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MEDC discusses impact of immigration legislation

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Economic Development Committee discussed its adherence to new laws concerning the issuance of grants and one of the state's "hot" political issues... illegal immigration, during Thursday's regular meeting.

Although the discussion arose during the staff comment's portion of the agenda, no action was taken other than clarifying what the position of the MEDC and its staff would be

'We don't want to even give a notice out if they're not aware of this...'

Wanda Hooten, MEDC president

in regards to HB 1196, which went into effect on Sept. 1.

HB 1196 restricts the use of economic development funds in regards to businesses that have received grants, and specifically requires business entities that receive such grants — and which are later convicted of

employing illegal aliens — to pay the grant monies back to the issuing entity.

In the event the grant funds can't be paid back, the business is required to commit to an unsecured loan with the public entity.

"We're not going to have any other recourse," MEDC board member Max King said, adding, "I'd like us to

find a way to help both us and the grantee."

"The law says he has to repay it, no matter what we want to do," board member Mark Morton said. "Anybody that does business with us must know that we're going to follow this."

Holding up a copy of a legislative summary detailing HB1196, MEDC

president Wanda Hooten said, "We don't want to even give a notice out if they're not aware of this."

The board also discussed how, and if, it was supposed to monitor a grantee's hiring practices.

"I don't think we are responsible for monitoring them," board member Pat Angeley said.

Board member Jose Sanchez agreed, saying, "They're asking us for extra signatures, and that's it. ...What the state requires us to do is nothing."

"Since this is a 'hot issue' of the day," Hooten said before changing the discussion to another topic, "we need them to know that we're going to comply with this."

The MEDC also discussed payment of about \$80,000 to Bailey County for its construction of a road to the Fullmer Cattle Company's calving operation.

"We're not obligated (to pay) unless he (Fullmer) goes into operation," Angeley said, referring to the agreement the muleshoe board made with the Bailey County Commissioners' Court.

However, King disagreed. "I think we're obligated to pay them even if they don't go into operation," MEDC board member Max King said.

In other business, the MEDC:

- Re-elected Wanda Hooten to the position of president, Max King as vice president, and Pat Angeley to that of secretary/clerk.

"I pledge myself to doing a better job of supporting you," King said after Hooten's reelection. "You've done us a wonderful job."

"I'm a good president because I have a good person working out there," Hooten replied, referring to

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County tax dollars being wasted on waste



By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Your tax dollars at work... or your tax dollars wasted... it's your choice, according to Bailey County Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver, who has had his road crew busy for the past week picking up the assorted trash that's being dumped in county roads and ditches.



include the funds needed to do the same in the county's other three precincts.

For the past six days, three county employees have been hard at work removing a collection of old furniture and appliances, along with everything from scrap metal to trash and garbage from where they've been illegally dumped... a total of 25 dump truck loads.

"We're not even half through with precinct 1," Vandiver said.

The estimated \$4,000 in manhours needed to complete the project will have to be added to the fuel and equipment expenses required, he added. "We've just got to put a stop to it," Vandiver said, noting that the problem goes beyond just the removal expense. He explained that at one location this past week, someone deposited a large pile of scrap iron in the middle of one county road, requiring a front-end loader to move it.

"That's dangerous," the commissioner said, "especially in the middle of the night."

Precinct 2 Commissioner C.E. Grant said his crew routinely picks up such waste throughout the year, estimating that about \$3,000 of his budget goes into the effort.

Vandiver said he has been looking into the situation, and plans to bring up the possibility of installing cameras in target areas of the county in hopes of recording the license plates of some of the people illegally dumping.

He also said he felt such offenders should be "fined

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'They're here!'

Borrowing a line from a movie that tends to fit in well with this time of year, seems to be an apt way to describe many of the lawns around Muleshoe this week as their transformations range from the serene to the sinister in celebration of the Halloween season. Pictured above is a display on Ivy, while one on Third is pictured below.

Photographs by Larry Thornton



Sales tax collections still climbing

The City of Muleshoe continues to receive good news from the Texas State Comptroller's office, with another increase in its sales tax allocation.

According to the state comptroller's office, this month's allocation represents August's sales tax collections by local merchants, and reported to the comptroller's office in September.

In Muleshoe, the allocation amount reached \$37,045.07, a decrease of slightly more than \$2,000 from last month's allocations, but an increase of \$10,318.07 from the

Collection increase percentages

Muleshoe...	+ 38.6%
Earth...	+ 39.6%
Olton...	- 3.43%
Littlefield...	+ 17.25%
Dimmitt...	+ 1.51%
Sudan...	+ 21.51%
Farwell...	- 9.08%

same period in 2006.

When compared to the allocations listed for surrounding municipalities, Muleshoe's sales tax collections fell behind Littlefield's, which collected \$62,011.14 during the same period, but only noted an increase of 17.25 percent.

And while Muleshoe percentage of allocation fell below Earth's, the community 18 miles east of Muleshoe collected \$4,337.20 for this period, an increase of \$1,220.9.

When looking at the total dollars collected, Dimmitt took third place with \$21,946.79, which was only \$328.42 more than the amount collected during the same period last year.

For the second month in a row, Farwell's drop in collection percentage placed it at the bottom of the area list.

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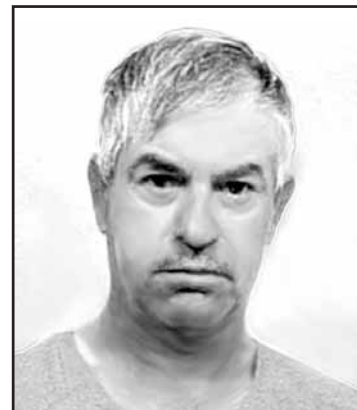
Kitchens' last appeal denied

A recent "Petition of Discretionary Review" in the case of Larry Brent Kitchens of Bailey County has been denied by the Seventh Court of Appeals in Amarillo, according to information received from District Attorney Johnny Actkinson.

Earlier this year the Amarillo appeals court affirmed Kitchen's October 2005 conviction for the 2003 murder of Vince Simmacher.

In the recent action, Kitchen's petition was denied without a hearing.

Although Kitchens can "file for a rehearing of the Petition of Discretionary Review," Actkinson says such requests are rarely given. "...It is my opinion that the Kitchens appeal has been completed," he said.



LARRY BRENT KITCHENS

Local Weather

Thursday
Sunny..... 72/36

Friday
Sunny..... 80/47

Saturday
Sunny..... 85/54

Sunday
Few Shwrs..... 73/36

Monday
Sunny..... 61/33

Tuesday
Sunny..... 67/40

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Plan to attend the *Cooking Well with Diabetes* program, in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center, on Oct. 16, and Nov. 13, at 6:30 p.m.

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.

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.

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 or additional information, contact Lazbuddie High School at 965-2152.

Class of 1992

The Muleshoe High School Class of 1992 is holding a 15-year reunion Oct. 19-20. Class contacts for the reunion are: Shea (Wilbanks) Hope at swhope28@suddenlink.net; Audree (Anzaldua) Halcomb at aahalcomb@yahoo.com; or Tiffany (Angeley) Boehning at 806-946-9273.

The events planned include: Friday, Oct. 19 — Pregame meal, 6 p.m.; football game, 7:30 p.m.; Friday night gathering, 10 p.m. or after the game, at Audree's parent's house, 621 W. Sixth. Saturday, Oct. 20 — Family event at the FBC Activity Center, 1-4 p.m.; Class meal at Leal's at 5 p.m.; Saturday night gathering at Muleshoe Country Club, 7 p.m.

Meals on Wheels benefit

A hotdog cook out to benefit Bailey County Meals on Wheels, sponsored by NursCare Home Health, will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., in the parking lot at 803B W. American Blvd. Call 806-272-6884 for details or to order ahead.

Harvest of Praise

Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship will be hosting a Harvest of Praise concert in the Old City Park on Oct. 28, at 1 p.m. The community is invited to come out for a free hamburger lunch and music in the park.

Everything will be provided, just bring your lawn chair and a friend. For more information contact Steve Friskup, 272-5199. or Karie Preston, 272-5861.

