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## Oktoberfest 2008 is just around the corner

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Plans have been announced for Oktoberfest 2008 in Muleshoe, with a wide variety of activities scheduled for the enjoyment of all in attendance at the Saturday, Oct. 18 event.

This year's activities will also commemorate the 95th anniversary of the city of Muleshoe, and the 90th anniversary of Bailey County.

"I am honored to take part in the Oktoberfest celebration which will include recognizing the 90th Birthday of Bailey County and the SCAC's 25th Anniversary," said County Judge Sherri Harrison. "I am proud to have served on the first SCAC board, which was organized in September 1983."

Among this year's events are:

- Pancake breakfast at

the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, 7 - 10 a.m.

• Judging of pies and decorated pumpkins from 12 noon - 2 p.m. (Entries may be dropped off at Muleshoe Heritage Center between 8 a.m. and 12 noon.)

- Entertainment, fun

and food at the Muleshoe Heritage Center, from 2 - 5:30 p.m.

The event will include the Folklorio Dancers, Native American Dancers, a pop music concert, guided tours of the Heritage Center, and cowboy coffee will be served from a vintage



chuckwagon.

There will also be a Putting Contests at Muleputt, and of course the Pumpkin Launching.

• Recognition ceremonies, 5:30 - 6 p.m.

Among the events and groups being recognized are Muleshoe's 95th anniversary; Bailey County's 90th anniversary; SCAC Kids, Kermit Price, etc.; past presidents of the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation; and

contest winners.

• Dinner - Muleshoe Meals on Wheels, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

• Old Fashioned Gospel Singing, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The singers include Monty and Mary Lou Leavell, Curtis Shelburne, the Baptist Church Singers, and others.

For additional information, contact the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture at 272-4248.

## Precinct #3 commissioner candidates speak out

As part of the *Muleshoe Journal's* continuing effort to keep the voting public informed, candidates for the position of Bailey County Precinct #3 Commissioner - incumbent Joey Kindle and Richard Warren - were asked to respond to questionnaires.

Joey Kindle was born in Littlefield, and has lived in southwest Bailey County all of his 53 years.

He graduated from Three-Way High School in 1973, and married in June of that same year.

"I went straight into farming with my father, R. R. Kindle, Sr., who was a county commissioner



JOEY KINDLE

from 1949-1956," he said. "I started farming on my own in 1975, filed to run for office in 1983 and was elected as county commissioner in 1984.

Kindle was sworn into office on Jan. 1, 1985. "I have been serving the



citizens of Bailey County since that time," he said. "I continue and still have a desire to see that all of Bailey County continues to be represented to the very best of my ability."

Richard Warren was born and raised in Muleshoe and

is a lifetime residence of Bailey County Precinct 3

"My wife, Rickie Stockard Warren, and I were married in 1972 and have farmed in Precinct 3 for 36 years," he said. "We have three children who live in Bailey County. Rebecca Reynolds



RICHARD WARREN

who owns Decorator's Floral; Rhonda Kline - who is married to Scott Kline, and is the manager of the Muleshoe Vet Supply; and Russell Warren who also farms in Bailey County. We have four grandchildren."

Please list your

qualifications for County Commissioner, and explain why you think you are the best candidate for the position.

Kindle - I have 23+ years of experience in serving as your county commissioner, and 23+ years of experience serving on the South Plains Association of Government Board of Directors. I served 10 years on the SPAG Executive Committee, 15 years on the SPAG Board Liaison to the Aging Committee, and as a Caprock Finance board member. The experience of serving with five different

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JOHNNY MARTINS

### Search continues for missing youngster

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

A year ago this week, terror struck at the home of a Muleshoe parent as his son was abducted by a noncustodial parent and carried south of the border into Mexico.

On Sept. 23, 2007, Johnny Martins, the son of Peter Martins of Muleshoe, was allegedly abducted by his mother, Margaret Friesen, after he was placed in his father's custody at the recommendation of Child Protective Services.

But the situation was

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Photograph by Stacy Conner

### Push 'em back!

The Mules offensive line was hard at work against the Golden Cranes Friday. Pictured above, the Mule linemen punch a hole through the Cranes' defense for an unidentified Mule running back. The #2-ranked Cranes met the Mules on Denver City's neutral territory, and learned the hard way that Muleshoe ISD's mascot may be the Mules, but Bailey County is also the home Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge and the "whooping cranes."

