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## Homicide investigation still at dead end

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

It's been a year this week since a 911 call brought Bailey County Sheriff's Department deputies to a residence at 2941 CR 41, near Goodland, in response to the reported discovery of a dead body.

Since that day, on Oct. 12, 2006, about all that Sheriff Richard Wills and the other law enforcement officers investigating the incident have shared with the public is the identity of the victim, Jonathan Kindle — the 25-year-old son of Bailey County Precinct 4 Commissioner Joey Kindle,



JONATHAN "WONGO" KINDLE

and the fact that he had died of a gunshot wound.

"We don't have anything we can discuss right now," the sheriff said on Friday, Oct. 5, noting that much of the information contained in



The victim's residence at 2941 CR 41. Photograph provided by the Bailey County Sheriff's Department.

the investigation report was "case sensitive information that cannot be released."

However, a few minutes later, the sheriff agreed to sit down and discuss the case

in greater detail with the hope that individuals with additional information about the case might come forward.

According to Sheriff Wills, Jennifer Sparkman of Lubbock, the victim's girlfriend, reported discovering the body about 5:19 a.m.

Kindle's body was found in the living room of the residence, the sheriff said, adding that Kindle had been shot one time in the back of the head with what was possibly a small-calibre handgun.

While the sheriff's department has identified

"persons of interest" in the case through its investigation, Wills was unable to provide the names of those individuals.

Nor could he provide information concerning vehicles that might have been used in the crime's commission, or a motive for the crime.

"Anybody who has information regarding the crime is asked to contact me (Sheriff Richard Wills), or Texas Ranger Stuart Willar, at the Rangers' office in Lubbock," the sheriff said.

While it's been a rough year for the Kindle family, who long for some type of closure over Jonathan's death, Joey Kindle doesn't expect the anniversary of the murder to be any harder than this past weekend.

The county commissioner explained that this past weekend was the anniversary of the last weekend he'd spent with

## City council takes first steps to issue certificates

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe City Council took the first step in its plan to issue the "certificates of obligation" during Monday's regular meeting... adopting a resolution authorizing

publication of the city's notice of intent.

Vince Viaille of First Southwest Company, the city's financial advisor, appeared before the council to discuss some of the steps necessary in issuing the certificates totaling \$4

million that will be used to fund capital improvement projects in Muleshoe.

These projects include extending the city's water and sewer system, the construction of a new swimming pool, a new police department building,

and various other smaller projects.

Issuance of the certificates — which don't require a public vote unless sufficient objections arise during the process — is set for the council's approval at its Dec. 10 meeting.

According to Viaille, the proposed issuance must then be approved by the Texas Attorney General's office, and the funds would probably be available in mid-January.

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## Court approves easements

The Bailey County Commissioners' Court approved a series of easements during Tuesday's regular meeting.

Pausing to check county road maps, the court determined that all of the easements — which had been requested by Five Area Telephone — are located in Precinct 1, east of Muleshoe.

"If they put it in the middle of your road, you need to know where its at," Commissioner C.E. Grant said after asking about the locations of the easements.

The court approved all of the requests.

In other business, the commissioners discussed a request that a small area in the Bailey County Coliseum be set aside "to conduct banking business" in the event a disaster in Muleshoe seriously damages the two banks located in the city.



JOHNNY MARTENS

## New twist in Martens' abduction

The investigation into the custodial abduction of Johnny Martens from Muleshoe took a new turn this past week after the receipt of death threats by Peter Martens, Johnny's father.

According to Muleshoe Police Chief Brian Frieda, Martens has received two telephone calls from numbers originating in Mexico, threatening his life and that of his father, who lives in Mexico, if they don't stop their attempts to rescue Johnny.

Although there are quite a few international license plates that come through Muleshoe, Chief Frieda asks that

area residents contact the police department in the event foreign nationals ask suspicious questions concerning Martens or his location.

The identity of individuals who contact the

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## School board amends dual-class grade policy

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Muleshoe's school board approved a change in policy related to students' UIL eligibility during a special meeting Friday, Oct. 5, taking steps to clear up a problem that apparently arose with last year's resignation of Sherry Jenkins.

Superintendent Gene Sheets and Muleshoe High School Principal Barbara Ward explained to the school board that when Jenkins retired it became necessary for the district to look elsewhere for someone to teach the dual-credit course she taught on campus.

This recently became a problem when it was learned that the students in Jenkins' former class, which is currently being taught by an instructor from Wayland Baptist University, were only going to receive a single grade for the past six weeks, an insufficient number of grades to determine UIL eligibility.

"I don't want a university's grading policy to discourage

a student from taking a dual-credit course?" Ward said, adding that she didn't want to exempt all dual-credit courses either.

"We don't want to water down the college courses," Sheets said.

"I want to commend all of you for taking care of our kids," board member Cindy Purdy said. "This is something we should have

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## 'Flinging of the Orange' tops muleless Mule Days

Mules were in short supply Saturday as area residents gathered in Muleshoe to honor the equine whose footwear labels the Bailey County seat, but pumpkins reached a new height. Pictured below, Presley Newton's catapult team prepares to launch a pumpkin at a target 250 feet away. Pictured on the right, the pumpkin leaves its sling and heads to the target. According to chamber officials, he missed the target by about 13 feet.

Photographs by Larry Thornton



### Local Weather

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**Friday**

Pt. Cloudy..... 85/55

**Saturday**

I. T-Strm..... 83/52

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**Monday**

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### Cooking well with diabetes

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

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

### Islam in the Light of the Cross

St. John Lutheran Church of Lariat will be hosting a free workshop entitled, "Islam in the Light of the Cross," on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Farwell High School auditorium.

The Rev. Karim Baidaoui, a converted Muslim and missionary to the Muslims in Dallas-Ft. Worth, will be leading the study session. The workshop will include a catered meal at no charge to participants.

Call Pastor David Symm at 825-2409, Ernest Ramm at 925-6421, or Frances Kube at 481-3441, to register or for additional information.

### Alzheimer's disease support group

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting Thursday, Oct. 11, at noon, at Park View Nursing Home. Lunch will be served.

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

### Square dance lessons offered

Muleshoe Squares is offering square dance lessons beginning Thursday, Oct. 11, at 7:30 p. m.

The lessons will be at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, 319 S. Main Street.

This first lesson will include a pot luck supper.

Square dancing is good exercise, a lot of fun and fellowship, an organization representative said.

The first three lessons are free.

### Mail-in ballot applications

Applications for mail-in ballots are being accepted until Oct. 31, according to Bailey County Clerk Paula Benton. Ballots being cast by mail are especially helpful for individuals 65 years of age and older who don't wish to vote at the Bailey County Coliseum on Nov. 6, and individuals who plan to be out of town on election day and can't take part in the early vote.

Mail-in ballots must reach the County Clerk's Office by election day to be counted. Individuals not wishing to wait until Nov. 6 to cast their ballots can vote early at the County Clerk's Office from Monday, Oct. 22, until Friday, Nov. 2, from 8:30 a.m. until noon and 1-5 p.m.

For more information call 272-3044.

### Lazbuddie community blood drive

Coffee Memorial Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the Lazbuddie area on Monday, Oct. 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Methodist Church fellowship hall, Hwy. 1172. All blood types are currently needed. To schedule an appointment call 331-8800.

### Freshman fund raiser dinner

Muleshoe's freshman class will be hosting a fund raiser dinner on Friday, Oct. 19, from 5-7 p.m. The menu will include a Mexican pile-on with rice, beans, chips and salsa, sour cream pound cake and tea.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children 11 years of age and under.

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

### Rebekah/Jennyslipper Thanksgiving Dinner

The annual Rebekah/Jennyslipper Thanksgiving Dinner is set for Thursday, Nov. 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Contact any Rebekah or Jennyslipper to purchase tickets.