Windmill, wind power program

The Muleshoe Heritage Foundation will be hosting a program on windmills and wind power on Oct. 29, at 7 p.m., in the Santa Fe Depot.

Glenn Patton of American Wind Power Center in Lubbock will be showing the award-winning video "Wind Machines," along with a short film on wind turbines. Afterwards, Patton will take questions from the audience. The program is free, and open to the public.

Sophomores to selling cookie dough

Muleshoe High School Sophomore class is currently conducting a Gourmet Frozen Cookie Dough and Pie fund raiser. The cookie dough comes in nine flavors and is packaged in three-pound tubs that will stay fresh up to two months in the refrigerator or six months in the freezer. Each tub sells for \$11.

The pies are 10 inches in diameter and also come in nine flavors. Each pie ranges in price from \$10 - \$15, and will keep frozen for

up to six months in the freezer or 4 - 5 days in the refrigerator.

To order cookie dough and pies, contact any Sophomore Class member or sponsor — Debbie Conner, Jan Fountain, Ralph Mason and Brandon Thomason.

The phone number to order at the high school is 272-7303.

The sale will end October 30. Cookie dough and pies will be delivered about two weeks after the end of the sale.

Area elementary readers vote for new Christmas story

The votes are in, and area elementary students have overwhelmingly called for a new Christmas story instead of a sequel to the Muleshoe Journal's previously published serial stories.

For the past few years, the *Journal* has featured a serial Christmas story, written by Larry Thornton, during the weeks leading up to Christmas in the hopes of encouraging parents to spend time reading to their children.

In 2006, the *Journal*

carried the story of "The Christmas Angel," about a young boy troubled over the loss of his father during World War II, and the angel sent to his aid.

In 2005, the *Journal* carried the story "April's Christmas Doll," about a young girl who learned that her parent's love was more important than even the most glamorous doll.

This year, the *Journal* decided to ask help in choosing the path this year's Christmas story would take.

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to the maximum."

According to Bailey County Attorney Scott Say, the maximum fine for illegal dumping depends upon the items being dumped, indication that the weight of some items is also taken into consideration.

The penalty, Say said, could range from \$500 up to \$4,000 and a year in county jail.

Individuals observing such illegal activities are urged to contact the county precinct barns or the sheriff's department.

Stars to talk at Paul's Lake

The Lubbock Astronomy Club will set up instruments at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20, at Paul's Lake, on the east side of the Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge.

At about 7:30 p.m., there will be a "Star Talk" using a laser pointer.

The program is free. Bring your chair, flashlight, sack meal — if desired — and warm clothing.

Neugebauer's staff to be here

Staff members from the office of Cong. Randy Neugebauer are to be at the Five Area Telephone Cooperative's board room on Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 2-3:20 p.m. to assist area residents with federal issues.

Births

Andrew Larson

Chris and Stephanie Larson of Sudan are proud to announce the birth of their son — Andrew Wayne Larson, on Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007, in Lubbock.

Andrew weighed seven pounds, seven ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches in length.

He has two sisters — Erin and Reagan Larson.

Andrew's grandparents are Billy and Karen Gore of Circleback, Margaret Larson of Houston, and the late Ed Larson.

Sarah Bartholf

Charles and Renee Bartholf of Muleshoe announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Ellen Bartholf, on Sept. 21, 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 are Jimmy and Myra Copley of Muleshoe, and Charlene Bartholf.

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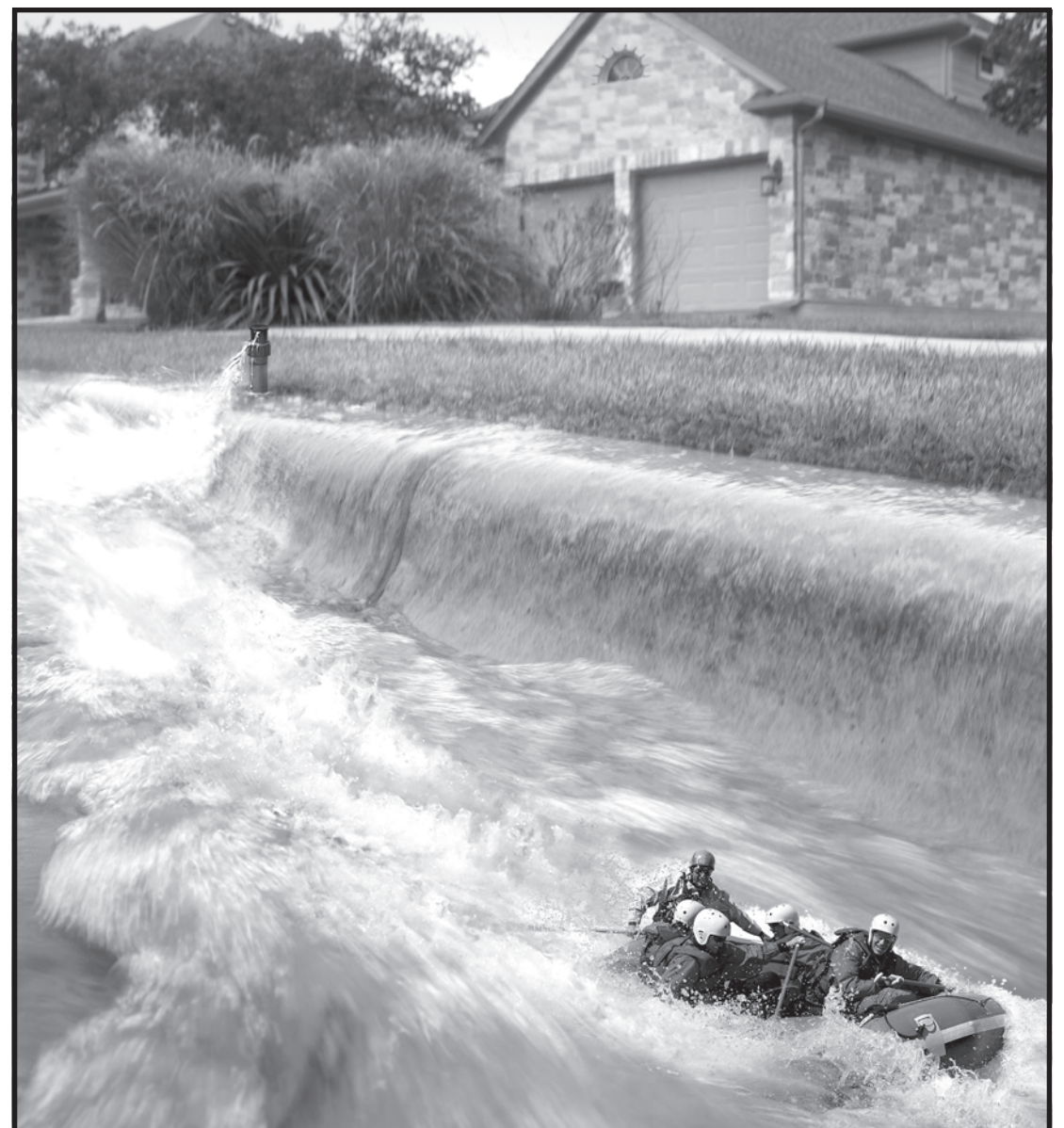
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Area sales tax allocations...

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The comptroller's office listed Olton as receiving an allocation of \$8,090.54; Sudan of \$3,197.88; and Farwell at \$7,548.33. According to Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, the state took in \$1.62 billion dollars in sales tax in September, a seven percent increase over September 2006. Her office sent \$443.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 6.8 percent compared to last October. So far in 2007, local sales tax allocations are 6.9 percent higher than last

year. "Growth in September sales tax collections slowed slightly, but continue to increase at a healthy rate," Combs said. "Receipts from the mining, manufacturing and retail sectors continue to demonstrate the current strength of the Texas economy," Comptroller Combs added. Combs sent sales tax allocations of \$300.8 million to Texas cities, 6.4 percent more than October 2006. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up seven percent. Texas counties received October sales tax payments of \$27.8 million, up 9.6

percent compared to a year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 8.4 percent higher than last year. The 122 special purpose taxing districts throughout Texas received \$14.7 million in sales tax, up 20.2 percent compared to last October. So far this year, sales tax allocations to special purpose districts are up 17.9 percent compared to 2006. Ten local transit systems received \$100.2 million in October sales tax allocations, up 5.4 percent compared to a year ago. The comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Nov. 9.