## MAHD figures look better toward end of budget process

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The budget workshop at Thursday's special Muleshoe Area Hospital District meeting was a little brighter than other such discussions of late do to changes that at least pulled the district's numbers out of the red and into the black.

According to David Burke, MAHD's chief financial officer, the decision to look at raising the hospital's service fees, bringing them in line with other hospitals

across Texas, would inject an additional \$400,000 into the budget. However, he was quick to point out that he estimated revenue increase wouldn't solve the hospital's problems alone.

Reportedly, the district hasn't raised fees for lab services or hospital room rates, etc., for almost three years.

After surveying other hospitals outside the region to avoid allegations of price fixing, it was determined that with approximately the same

number of lab and x-ray procedures the estimated revenue for the hospital would increase by \$300,000, while similar increases in room rates would bring in

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about \$100,000 more that last year.

According to Ray Mason, administrator of the Muleshoe Area Medical Center and CEO of the hospital district,

these figures don't take into consideration the hospital's contractual agreements, such as Medicaid, Medicare or payment contracts with individual insurance companies which will reduce the amount actually received, but also don't include the anticipated procedures from the Wednesday clinic by Dr. Garry Owens of Lubbock.

When asked by the board if he was comfortable about the new figures he'd been presented, Burke said, "I'm

putting my faith in the people who have said they could increase the revenue."

Burke said the hospital district doesn't have a real problem with expenses, adding that the cash flow problems the district is experiencing has been due to decreased revenue, and especially collections.

He added that steps are being planned for after the budget process to address the district's extreme

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### Local Weather

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**Friday**  
Sunny..... 84/51

**Saturday**  
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### Noah's Ark Fling

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

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

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

### Borger benefit dinner

The Borger Band Booster Club will be hosting its annual "Tailgate Dinner" on Friday, Sept. 26, at the American Legion Building, across from the Aluminum Dome and next to Bulldog Stadium.

The dinner will consist of a brisket sandwich, beans, chips and dessert. There will also be hamburgers and hot dogs available. The cost for the dinner is \$5 per plate.

Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Borger Bands.

If you have any questions, call Gail at 206-1305, Kristi at 886-3184, or the band hall at 273-1029, ext. 140.

### Alzheimer's Disease Support Group

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

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

### MAMC blood drive

Muleshoe residents can donate blood on Monday, Sept. 29, at the Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 S. First, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Those eligible to donate blood are encouraged to give now, since United Blood Services is on Critical Appeal for "O negative" blood types.

Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Additional height and weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and donors who are 16 must have signed permission from a parent or guardian.

Donors are asked to bring a photo identification and donor card every time they donate. First-time donors receive a donor card with their blood type in the mail shortly after their first donation. Call Melba King at 272-4857 to make an appointment.

### Historic village open for tours

Muleshoe's historic village offers an authentic look at life in the early days of our area. Free, guided tours are available Monday - Friday, from 1-5 pm.

The facilities may also be used for private parties and community events. The village is operated by the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation, a 501c3 charity. Donations are always needed. Call 272-5873 for more information.

### Pre-game ticket sales

Muleshoe ISD will have pre-game general admission football ticket sales Wednesday through Friday during the season for home games only. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Tickets will be available at the administration office and the high school office.

### Dillman ribbon cutting set

Ribbon cutting ceremonies at Dillman Elementary are scheduled for Sept. 30, at 6 p.m., in front of the new entrance.

The Watson Junior High addition has also been completed, and similar ceremonies for that addition will be scheduled in the near future.

### BCCC meeting set

Bailey County Concerned Citizens will be meeting on Oct. 6, at 7 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum.

## TEEF 'Simply Christmas' program set for October

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

The program will provide step-by-step instructions on decorating a Christmas tree, home decorating ideas, quick gifts, and recipes to use for gifts and entertaining.

The first Bailey County Home Demonstration Council was formed in 1935.

The primary purpose for organizing the Texas Home Demonstration Clubs was to establish a scholarship for a deserving 4-H girl.

Currently, the Texas Extension Education Association gives 12 \$1,500 scholarships across the state of Texas to deserving 4-H members.

The mission of TEEA is to work with Texas AgriLife Extension Service to strengthen and enrich families through educational programs, leadership development, and community development.

