youth and adult volunteers celebrate National 4-H Week during the first full week in October. In communities across the country, 4-H groups are conducting special events, creating displays and preparing news and radio items to share what they do and celebrate what they've gained in 4-H.

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4-H News



Buddy Embry receives the Outstanding Friend of 4-H Award during the Bailey County 4-H banquet.



Rodney Baker was honored as this year's Outstanding 4-H Adult Leader.



The 4-H Family of the Year award was received by the Sam Whalin family.

Here are two examples of the pins designed by O.H. Benson, Superintendent of Schools, Wright County, Iowa. He used the design on placards, posters and badges in 1907 or 1908. On September 16, 1909, he placed the first order on record with the Union Emblem Company for the pins. Benson and others are said to have had a four-leaf H design around it has been found.

Early in 1911, club leaders in adopted a meeting of Washington committee recommendation present 4-H

approving the emblem design. O.B. Martin, who was directing club work in the South, is credited with suggesting that the 4-H's stand for Head, Heart, Hands and Health. Benson originally referred to a fourth H as Hustle.

The 4-H emblem is federally protected under Section 18 US Code 707 and belongs to the Congress of the United States. The official emblem is green with white H's - the 4-H colors. The white symbolizes purity. The green represents nature's most common color and is emblematic of youth, life, and growth.



The 4-H Emblem, Colors, and the four H's —

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Vesicular stomatitis regulations apply for livestock hauled from Wyoming

Texas hunters or ranchers hauling horses or other livestock from Wyoming this fall should be aware of regulations affecting the animals' entry or re-entry into Texas, says Dr. Bob Hillman, head of the Texas Animal Health Commission, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

Vesicular stomatitis, a viral disease that can affect horses, cattle, swine, deer, sheep or goats, has been confirmed in 12 horses and 10 cattle on a total of nine premises in Natrona and Converse counties in southeast Wyoming. As of late September, these are

the only cases confirmed in the U.S. in 2006.

To help prevent the spread of VS, Texas livestock health regulations prohibit the entry of horses, cattle, swine, (live) deer, sheep or goats from VS-quarantined premises or areas. Animals may enter Texas from non-quarantined areas of an affected state, provided an accredited veterinarian in that state examines the animals and determines that they are not exhibiting evidence of vesicular stomatitis and writes the following statement on a current or new certificate of veterinary inspection: "the animals

represented on this health certificate have not originated from a premise or area under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis."

"VS can cause susceptible livestock to develop blisters and lesions in the mouth, on the muzzle or teats, or above the hooves," said Dr. Hillman. "When the disease affects cattle or other cloven-hoofed animals, animal health officials and producers are immediately concerned, as these clinical signs mimic those of foot-and-mouth disease, the world's costliest, highly contagious disease. Horses, though not

susceptible to FMD, certainly can become infected with VS, and it can take several weeks for animals to heal. During this time, the painful sores may cause affected animals to become lame, or refuse to eat, drink or allow their offspring to nurse."

"There is no vaccine for VS, so prevention is the key, and that includes controlling insects such as culicoides gnats and black flies, which are the primary vectors for the disease, and keeping infected animals away from 'clean' stock, as infection also can be spread from animal to animal," explained Dr. Hillman.

"If blisters or lesions appear in livestock of any species, the owner or manager should contact their accredited veterinarian

or the Texas Animal Health Commission as soon as possible, so a disease investigation can be launched," he said. "Laboratory testing to confirm the diagnosis can be run at no charge to the livestock owner."

Treatment of VS-infected animals consists of supportive care, and in some cases, antibiotics to prevent secondary infections in the open sores. Although VS is rarely fatal, production losses can be substantial, particularly in dairies.

In nearly all states, VS-infected animals and their herd mates are quarantined until at least 30 days after all lesions have healed.

In addition to causing animals to suffer, VS can result in trade embargoes

with Canada and European countries, where VS is not seen. Animal health authorities want to prevent introduction of a new disease that may impact the health of their livestock. Dr. Hillman said VS outbreaks in the U.S. occur randomly, mostly in the Southwest.

In 2005, VS-infected livestock were confirmed on 445 premises in nine states, including one in Texas. In 2004, Texas had 15 of the 294 premises with VS-infected animals.