Living in the presence of God

Someone told me his belief in God was so strong that it went beyond faith. The truth is that unless you have stood in the physical presence of God the Father, or God the Son, the only way you can believe is through faith. Hebrew 11:1, NIV, says, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

The Old Testament, talks about God going before the children of Israel in a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night as they journeyed to the Promised Land. And it talks about God meeting with Moses at the Ark of the Covenant to give his commands for the Israelites. It also talks about how God appeared to Aaron in a cloud within the Holy of Holies.

And in the New Testament, the Bible talks about the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit that all Christians have. Jesus said, "I'll be with you always," and he does this through the presence of the Holy Spirit within believers. But, the phrase being "in the presence of God" isn't referring to any of these. So what does it mean? How can we live in the presence of God?

Lamplight By Larry Thornton

2 Timothy 2:19, NIV, says, "Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: 'The Lord knows those who are his, and, everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness.'"

Other things need to be taken into consideration, but one of the most important factors in how we "live in the presence of God," is determined by our attitude to the counsel of the ungodly.

Do you remember what it was like when you were a teenager, or maybe even a little younger, and your parents told you not to hang out with this person or date that person? Sometimes this was because your parents recognized something about this person that you couldn't or didn't want to see... that he, or she, was trying to lead you down the wrong path.

Proverbs 1:10, NIV, says, "My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them." And, Proverbs 3:7, NIV, says, "Do not be wise in your own eyes, fear the Lord and shun evil."

In 1949, the actor Robert

Young appeared in a television show that ran until Sept. 17, 1960. The show, about an insurance agent and his family was named, "Father Knows Best."

But when you compare Young's performance with that of our heavenly Father, you have to recognize that the screen version was the work of its writers, directors and cast members, while the Holy Bible, and all that it contains is from a Father who truly does know what is best for us. We also have to remember is that "ungodly counsel" in these modern times, doesn't always come from people in the same room. We have telephones, cell phones, music, movies, television, and the internet, all of which are readily accessible for Satan to use to lure the children of God out of God's presence.

We must put the ways of sinners behind us. It's not good enough that we turn from the counsel of the ungodly, we have to leave the sinful ways behind also. We can't muddy our souls with the sins of immorality one moment, and in the next moment expect to walk in the presence of God.

Ramadan for unbelievers in Iraq

It is Ramadan this month. For those of you who are unfamiliar with this tradition, Ramadan is one month every year when Muslims fast during daylight hours.

Lucky me, they also expect everyone else to fast, or at least appear to be fasting.

In reality, I've met several Muslims who do that very thing: They take on the appearance of fasting in public, but eat in private.

I usually need to eat more than three meals a day and I'm practically famous for my ever-present glass (or bottle) of ice cold water.

I'm always eating or drinking something. So this Ramadan thing is definitely a shock to my system.

Since I am not Muslim, I obviously do not observe Ramadan. But I've not been eating or drinking in public out of respect for those who are fasting from sun-up to sundown.

I also have heard that one can be harassed by angry Ramadan observers if one eats in their presence. So, I've been doing it out of respect, and to prevent harassment.

Prior to today, I've been

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



sneaking sips of my water while I'm in a cab. That all stopped today when I learned the real reason I should be refraining from eat, drink, and chew (gum that is).

This act of respect that I've been committing has actually been keeping me out of jail.

Apparently it isn't just disrespectful to eat or drink in public while others observe Ramadan. It's an actual crime in this country to eat, drink, or chew gum in public during Ramadan.

Punishment is jail until Ramadan is over, which is not that far away now. I got pretty thirsty today — it was hot outside and I had to walk a fair distance before hailing my cab.

And then my cab driver decided to have an altercation with another driver while I sat and watched them scream at one another in Arabic for

who know what reason — both of their faces getting redder by the second, fists moving more with each word.

I'm guessing they were both a wee bit cranky with hunger and thirst. I'd be crabby too.

The driver then got out of the cab and told me to wait while he ran across the square to who knows where. I think he said something about police, so instead of waiting to see what was about to transpire, I chose to hail another cab while he ran away, which involved more walking.

The second cab driver was much more civilized. I learned on my trip that he spoke seven languages. Seven! And he drives a cab.

So back to the whole Ramadan jail thing. I'm beginning to think jail might not be so bad — as long as I can have some ice cold water.

Muleshoe PTA Fall Festival set

Muleshoe Parent – Teacher Associations annual fall festival has been set for Saturday, Oct. 27, from 6-9 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum. This year's costume contest to set to begin at 5 p.m. For additional information, call Monica Tyson, at 272-2015.

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Discussed the issue of "quality of place," defined as "how someone outside your community see's you," and how it draws people to a specific community.

"I thing this 'quality of place' has something behind it," Hooten said

"I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land..." Ezekiel 22:30




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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn
The center is a very busy place now. We encourage you to come by and see our decorations, have a cup of coffee and enjoy the fellowship. Wednesday, Oct. 24, NursCare will be presenting a program on Patients Rights. This should be a very informative and helpful program. Make plans to come have lunch with us that day.

Get the flu shot not the flu!
The flu shots will be available at the center on Thursday, Oct. 25, beginning at 10 a.m. until noon. So if you missed getting your flu shot on Oct. 2, come by and get one on Thursday, Oct. 25. SPAG will be here to answer any questions on Medicare, Part D, and have other booths for checking sugar level and cholesterol. Make plans to come by

and visit. Directors from some of the other centers plan to be with us on Thursday, Oct. 25. So make plans to come by and visit with them. Remember our Tuesday night dances. Sandy, the great D.J. will be playing the music. Call a friend, bring a dish for pot luck supper and come enjoy. The Bunco players are enjoying playing on the first and third Tuesdays. If you would like to learn

how, come on in and join the group. Prizes are given to the winners. We plan to have our Birthday party on Wednesday, Oct. 31. We are planning on having a great one for Halloween. **Menu for Oct. 22 - 26**
Monday, Oct. 22 — Baked chicken with mushroom , scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, tossed salad, wheat roll and peaches.

Tuesday, Oct. 23 — Baked ham, sweet potatoes, greens, salad, wheat roll and cake.
Wednesday, Oct. 24 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and fruit cobbler.
Thursday, Oct. 25 — Taco salad, beans, rice, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, chips, salsa, pears and cookies.
Friday, Oct. 26 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

Windmill, wind power program set

The Muleshoe Heritage Foundation will be hosting a program on windmills and wind power on Oct. 29, at 7 p.m., in the Santa Fe Depot. Glenn Patton of American Wind Power Center in Lubbock will be showing the award-winning video "Wind Machines," along with a short film on wind turbines. Afterwards, Patton will take questions from the audience. The program is free, and open to the public.

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An Unearthly Love by Max Lucado

Your goodness can't win God's love. Nor can your badness lose it. But you can resist it. We tend to do so honestly. Having been rejected so often, we fear God may reject us as well. Rejections have left us skittish and jumpy. Like my dog Salty. He sleeps next to me on the couch as I write. He's a cranky cuss, but I like him. We've aged together over the last fifteen years, and he seems worse for the wear. He's a wiry canine by nature; shave his salt-and-pepper mop, and he'd pass for a bulimic Chihuahua. He didn't have much to start with; now the seasons have taken his energy, teeth, hearing, and all but eighteen inches' worth of eyesight. Toss him a dog treat, and he just stares at the floor through cloudy cataracts. (Or, in his case, dogaracts?) He's nervous and edgy, quick to growl and slow to trust. As I reach out to pet him, he yanks back. Still, I pet the old coot. I know he can't see, and I can only wonder how dark his world has become. We are a lot like Salty. I have a feeling that most people who defy and deny God do so more out of fear than conviction. For all our chest pumping and braggadocio, we are anxious folk—can't see a step into the future, can't hear the one who owns us. No wonder we try to gum the hand that feeds us. But God reaches and touches. He speaks through the immensity of the Russian plain and the density of the Amazon rain forest. Through a physician's touch in Africa, a bowl of rice in India. Through a Japanese bow or a South American abra oHe's even been known to touch people through paragraphs like the ones you are reading. If he is touching you, let him. Mark it down: God loves you with an unearthly love. You can't win it by being winsome. You can't lose it by being a loser. But you can be blind enough to resist it. Don't. For heaven's sake, don't. For your sake, don't. "Take in with all Christians the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God" (**Eph. 3:18-19 MSG**).
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Obituaries

Allene Rogers Woodward

Church services for Allene Rogers Woodward, 85, of Littlefield, were held on Monday, Oct. 15, at the First United Methodist Church of Littlefield with Pastor Sharon Wiese of Littlefield officiating. Burial followed in Littlefield Memorial Park Cemetery, Littlefield.