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



## Tip Your Hat

### Something positive at MAHD

We continue to be impressed by the most recent addition to the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's administrative staff - David Burke, who took over as the financially strapped hospital district's chief financial officer a few months ago.

Anyone who has been attending the board meeting, or read a story about the district's money woes, since Burke's arrival has probably been impressed with his straight-forward, "no-holds-barred," attitude about resolving the district's long-time problems.

Is it going to be easy? No. There's a lot of hard work, and tough decisions ahead... tough decisions for the MAHD's board of directors, the administration, and the district's voters.

But with what appears to be much clearer financial information available to those charged with making the decisions, the district's future is already starting to look brighter.

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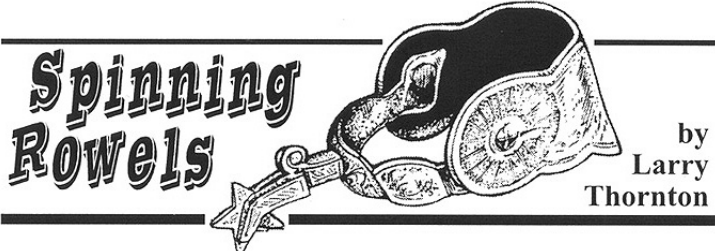
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## Voting for the best 'uncertified' teacher

Alright, lets have a show of hands... How many would really like their children taught by one of the presidential candidates?

...That's what I thought... I wouldn't either.

I'm not saying that either one of them is better educated than the other. And I'm not saying that one is calmer, or less shallow, or anything like that.

What I'm saying is that you don't hire a plumber to work on your car, and you don't hire a mechanic to perform brain surgery.

If trained professionals aren't going to be doing the work, I sure don't want them passed off to an instructor whose primary interest is public opinion polls rather than what's happening in the classroom.

"What's 4 plus six?" "Well, according to the latest blog-space results, it's either 10, or the gross national product of Iceland... let me check with my assistant and get back to you on that."

Or, "Bobby, you can't go out to recess until you've conjugated the verb in the sentence, and shown how it can best be used to stop a filibuster over the proper distribution of pork-belly projects within your senate district."

On the other hand, it might be how we could finally get rid of the TAKS testing. We'll bring in the politicians from Austin and let them have some classroom experience.

Come to think of it, it might be the solution to a lot of our problems, also, and not just with education.

Have a problem with roads in your area?

Just hand that senator a shovel and let him, or her, throw in some asphalt on a hot afternoon.

Have a problem with funding for law enforcement?

Just tie a \$5 bill to the neck of a state representative and toss him, or her (We've got to be politically correct, after all.) out in the most crime-ridden portion of the state capitol. Granted, there's a possibility that the ones chasing the representative down the street are other elected officials, but that's the price you pay for associating with politicians.

Have a problem out in the pig pen? ...Well, boy, did you come to the right place.

As for watching football, I'll vote for the viewing partner with the best refreshments on hand... as long as he or she isn't a Broncos fan.

## Precinct 3 candidates respond to questionnaire

Continued from page 1 county judges and 11 different county commissioners.

When I first was sworn into office it wasn't mandatory to have continuing education hours, but each year the commissioners would travel to A&M and attend the V.G. Young Institute on county government.

These seminars were a great asset to all of us and provided us with valuable information. In 1987 Texas legislators

passed law requiring county commissioners to complete 16 hours of continuing education.

In October 2005, at our state annual County Judge's and Commissioners Association meeting in Lubbock, I was awarded a certificate of completion of "Advanced Curriculum 2000" which is attained by very few elected officials in the State of Texas.

**Warren** — I've been farming as the operator and

manager, property owner and taxpayer for 36 years.

I also had to operate and manage on a strict budget from year to year to maintain cost, maintenance and repairs. I've always been a negotiator in purchases, leases, expansions, insurances in relation to personal and business expenditures.

I believe all the above would make me a valuable commissioner.

*What do you perceive to*

*be Bailey County's greatest assets?*

**Kindle** — Bailey County has always impressed me in the fact that compared with other surrounding counties, Bailey County has remained a thriving and adaptive community.

Other small towns have dwindled or barely exist. Muleshoe has managed to not only hold its own, but continues to welcome new business and is striving to diversify the tax base.

**Warren** — Our greatest assets are our county taxpayers who work and live in our small communities, and are are trying to survive and continue in business. I fully believe that it's important to strive and keep people in this area.