Other affected premises were in New Mexico and Colorado. The cases in 2004 were the first confirmed since 1998.

More information about VS is available on the TAHC at www.tahc.state.tx.us. The TAHC headquarters may be reached at 1-800-550-8242.

Texas Cooperative Extension to offer food manager certification training course

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, one in four Americans will become sick, one in 1,000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

During the past legislative session, a statute was amended that allowed the Texas Department of State Health Services to require each food establishment to have one certified food manager.

Recently, the Texas Board of Health adopted rules to implement this statute. Many have already received a letter from the Texas Department of State Health Services regarding this. Under these new rules, each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of State Health Services must have one certified food manager. New food manager certificates will be valid for five years.

The Texas Cooperative Extension of Bailey and Cochran Counties is offering a food manager

certification training course. This program will be offered for \$79 on Nov. 10 and 13 in the activity building at 200 W. Taylor, in Morton. Cost includes training, materials, and the state food manager certification examination. Deadline for registration will be Nov. 3.

This program is designed to not only prepare food service managers to pass the certification examination, but also to provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- increased customer satisfaction,
- improved relationships

with health officials, and prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness.

By attending the course, food service managers will learn about:

- identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling,
- preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food,
- teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees,
- complying with government regulations,
- maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings, and
- controlling pests.

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas Cooperative Extension, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," call Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences at (806)272-4583.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in this extension-sponsored meeting are encouraged to contact Texas Cooperative Extension — Bailey County at 806-272-4583 by Friday, Nov. 3, to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

Guzman inducted into honor society

Fabian Guzman, the son of Filemon and Gloria Guzman of Lazbuddie, has been inducted into Phi Alpha Alpha, The National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration at Texas Tech University.

In order to be recognized by the honor society the student must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.70, and students must have completed at least 50 percent of the required course work for their master's degree.

Guzman is pursuing a Master of Public Administration Degree, with emphasis in healthcare administration and is in his final year of the program at Texas Tech University.



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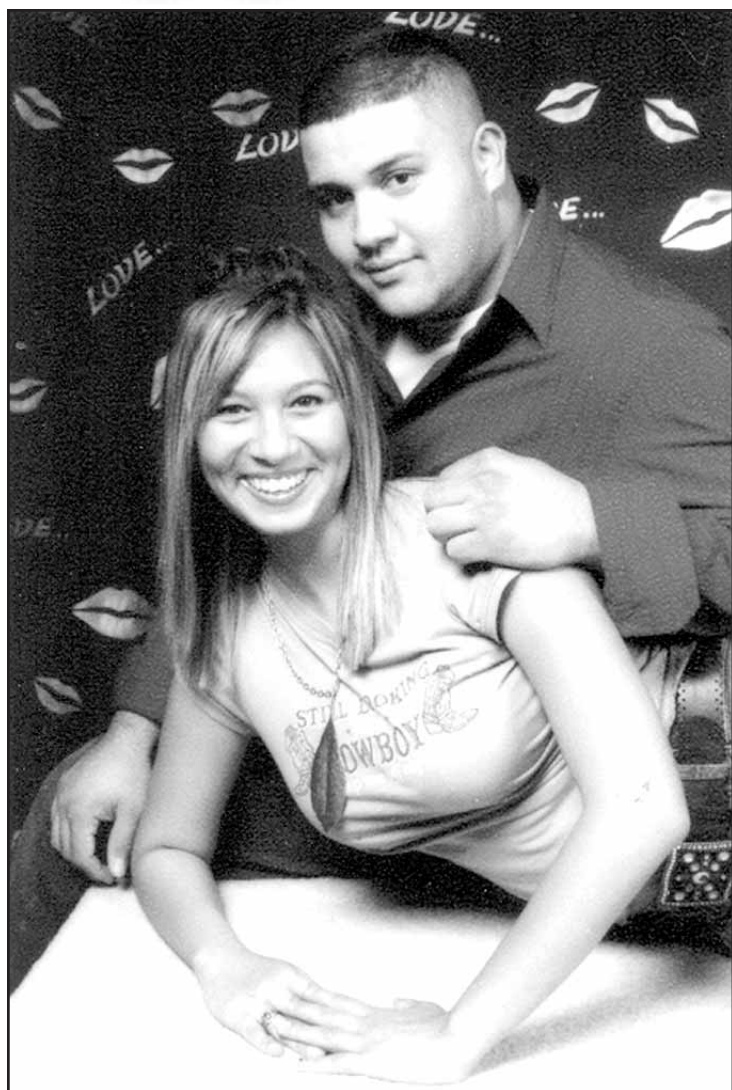
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Engagements