Allene passed from this world peacefully in her sleep on Oct. 10, 2007, in her residence in Littlefield. She was born on Aug. 21, 1922, in Childress, and married Horace Warren Woodward in Sudan on Feb. 26, 1959.

She was preceded in death by her parents — H.E. and Cora Chinn Rogers, her husband Horace Woodward and two brothers.

Allene had lived in Littlefield since 1964 moving from Amherst. She also lived in Sudan from 1959 until 1964.

She worked as a secretary for the Lamb County judge and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #742 in Littlefield.

Allene was a great inspiration to Gary for his



ALLENE ROGERS WOODWARD appreciation to fine classical music.

Survivors include four sons and two daughters-in-law — Roger and Emily Hunter of Corpus Christi, Bill and Judy Hunter of Gainesville, James F. Hunter of Fort Worth, and Gary Woodward of Littlefield.

She is also survived by seven grandsons, seven great-grandchildren, two nephews — Richard Rogers of League City and Clinton Rogers of Muleshoe, and numerous cousins.

Memorials may be sent to the National Parkinson Foundation, 4102 24th St., Ste. 501, Lubbock, TX 79410; VistaCare Family Hospice, 1717 Norfolk, Lubbock, TX 79416, or to one's favorite church.

Muleshoe city secretary elected treasurer of TMCA

Muleshoe's city secretary, Leann Gallman was elected treasurer of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc., at its annual meeting recently.

The Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc., is a statewide association with more than 900 members.

The association operates the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program located at the University of North Texas, Denton.

The certification program

is recognized and endorsed by Section 22.074 of the *Local Government Code, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes.*

TMCA, Inc., publishes the *Texas Municipal Election Law Manual*, the *Texas Municipal Law and Procedure Manual* and the *Texas Municipal Clerks Handbook.*

Gallman will be charged with the responsibility of accomplishing the goals and objectives of TMCA,

Inc.

The association is dedicated to serving the demands of excellence in Texas' local government and public problem solving.

Its principal missions are to motivate Texas city clerks and city secretaries to become leaders in their fields of governance and to provide an educational program for the beginning and career city clerk and city secretary.



LEANN GALLMAN

Upperclassmen should exemplify the 'golden rule'

As an upperclassman I, and my fellow classmates, are expected to set a good example.

Our influence over younger students should be positive.

In turn, the upperclassmen look towards adults for some guidance as well.

Most adults would say they have good influences over those younger.

They're hard working, earn what they want, are involved in the community in some way, try to help those in need, show respect to those around them, and use the Golden Rule.

Mule Moments

By Sunny Snider

The latter two I question sometimes. I was recently reminded about the biblical story of The Good Samaritan and what it means to love your neighbor as yourself.

A neighbor isn't only the people who live next door, across the street or even on the same block: no it's many more than that.

I have noticed that not only do teens and kids make fun of people, but also many adults.

For kids and teens, you would think that quite normal, but adults as well? Is any person any better or more important than the next person?

No. I look around and see people of all ages laugh at how others dress: whether it's miss-matched, too revealing, outdated, or they're simply not designer labeled.

I see others made fun of because they talk loud, make ridiculous, even creepy remarks, they have a speech impediment, or have a different accent.

And the one that most everyone is guilty of: Making fun of someone's weight.

I hear it so often, "It's not my fault they act weird!"

No, it's not, but that's no reason to make fun of them.

Maybe it's not their fault either. That person may have gone through or is still going through something

that makes them the way they are.

Who are we to judge? These all sound like kid and high school problems, but the sad, and even scary thing is that adults do it too.

Everyone is guilty of it, some more than others. I'm guilty of it. My friend caught me doing it and I told her, "I know, but I can't help it. I don't like him; he gets on my last nerve."

I look back at it later and I'm ashamed of myself. Just because someone gets on my nerves, or I don't like them doesn't mean I should be mean to them.

I can't think of a truly good excuse to make fun of anyone.

Friendships are somewhat different, but even then, it can easily hurt feelings, though people don't "mean" any of it.

We should all just watch what we say about people and how we treat each other.

No one is any better than the other and shouldn't be treated any differently.



Booster winner announced

The Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club awarded this week's autographed football to 1st Bank of Muleshoe for its efforts to decorate in support of Muleshoe's football teams. Pictured on the right, Phil Kent of 1st Bank stands in front of the bank's entrance.

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Sports

Mules prove the 'kick' is mightier than the 'sting'

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

Mom always said to stay away from the hornet's nest.

Two weeks ago the Mules had the Hornets from Amarillo Highland Park in Benny Douglas Stadium but this week the Mules had to go where another swarm of Hornets live.

They traveled to Younger Field, the home of the Tulia Hornets Friday night, where the Mules not only poked at the Hornets, but also contained the swarm's number one running back and held him to only 30 yards on 15 carries.

The Mules held the Tulia Hornets scoreless for 45 minutes and 44 seconds of the game. Darren McCaslin finally sneaked in from three-yards out to stop the Mules' shutout streak at two games. The Mules hammered the Hornets 43-6 to move to 3-0 in District 2-2A and drop the Hornets to 1-1.

"It was a good district win against the toughest district opponent we have met this season," said Mule coach David Wood. "It took a little bit for us to figure them out but after that we got on a roll."

"We made good plays on offense, defense and in the kicking game tonight. When a team can get those three facets of the game clicking it normally results in a win. Tulia has talent and they will win some games this year."

"It was another step forward for us. We are trying to concentrate on one game at a time. We escaped the night without injuries and start getting ready for Dimmitt," concluded Wood.

Tulia took the opening kick and returned to their 25. Ten plays later they stalled at the Mule 44 and took delay of game penalty to give their punter a little more field to work with because of stiff wind. The five-yard penalty was not enough as the punt shot into the Mule end zone.

The Hornets had erased almost six and half minutes off the clock before having to give the Mules their first opportunity of the night. After a short gain on first down a chop block on second down erased a big gainer by Lane Wood.

Garrett Riley sold the screen pass and tossed to



Ezekiel 22:30 Photograph by Stacy Conner

Diego Salcido stands in the gap during Friday's game against Tulia.

Victor Vasquez running behind blockers and he gained the 17 yards needed for a first plus a couple more. A 25 to 30 mph wind was blowing into the face of the Mules and it affected Riley's passing just enough that he had back-to-back incompletions.

Riley shortened up his third down pass and connected with L. Wood coming out of the backfield. L. Wood rambled for 13 and a first down. Riley then hit Ray Ramirez 10-yards down field on the Tulia sideline. Ramirez ran through a tackled and streaked to the one before being dragged down. Ramirez got the call and leaped in on the 'Hammer' with 3:17 left in the first. Jorge Rodriguez missed the extra point try but the Mules led 6-0.

The Mules second drive of the evening stalled and Rodriguez attempted a 54-yard field goal. He hit the ball low so the kick went high but was short of the uprights.

The Mule defense forced the Hornets to go three and out and the punt rolled out of bounds on the Mule 42.

A rare L. Wood fumble was covered by the Hornets at the Mule 45. Vasquez intercepted a Hornet pass and returned to the Tulia 35 to redeem L. Wood.