*What do you perceive to be the greatest problems faced by the county, and how would you suggest these problems be addressed?*

**Kindle** — Increasing the tax base... promoting economic development by adding new properties and businesses to the existing tax roll and pursuing new industry such as the wind farms.

And, unfunded mandates... the state continues to decrease funding while passing on the responsibility to local governments.

**Warren** — The greatest problems are in budgeting and managing of the taxpayers' dollars.

These problems can be resolved with open lines with the taxpayers and controlling the governing body of the county.

## Letter to the Editor

### AccessCare addresses dialysis unit opening delay

**To the Editor:**

I am writing to the citizens of Muleshoe in regards to the opening of the AccessCare Dialysis Center.

I have been doing dialysis in the state of Texas for 16 years and am aware of the hardships you face having to commute to surrounding areas for dialysis treatments.

I understand the hardships this places on you, as patients, and your families. I would like to take the opportunity to give you some information related to the opening of the AccessCare facility.

In terms of the equipment and supplies we have been ready for quite some time. With regards to staff, we have them in place. The registered nurse, Mr. Mike Skiles, has moved his family here from the state of Missouri to operate the clinic. He has many years of experience and is an asset to the success of the

facility.

The patient care technician, Jolie Connley, is a native of Sudan, and has many years of service as well. She has left her position in Lubbock to serve the dialysis patients of your community and surrounding areas.

That being said we are waiting for the Texas Department of Health to inspect the facility. This is a mandatory step prior to them issuing a license and is a mandatory step we cannot avoid.

Unfortunately, we have little control over when they will come for this inspection, although we have been told it will be very soon. This probably would have happened much sooner, however, Hurricane Ike did cause some delays.

We have received confirmation that the state will visit the facility the week of Oct. 6, however, we continue to push for

and expect an inspection sooner.

We, at AccessCare, want you all to know that we are committed to you, your families, and you community. It does take some time to get these facilities open and I assure you we will open the facility.

Again, our hope and goal, is to eliminate the hardships you face, to deliver the highest quality treatment available, and to do so in the safest most comfortable environment in dialysis today.

I hear your frustration and invite you to call me anytime with questions and concerns you may have. My cell phone number is 817-715-3517. Please leave me a message if you do not reach me and I will return your call promptly.

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# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Congratulations to Don and Laura Seales on their 60th wedding anniversary. They are really blessed to have each other this many years and still be as active as they are. God Bless You.

Thursday, Sept. 25, will be the birthday party for all you seniors with birthdays

in September.

Come join us at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center for lunch and to be honored for your birthday.

Pat and W. T. Watson will be furnishing the beautiful music.

The beautiful queen-size quilt Shug Killough and Marie Goforth donated to the center is on display.

The quilt is red, white and blue, very patriotic and will be given away on Nov. 11. Tickets are \$2 for one or three for \$5.

Support the senior center, come by and see the quilt, buy a ticket, you could be the lucky one.

The flu shots are scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 22 this year. Mark your

calendar. All who are on medicare will need to have their cards with them.

If you are using the parking lot in the back of the building, please be sure you are parked where you do not block the alley. If an emergency unit needed to use the alley we need it to be clear.

We have had several

visitors come by the center this summer. They are all just amazed at our beautiful center.

The board of directors and I appreciate all of who support the center with your donations, your presence to play dominoes, eighty, bunco, bingo, or just come by to have coffee and visit.

We urge you to come by

if you have just moved here and need somewhere to just get our for awhile.

We have a great library, big screen television, exercise equipment, or just walk around the building.

They tell me 14 times around the room is a mile. Come join us for fun and fellowship.

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Why don't I let my Father do for me what I am more than willing to do for my own children?

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## Obituaries

### Sylvia Yarbrough

Funeral services for Sylvia Olivia Yarbrough, 68, were held at Wilshire Park Baptist Church of Midland on Thursday, Sept. 18. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Yarbrough died on Sept. 15, 2008, at the Hospice Home in Odessa. She was born in Clovis, N.M., on April 14, 1940, to FD and Eva Rogers.

She was raised in the Portales and Clovis areas, and graduated from Floyd High School in 1958.

After high school, Yarbrough pursued a career in banking, retiring in 1994. She had lived in Midland since 1982.

She was preceded in death by her father — FD Rogers, and brother-in-law — Raymond Goff.