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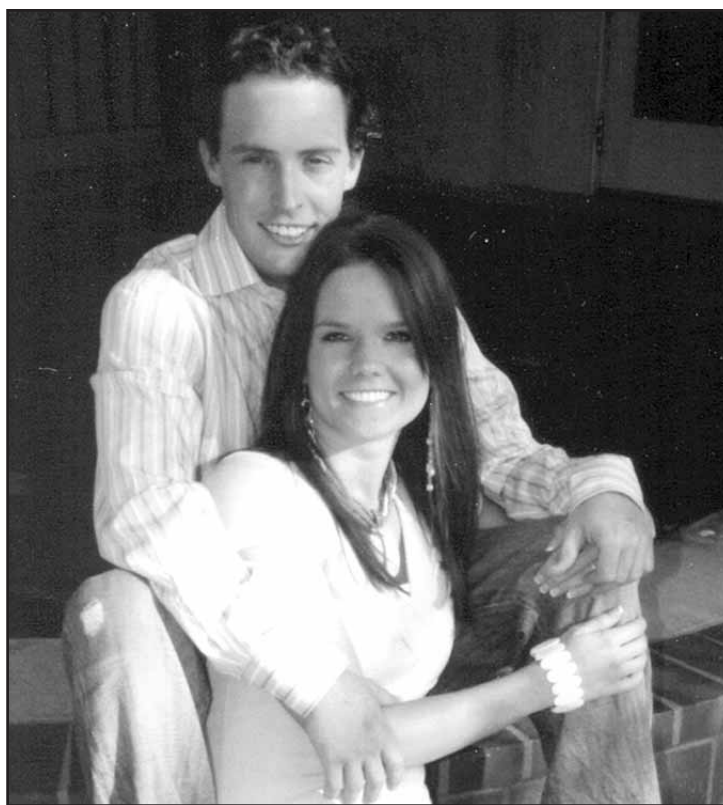
Maria Diaz of Muleshoe is proud to announce the engagement of her daughter, Perla Ariana Diaz, to Rodrigo H. Mendoza of Dallas.

The prospective bride is senior at Muleshoe High School, and is employed as a clerk at Alco in Muleshoe.

She is granddaughter of Meliton and the late Maria Elena Diaz.

The prospective groom is the son of Rodrigo and Maria Teresa Mendoza of Muleshoe. He is a 2006 graduate of Muleshoe High School and is currently attending the police academy in Dallas. He is employed by Fed-Ex in Dallas.

The wedding is currently planned for July 2, 2007.



KENLEY BAKER AND NATHAN KING

Baker-King announce engagement

Rodney and Zonell Baker, and Mitchell and Shanna Valentine announce the engagement of their daughter, Kenley Jill Baker of Amarillo, to Nathan Jared King, also of Amarillo.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Monterey High School, and is attending West Texas A&M University.

The prospective groom is the son of Dee and Cindy King. He is a graduate of Friona High School and is attending Texas Tech University.

The wedding has been set for Dec. 2, 2006, at 4:30 p.m., at Sheraton Hacienda del Mar, in Los Cabos, Mexico.

Freshman pregame meal scheduled

The Muleshoe Freshman Class will be hosting a pregame meal on Friday, Oct. 13, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. The meal will include a Mexican Pile-on, and Rice Crispie Treats. Tickets are \$5, and orders will be delivered from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call 272-7306 for additional information, tickets or to place an order.