Riley hit Elias Alvarado on the Tulia sideline and he scampered for 24 yards. Dusty Clayton went into the end zone and cut toward the sideline. Riley made the pitch and Clayton laid out on a diving catch for a touchdown.

Riley connected with Ramirez for

the two-point conversion to give the Mules a 14-0 lead.

Under two and half minutes later the Mules were back in the end zone. The Mules held Tulia to three and out. Ramirez fielded the ball at the 50 and danced away from Hornets to the 17.

Vasquez took a pitch wide left and was pushed out of bounds at the one-foot line. Riley hung the ball in the back corner of the end zone and Wes Wood went and got it. Rodriguez started a new string of extra points. The Mules led 21-0 at the intermission.

The Mules received after the half and Vasquez caught the ball at the 15. He set up blocks for the Mules most of the 85 yards he ran for a TD. The Mules had too many men on the field for the extra point try and were penalized five yards. The high wind forced the Mules to try for two and Riley connected with Adam Zamora.

The Mules sandwiched McCaslin's touchdown in the fourth period between two of their own. Ramirez made a sliding catch at the one for a 20-yard gain. Zamora made the grab on the one-yard toss from Riley and Rodriguez attached the point after to give the Mules a 36-0 lead.

W. Wood made the pitch to Vasquez and he weaved through defenders for the final touchdown of the game and Rodriguez kick was good.

The Mule defense held the Hornets to 165 yards of total offense. The Hornets rushed 42 times for 75 yards (1.8 average) and they threw for 90 (9 yard

average).

Doc Fullmer was a main stay for the Mules on defense and made eight solo tackles and had four assists. Two tackles were for losses, one sack, hurried the quarterback three times and had a big hit.

When ask how he was able to get in on so many plays he said, "I think I may be a little faster than what teams are use to facing. I really do not like to talk about me. I will say that as a team we are a faster and stronger defense than most of the teams we have played."

"Our coaches always have good schemes for us and really make playing defense fun. This is a great group and everyone wants to win."

Colton Heinrich and Vasquez each made seven solo tackles and seven assists. Heinrich made two special team tackles and a big hit and Vasquez had two tackles for losses.

Brian Poynor had six solo tackles, three assists, two for a loss, one sack, three hurries, caused a fumble and had a big hit. Alvarado made four solo stops, 10 assists, a sack, two hurries and one big hit. Riley, W. Wood and Vasquez each picked off passes for the Mules.

Riley was 14 of 30 passes for 199 yards and three touch downs. The Mules rushed 26 times for 145 yards (5.6 yard average) for 344 total yards. Vasquez carried seven times for 70 yards, L. Wood had four carries for 37, and Riley ran 10 times for 22.

Ramirez caught three

Players of the Game

- Offensive Player..... Colton Heinrich
- Defensive Player..... Brian Poynor
- Special Teams Player..... Ray Ramirez
- Scout Team Player..... Alex Godinez
- MVP of Game..... Victor Vasquez
- Slobber Knocker..... Doc Fullmer

passes for 91 yards, L. Wood three for 24 and Alvarado caught two for 40. Clayton had two grabs for 17 yards, Zamora had two for six and Vasquez caught one for 20. W. Wood made one grab for one yard. Clayton, Zamora and W. Wood each caught a TD passes.

The Mules will use the week to get ready for the much improved Dimmitt Bobcat team. Dimmitt was

open last Friday and many players and coaches made the Mule's game in Tulia.

The Bobcats finished their non-district season undefeated and opened their district schedule at Highland Park.

They defeated the Hornets 27-0 but fell to Tulia 39-6. Dimmitt will visit the Mules in Benny Douglas Stadium Friday night with the opening kick at 7:30 p.m.

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Dimmitt	4	2	1	1
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Sports

JV Mules stand up to Hornets' trickery; bring home a victory

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mules had to withstand trickery by the Tulia Hornets Thursday in Benny Douglas Stadium.

The Mules came back from an 8-0 deficit to score twice for a 12-8 victory.

Tulia seemed to be able to convert on third a long to keep their first drive alive. Cole Hawkins appeared to have the Hornets play book memorize as he stopped a pitchout for no gain on a first down.

The Hornets scored on a fourth down and six needed for a first from the Mule 29. The quarterback rolled left and made a pitch to the slot back coming back to the right. He pulled up and put a lot of air under the ball to a wide receiver in the end zone.

The Mules could not get back in time to break up the pass. The quarterback rolled around the left end for the



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Mule Alex Godinez runs a kickoff back for a touchdown.

two-point conversion. The Hornets led 8-0 with 2:03 left in the first period.

Tulia kicked off and Alex Godinez made the catch at the 25 and started up field. He had a wall of blockers protecting him as he scooted 75 yards for a TD. It had only taken 13 seconds for the Mules to answer the

Hornet touchdown. The two-point conversion failed and the Mules trailed 8-6.

The Mule defense stiffened after the first Hornet tally and despite giving up a few first downs they held Tulia out of the end zone.

Jared Skipworth punted for the Mules on the final

play of the first period. The ball rolled out of bounds at the Tulia 13. The Hornets picked up two first downs and reached the Mule 48.

Hawkins and friends shut down the first play for no gain. Juan Gonzales broke through the line for a sack on second down and pushed the Hornets back four yards. Godinez got a hand on the ball and knocked it to the turf on third down. The Hornets were forced to punt and it rolled dead on the Mule 38.

The Mule offensive line blasted a hole in the left side and Caleb Conner shot through for 15 yards. Conner took a pitch and broke a tackle for five more. Conner blasted up the middle for eight yards to put the Mules on the Tulia 37.

Conner showed he could also catch a pass as the Mules set up a screen pass to him. He spotted the hole the Mules had opened in the

Hornet defense and he squirted through for a 37-yard TD. The two-point conversion failed but the Mules led 12-6 with 1:02 left in the first half.

The two teams battled between the twenties the second half and neither could reach pay dirt.

Conner was the leading rusher for the Mules with 13 carries for 101 yards. He also caught one pass for 37 yards. Hawkins led the Mule defensive charge with seven tackles and three assists. Godinez made six stops, 10 assists and a big hit.

Nathanial Chavez made six tackles and assisted on four more.

The Mules lead District 2-2A with a 3-0 record. They travel to Dimmitt to battle the Bobcats Thursday night.

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Mule Cross-Country team competes at Sundown

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Muleshoe cross-country teams were in Sundown for the Roughneck Cross-Country Meet.

All three teams from Muleshoe have shown improvement as the season has progressed toward the Dist. 2-2A Meet in Amarillo.

The Lady Mules ran a two and two tenths mile course and took fifth place.

Ashley Cisneros led the

Lady Mules with time of 14 minutes and eight seconds to earn the fifth place medal.

Sara Johnson placed 24th in a time of 15:04 and Cassidy Lowe took 32nd with a 15:22. Vivian Ronquillo ran 54th with a time of 16:10 and Sandy Mojica finished 58th with a 16:22.

The Mules competed on three three-tenth mile course and placed fourth with Sterling Lepard taking the seventh place medal

with a time of 18:24. Gilberto Mojica finished 22nd with a 20:24.

Colby Carpenter ran 27th with a 20:51. Colt Ellis took 40th in a time of 22:07 and Carlos Bustillos finished 56th with time of 27:36.

The JV Lady Mules also ran on the two and two tenth mile course and grabbed second place. Breann Baca was second in the competition with a time of 15:58.

Jenna Whitworth placed

fourth with a 16:35, Jessica Behrends was close behind in fifth place with time of 16:39 and Caitlin Durben ran 22nd with a 17:55.

Ali Eagle finished 23rd in a time of 17:58 and Amelia Clemons finished 33rd with a time of 18:46.

The teams have one more meet before running in the Dist. 2-2A Meet in Amarillo's Thompson Park on Oct. 23 The Region I-AA Meet will be held in Lubbock on Nov. 3.

Freshman Mules defeat Denver City Mustangs, 42-8

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Tulia did not have a freshman team so the freshmen coaches found them a game with the Denver City Mustangs. The Mules kept their record spotless by defeating the Mustangs 42-8.