Survivors include her mother — Eva Rogers; a son — Audie Beimer of Dallas; a son and his wife



SYLVIA OLIVIA YARBROUGH

— Kevin and Janice Beimer of Portales; a daughter and her husband — Lesa and Jacky Merritt of Midland; a daughter — and Sandy Rudd of Midland; two sisters — Clardine Goff of Carlsbad, N.M., and Rosa Preston of Cleburne; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Hospice House of Odessa.

### Carl L. Houston

Graveside services for Carl L. Houston, 73, of Muleshoe were held on Thursday, Sept. 18, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. H. D. Hunter officiating.

Houston died on Monday, Sept. 15, in Southwest Regional Medical Center of Lubbock. He was born on Oct. 15, 1934, in Lamesa, to Ike and Florence Edna Houston.

Houston moved from Shallowater to Muleshoe in 2005 to be near his daughter, Laura Reece. He

was an electrician by trade, and served in the U.S. Navy from 1967 to 1972.

Survivors include a son — John Houston of Shallowater; two daughters and their husbands — Rhonda Lynn and Gaylon Conner and Kristie and Chuck Conner, all of Springlake; a daughter — Laura Reece of Muleshoe; three brothers — Floyd Houston of Littlefield, Elbert Houston of Big Spring and R.C. Houston of Lubbock; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### Girl Scout sign up to be held at Dillman

A Girl Scout representative will be at Dillman Elementary on Monday, Sept. 29, signing up girls for Girl Scouts.

A parent meeting will also be held at Dillman's cafeteria on Sept. 29, at 3:30 p.m.

"We encourage parents to stop by and pick up information or sign up their daughters," said membership specialist Eloisa Soliz of Plainview.

"A question and answer session will be given at this time over our new Girl Scout Leadership Experience," she said.

For additional information, contact Soliz at 1-800-530-4823 or email her at esoliz@gs-top.org.

## Wedding Announcements

### Waldrep, Vaughn to exchange wedding vows

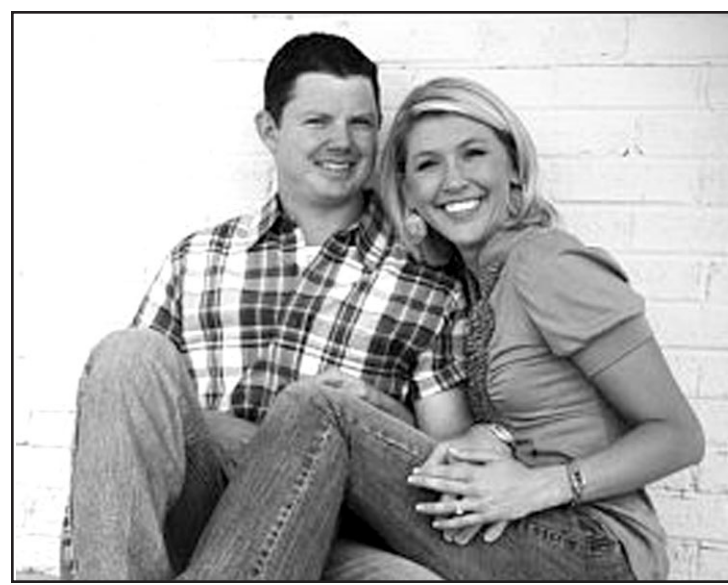
Whitney Lanea Waldrep and Christopher Lee Vaughn will be united in marriage on Sept. 27, 2008, in San Antonio.

The bride is the daughter of Randy and Linda Waldrep of San Antonio, and the granddaughter of Lucy Waldrep of San Antonio.

The groom is the son of Darla O'Grady of Albuquerque, N.M., and grandson of Herb and Betty Ramage of Muleshoe.

The bride graduated with a bachelors from Texas Tech University and masters in Organization Human Relations from Abilene Christian University.

She works for Mrs. Baird's Bakeries in Abilene.



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The groom also graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelors in Restaurant, Hotel, and Institutional Management and currently is general manager of Copper Creek Restaurant in Abilene. The couple will continue to reside in Abilene.

## Education

A note from the Superintendent

### Ribbon cutting at Dillman

By Gene Sheets  
MISD Superintendent

We are going to have a ribbon cutting ceremony on the front steps of Dillman Elementary next week. We invite everyone to come out and tour the new facilities at Dillman. The ceremony will be held Sept. 30, at 6 p.m., in front of the new entrance.