Lazbuddie honor rolls released

The Lazbuddie ISD first six-week honor roll have been released. Among the students honored are:

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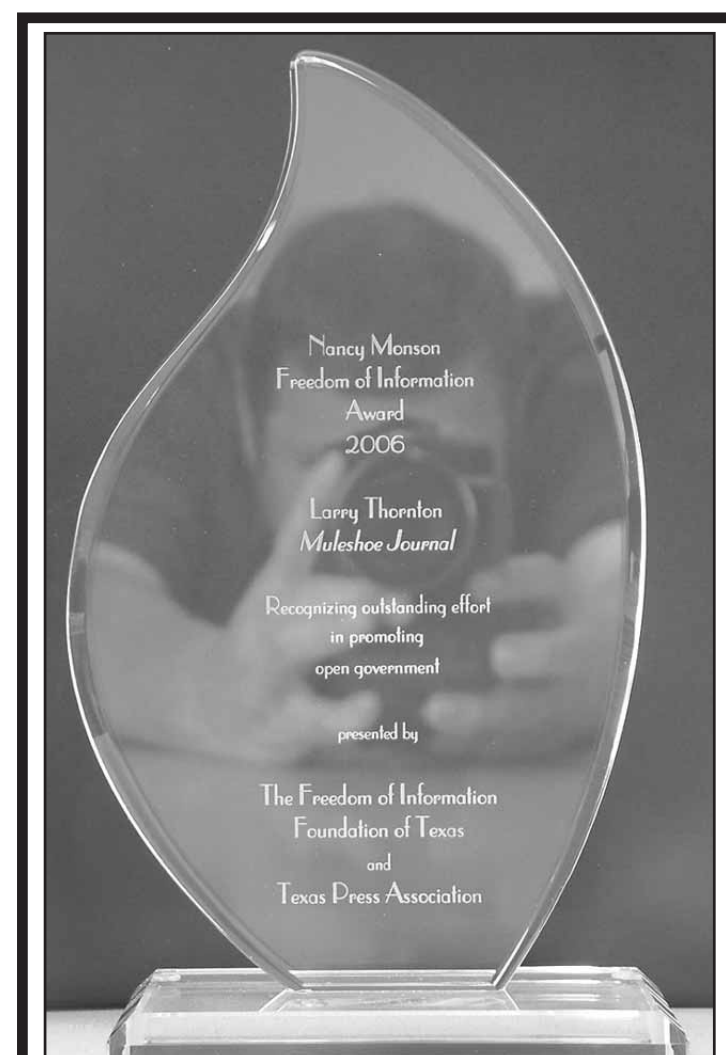
"AB" Honor Roll
 Justina Neufeld, Jr. Soto, Micah Vera, David Guenter, Haldon Ivy, Andrea Lule and Seth Russell.

Junior High
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Colton Weaver.
"AB" Honor Roll
 Jessica Estrada, Karina Galaviz, Anna Harder, Colten Ingram, Shea Scott, Ian Thompson, Jarrod Jesko, Justin Schacher, Joseline Garcia and Lacy Russell.

High School
"A" Honor Roll
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"AB" Honor Roll
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Keeping an eye on local government

Bridal Shower

Jones, Hill honored with bridal shower

Kelsey Jones, the prospective bride of Clinton Hill, was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, Sept. 23, in the home of LaDonna Scott of Muleshoe.

A pear green lace-trimmed cloth covered the table which was accented with a fall arrangement of silk foliage and rust chrysanthemums in a tall glass vase draped at the base with sheer bronze organza.

Guests were served a variety of breakfast casseroles, mini cinnamon rolls, and fresh fruit arrayed on brass trays, along with coffee and orange juice.

Special guests were Becky Jones of Muleshoe, Katy and Kenna Williams of Lubbock, Nona Milner of Lubbock and Flo Jones of Muleshoe, Rhonda and Addison Milner of Lubbock, and Kim and Kira Cousatte, of Lubbock.

Other special guests were Dee Hill of Melrose, Kari Hill of Portales, Callie Hill of Melrose, Mrs. Gene Terry and Judy Hill, both of Clovis, Mona Burns of Melrose and Terry and Sydney Sorley of Clovis.

GED classes to start soon

Muleshoe's WorkSource GED Lab is now enrolling for the fall session. Classes available are:

- GED- ESL- College prep-improve basic skills
 - Learn to speak English
- Instruction is being provided by Region 17 Adult Education, at 203 Main, Muleshoe

The service center is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Contact Sharon Grant at 272-7540 or 272-5766 for additional information.