### Lazbuddie seniors' fund raiser

The Lazbuddie Senior Class of 2008 is hosting a luncheon on Sunday, Oct. 14, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The menu will include chicken-fried steak, baked potatoes, rolls, salad, homemade dessert and drink for \$6.50. Take-out orders are available. For tickets contact Jeff Ford, Chelsea Nichols, Brittney Schacher, Brianna Sanchez, Rochelle Smith, Megan McGuire, Regina Mata, Jason Davis, Steven Pacheco or Joaquin Campos, or purchase tickets at the door.

### Martens... Continued from page 1

police department concerning the case will remain confidential, Frieda said.

On Sept. 23, five-year-old Johnny Martens was allegedly abducted by his noncustodial parent, Margaretha Friesen of Campeche, Mexico.

Peter Martens of Muleshoe, Johnny's father, became Johnny's custodial parent, about two years ago after Child Protective Services recommended Johnny's removal from the Friesen home following an investigation into child abuse allegations.

As for Margaretha and Frank Friesen, they reportedly returned to Mexico after CPS opened its investigation.

The Friesens apparently returned to the small town in the State of Campeche, Mexico, where Margaretha grew up as part of an "old order" Mennonite community.

But then, Margaretha Friesen returned to the United States, visiting her son for the first time since he'd been living with Peter through a series of six supervised visitations, in Muleshoe.

After the supervised visitations, Johnny's mother apparently petitioned a local court for unsupervised visitation, and received it.

Martens also said the court had ordered Margaretha not to take Johnny out of a five-county area — including Bailey, Lamb, Cochran, Lubbock and Hockley Counties, and not to allow the child to have contact with Frank Friesen.

After a few successful "unsupervised" visits, Martens said Margaretha picked Johnny up on the evening of Friday, Sept. 21, and apparently took him to her father's house, near Levelland.

At 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 22, Peter says Abe Friesen, Margaretha's father, called to tell him that Margaretha had "stolen his

car" in the night, leaving a note behind that said she was taking Johnny back to Mexico with her.

Since that time, both the Muleshoe Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have become involved in the case.

### School board...

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"If we're going to provide college courses, we need to find out what they're grading policy is."

"Next time, we'll do a better job of preparing our kids," Ward assured the board.

Prior to passing the new policy, Purdy also questioned the board's intent to pass the policy after just one reading.

The superintendent explained that while the school board customarily voted on policy changes after a second reading of the proposed policy, existing policy provides for the board to declare an emergency and vote on the policy change after a single public reading.

In other business, the school board set its next meeting for Oct. 17, 1-5 p.m.

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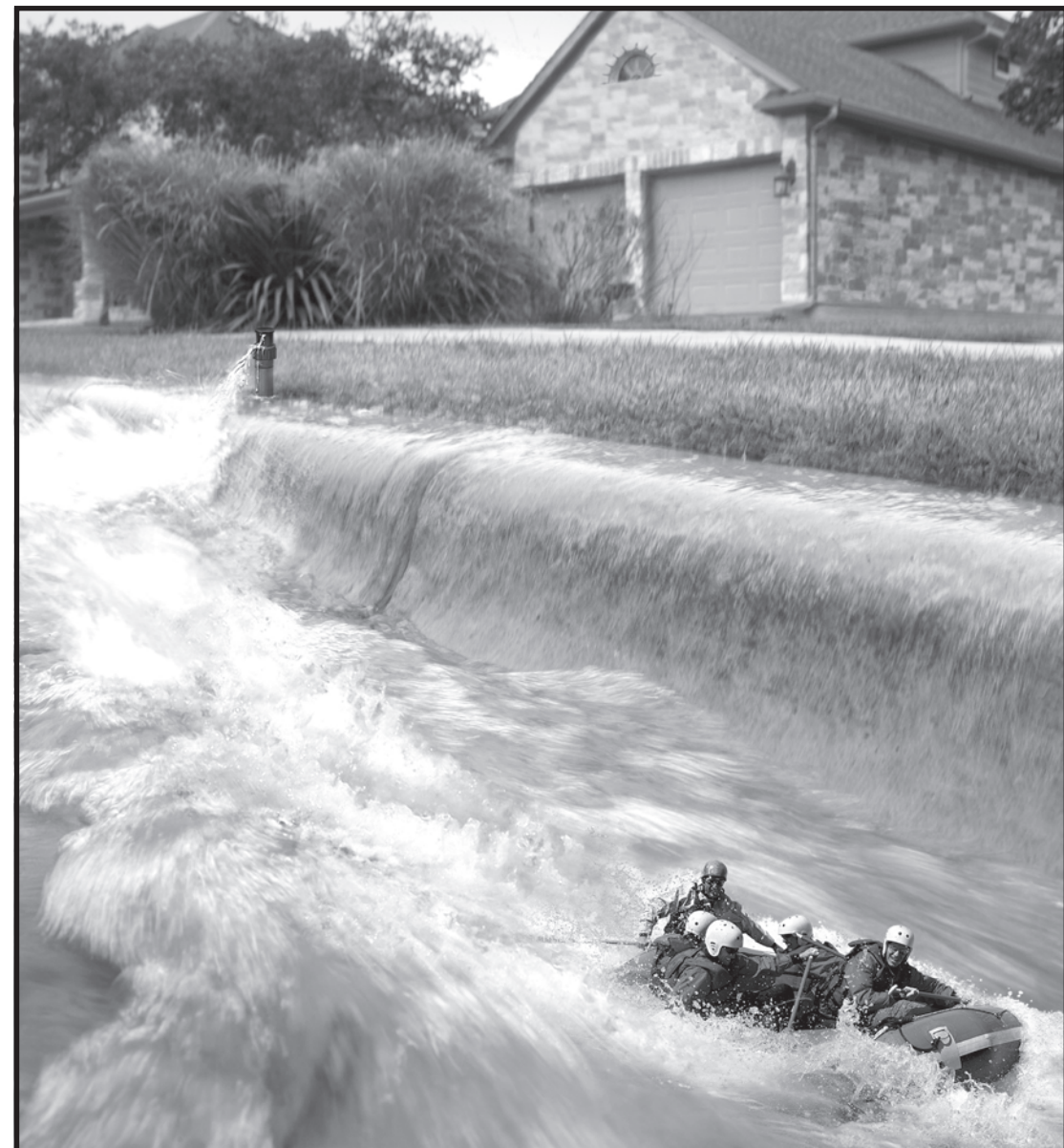


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# A new first: Tea in the ladies' room

The Al-Rashid Hotel is a five-star hotel located just barely inside the protected International Zone.

The hotel gained fame in the western world during the first Gulf War as CNN's broadcast location. Camera footage of the bombing of Republican Guard positions – images that I will never forget even though I was young at the time — was captured from this rooftop.

After Saddam ran back to Baghdad with his tail between his legs, he retaliated against the western world by creating a mosaic photograph of a bewildered looking President George H.W. Bush on the floor of the Al-Rashid lobby.

Interestingly, Saddam Hussein also celebrated his "victory" over the evil United States by erecting the famous Liberty Palace in Baghdad.

American soldiers replaced the mosaic of Bush with one of Saddam's face after the fall of Baghdad in 2003.

Today, this hotel remains intact, and serves as the only hotel in the International Zone — and the only one I would dare set foot in — and is frequented by journalists working in the IZ.

The ground floor holds a restaurant and its halls are lined with tables filled with local art, jewelry, artifacts, trinkets, and astonishingly beautiful rugs and silk fabrics from Iran, Afghanistan and the Kurdish region of Iraq.

Oil seems to be the medium of choice for painting, and some of the art begs to come home with me. I am a sucker for the jewelry too — antique silver boasting a rainbow of colored stones beg for a spot in my jewelry box.

While most of the wares are laid out along the dim hallway — the lights are kept off during the day to save electricity, there are five lucky shopkeepers who have an entire room in which to display their goods. Samaya is one of these lucky ones.