The Mules forced the Mustangs to three and out

on their first drive. The Mustang punt rolled out of bounds at the Denver City 49. Cooper Washington kept on an option through the right side of the line. Down field blocking cleared the way as Washington galloped 49 yards for a TD.

The two-point conversion failed but the Mules led 6-0 with 8:41 left in the opening

period. Juan Orozco boomed the ball to the Mustang end zone so they started their next drive o their 20.

The Mustangs marched down field on a nine plays and scored to take an 8-6 lead with just under six minutes left in the first frame.

The Mules returned the

ensuing kick to their 40. Juan Sanchez took a handoff up the middle for 12 yards. Joey Ramirez picked up 18 off left tackle and Washington found a hole in the left side also for nine yards.

Ramirez gained four yards on the "Hammer" and Sanchez made five up the

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Watson Junior High has announce the Students of the Week, for the week of Oct. 15 are Diana Salcido, Johnny Debruin, Tessa Garner, Carlos Nunez, Summer Lowe and Louis Guzman.

Freshman Mules football

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middle to move the Mules to the Mustang 14. Washington rolled right and made the defense take him.

As he was hit Washington pitched wide right to Sanchez and he scampered the final 17 yards for the Mules second TD. Washington tossed to Sanchez for the two-point conversion and put the Mules in front 14-8.

The Mule defense almost shut down the Mustangs after they took the lead for good.

The Mules scored on three of their next four possessions. The Mustangs faked a punt on fourth down but failed to pick up the needed yards and the Mules took over at the Mustang 37.

Washington hit Rico Alarcon on a crossing pattern. He cut up field and had to put a hand on the ground to stay up and gained 14 yards. Ramirez took a pitch and rambled 10 yards to the 14.

The Mules ran a reverse end around with Alarcon scampering to the two before he was pulled down. Ramirez scored on a two-yard "Hammer". Washington rolled to the right for a pass on the two-point conversion but had to pull down the ball and powered in for the two

points.

Dameon Snell high pointed the Mustang pass and pulled the ball down at the Mustang 42. Just two plays later Sanchez zipped through a hole in the right side of the line for a 45 yard TD run. Washington found Alarcon in the end zone for the two-point conversion and a 30-8 Mule lead.

Washington picked off a Mustang pass at the Mule 35 and rambled down to the Mustang 38. It only took the Mules four plays to tack on more points. Sanchez led the way for Washington as he gained the final nine yards. The two-point conversion failed and the Mules led 36-8 at the half.

Denver City asked that the clock not stop in the second half but the Mules scored once in the third quarter.

Sergio Montejano tipped a Mustang pass at the line and Ramirez raced to make the interception and returned to the Mule 23. Royce Stroder started into the line and then bounced outside and found green grass in front of him. He

raced 77 yards to pay dirt to extend the Mule lead to 42-8 in the third period.

The Mules rolled up 361 total yards in the time shortened game. They rushed 27 times for 319 yards and completed five of seven passes for 42. Strader led the Mules with four carries for 98 yards.

Sanchez had six attempts for 82 yards and Washington ran six times for 80. Sanchez made three receptions for 25 yards and Alarcon caught two for 17.

Strader made five solo tackles and had four assists. Sanchez had six solos and one assist and Snell had three solos and four assists. Ramirez had six solo tackles with one being for a loss and Alfredo Sanchez made four solo stops.

Washington, Strader, Nathaniel Regalado, Ramirez and Snell all made interceptions for the Mules.

Dimmitt does not have a freshmen team so the Mules have moved their game with Friona up to Thursday night. The Mules will travel to Friona for a 6:30 start time on Thursday.

Eighth grade takes another win

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules kept their district record spotless Thursday with a 45-0 thumping of the Tulia Hornets on Younger Field.

Beau Avila scored three touchdowns on runs of one, 60 and 61 yards and threw a touchdown pass to Carlos Sosa that covered 36 yards.

Issac Baca ran four two TDs from 40 and 50 yards out. He was three-for-three on extra point kicks.

Adelaido Godinez and Jaden Herrera each ran for a two-point conversion.

Avila led the offense with four carries for 127 yards, Baca ran twice for 90 and Eric Orozco rushed twice for 33.

Sosa had one catch fro 36 yards and Saul Elizalde caught two passes for 19.

Pilar Campos led the Mule defense with nine tackles with four being for losses.

Elizalde made five stops,

Freshman fund raiser dinner

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Baca made five stops with one being for a loss and Matthew Ambriz had five tackles with three for losses.

Robert Brewster made four tackles.

Sergio Vasquez had a tackle in the Hornet end zone for a safety and forced a fumble.

Ambriz and Herrera each recovered fumbles for the Mules.

The Mules moved to 3-0 in the District 2-2A race with three games left on their schedule.

They will host the Dimmitt Bobcats Thursday night in Benny Douglas Stadium.

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A Rodent's Tale and the Price of Peace

My wife is a very patient woman. That must be obvious—she married me. And, four sons later, a mother either learns patience or she doesn't survive.

My wife is able to take almost anything in stride. When she was appointed as our town's municipal judge, and I gave the news to one of our missionary sons in Uganda, his reaction was,



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"She should be good at it; she's been laying down the law for years!" Yeah, she deals with most things quite well.

But not mice.

When this normally calm lady sees a mouse in our house or garage, or even suspects one has been there, she is a changed woman. You could almost call it a form of berserk insanity (as opposed to the more technical "non-berserk" form). But it also is tinged with significant amounts of rage. She obviously feels that her house has been violated, and she is unwilling to rest, or, more to the point, to let me rest, until the violator is stone cold dead.

It was a good while back now, but I remember it well. We had been suspecting that our kitchen was being frequented by the little creatures. We weren't completely sure. At least, I wasn't, though

Juana sensed it deeply.

All doubt vanished when we got home from an overnight trip and found a plastic bread bag on the cabinet that had obviously been gnawed and pilfered by a suicidal rodent.

If the mouse had been a craftier sort, he could have lived to a good old age. We don't leave a lot of food out, but a surreptitious nibbler probably could have lived fairly well. But he got careless. He gnawed too obviously and displayed a shocking lack of personal hygiene.

I knew there would be no peace until one of us—the mouse or me—was dead.

So I baited a trap with peanut butter and left it on the kitchen floor near the rodent's suspected point of entry. Then I turned off the lights in the kitchen and went back around to work in a corner of the living room.

Just a few minutes later, I heard the loud "pop!" And I rounded the corner to find that we had caught not one mouse but two, dispatched with one blow, done in by a fatal love of peanut butter. And then I woke up the lady who'd put out the contract on the mice to tell her the good news that, finally, I—I mean, the household—could have a little peace.

Hey, if a bit of wood and wire and peanut butter is all it takes to bring some peace, those things are cheap!

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

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Newcomer wins weekly football contest

By Leah Bell

General Manager

Either the pressure got to contest leaders this week or the games I chose to highlight were just too easy because I've never seen a traffic jam of contestants like this — and every one of them thought they were on their way to the top spot. Detour!

Missing only two or three games wasn't good enough to win in Week 7, so all of you except two were out of luck this time around. The week's win went to a newcomer — Charlotte Field. She'll get the \$25 top prize and 10 points for her effort.

Just missing out on the win

and having to settle for second place is someone who wants it as badly as anyone, Bruce Bruns, whose guess of 47 on the tiebreaker was too high to keep him atop the heap.

He and Field both missed just one game, but Field was also only one point away from the actual tiebreaker score of the Friona versus River Road battle which ended with the Chieftains winning 36-0.

Field guessed 35 points would be scored betwixt the two teams.

Places three through 10 all missed two games and so had to be determined by tiebreaker guesses as well. What a mess, but oh what fun!

Finishing out the top 10 and garnering the week's cumulative points was third — Brandon Acevedo (8 pts.), fourth — Jan King (7 pts.), fifth (tie) — Rene Valle and Travis Bessire (6 pts.), seventh — Sue Bessire (4 pts.), eighth (tie) — Terry Field and Darin Bratcher (3 pts.) and 10th — Starla Ellis (1 pt.).