Serving as hostesses were Pat Randolph, Tanya Embry, Rhonda Hodges, Mandy Seaton, LaReta Barber, Marca Morris, Debbie Weir, Janice Bradshaw, Vicki Morris, Debbie Nickels, Terri Louder, Glenda Dale, Sarah Black, LaDonna Scott, Debbie Gallman, Jana St. Clair, Linda Martin, Reta Mimms, Janette Thorn and April Coker.

The couple, who will exchange vows Oct. 21 in Clovis, N.M., plan to make their home in Portales, N.M.

The prospective bride is an FCS major at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

She is the daughter of John and Becky Jones of Muleshoe.



KELSEY JONES

The prospective groom is Method Church of serving as the youth Muleshoe while he majors in theology at ENMU.

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It Pays to Watch for the Signs Along Our Way

Last Saturday morning I enjoyed a marvelous moment.

My younger brother Jim (also a pastor) was here to purchase and take possession of a really nice-looking little pickup that I'd found for him. My neighbor was selling his Ford Ranger pickup. Kent Wiley takes better care of his vehicles than I ever did of my children. Kent had offered me the truck, but if my #4 son goes back to Africa in January as he hopes, I'll drive Josh's truck. I don't

and said, "Hmm, let's just take my motorcycle." I'd been hoping to get him on the motorcycle, but I figured he was in too much of a hurry and maybe, at his increasing age, just a bit too stodgy for it. But my opinion of him went up as he muttered assent and something like, "Okay, just don't kill me."

I thought it would be fun to fire it up, warm up the engine, mount the bike, and roar about six inches down the hill to Kent's driveway. But then I realized the fun should be longer than that. So I warmed it up, we climbed on, and I took the boy all over town, showing him the sights of the Greater Muleplex, until he shouted over the engine, "Good grief! I thought Kent lived nearby. I'm not sure I could find my way back to your house even in Muleshoe!"

"You'll be okay," I said. Then I motored down 20th Street where he quickly recognized our house and soon saw the red pickup sitting across the street. The light went off in his brain, glowed red in his eyes, and then, respected clergyman that he is, he called me something I won't mention here. When the sale was made, I asked if he wanted to follow me home. He snarled.

As we travel through this life, sometimes we just miss the road signs along the way. The sign saying "THIS IS YOUR TRUCK, JIM" was pretty much emblazoned in red right across the street from my front door and the beginning of our journey. Jim just happened not to be watching, and I'm glad he wasn't.

But it would be a real shame to close our eyes to the signs God puts in our lives and all through his written word pointing to the good news of his Son.

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



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need another one sitting around eating payments and insurance premiums, so I called Jim.

We had a good visit on Friday evening, drank coffee and had breakfast on Saturday morning, and then Jim was ready to do business. Right then. "Let's get this done. Been good seein' ya, but I gotta go."

I understood. Sundays almost always follow Saturdays, and preachers on Saturdays are like coaches before Game Day, starting to pump extra adrenaline. Jim was under the gun time-wise both because of the usual Sunday prep and also because he needed to visit a bereaved family back home.

So we scurried out the door to walk, I thought, down the hill of my yard and across the street to Kent's house where the shiny red pickup sat out front. That's when Jim said, "You wanna ride in mine or yours?"

My first reaction was, "Huh?" But then I got the picture. I opened the garage door



Burton receives certificate

Muleshoe firefighter Jerry Burton attended the Municipal Fire Training School at Texas A&M in July 2006. Pictured above, Ronald Scott presents Burton with his certificate of completion.

Parmer County SWCD 2007 EQIP priorities set

Recently, the Program Development Group of the Parmer County Soil & Water Conservation District met to make recommendations on 2007 conservation programs.

Led by local NRCS District Conservationist Earl Behrends, the group of local farmers, ranchers, dairy and feedlot operators and other interested parties focused on Environmental Quality Incentives Program

practices. EQIP offers cost share assistance to agricultural producers to implement on-farm conservation practices. 2007 EQIP resource concerns include erosion control, plant health, water quantity, and soil & water quality.