I met Samaya on a trip to the Al-Rashid last week. She invited me and my traveling companions into her shop full of silver pieces ranging from tea kettles and vases to serving sets and silverware.

Judging from the price tags they are either ancient or overpriced. The pieces are absolutely beautiful and since I'm sitting in the Cradle of Civilization, my money is on ancient.

I ask about tea, something that I have been looking to purchase ever since I sampled the deliciously sweet Iraqi version. I had

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



envisioned buying some in just such a place.

At the suggestion of tea she scurries to the back of her shop returning with a bag of loose tea leaves and a pouch of cardamom pods. She scoops tea into an old mayonnaise jar, and then, much to my surprise, begins to crack cardamom pods with her teeth, one-by-one, emptying the seeds of each pod into the jar.

She hands one pod to me, after putting it in her mouth to crack it, and indicates through gesture that I should put the seeds into my mouth. I'm not much on chewing cardamom seeds... yes, I've tried it, but she is so happy to give, so I receive graciously and enjoy.

After chewing on cardamom pods, I am pleasantly surprised to see that Samaya is pouring water into a tea kettle. In the tradition of Iraqi hospitality she isn't satisfied to host guests in her shop and talk about tea without serving tea.

She finds her finest china, and invites me to sit. I doubt very much that I will ever be served tea in a silver shop in my own country. This is hospitality.

We are seated in the back of her shop in a room that I later realize is a bathroom. There's no toilet, but this room definitely was made to be a bathroom. Under the sink, Samaya stores her good tea, some snacks, and a box of Lipton™ tea to which she turns up her nose and snorts her disapproval.

She's absolutely correct. Lipton™ holds no candle to the strong sweet, anything but bitter Iraqi tea, sipped from delicate shot-glass-size china.

As we sip our syrupy, delicious tea in the bathroom, I began to ask Samaya questions. She grew up in Baghdad and has lived here all her life. She is educated; she studied history at Baghdad University. She has been married for two years, since April 2005, which surprises me since she appears to be closing in on 40, an ancient age for marriage in this culture.

I tell her that I was married in June 2005, and she lights up like it's the best news she's heard all week. We have a connection.

When I ask her about children, she turns sad. Through her broken English, I finally decipher this: Samaya lives on a street in Baghdad that is notorious for its danger. She commutes into the International Zone to work. Her gestures communicate fear of mortar rounds, something she's quite experienced with, apparently.

She lives on the seventh floor of her building. It is well known that Baghdad is often without electricity. There are plenty of people working to fix this, but for now, it's down a lot.

This means no A/C, which would be torture in this desert heat. But for Samaya, it also means no elevator. She has to climb seven flights of stairs to reach her apartment.

When she was three months pregnant, she was running down the stairs in the dark — her gestures here indicated she was running from mortar rounds or something scary, when she fell, causing her to lose her child.

With a deep breath and a sip of tea, her smile returns. It is obvious she's used to living in the midst of sadness. Just take a deep breath and move on.

She begins to dig through an old tattered bag that sits on the chair next to her, out comes a paper sack, marked with sooty fingerprints. She pulls out a stack of about 40 photos, and passes them to me, a proud smile on her face.

There are pictures of her wedding day, of friends, of family — her brother and her niece Daniela, who is three, and there are plenty of pictures of Samaya with her friends on the day she graduated from Baghdad University.

She points out the wedding portraits several times, and notes a difference between two of them. In one, she wears her veil over her hair and her arms and neck are fully covered. She says this one was taken "outside."

In another, her hair is down, the skin of her arms and neck exposed. This was taken at "studio." It is clear to me that she is very proud of the one taken in studio.

As I pass the photos back to Samaya, I am thinking about the photos, and I look

at the tattered bag that still sits on the chair. It is full of precious things, not just a wallet, a compact, and a tube of lip gloss. It is obvious that these things are comfortable in the bag. They did not find themselves there today for the first time. Samaya carries these memories with her everywhere she goes.

I can't help but wonder what it is that makes a person carry with her the things that keep memories, instead of leaving them at home where they will safe. Maybe home is not safe enough. Or maybe for Samaya these memories give hope for the day when she will, once again, live without fear of bombs and mortars.

As we begin to leave, Samaya gives my modest clothes a once over, and pulls a silk scarf — one that coordinates with my outfit — from a hook on the wall. She has me sit and begins to pin the pink scarf around my hair, showing me how to wrap it close to my hairline, pinning it below my chin, and then wrapping it again, so that it will not slip.

She takes me to the mirror, and then tells me I can take a photo if I want. I, of course, have a camera with me, and we take a few snaps.

It's possible that Samaya thinks I should be covering my head, and wanted to give me a little hint. She covers her head, but somehow I don't get the feeling that she thinks I should. She's just sharing her culture and her life with her guest.

I hand Samaya a \$20 bill to pay for my bag of tea and shiny new silver ring. She kisses the money twice and we say our goodbyes.

## Bailey County 4-H taking Thanksgiving turkey orders

The 4-H Club is now selling meat for Thanksgiving. They have smoked pork loin, sausage kolaches, bacon, sausage patties, peppered turkey breast, chicken tenders, pork tamales, fajitas, cajun pies, hickory smoked turkey, homestyle pit ham, and a tailgate party pack.

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Clovis Community College



# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Thanks to everyone who made our Mule Days a big success.

The center was very active from morning until night. Approximately one hundred forty six enjoyed the brisket lunch.

There were about 40 quilts displayed for everyone to see.

Thanks to everyone who shared their quilts with us. There were some very beautiful quilts to see.

Congratulations go to

Ray An Doshier, the winner of the Playhouse.

Our heartfelt thanks to all who made this project a very big success. Your participation was very much needed and appreciated.

There were 24 who rode the float in the parade. Everyone had a great time listening to the music, throwing candy to the kids, and just waving and seeing everyone.

Our crowds are growing everyday at the center. We

encourage you to come and visit with us.

Tuesdays are what we call our play day, but we have playday every day.

We have groups that play eighty, regular dominoes, and have started the game of Bunco on the first and third Tuesday morning.

Al Harrison, with Calvert Home Health Care, is here every Tuesday morning to check blood pressures.

If you need this service, please come by and get your's checked and

recorded.

We had a good surprise last Thursday for the Bingo game.

Ten visitors from Parkview Nursing Home came to play with us.

We are so grateful they came to visit and play. We hope they come back soon.

The flu shots were given on Tuesday, Oct. 2. If you missed yours, we will have flu shots again on Thursday, Oct. 25.

SPAG will be here on this date with several services

available.

**Menu for Oct. 15 -19:**  
Monday, Oct. 15 — BBQ chicken, broccoli with cheese, scalloped potatoes, salad, wheat roll and cinnamon baked apples.

Tuesday, Oct. 16 — Beef enchiladas, rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, chips, salsa and pudding.

Wednesday, Oct. 17 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and cake.

Thursday, Oct. 18 —

Cheeseburger with bun, lettuce, tomato, onion, pork and beans, chips, fruit and cookies.

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

**"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

# BAILEY COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

## Take this Quiz

by Max Lucado

Name the ten wealthiest men in the world.  
Name the last ten Heisman trophy winners.  
Name the last ten winners of the Miss America contest.  
Name eight people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize.  
How about the last ten Academy Award winners for best picture or the last decade's worth of World Series winners?  
How did you do? I didn't do well either. With the exception of you trivia hounds, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday too well. Surprising how quickly we forget, isn't it? And what I've mentioned above are no second-rate achievements. These are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one.  
Think of three people you enjoy spending time with.  
Name ten people who have taught you something worthwhile.  
Name five friends who have helped you in a difficult time.  
List a few teachers who have aided your journey through school.  
Name half-a-dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.  
Easier? It was for me, too. The lesson? The people who make a difference are not the ones with the credentials, but the ones with the concern.