Valle and Terry Field were the only top contenders to score cumulative points again this week. Other top contenders were way down in the pack for the most part.

Just out of the points in week seven was Fernando Toscano, J.C. Orozco, Weldon Smith, Claire Brown and Sue and Gerald Bond who tied for 15th place.

Games that confounded players this week were Claude's 34-18 win over Farwell, Beaver beating Hooker 36-8, Bovina outlasting Sudan 35-7 and Big Spring's 26-16 win over Plainview.

Cumulatively speaking, here's the point totals after seven weeks of competition: Rene Valle 38, Joe Flores 31, Sandra Orozco 24, Weldon Smith 23, Rosalinda Toscano 18, Terry Field 17, Brandon Acevedo 17, Vicki Gonzales 17, Bruce Bruns 16, Richard Orozco 16, Sherri Harrison 15, Claire Brown 15, Fernando Toscano 13, Jan King 12, Tommy King 12, J.C. Orozco 12, Charlotte Field 10, Starla Ellis 10, William Orozco 10, Travis Bessire 9, Fabian Martinez 9, Gerald Bond 8, Sam Gonzales 8, Patricia Orozco 8, Debbie Weir 7, James Buie 6, Gabriel Acevedo 6, Sue Bessire 4, Rudy Gonzales 4, Rosa Rey 4, Darin Bratcher 3, Felipe Gonzales 2, Scott Brown 2 and Veronica Gonzales 2.

Other players and how they fared this week: Vicki Gonzales 18th, Joe Flores 19th, Tommy

King 20th, Sandra Orozco 21st, Richard Orozco 22nd and James Buie 29th.

If you have missed playing these first seven weeks, your chances of winning the \$200 grand prize exist only if you have earned points in the competition already.

Three weeks remaining means it's still up for grabs to the folks listed above with at least nine points — if Valle will do the gentlemanly thing and stay out of the top ten positions from now on!

But remember, we do award \$25 each week to the first place finisher so it's worth playing even if you don't win the top prize of \$200. Twenty-five dollars almost pays for half a tank of gas in an SUV and in most cases does pay for whole year's subscription to the Journal! Wink.

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Hornets score against seventh grade Mules

First time in season

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Tulia Hornets were the first team to score on the seventh grade Mules this season. The touchdown did not come against the powerful defense of the Mules but a kickoff was returned for a TD.

The Mules did not allow the tally to bother them as they went on to dispose of the Hornets 22-6.

"We mishandled a punt and Tulia covered the ball on our four-yard line," said Mule coach Jimmy Wilson. "Our defense pushed them backwards four straight plays to give us the ball. I was really proud of that goal line stand by the kids."

Junior Baca led the Mule offense with 12 carries for 140 yards and three

touchdowns. He also scored a two-point conversion. Caleb Wood had three rushes for 17 yards and Xavier Reyes carried twice for 10 yards. Osmar Diaz caught a Reyes pass for a two-point conversion.

Shawn Atwood and Ryan Johnson had eight tackles apiece and each recovered a fumble. Wood made six stops and Isaiah Guerrero made five stops with two being sacks. Alex Vidana had five tackles.

The Mules remain undefeated on the season with a perfect 5-0 record and lead Dist. 2-2A with three wins and no losses.

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Heritage Foundation News



Ballet Folklorico Dancers at the heritage meeting.



SCAC members helped with the Muleshoe Heritage Center's annual board meeting and also donated \$1,900 to the Heritage Foundation. The members present included: Front row — Courtney Mardis, Morgan Smith, Kelsey Tipps, Janae Pyle and Kathryn Owens; middle row — Cassie Steinbock, Jacy Lawrence, Caitlyn Wills, Tanner Bales, back row, Juan Carlos Salamonca, Colby Carpenter, Patrick Precure, Jackson Myers and Colt Ellis.



Jean Allison is honored by 2007-2008 Student Community Action Club president Kelsey Tipps at the September meeting in the home of Janae Pyle.

Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Board members were excited to begin a new Heritage Center Year Monday evening on Oct. 15, at the Santa Fe Depot.

Board president Joe Bob Stevenson called the meeting to order and asked Gary Hooten to give the opening prayer.

The first order of business was to elect officers for the coming year.

The following were elected: President — Joe Bob Stevenson; vice president — Jay Cage; secretary — Jennie McVicker; assistant secretary — Sheila Stevenson; treasurer — Gary Hooten; publicity chair — Jean Allison; assistant publicity chair — Ann McElroy

Stevenson then introduced and welcomed two new board members — Kenneth Henry and Torn Watson.

Secretary McVicker read minutes of the September meeting which were approved.

Treasurer Hooten gave an explanation of the financial report compiled by David Sudduth, CPA.

A motion was made and approved to set aside the balance from the Ray and Donna West donation to be used to improve the recently purchased Hwy. 84 frontage property where Sain Irrigation was previously located.

Stevenson appointed Kenneth Henry to head the committee to develop this new land acquisition.

Ladene Spears, manager of the Heritage Thrift Shop, reported that the Thrift Shop had a great month but that repairs are needed on the parking lots on both sides of the store.

Stevenson appointed Tom Watson to investigate possible people to do these repairs and the cost.

Watson will bring a report to the next meeting.

It was reported that a windmill expert will come next week to explain what is needed to complete the restoration of the vintage Eclipse windmill.

The meeting was interrupted when members of the Student Community Action Club (SCAC) and sponsors came.

Each member gave his or her name and SCAC president Kelsey Tipps presented a donation to the Foundation for \$1,900.

SCAC members requested that their donation be used to either repair or replace the deck and ramp to the Santa Fe Depot.

Board members agreed.

The SCAC members were congratulated for their support since its inception in 1983.

SCAC is an honorary board member of the Heritage Foundation and participates in all Heritage Center activities.

To date, the SCAC has contributed more than \$30,000 to the Heritage Center.

Sheila reported that Alice Liles has organized a presentation by the

American Wind power Center about the importance of this technology.

The public is invited to attend this free 45-minute presentation on Monday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. at the Depot.

Light refreshments will be served.

This program is funded in part by a grant from the Xcel Foundation.

Science and history teachers are requested to encourage their students to attend.

The board members again thanked fellow board members Sammie Simpson and Ann McElroy for all they have done for the center.

Sammie and her husband, Ted, have coordinated and worked on the restoration of the Figure 4 Ranch House and the Virginia City Hotel.

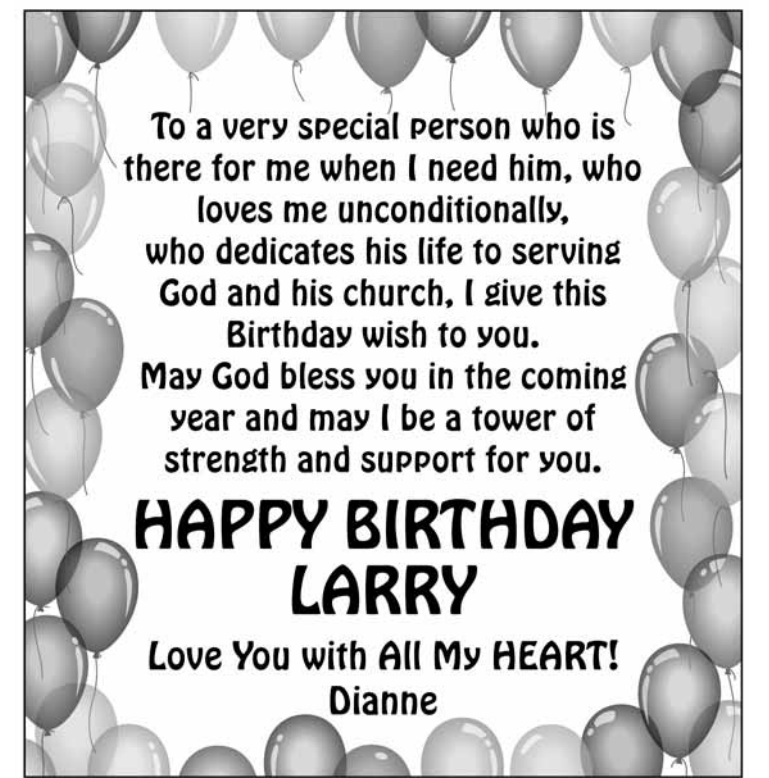
McElroy writes grant proposals — many of which have been funded — and prepares follow up reports to grant makers.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The following members present: Joe Bob Stevenson, President; Sheila Stevenson, Secretary; McVicker, Treasurer; Hooten, Publicity Chair; Jean Allison, Gene Rodgers, Ann McElroy, Sammie Simpson, Lonnie Adrian, Jay Cage, Ladene Spears, Lavonne McKillip and new members Kenneth Henry and Tom Watson.