NRCS and the Parmer County SWCD hope to address these concerns by implementing EQIP practices such as installation

of erosion control structures, livestock development, cross fencing, brush management, residue management, center pivot conversions, repair of existing underground irrigation pipeline, installation of new center pivot systems, and

installation of new micro-irrigation systems. All practices are set at a 50 percent cost share rate of average costs. For more information about EQIP or other conservation programs, please contact the district field office at (806)481-3311, ext. 3.

Club News

Daisy Girl Scout News

On Sept. 23, the Muleshoe Girl Scout had their camp out. It was from Saturday at 5 p.m. until Sunday at 9 a.m. The girls had lots of fun.

Each troop leader had a crafts to do with all the girls from each group. They worked on a troop flag, picture frames, and started a scrapbook.

Then we had hot dogs, chips, drinks, and what is a camp out with out smores.

The girl scouts played lots of games including hide and go seek. The girls were very wired. When it was time to go to sleep all the girls went with there troop leaders to their tent. They loved sleeping outside. We all had a great time. There were about 14 girls and four leaders.

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Farwell Convalescent Center is now accepting applications for full-time and part-time LVN/LPN Charge Nurse, Medication Aide and CNA's. Will also be starting a CNA class soon. Both TX and NM licensed candidates will be considered. A commitment to quality care in a Christian environment is required. Offer competitive pay and benefits. Apply in person or send resume to: Farwell Convalescent Center, 305 5th Street, Farwell, Texas 79325. Or call Mandy Whitaker, DON, at (806) 481-9027. 3ch9-21

HARVEST HELP NEEDED. The AGP Grain Marketing elevators are in need of harvest help for the fall harvest. We will be needing elevator help at various locations. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must pass a pre-employment physical and drug screen. If interested, please pick up applications in Bovina or call 806-251-1521 local, or toll free at 866-583-7362. 2ch9-28

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Experienced gift wrapper needed for Christmas season. Full days Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Apply in person.
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Looking for an experienced nail tech/hairdresser to work in a well established salon. Contact Tonie Ball at Diversity Salon. 806-385-1035. 4ch9-14

JOB: ADMINISTRATIVE/CLERICAL, part time permanent position, Muleshoe, TX. Local long-standing business is looking for corporate office administrative/clerical support. Benefits include but are not limited to: 401(K) savings plan and vacation pay. Qualified candidates must possess proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, typing skills, oral and written communication skills, as well as good organizational and follow up skills. Experience in A/P, AR, general ledger, and bank reconciliation is helpful. You must also have at least twelve months of current and similar prior work experience in order to be considered for this position. Send resume to P.O. Box 741, Muleshoe TX, 79347. 4ch9-21

SPARTAN BUS DRIVER, Part-time, Muleshoe. Pick up and drop off passengers; inspect vehicle to determine maintenance need; Clean and perform routine and minor maintenance on vehicle. GED/High School Diploma or CDL and driving experience with public transportation provider for 2 years. Must be at least 25 years of age. Age may be waived on acceptable driving record. Must pass medical exam and drug test. Must be able to lift, move, push or pull up to 100 lbs. See details, other job listings, and application at www.spcaa.org. South Plains Community Action Association (SPCAA) is an Equal Opportunity Employer and reserves the right to not offer position. 2ch9-28

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TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR-IN-TRAINING — JOB #47067

The City of Lubbock, Texas invites qualified individuals to apply for the position of Treatment Plant Operator-in-Training. Lubbock is a strong community with a distinguished history, heritage and culture. The "Hub of the Plains" is the 11th largest city in Texas and the largest city on the South Plains with a population over 200,000. Information about the City of Lubbock along with Lubbock links can be found at <http://www.ci.lubbock.tx.us>

DUTIES: Under direct supervision of a certified treatment plant operator; inspect, operate, and maintain equipment in a treatment plant on an assigned shift.