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# Obituaries

## James 'Sonny' Burriss

Church services for James "Sonny" Burriss, 67, of Muleshoe, were held on Monday, Oct. 8, at the First Assembly of God of Muleshoe with the Rev. Jack Stone and the Rev. Bobby Burriss officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Sonny died on Oct. 4, 2007, in Lubbock. He was born on Feb. 11, 1940, in Muleshoe, and married Nora Lee Roby in Muleshoe on Jan. 31, 1959.

Sonny had lived in Muleshoe all of his life. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church, and worked as a custom harvester.

Sonny was preceded in death by his parents — James and Gertie (Jones) Burriss, and a sister — Naomie Burriss.

Survivors include his wife — Nora Lee Burriss of Muleshoe; a son and his wife — Jackey Wayne and Staci Burriss of Muleshoe; a daughter and her husband — Lora and Veldon Wallace of Muleshoe; four sisters —

Jean Kemp and Wanda Kemp, both of Muleshoe, and Jonnie Ivy of Lazbuddie



JAMES "SONNY" BURRISS

and Libby Black of Lubbock; and a brother — Jackey Lee Burriss of Muleshoe.

He is also survived by five grandchildren — Wayne Burriss and his wife Angela, and Corey Wallace, Brandon Burriss and Patricia Robison, and Amy Burriss, all of Muleshoe, and Leisha Winfree and her husband Matt, of Lubbock.

And five great-wives — Hailey, Brianna and Kimberlee Wallace of Muleshoe, and Ryan and Sarah Winfree of Lubbock, and mother-in-law Elsie Messenger of Muleshoe.

Memorials may be sent to VistaCare Family Hospice, 1717 Norfolk Ave., Lubbock, TX 79416.

## Roxana Patton

Memorial services for Roxana Patton, 62, of Odessa will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at Antioch Christian Church of Odessa, with Don Fankhauser, pastor, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating.

Patton died on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007. She was born on Dec. 13, 1944, in Muleshoe to Houston and Ruby Hart.

She was a graduate of West Texas A&M University with a degree in accounting, and worked at Odessa College for 27 years, where she made many good friends during her career. She retired in 2006.

Patton was known and loved by many. She had a generous and loving heart. She cherished her time with her family and friends, especially when it came to her granddaughters.

She enjoyed spending time with her childhood friends from Muleshoe. They loved to travel and laugh together. She also enjoyed being a part of the



ROXANA PATTON

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Survivors include her husband — Keith Coffman of Odessa; a daughter — Stacey Collins and husband Craig of Odessa; a son — Bill Patton of Amarillo; a brother — Bill Hart and wife Sue of Austin; and two granddaughters — Samantha and Emily Collins of Odessa.

Arrangements are by Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be sent to Hospice House, 903 N. Sam Houston Ave., Odessa, TX 79761.

The family wishes to extend sincere thanks to the Hospice House staff for their compassionate care and to all the friends that loved and supported us at this difficult time.

## Publication of Obituaries

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## SCAC at the Muleshoe Heritage Center

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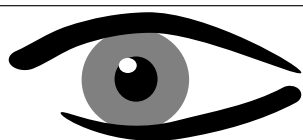


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# Sports

## Mules cruise to second district win over Highland Park

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules cruised to their second district win in as many weeks with a lopsided score.

The Mules put up a new high water mark during the first half with 49 points. They scored the first eight times they had the ball. The Mules added 15 more points in the second half with a running clock.

The Bend-but-Don't Break Mule defense was not even dented by the Amarillo Highland Park Hornets.

The Hornets were held to 16 yards rushing, no completions and only two first downs.

The Mules defeated the Hornets 64-0 and when added to the Amarillo River Road score the Mules have scored their opponents 127-0.

The games will get tougher for the Mules as they get deeper into their district schedule.

"We have been in lopsided games before and not met our goals," said Mule coach David Wood. "We wanted to come out and execute. We wanted to be smooth on offense and hit on defense."

"It really did not matter who was in the game. Garrett (Riley) was throwing, the receivers were catching, the running backs were hitting the holes, the kicking game looked good and the defense looked strong."

Riley threw six touchdown passes in the first half to five different receivers. Dusty Clayton caught back-to-back TD passes when the second period began. His first touchdown was a 26-yard bubble-screen pass. The Mules traveled 72 yards in four plays.

Clayton ran a down and



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Mule Lane Wood pulls down Highland Park's quarterback during Friday's game.

out pattern and made the catch in the end zone. The play capped a one-play 10-yard drive. Victor Vasquez had set up the short field with a punt return from the 50 to the Highland Park 20. A face mask penalty gave the Mules a first and goal at the 10.

Riley connected with Wes Wood to start the Mules scoring flurry. Wood ran straight down the Hornet sideline and Riley hung the ball in the end zone for him. Jorge Rodriguez was a perfect six-of-six extra point kicks in the first half.

Clayton intercepted the only Hornet pass that was caught during the night at the Highland Park 24. Two plays later Riley found Colby Carpenter open in the end zone with a 14-yard toss.

The Hornets picked up their initial first down of the night with a quarterback sneak near the end of the first quarter. Doc Fullmer blasted the ball loose from a Hornet on the ensuing first down play. Ray Ramirez scrambled for the recovery at Hornet 46.

Riley sold the screen pass as he appeared to be

under pressure by the defensive line. He fell back deep and tossed over the top to Vasquez at the 41. The Mule blockers opened a green path all the way to the goal line. It was a 46-yard three-play drive to put the Mules up 21-0 at the end of the first period.

Clayton's two touchdown catches pushed the Mule lead to 35-0 with almost eight minutes left in the half.

The Mules started their sixth scoring drive at the Hornet 42 after forcing Highland Park to go three and out

It took the Mules four plays to score. Ramirez carried the final 21 yards on the "Hammer Play."

Rodolfo Silva, Mike Hale and Jared Mendoza raced down field to make the stop on the ensuing kickoff at the Hornet 31. The Hornets picked up nine yards on three downs and were forced to punt. The punt rolled out of bounds on the Mule 40.

Riley made the toss to Elias Alvarado at the 50. Alvarado made the catch, ducked under a tackle and raced 50-yards for one-play 60-yard scoring drive. Silva kicked the point after to give the Mules a 49-0 lead at the

half.

Lane Wood returned the opening kick of the second half 73 yards up the middle of the field. The Mules parted the Hornets like Moses did the Red Sea. Clayton tackled on the point after with 11:43 left in the third period.

Mendoza scored the Mules final TD. He raced 43 yards on the "Hammer" in the fourth quarter. Austin Wright's extra point kick was blocked in what appeared at first to be about the only highlight for the Hornets.

The ball was still considered live and Patrick Precure pounced on it in the end zone for a two-point conversion.

Riley completed 12 of 15 attempts for 236 yards. W. Wood completed two of four for 31 for total of 257 yards. The Mules rushed nine times for 115 yards for a total offense of 372 yards.

Clayton had four catches for 63 yards, Adam Zamora made three for 28 and Vasquez caught two for 46. Alvarado, Ramirez, Carpenter, W. Wood and L. Wood caught one each for 60, 31, 14, 13 and two yards respectively.

Mendoza led all rushers with one carry for 43 yards.

### Players of the Game

- Offensive Player..... Garrett Riley
- Defensive Player..... Lane Wood
- Special Teams Player..... Doc Fullmer
- Scout Team Player..... Adolfo Salcido
- MVP of Game..... Brian Poynor
- Slobber Knocker..... Michael Hale

L. Wood carried twice for 37 yards and Ramirez ran once for 25. Fullmer carried once for seven yards.

Fullmer led the defense with 12 solo tackles, three assists, one for a loss, one sack, a big hit and four special team tackles. L. Wood had six solo stops, three assists, two for a loss, two sacks and one hurry.

Mendoza made five solo tackles, one for a loss and special team tackle, Brian Poynor had four solo stops, three assists and one for a loss and Colton Heinrich made three solo tackles, four assists and two for a loss.