There are many people in the community who have not had an opportunity to tour the inside of the new addition. Please take advantage of this opportunity to see how we have used part of your tax dollars from the \$25 million Bond Program.

This is the first of four additions to our schools from the bond program. We have also completed the Watson Junior High addition, and we will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony for that addition in the near future.

You will love the new addition at Dillman Elementary! The circle drive and parking are great for dropping off and picking up children. The bus lane in the back is wide enough so that when we have special events for parents and community (like a ribbon cutting ceremony), we now have plenty of parking to accommodate large crowds — and the cafeteria will accommodate large groups of parents and students as well.

Once inside the building, you will love all of the color. The ceiling in the commons area is "exposed." There are no ceiling tiles in this area. Students see exposed pipes, air conditioning ducts, and cable trays above them, which are all painted in different primary colors. There is lots of color.

The floor tile has colorful designs, and even each section of the hallway in the classroom wing is painted a different primary color. It's a great building for elementary students.

We now have a very secure front entrance. Visitors must actually enter the office to check in before entering the rest of the building. We are doing everything we can to provide a safe environment for children.

We finally have a cafeteria that will serve enough students so that students can now eat lunch at... lunch time instead of mid-morning.

We have made provision for future growth with room on each side of the classroom wings to build additional classrooms if they are ever needed.

We also have a master plan (for many years from now) to tear down the north side of the campus and build an addition that "mirrors" this new addition on the south side of the campus.

Muleshoe has always been proud of its school system. You can be proud of the latest quality educational facility that your tax dollars have built for our children that will last for many years to come. We are building the future, one student (and brick) at a time!

See you next Tuesday at 6 p.m.!

**Thanks for reading!**

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# Sports

## Mules trample the Cranes in Texas 'Game of the Week'

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules had the score board in Mustang Stadium spinning like a Las Vegas slot machine in the fourth quarter as they rung up 21 points in a span of 47 seconds. The Mules traveled to Denver City to meet the Crane Golden Cranes in a game that Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine had billed as the Game of the Week in Texas.

The two teams were 3-0 going into a game that had all the makings of a post-season spectacular. Crane was ranked as high as number 2 in some polls and certainly in the top ten in most. The Mules were not far behind but had not broken into single digits.

When the score board finally quit spinning the Mules had rolled up a 63 to 41 win over the Golden Cranes. It was the first time the Mules had been on the winning side in a game with Crane according to many long time Mule fans.

"It was our longest week of the year," said Mule coach David Wood. "We can heave a sigh of relief and now we start to get ready for Borger. We will enjoy this win a little bit and then get back to work."

"This was a big win for us and the first time we have beaten Crane since I came to Muleshoe. I can not say enough about our kids for making that big stand on fourth down just before half and then driving 97 yards to take the lead. That showed a lot of character and maturity."

"Our defense does not have to question itself anymore after that goal line stand and then they did it again in the second half. We are a team to be reckoned with and the kids really believe in one another. I am glad to be a part of something like this," concluded Wood.

For the fourth consecutive week the opposition scored the first touchdown. Crane cashed in on a rare Mule turnover after they recovered a Mule fumble 47 yards from pay dirt.

It took six plays for Crane to claim a 7-0 advantage over the Mules. Victor Vasquez returned the ensuing Crane kick up the middle to near midfield. A facemask penalty added 15

yards to the return to set the Mules up on the Crane 36.

Wes Wood shoveled an underhanded toss to Lane Wood on second and five. L. Wood broke a tackle, side stepped another and then followed Mule blocks to end



Mule Lane Wood recovers a fumble during Friday's game against the Golden Cranes. Photograph by Stacy Conner

zone. The point after failed leaving Crane clinging to a 7-6 lead.

A Crane lineman fell on the ensuing kick after Vasquez blasted him with the ball. They started their second scoring drive just inside their end of the field. It took six plays to add a second TD and the point after was good to lead the Mules 14-6 with 3:44 left in the opening period.

Ray Ramirez returned the Crane kickoff from inside the Mule end zone to the 17. It took the Mules seven plays and just over three minutes to march 83 yards to pay dirt. The drive included a conversion on fourth down with W. Wood following his center, Austin Bamert, for the needed yard.