QUALIFICATIONS: Any combination of education and experience equivalent to completion of a high school diploma or G.E.D. with an additional one year general water work experience. **Must live within 15 minutes travel time of Sudan Pump Station. Must possess a Water or Wastewater Class C Certificate issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality within two years of employment. This certificate must be obtained within the required period for continued employment in this position. An upgrade in classification to Operator will be made upon obtaining this certification and satisfactory fulfillment of Operator in-training duties. Possession of a Texas Commercial Class A Driver's License.** Knowledge of industrial water safety and operation of water or wastewater utility equipment. Ability to monitor and control treatment plant equipment. Ability to prepare reports and interpret written instructions. Ability to work cooperatively with others. Ability to operate a computer keyboard. Ability to perform duties in noisy working conditions. Ability to properly use self-contained breathing apparatus as required. Performs job duties in a way that promotes a positive image of the City organization and the department; demonstrates effective interpersonal skills and delivers exemplary customer service. **Must be able to work in all outside weather conditions. Must be able to pass Pulmonary Function Test in order to be able to use SCBA equipment as needed. Must be clean shaved in order to wear SCBA equipment. CDL Driver's Permit will be accepted for application/selection process and thirty days will be allowed after being hired to complete the driving portion of the CDL. A comparable out of state CDL Class A Driver's License will be accepted during the application/selection process; however, the applicant must be in possession of a Texas CDL Class A Driver's License with endorsements on or before their hire date. The applicant(s) selected for this position must pass a felony conviction criminal history check at time of hire.**

REPORTS TO: Water Production
SALARY RANGE: 917 \$12.00 Hourly
\$24,960.00 Annually

BENEFITS: 10 Vacation Days, 15 Sick Days, 11 Paid Holidays, City Paid Group Health, Dental, Life and TMRS 5 Year Vesting, Employee Paid Deferred Compensation, Vision Plan, Pre-paid Legal Plan, Section 125 Medical Spending Plan, Disability and Cancer Insurance Plan.

CLOSING DATE: October 13, 2006
TO APPLY: Send application to **Human Resources, City of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas 79457.** All applications must be received in the Human Resources Office located at 1625 13th Street, Room 104 by 5:00 p.m. on the closing date. **Resume must be accompanied by an application. The City of Lubbock is an Equal Opportunity Employer.** The City of Lubbock is under the Texas Public Information Act and information from your resume/application may be subject to release to the public.

The applicant(s) selected for this position must pass a felony conviction criminal history check at time of hire. 1ch10-5

PETS

Looking for a good home for a border collie. 18 mo., smart, free. 272-4455 1pd10-5

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WANT TO BUY FURNITURE

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FOR LEASE/RENT

FOR LEASE: Office/Restaurant, Commercial Building at 1106 West American Blvd. (Former Donut Hole) 1600 sq. ft. Plenty of parking. May divide. Call Dan Brannon 512-848-1950. 1FNch9-28

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE Saturday Oct. 7, 8:00 a.m. — ???
Baby clothes, clothes, misc. 407 W. 7th 1ch10-5 Muleshoe, Texas

5 Family Garage Sale
Sat, Oct. 7 @ 8:00 am. 1715 W Avenue B. Toys, Large furniture, collectibles and much more! 1ch10-5

MOVING SALE

MOVING SALE - OCT. 7
1905 W. Ave H, 8:00 am til 12:00 noon. 4 yr. old refrigerator, bicycle (boys & girls), microwave oven, 2 lots at Bailey County Memorial Park. 1pd10-5

HOUSE FOR RENT

3 BDRM/2 BA. \$575/mo. \$500 deposit. Call 946-8097 or 806-272-4446. 2ch10-5



September Business of the Month

Bailey County EMS was selected by the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture as the September Business of the Month. Pictured above, chamber officials present a certificate of recognition to members of the EMS staff.

Parmer County SWCD to hold essay, poster contests for area students

This year PCSWCD is sponsoring an essay contests for students ages 13 and under and for ages 14 to 18, a poster contest for students 12 years of age and younger and a coloring contest for Kindergarteners, First and Second graders.

Work can be completed at school, at home or in youth oriented meetings. Entries must be received in the PCSWCD office no later than 4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 22.

The 2007 essay topic is "What soil and water conservation means to me." The Parmer County Soil Essay entries will be judged and the local winners will advance for area competition.

State winners will be selected from the five area winners.

Local winners will receive awards in the form of savings bonds. Prizes will be awarded in the amounts of \$100 for first prize, \$50 for second prize and \$25 for third prize in each category. Entries will be returned to the school.

Poster entries should

focus on the topic of alternative power sources. Entries will be judged and the local winners will advance for area competition.