Marshall Head made three solo stops, two assists, two for a loss and caused a fumble and Austin Bamert made two solo

tackles, three assists and one special team stop.

"Saturday morning we start getting ready for Tulia," concluded Coach Wood.

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## JV Mules defeat the Hornets

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The JV Mules visited Amarillo Highland Park Thursday and defeated the Hornets 52-0 to extend their District 2-2A record to 2-0. The Mules jumped on the Hornets early and scored three touchdowns in the opening period.

Jared Skipworth kept on a quarterback option for the

first tally of the night for the Mules. Jose Macias scored the next two times for the Mules from 15- and 23-yards out. Skipworth booted one point after to give the Mules a 19-0 lead after one period.

Skipworth connected with Adrian Muniz in the second period and Skipworth tacked on the point after

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	W	L	W	L
Muleshoe	5	1	2	0
Friona	2	3	0	1
Bushland	6	0	2	0
River Road	0	6	0	2
Highland Park	0	6	0	2
Tulia	2	3	1	0
Dimmitt	4	2	1	1
Littlefield	4	1	0	0

This Week's Schedule  
Bushland at Highland Park (Dist.)  
Friona at River Road (Dist.)  
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# Sports

## Eighth grade Mules swarm the Highland Park Hornets, 44-0

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules extended their District 2-2A record to 2-0 in Benny Douglas Stadium Thursday. They swarmed the Hornets of Amarillo Highland Park 44-0.

The Mules kicked off to start the game. The Mule defense forced the Hornets to go three and out. The snap for the punt was low and Jaden Herrera swam through the line and reached the punter as he was fumbling with the ball.

Herrera shoved the punter away from the ball and recovered for the Mules

at the Hornet 15. A motion penalty set the Mules back five yards. Beau Avila rolled left and pitched wide to Issac Baca. Baca raced 20 yards to pay dirt for the Mules first tally.

Juan Guerrero put his big right foot into the ball and blasted it into the end zone on the ensuing kickoff. The Hornets started their second drive on their 20.

The Mule defense again held the Hornets and forced them to punt. Avila returned the kick down the Hornet sideline from the Mule 42 to the Highland Park 15.

Avila connected with Eric Orozco in the left flat for a

15-yard pass and run to pay dirt. Avila sneaked over from the three for the two-point conversion. The Mules led 14-0 with 4:08 left in the first period.

The Mule defense denied the Hornets a first down for the third time to force a punt. Baca received the punt on the Mule 40 and danced behind a wall of Mule blockers 60 yards for a TD.

A flag came out on the return and the touchdown was called back. The Mules started their drive on the Hornet 43. Avila kept wide left on an option and stuck out a stiff arm that halted the Hornet defender in his tracks.

Avila romped down the Mule sideline to the 17 before being dragged to the turf. Matthew Ambriz recovered a Mule fumble at the Hornet 10 to keep the drive alive. The Mules spread the field on third down and one yard needed for a first.

Avila sent three receivers to the right and hit Baca on a bubble screen behind two blockers. That was all Baca needed as he scampered eight yards for a touchdown. Baca added the two-point conversion with the "Hammer Play." The Mules led 22-0 with six seconds left in the first quarter.

Robert Brewster ripped down the Hornet ball carrier on the first play of the second quarter. The ball flew out and Pilar Campos

jumped on it for the Mules at the Hornet 15.

The Mules chipped away the yards and needed five yards for another TD. Avila faked the handoff and kept up the middle through a hole the Mule line had blown in the Hornet defense. Carlos Sosa went up the middle for the two-point conversion.

Hector Flores took a pitch from Avila around the left end and followed a wall of blockers for a 13-yard touchdown to put the Mules up 36-0 at the intermission.

Neither team scored during the third period. Sosa then repeated Flores run with a pitch from Avila around the right end. The smallest player on the field hit the line and spun out of a tackle on the extra point try. Weston Griswold's two point conversion ended all scoring.

"Weston (Griswold) has to be the toughest kid on our team," said Mule coach Clay Ferguson. "It does not matter if it is practice or in a game he is always ready to go head to head with anyone. He is an inspiration to all of us."

Avila rushed five times for 67 yards, Flores ran three times for 24 yards, Herrera three times for six yards and Guerra carried twice for two. Baca rushed twice for 26 yards and Sosa had one carry for 32.

Orozco had one reception for 15 yards, Baca had one for eight and Saul

Elizalde caught one for six yards.

Orozco led the defense with six tackles, two for losses and one interception. Campos made four tackles with three being for losses and blocked a punt. Baca made three stops, two for losses and Brewster had three tackles with one for a loss and Jose Marruffo made two stops with one for a loss.

The Mules will put their perfect 2-0 district record on

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### JV Mules defeat the Hornets

Continued from page 6 with his toe. Mitchell Forti got in the scoring frenzy with a three-yard blast to give the Mules a 32-0 advantage at the intermission.

Stevie Cisneros got things going for the Mules after the half with a 25-yard scamper.

Skipworth added the point after.

Danny Montejano scored from the defensive side of the ball by picking up a Hornet fumble and scurrying 20 yards to pay dirt. Skipworth's kick was good for a 46-0 Mule lead with one quarter left to play.

Jesse Bernal kept the defense in the spot light by

picking off a Hornet toss and zipping 31 yards for the final tally of the night.

Macias led the Mules with five rushes for 68 yards and Skipworth carried three times for 17.

Muniz and Caleb Conner made one catch each for 22 and 20 yards respectively.

Alex Godinez led the defense with six tackles and three assists. Juan Gonzales had four solo stops and two assists and Macias made three tackles and three assist.

The Mules will host the Tulia Hornets Thursday in Benny Douglas Stadium to try and extend their winning streak in district play to three.

### Highland Parks' seventh grade is swatted down

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules swatted the Highland Park Hornets 52-0 in Benny Douglas Stadium Thursday.

Shawn Atwood grabbed the arm of the Hornet running back on the first play of the game. The ball came loose and Alex Vidana jumped on the ball for the Mules at the Hornet 41.

Junior Baca leaped over

a tackler at the line of scrimmage and scampered 41 yards for his first of three touchdowns. He also scored his the two-point conversion to give the Mules an 8-0 lead with 5:35 left in the first period.

The Mule defense held the Hornets to force a punt attempt. A high snap got away from the punter and Vidana chased him down at the Hornet 21. Baca scored

his second TD on an 18-yard jaunt. The two-point conversion failed.

It was three and out for the Hornets and a low snap bounced past the punter. Atwood was in hot pursuit when the punter fell on the ball.

Caleb Wood burst up the middle, put a move on a would-be tackler and scored from 33-yards out. Baca added his second two-point

conversion to push the Mule lead to 22-0.

Xavier Reyes rolled right and made a perfect pitch to Baca. Baca was able to get around the corner because Wood sealed off the linebacker with a slobber-knocker block. Baca scampered 26 yards with three seconds left in the half. The Mules led 28-0 at the intermission.

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# New leader takes over contest

By Leah Bell  
General Manager

A new points leader took over this week, as here-to-now top dog Joe Flores slipped this week and left the door open for just anyone to walk in... and someone accepted his invitation.

Although not winning this week's contest, front-runner Rene Valle's second-place quagmire with four other contestants... and the nine points he added to his cumulative score... helped move him into the top position overall — but not by much.

These final weeks will be exciting because frankly, it's still anyone's game to win or lose.

Valle now has 32 cumulative points while Flores continues to stay close with 31.

But neither of these two are guaranteed any money yet. Many are still in the hunt, including Sandra Orozco who has 24 points as of this week, and Weldon Smith, who has doggedly pursued the pack since starting his bid for the prize a week late. Smith has 23 cumulative points.

Others you can't count out yet include Rosalinda Toscano, Vicki Gonzales, Richard Orozco, Terry Field, Sherri Harrison and week six's top dog and \$25 prize winner Claire Brown.