W. Wood hit Vasquez on a post route at the Crane 30. The pass covered 23 yards where Vasquez had to fight through interference for the catch and then out raced the defense to the goal line. W. Wood hit Ramirez in the back corner of the end zone for the two-point conversion to tie the score at 14-14 with 37 seconds left in the first quarter.

Crane reeled off two TDs as the second period got under way and led 28-14 with just over 10 minutes remaining in the half. One TD was a result of W. Wood's first interception of the year and was returned to the end zone.

The Mules came roaring back with Ramirez picking

off a Crane pass at the Mule 10 and returning it to the Crane 14. A penalty was called on the Crane sideline for being on the field and advanced the Mules to the Crane four.

Vasquez leaped into the

for a 41-yard gain on third down. Vasquez picked up 13 on a swing pass to the right side and L. Wood took a toss for 10 more to the Crane 33.

L. Wood blasted up the middle through a seam

lead. That gave us a boost for the second half."

The Mules had seemed to wear down the Cranes in the first three periods and in the fourth they unleashed a scoring burst seldom seen at any level of football. They scored three TDs in 47 seconds.

W. Wood got the rally started with an 11-yard sashay through the Crane defense with 9:29 left in the game. Sanchez made the tackle on the ensuing kickoff and recovered the fumble at the Crane 31.

L. Wood snuck in to the open all alone on the right side for a 31-yard pass and run with 9:02 on the clock. Sanchez made the tackle on the ensuing kickoff at the Crane 28. Nathaniel Chavez stepped in front of the Crane receiver on first down and returned to the Crane seven.

Chavez was rewarded by the Mule offense with a toss from W. Wood to Chavez in the end zone with 8:42 showing. Vasquez kick

capped the Mule's scoring at 61.

The Cranes added their final TD with a 69-yard pass. The two-point conversion failed.

As the score board cooled down the final stats were added up and the Mules had rolled up 525 total yards. W. Wood had completed 24 of 36 attempts for 390 yards, six touchdowns and had two intercepted. The Mules ran 29 times for 135 yards.

L. Wood was the leading rusher with 15 tries for 104 yards and one TD. W. Wood had 10 carries for 23 yards and one score. Vasquez

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# Sports

## Freshman Mules defeat Farwell's Steers; extend season to 3-1

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Farwell Junior Varsity put up a battle before succumbing to the freshman Mules Thursday night. The two teams battled up and down the field and ate up most of the first period before the Mules recovered

a Steer fumble on the Mule 40. Isaac Baca broke out of a pile on the left side of the line and raced 54 yards to pay dirt three plays later. Carlos Sosa tacked on the point after to give the Mules a 7-0 advantage with no time left in the first quarter.

After another miscue by the Steers they stampeded back to make it a close ball game. The Mules were able to turn the herd and prevailed 28-20 to improve their season record to 3-1. The Mules ensuing kick was from the Farwell 45 because of a penalty and

Juan Guerrero squib kicked the ball to the Steer 25. The Mules raced down field and knocked the ball loose and Guerrero claimed it for the Mules at the Steer 25. A pair of penalties set the Mules back to the 37. Beau Avila rolled to the right and found Saul Elizalde open

at the 30. After the catch he battled to the 23 before hitting the turf. Baca banged up the middle on back-to-back plays for the final yardage to put the Mules up 14-0. Sosa added the point after. Farwell partially block a Mule punt and took

possession at the Mule 35 with 1:03 left in the half. A 19-yard TD pass put the Steers on the board with 23 seconds showing on the clock. The two-point conversion failed and the Mules led 14-6. The half was not over  
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## Varsity football

**Continued from page 6** led the Mule receivers with eight catches for 184 yards and two touchdowns. L. Wood made nine grabs for 127 yards and two TDs. Ramirez had to contend with a double team most of the night but still made four catches for 64 yards and one TD. Chavez made three grabs for 15 yards and one tally. The Mule defense held the Cranes to 323 yards

passing and 55 rushing for a total of 378. Eleven Mules broke up a total of 18 passes to slow the Crane offense. Ramirez led the Mule defense with 11 tackles and one interception and broke up two passes. Marshall Head made eight tackles, one for a loss, a sack and hurried the quarterback on eight occasions. Sanchez made six stops, one for a loss, five hurries, and one fumble recovery and broke

up one pass. Alex Godinez made six tackles, two on special teams and broke up two passes. "We are a second half football team on defense," said Lane Wood. "That is not always a good thing but so far it has worked out for us. We fell behind by 14 in the second quarter but came back with a 97-yard drive to take the lead just before half."