State winners will be selected from the five area winners. Local winners will receive awards in the form of savings bonds.

Prizes will be awarded in the amounts of \$100 for first prize, \$50 for second prize and \$25 for third prize in each category. Entries will be returned to the school.

The Parmer County Soil & Water Conservation District will supply the school with regulation-size poster board. Entries should be one-dimensional, using common media and not using computer-generated substance.

Judging criteria will be based on the quality of the entry and conservation promotion.

Coloring entries will be judged and the top three local winners will advance

for county competition. Local winners will receive awards in the form of ribbons for first, second and third prizes.

County winners will receive tee-shirts for first, second and third prizes. Entries will be returned to the school after judging.

The "Educators Guide" to the 2007 Soil Stewardship theme will soon be available online at www.stewardshipweek.com.

It includes a collection of informational materials you can view or print, a lesson plan and links to a wide variety of other information and materials on the theme.

From God's Holy Word

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

— John 1:14

Springlake-Earth High School releases first six-week honor rolls

Springlake-Earth High School recently released its honor rolls for the first six-weeks of the 2006-07 school year. Among the students honored were:

"A" Honor Roll

Andrew Lancaster and Logan McCurry.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Freshman

Jennifer Brown, Courtney Duran, Blake Estrada, Isaya Garcia, Ben Gresham, Ashlee Jackson, Brittnee Jones, Brett Neinst, Corbin Parish, Tanoah Ritchie and Steven Williams.

Sophomore

Sarah Bass, Austin Conner, Amy Fennell, Blake

Fennell, Heath Fennell, Hunter Jones, Taylor Moore, Sheryl Proctor and Jimmy Vasquez.

Junior

Neal Barton, Amanda

Furr, Laura Geissler and Kate Sides.

Senior

Laurie Davis, Haley Lunsford and Erica Proctor.

Golf scramble results

The Muleshoe Country Club Couples Scramble was held on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 with the following results.

Final Results Championship Flight

60/161=121... Larry Barker/Marian Barker; 62/63=125... Ronnie

Angeley/Shelley Angeley; 65/64=129... Johnnie F. Guelker/Cindi Guelker.

First Flight

69/67=136... Bobby Hawkins/Vickie Wilderson; 68/168=136...

Joe Gear/Yolanda Guelker; 68/69=137... Tim Black/ Tammy Black.

Second Flight

70/67=137... Sid Felan/Holley Agee; 70/71=141...

Johnnie O. Guelker/Lanell Guelker; 70/72=142... Ron Edwards/Glenda Edwards.

Third Flight

74/71=145... Tommy Baker/Carolyn Baker; 74/71=145... Dave Jenkins/Linda Elder; 74/73=147...

Teddy Bevers/Jamie Johnson

Thanks for reading!

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Publication of Obituaries

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

Date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage;

Limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death;

Names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren) will be included; and where memorials may be directed.

We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid.

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Department of State Health Services

The Texas Department of State Health Services is committed to helping people stay healthy.

How can we help the people of Bailey County stay healthy? We want to hear from you! The Department of State Health Services in Region 1 will host a forum in Muleshoe on November 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Bailey County Coliseum to hear about your health concerns. Please take time to complete the information below, so that we can be prepared to provide you with answers and health statistics for your community.

Many health concerns can be impacted by education and prevention activities. Please rank (1 is most important) these health concerns that need attention in your community.

___ cancer	___ heart disease
___ diabetes	___ mental illness
___ obesity	___ uninsured residents
___ drug abuse:	___ tobacco and alcohol abuse:
___ youth ___ adults	___ youth ___ adults
___ infectious disease	___ birth defects/ infant mortality
___ access to prenatal care	___ access to specialized health services
___ teen pregnancy	___ assisted living for senior citizens

Other:

Thank you for your time! Please return this form by Oct. 31 by faxing it to (806)767-0403, mailing it to DSHS, 1109 Kemper, Lubbock, TX 79403, or by dropping it off at the Bailey County Courthouse, Oneida Wagnon Senior Center, Lowe's Marketplace or United Supermarket, or Muleshoe ISD. Contact Tricia Vowels at (806) 767-0414 if you have questions or concerns about this survey.