In a mess of people who came close but don't get a cigar, Brown was able to

distinguish herself by missing just one game — something no one else could do. She got 10 points for her efforts and this helped boost her back into a position to challenge for the title in the end. Brown now has 15 cumulative points.

Five people tied for the second place position this week (see what I mean about a quagmire) and all were awarded nine points each. Please make checks payable to "Awesome Football Contest Judge."

My generous grading system helped out lots of contestants this week. All these folks were just one point away from the actual tiebreaker score of the Bushland versus River Road game, which ended with Bushland on top 48-0. The five second place players this week guessed on both sides of 48 — some picking 47 points and some picking 49.

Second place this week went to Vicki Gonzales, Rene Valle, Richard Orozco, Sandra Orozco and Rosalinda Toscano. Where have we heard these names before? Hummmm...

Finishing out the top ten was Joe Flores in seventh, J.C. Orozco 8th, Tommy King 9th and Starla Ellis 10th.

Just out of the points in week six was last week's winner Fernando Toscano 11th, Travis Bessire 12th, Raymond Villalobos, Sue

Bessire, Jan King and Scott Brown who all tied for 13th place.

Games that gave players fits this week included Tulia's stinging 39-6 win over Dimmitt, Portales' 20-14 win over Tucumcari, Happy's unhappy loss to Valley 36-41, and Lazbuddie barring Klondike from winning 59-30.

I had what I believe was the flu last week, so I made a couple of mistakes when trying to add cumulative numbers (it has nothing to do with being blond people). My apologies to those affected.

First, I left Debbie Weir's seven points won last week off the list. Second, Brandon Acevedo has actually accumulated nine points, not 10 as reported. My apologies folks. The scores have been fixed now that I'm back among the living.

Cumulatively speaking, here's the point totals after six weeks of competition: Rene Valle 32, Joe Flores 31, Sandra Orozco 24, Weldon Smith 23, Rosalinda Toscano 18, Vicki Gonzales 17, Richard Orozco 16, Sherri Harrison 15, Claire Brown 15, Terry Field 14, Fernando Toscano 13, Tommy King 12, J.C. Orozco 12, William Orozco

10, Starla Ellis 9, Brandon Acevedo 9, Fabian Martinez 9, Gerald Bond 8, Sam Gonzales 8, Patricia Orozco 8, Debbie Weir 7, Bruce Bruns 7, James Buie 6, Gabriel Acevedo 6, Jan King 5, Rudy Gonzales 4, Rosa Rey 4, Travis Bessire 3, Felipe Gonzales 2, Scott Brown 2, and Veronica Gonzales 2.

Other players and how they fared this week: Sue Bond 17th, Felipe Gonzales tied for 18th, Weldon Smith 23rd, Brandon Acevedo 24th, Terry Field 25th, Sherri Harrison 29th, Shonda Black 31st, William Orozco 33rd and Bruce Bruns 35th.

If you have missed playing these first six weeks, your chances of winning the \$200 grand prize aren't great at this point — but miracles do happen. We award \$25 each week to the first place finisher so it's still worth your time to make your picks and submit them!

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## Seventh grade Mules win ...

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Davin Gonzales returned the opening kick of the second half 75 yards as the Mules parted the Hornets. Reyes rolled right to freeze the defense and made a toss to Gonzales in the end zone for the two-point conversion and a 36-0 lead 18 seconds into the second half.

Baca scored his fourth TD on the first play of the fourth quarter. He started left through the line and then cut back right behind backside blocking and raced 93 yards for the score.

Ramiro Martinez took over at quarterback on the conversion attempt. He dropped back and found Wood open on a crossing pattern. The connection was made for the two-point conversion.

Baca added his fifth and final TD with 44 seconds left

in the game. He went wide around the left end for a 22-yard scamper. Martinez connected with Isaiah Guerrero for the final two-points of the game.

Baca led the Mules in rushing with seven carries for 128 yards. Wood ran five times for 54 yards and Gonzales carried once for eight. Gonzales had the Mules only reception for six yards.

Ryan Johnson made four pancake blocks on offense and Miguel Quintanilla made three. Atwood led the defense with seven tackles and caused two fumbles. Baca had seven tackles and Wood, Quintanilla, and Johnson made six each. Vidana recovered one fumble.

The Mules are 2-0 in district and will travel to Tulia to tangle with a second team of Hornets Thursday.



## Flag corps competes

The Mighty "M" Flag Corps competed at the West Texas Auxiliary Championships on Saturday, Sept. 29. Members of the flag corps, pictured above from left to right, are: Ashley Johnson, Courtney Mardis, Leticia Castorena and Gabby Perez.



## Booster club winner

The Muleshoe Athletics Booster Club awarded this week's autographed football to Ace Satellite, 129 Main, for its efforts to decorate in support of the Muleshoe Mules. Pictured above are Rosa, Brandon, Sarah, and Ryan Acevedo of Ace Satellite. Not pictured is Gabriel Acevedo, Rosa's husband.

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## Students of the Week

Watson Junior High recently announced the Students of the Week for the week of Oct. 10. Among the students honored were: Manuel Muniz, Katelyn Scott, Mason Gable, Franci Montes and Brittany Prater. Not pictured is Arturo Recio.

## Lazbuddie ISD releases first 2007-08 honor roll

Lazbuddie ISD has released its honor roll for the first six-week period of the 2007-08 school year.

Among the students honored are:

### Elementary "A"

Johnny Guenter, Avery Hicks, Devon Pacheco, Andres Solano, Ashlyn Timms, Bernardo Lopez, Ginsyn McGehee, Kenlea Barnes, Gentry Hicks, Destry Ivy, Ashley Scott,

David Guenter and Lacey Jesko.

### Elementary "AB"

Julie Chavez, Tina Harder, Priscilla Salazar, Tara Flores, Peter Guenter, Micah Vera, Berenice Galvan, Jaida Gandarilla, Haldon Ivy and Josephine Samarron.

### Junior High "A"

Ashton Mason, Austin Mason and Shyann Rainey.

### Junior High "AB"

Haley Beasley, Katlyn Hicks, Jessica Estrada, Karina Galaviz, Anna Harder, Shea Scott, Ian Thompson, Paola Estrada, Jarrod Jesko, Jordan Mason, Kylie McGehee, Todd Nichols, Kenton Randolph, Angel Samarron and Justin Schacher.

### High School "A"

Jordan Hernandez, Jacob Schacher, Chase Timms, Chelsee Nichols,

## honor roll

Brianna Sanchez, Brittney Schacher and Rochelle Smith.

### High School "AB"

Tanner Beasley, Colton Weaver, Jessica Howard, Darin Ivy, Kayle Jesko, Logan Mason, Kinzi Schacher, Riley Smith, Trevor Coker, Ryan Mason, Devlin Thompson, RaJon Thorn, Laura Beliz, Regina Mata, Esteban Pacheco and Dakota Williams.

## What's Your Policy Regarding Leaking Boats?

Whatever your personal policy about riding in leaking boats, a real leak in a real boat in which you are really riding will put it to the test.

The policy, I mean.

The boat, too, I suppose.

My wife and I and two of our sons recently had the opportunity at Jinja, Uganda, to sail across a little finger of Lake Victoria. "Sail" may be the wrong word. We got an opportunity to "ride" across a

island overlooking the strong roiling water where we were told the Nile actually begins.

On the next day I learned more than I wanted to know about the strength of that water as Joshua and I rafted down part of the Nile through Grade 5 rapids. I saw some of that strong river from the surface, drank a good bit of it, and spent more time than I care to remember under it.

But back to the boat ride.

On that little island, we climbed up to the marker, the "Jinja stone," officially marking the source of the Nile.

Amazing. Beautiful water.

Verdant emerald green vegetation.

Birds everywhere.

My wife saw all of that, too, and her reaction was the same.