Watson was a member of the first Muleshoe Heritage Center Board in 1983.

He and his wife moved from the area and recently returned. Tom said he was impressed by all that has been accomplished since he left.



NOTICE OF AN ELECTION (NOTICIO QUE SE LLEVARA A CABO UNA ELECCION)

To the Registered Voters of the County of Bailey, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Bailey, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on November 6, 2007, for voting in a general election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

(Noticio, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se ariran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., el 6 de Noviembre 2007, para adoptar o rechazar la enmiendas propuestas constitucional asi como fueron sometidas por la 80 Legislatura Sesion Regular, de la Estado de Tejas.)

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Precinct (Precinto) 1 Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 West American Blvd., Muleshoe, Texas
Precinct (Precinto) 2 Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 West American Blvd., Muleshoe, Texas
Precinct (Precinto) 3 Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 West American Blvd., Muleshoe, Texas
Precinct (Precinto) 4 Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 West American Blvd., Muleshoe, Texas

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted:
(Votar temprano por la apariencia personal se conducira:)

Bailey County Courthouse
300 South First Street
Muleshoe, Texas 79347

October 22, 2007-October 26, 2007, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

October 29, 2007-November 2, 2007, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Octubre 22, 2007-Octubre 26, 2007, Lunes-Viernes, 8:30 asta mediodia y las 1:00-5:00
Octubre 29, 2007-Novembre 2, 2007, Lunes-Viernes, 8:30 asta mediodia y las 1:00-5:00

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Paula Benton, Bailey County Clerk
300 S. 1st Street
Muleshoe, Texas 79347
806-272-3044

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: October 31, 2007.

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el: 31 de Octubre, 2007.)

Issued this the 15th day of October, 2007.
(Emitada esta dia 15 de Octubre de 2007.)

Sherri Harrison
Sherri Harrison, County Judge
(La Juez de Condado)

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- KUSTOM KEEPSAKES

THANK YOU!

THE MULESHOE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR 2007 MULE DAYS CELEBRATION. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE MULESHOE COUNTRY CLUB, CHRIS FONTANILLA AND JEFF FONTANILLA FOR MAKING THE 1ST ANNUAL MULE-DUEL GOLF SCRAMBLE HAPPEN! THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HELPED WITH THE PREPARATION FOR MULE DAYS. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE BOOT SCOOTER BAND FOR SERENADING US AT THE STREET DANCE AT THE END OF THE EVENING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO EVERYONE!

Senator says: Texas' medical leadership is saving lives

The ancient Greek physician Hippocrates considered medicine, "the most distinguished of all the arts."

Indeed, medical research is one of science's most exciting fields. Each new breakthrough saves lives, improves health and leads to a higher quality of life for Americans.

I am proud that Texas is at the forefront of scientific progress in many areas, and is a world leader in medical research.

Earlier this month, Congress passed a bill I authored to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Michael DeBakey, who is one of our nation's greatest surgeons and medical innovators.

Dr. DeBakey is chancellor emeritus of the Baylor College of Medicine and a worthy recipient of the highest civilian award Congress can bestow.

A veteran of World War II, Dr. DeBakey developed the Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (M.A.S.H.) units that saved thousands of lives during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.

He was later instrumental in the establishment of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center System.

He is also internationally recognized for inventing or refining several very successful medical techniques and devices, including the heart transplant procedure, the roller pump in heart-lung machines and the DeBakey Ventricular Assist Device.

Dr. DeBakey's accomplishments revolutionized cardiovascular medicine, and are mirrored by the achievements of our state's many brilliant medical minds.

Dr. Denton Cooley, founder of the Texas Heart Institute, participated in the world's first open-heart surgery, performed the first successful heart transplant in the U.S. and implanted the first artificial human heart.

Dr. Julio Palmaz, a radiology professor at the University of Texas Health



Capitol Comment

By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSC-SA), invented the stent that has become a crucial part of angioplasty procedures.

Our talented Texas researchers are standing on the shoulders of these giants and leading efforts to tackle our nation's most pressing health problems.

The Galveston National Laboratory at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) will open in June 2008, and will spearhead nationwide studies of dangerous emerging diseases such as the West Nile virus, SARS, and avian influenza. UTMB won a very competitive National Institute of Health bidding process to host this Level 4 Biocontainment lab.

It is one of only two such facilities in the nation — the other is at Boston University.

The information we gain from UTMB's work will help protect Americans from potentially deadly outbreaks and bioterrorism attacks.

As the only medical school on the U.S.-Mexico border, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso (TTUHSC-El Paso) is ideally placed to address the serious health issues the region faces.

It is a leading investigator of new and re-emerging diseases, such as tuberculosis and hepatitis, which occur at a higher rate along the border than in either the U.S. or Mexico.

This is why I have provided funding for research at TTUHSC-El Paso, and helped created the Border Health Commission in 1994.

Today, I am working with my colleagues to pass The Border Health Security Act of 2007 to continue to combat diseases that are transmitted across the border.

And, Texas' leadership includes the very latest in medical science.

Our Alliance for NanoHealth is leading the way in the developing field of biomedical nanotechnology.

This unique partnership is made up of seven outstanding Texas institutions: the UT medical schools in Houston and Galveston, the UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Rice University, the University of Houston, Texas A&M University and Baylor College of Medicine.

It brings together scientists from many different fields to find ways to treat illness at the cellular and even molecular level.

Researchers have learned that action taken on the

smallest scale may combat the most destructive diseases.

Dr. Mauro Ferrari, one of the founding fathers of this field, has been recruited to be the Alliance's president.

The cutting-edge

discoveries that we make here in Texas and the leadership we provide can help save lives throughout our nation and the world. Medical breakthroughs can also be powerful economic producers, and they help our

state continue to attract the world's best minds.

It is my privilege to support the institutions, doctors and scientists that make these advances possible, and I will continue to champion their efforts as your senator.

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.

Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home.

Texas Tech to offer autism, visual impairment seminar

Texas Tech University's Virginia Murray Sowell Center for Research and Education in Visual Impairment is taking registrations for the Ninth Annual Sowell Center Distinguished Lecturer Series scheduled at 9 a.m. Nov. 10 in the English/Philosophy Building on the Texas Tech campus.

The subject is "Autism Spectrum Disorders and Visual Impairment," featuring guest lecturers D. Jay Gense and Marilyn H. Gense.

The Genses' presentation will address differential diagnosis, social skills and orientation and mobility. Jay is director of Special Schools and Programs with the Oregon Department of Education.

Marilyn is a special education coordinator with Willamette Education Service District. In 2005 their award-winning book "Autism Spectrum Disorders and

Visual Impairment: Meeting Students' Learning Needs" was published by AFB Press.

Cost of the lecture is \$80 if registered by Oct. 26, and \$100 thereafter.

The fee includes lunch and snacks as well as 6.5 hours of Academy for Certification of Visual Rehabilitation and Education Professionals — approved continuing education units.

For registration or more information, contact Robin Rekieta at (806) 742-1997, ext. 233, or at robin.rekieta@ttu.edu

PTA Fall Festival

Saturday, October 27
6 PM to 9 PM
Bailey County Coliseum

Costume contest begins at 5 PM

For details, call Monica Tyson at 272-2015.

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Correction...

Typographical errors occurred in the article about Marsella Jennings, printed in the Oct. 4 issue of the Muleshoe Journal.

The Journal recognizes the error, and apologizes for any inconvenience it might have caused.

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