But she also saw a bit of water accumulating along the keel beneath our seats. She also saw the helmsman at various stops taking the time to bail. That worried her a bit.

Me? I hardly noticed. I was loving the ride, shooting picture after picture, and eating one of the tasty rolled egg chapatis (like tortillas but better) we bought on the far shore.

My leaking boat policy? If the guy bailing the boat I'm in looks concerned, I will always help. If he is smiling and continuing his commentary, I will continue smiling and enjoying the journey.

Hmm. Boats on the Nile are probably like churches all over the world. They all leak. But a leaky boat is immensely better than no boat. Let's thank God for the boat we're in. Yes, we're all needed to bail at times. But let's not allow the leaks to blind us to what is still beautiful along the journey, what we'd not see at all if we were outside the boat treading water.

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



## Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

little finger of Lake Victoria. Though it sounds more nautical than "ride," "sail" might imply, well, a sail, which we didn't have, or a large ship, which is often properly said to "sail" even though it doesn't have any.

We puttered. It was a sort of "launch"-size boat, completely wooden, covered with an awning, and powered by a sputtering gas engine. A helmsman was at the tiller, and the Captain was up at the bow doing commentary. His job description evidently also included drumming up business among tourists, and he was good at it. We were four of the six passengers plopped on various wooden seats in the middle of the vessel.

The "finger" of Lake Victoria we sailed across is indeed small. With a shoreline of 2,138 miles, Lake Victoria is the largest lake in Africa and the second largest in the world. It is also the source of the longest branch of the Nile River, the White Nile, and we stood on an

## Health

### Extension agent says: Cut the salt, not the flavor

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

If you have diabetes, it's important that you reduce your salt intake and increase the amount of fiber in your diet. With a little planning, you can accomplish both while still keeping your foods full of flavor.

Although salt adds flavor to foods, it also is linked to high blood pressure.

People with high blood pressure are more likely than others to have a stroke, heart disease and kidney disease, so cutting back on salt is important for staying healthy.

Sodium (table salt is sodium chloride) is measured by milligrams; people with mild high blood pressure should consume no more than 2,300 milligrams of salt per day. (One teaspoon of salt has about 2,300 milligrams of sodium.)

Many processed foods are high in sodium: processed meats such as bacon, sandwich meats and hot dogs; canned fish; some canned vegetables, soups and vegetable juices; boxed and/or frozen dinners; snacks such as chips and crackers; and sauces and condiments including pickles, olives and some sauces.

At the grocery store, be sure to read the nutrition labels to check for the

sodium content of foods.

Look for foods with no more than 400 milligrams per single serving. Entrees should contain no more than 800 milligrams of sodium per serving.

Although salt is our nation's favorite seasoning, limiting its place in the daily diet can be "tastefully" done. Try these suggestions:

- With your dietitian or medical care provider, consider using salt substitutes instead of table salt.

- Cut by half the amount of salt called for in recipes. Or gradually reduce the amount of salt used in recipes to become accustomed to a less-salty taste in your favorite dishes.

Exception: Do not reduce the amount of salt in recipes for yeast breads. The recipes don't work right when the amount of salt is reduced.

- Do not add salt to the water when you are cooking pasta or rice.

- Try the reduced- or no-sodium versions of prepared foods.

- Use the no-salt version of your favorite seasonings — for example, garlic powder or fresh garlic instead of garlic salt.

Herbs and spices will liven up the tastes of many dishes. Experiment with flavors to see which ones your family likes best. When

using herbs or spices, remember:

- Powdered herbs are stronger in flavor than crumbled herbs; dried herbs have a stronger flavor than fresh.

- When using milder herbs — such as oregano, basil or cinnamon — use one teaspoon for six servings. If the flavor is too weak, increase the amount.

- When using stronger herbs — such as rosemary, cloves, mustard and allspice — start with one-quarter teaspoon for six servings.

- Other flavorings that can add zing to foods are shredded citrus ring, toasted seeds or nuts, vinegar, fresh hot peppers, and fried vegetables and fruits.

Adding extra fiber to the diet is even easier than adding extra flavor. Fiber adds nutrients to the diet, and is most often low in fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol.

The American Heart Association recommends that adults consume 25 to 35 grams of fiber each day in their foods. Good sources of dietary fiber are whole grains, bran cereals, fruits, and raw and cooked vegetables.

Once again, read the nutrition label for the amount of dietary fiber per serving.

For more information about cooking with diabetes, attend the *Cooking Well with*

*Diabetes* classes on Oct. 16 and Nov. 13, , at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

There is no cost to attend. You may also contact Mandi Seaton, County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas Cooperative Extension, Bailey County, 806-272-4583, for more information concerning nutrition and diabetes.

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# NRCS of Texas accepting applications for EQIP funding

Texas agricultural landowners interested in participating in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) need to apply by Nov. 16, if they have not already done so to be eligible for the next round of funding, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"Although EQIP is a continuous sign-up program, some producers may not have signed up yet," said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "We will rank all eligible applications received by the end of the ranking period on Nov. 16

for 2008 funding. There is a strong possibility that EQIP funds will become available in October."

EQIP promotes agricultural production and environmental quality.

Through EQIP, farmers and ranchers receive financial and technical assistance to help install conservation practices and to implement management systems that promote conservation.

Financial assistance is on a cost-shared basis with the producer. The technical assistance is provided at 100 percent of the cost by NRCS.

According to Gohmert,

there are a few changes in EQIP for 2008.

NRCS is adding another statewide resource concern to the program at the recommendation of the State Technical Committee. Funding will be provided in 2008 specifically for conservation practices that improve habitat for the pronghorn antelope in west Texas.

Also new in 2008 will be a process to streamline payments. Instead of the traditional percentage-of-cost rates, NRCS will offer flat-rate payments based on a schedule for each conservation practice. "Landowners will know up-

front what the payment in dollars will be," Gohmert said.

"One important component of EQIP that remains the same is the input needed from the local level to make EQIP address the most pressing resource concerns there," Gohmert said.

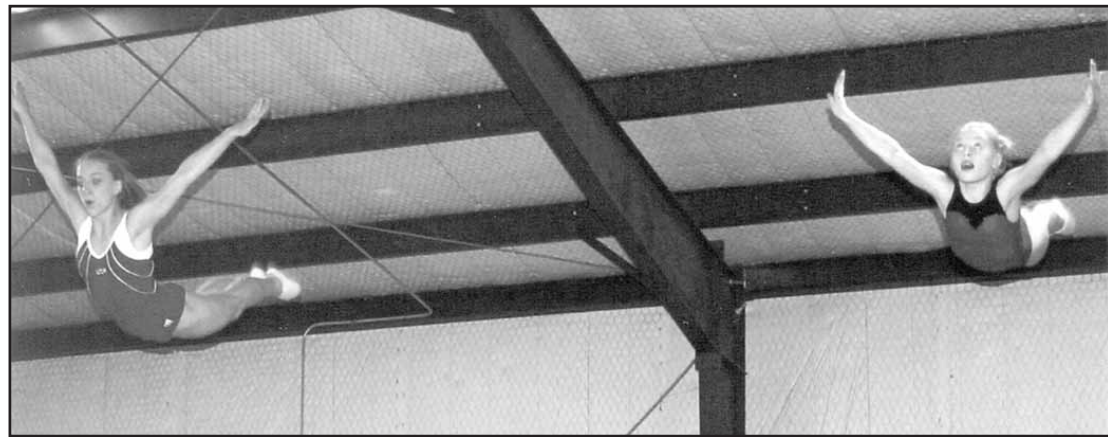
"Our local offices may be holding program

development group and local working group meetings very soon to gather that input," he said. NRCS offices and local soil and water conservation district officials will have more information about local meetings.

To sign up for EQIP or to get more information, contact the NRCS office serving your county. Look in

the phone book under "U.S. Government, Department of Agriculture," or find your service center on the Web at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>.

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BAYLEE BESSIRE AND BRITTANY CADDELL

## Muleshoe girls place at Birmingham

The Muleshoe Sports Academy sent its top trampolinists to compete at the Stars and Stripes Cup in Birmingham, Ala., this month.

The Cup was the last Junior and Senior Elite competition of the year.

It was the first for Baylee Bessire and Brittany Caddell from the team.

Baylee was in third after the compulsory routine, but have trouble on the optional routine and end up in 10th place.

Brittany had little better luck and was in fifth after the preliminaries.

"We went in wanting to make finals at their first event and they both could have. They proved they are ready to be competitive at the next level," Will Green, coordinator stated.

Brittany had even better luck in finals as she moved

all the way up to take the silver medal.

"We were excited for Brittany, she deserved to get a medal as hard as she prepared for the competition," Green said.

There was another competition after the Cup to decide the World Championship Age Group Team that will travel to Quebec City, Canada, to compete for the USA in November.

The competition was broken into age groups with Baylee competing in the 13-14 competition, and Brittany and fellow teammate Stormie Fuentes competing in the 11-12 age group.

All did a great job with Baylee winning her group, Brittany taking silver in hers, and Stormie taking 10th

place.

Baylee and Brittany also added another silver medal in Synchronized Trampoline as well.

Both Baylee and Brittany made the USA Team.

"It's a great honor for these girls to compete for their country. We are very proud of both of them," Green said.

Because of such a fine effort from these athletes Green was selected to be the USA Trampoline Coach and Sherry Mulkey and Tim Pendleton from the Muleshoe Sports Academy's staff were selected to judge for the USA.

The World Age Group Games will be held Nov. 4-11.

## Workshop on Islam offered

St. John Lutheran Church of Lariat will be hosting a free workshop entitled, "Islam in the Light of the Cross," on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Farwell High School auditorium.

The Rev. Karim Bidaoui, a converted Muslim and missionary to the Muslims in Dallas-Ft. Worth, will be leading the study session. The workshop will include a catered meal at no charge to participants.

Call Pastor David Symm at 825-2409, Ernest Ramm at 925-6421, or Frances Kube at 481-3441, to register or for additional information.

## Births

### Sarah Bartholf

Charles and Renee Bartholf of Muleshoe announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Ellen Bartholf, on Sept. 1, 2007, at Plains Regional Medical Hospital of Clovis, N.M.

Sarah weighed six pounds, eight ounces at birth, and was 19-1/2 inches in length.

She has two sisters — Barbara and Dakota; and two brothers — Douglas and Zachary.

Her grandparents include Jimmy and Myra Copley of Muleshoe, and Charlene Bartholf, formerly of Muleshoe.

### Baylor Thomas

Brett and Lauri Thomas of Canyon announce the birth of their daughter, Baylor Ryon Thomas, on Sept. 24, 2007, at 10:18 a.m., at Amarillo.

Baylor weighed nine pounds at birth and was 20-1/2 inches in length.

She has two sisters — Avery, 5, and Taylor, 3; and a brother — Tanner, 3.

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## Tip Your Hat

When was the last time you recall having a really bad glass of water here in Muleshoe? It's been a while, in fact, I'll hazard a guess that it was probably around Aug. 21.

I know... I know, that's a long time to remember how a glass of water tasted, but I didn't remember it myself until Monday afternoon at the Muleshoe City Council meeting. That's when City Manager David Brunson reported the results of a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality inspection of the local water system from Aug. 21, and apparently the reason for that "bad glass of water."

You see, of all the potential problems that can arise in a municipal water system... of all the health problems that are just waiting around the corner for the population of Muleshoe if the crew at the water plant don't do their jobs right, the problem the TEQ wrote our guys up for was a sign that had faded and needed to be replaced.

Of course, I was kidding about the bad glass of water, but you have to admit that it's a bit asinine when a state bureaucrat feels he needs to find something... anything to keep from turning in a clean report.

Well, guys, the state didn't want to tip its hat to you, but we will, and we'll toast you with a glass of your own water, also.

## South county homicide...

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"Wongo," a nickname Jonathan had picked up many years ago while the family and friends were snow skiing at Taos, N.M.

Joey said Jonathan wanted to go skiing with the adults, and when a friend of the family asked Jonathan or "Juan" in Spanish if he wanted to go, the small child picked it up not as "Juan go," but rather as "Wongo," a nickname that was included on his gravestone.

"A lot of people in Lubbock didn't even know his first name," Joey said.

"We had a fun weekend," Joey recalled, talking about their last "father-son" weekend in Lubbock.

He also talked about his Wongo being a "Daddy's boy" from infancy, and how

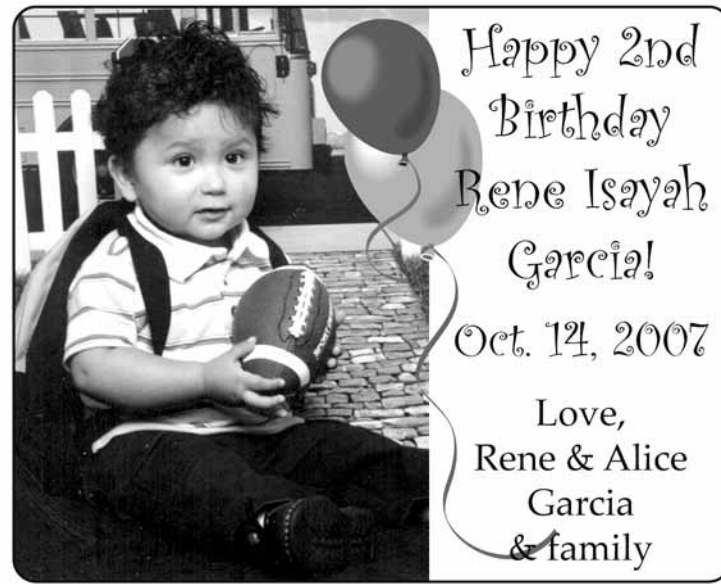
his son's greatest desire was to follow in the farming footsteps of his father, even planning on running for county commissioner at some point in the future.

Although Joey said he "forced" Wongo to attend college, his son always made it known that he wanted to be a farmer, and that Wongo had talked about settling down and starting a family.

"He loved kids," Joey said.

"He was well on his way to doing just what he wanted to do," Joey added.

It was also announced Tuesday that a \$10,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder.



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## City council approves resolution... Continued from page 1

Repayment of the certificates will be through ad valorem taxes collected by the city over a 20 year period.

"Will \$4 million get us to the point we need to be?" Mayor Cliff Black asked prior to calling for a motion to approve Monday's resolution.

City Manager David Brunson said it should be, along with some revenues from the city's fund balance.

On a related issue, the council passed a resolution that will allow work completed prior to the issuance of the certificates, and paid for from the city's fund balance to be

reimbursed.

"This will allow you to proceed with projects prior to receiving the funds (from issuance of the certificates)," Vialle said.

In other business, the council:

- Approved the reimbursement of \$1,715 from the city's motel/hotel

tax fund to the Muleshoe Rotary Club for advertising it purchased to promote its Labor Day Roping.

- Approved an interlocal agreement with South Plains Association of Governments for 911 services, a continuation of existing services.

- Approved an agreement with the engineering firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper.

"It's a lot like the retainer agreement for an attorney," the city manager said.

- Approved the design and construction of a sewer line extension on Hwy. 84.

Brunson said the engineering work would probably be done by Parkhill, Smith and Cooper.



Parade leaders

Muleshoe's Mighty 'M' Band joined the color guard at the head of Saturday's parade.

Baylee Bessire will be representing the USA at the World Age Group Games on November 9, 2007 in Quebec, Canada. She made the individual and synchronized trampoline team for the 13-14 age group division.

**Raffle tickets are currently being sold to help with expenses... \$5 each or 5 tic./\$20**

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