"Our coaches see things and tell us the changes we need to make to at half and after we do we have been able to shut down strong teams. The Mules have a lot of heart and we believe in one another." The Mules will travel to Borger to tangle with the Bulldogs Friday night before taking off a week to prepare for the District 2-2A race for the championship and gold ball.

## Orozco captures the win in third week of contest

By Leah Bell  
General Manager

The winner of the third week of competition always confidently walks in the office and announces that this is "the week" - meaning of course that he is prognosticating a win. He's had a hard time backing that confidence up in the past. This week he wasn't just wishing - William Orozco finally made good on his word. He took the \$25 top prize this go around and earned 10 big cumulative points, giving him a total of eleven which relegates his status to seventh place in the cumulative race as of this week. William won the week by missing just one game - incorrectly picking Texas A&M to beat powerhouse Miami - and coming closer to the tiebreaker score than the two other players who also missed just one game and thus came in second and third place this week - Veronica Gonzales and

Zedrick Herrera. No one foresaw a high-scoring game - one that ended with the Mules beating Crane 63-41 last Friday night. In fact, only one contestant even came within 15 points of guessing the final high tally, that contestant being Charlotte Field. Everyone else was much further away, including William who guessed 81 points would be scored between the two teams. The other two players who missed just one guessed 70 and 69 points respectively. Rounding out the top ten places this week, including their cumulative points earned were: Charlotte Field (7 pts.), Devnie Orozco (6 pts.), Jaden Herrera (5 pts.), Sherri Harrison and Troy Moore (4 pts. - tie), Rene Valle (2 pts.), and Tommy King (1 pt.). Just out of the points this week were: Charles Waggoner, Joe Cortez, Sue Bond and Sue Bessire. Here's how some of

you fared this week: Vicki Gonzales-16th place, Gabe Toscano-19th place, Terry Field-22nd place, Travis Bessire-25th place, Linda Flores and Ruben Mata-27th place tie, Felipe Gonzales-31st place, J.C. Orozco-33rd place, Darryl McCamish-35th place, Richard Orozco-37th place, Bruce Bruns-39th place, Charlotte Holt-40th place, Shonda Black-41st place and Donnie McDonald-43rd place. Cumulative points through Week 3: Terry Field-15, Veronica Gonzales-14, Zedrick Herrera-14, Devnie Orozco-14, Jaden Herrera-14, Troy Moore-14, William Orozco-11, Joe Cortez-10, Charles Waggoner-9, James Buie-7, Charlotte Field-7, Donnie McDonald-6, Raymond Villalobos-5, Tommy King-5, Sherri Harrison-4, Gabe Toscano-4, Travis Bessire-4, Linda Flores-3, Rene Valle-2, Ed Dabrowski-2, Fernando Toscano-2, Ruben Mata-1, and Darryl McCamish-1.

Just a reminder, anyone over the age of 12 can play our weekly football contest. It's good family fun! Entries can be mailed to us at: Football Contest, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. They must be received at the Journal office no later than 4 p.m. on Friday prior to that week's games, or be postmarked on that date. Entries may also be emailed to either ctyankee@fivearea.com or advertising@muleshoejournal.com. You need not have an original copy of the contest to enter. Our \$200 grand prize will be awarded after the end of the Mules' regular season to the person gathering the most cumulative points throughout the season. A weekly \$25 prize will be awarded to the individual who makes the least number of incorrect guesses and comes closest to the tiebreaker score for the week.

## Let's Talk About the Value of Contentment

No one ever gets it exactly right, but the right kind of contentment is a precious thing. The quickest way to discom-bobulate contentment is to analyze it to death, but maybe it can bear a little discussion. Contentment and happiness are almost twin sisters—conjoined twins, I'd say, sharing vital organs. Their relationship fascinates me, and my rather ample ears perk up when I hear others musing over such things.

they're basically pleased with what's provided. Hmm. Their work week is shorter than ours and they have three times more vacation time. "Basically pleased." That pretty well describes the Danes. Happy for the Danes to be happy, I'm glad I live here. But I do think we find contentment elusive partly because we're proud of not trusting it. We don't think it's productive. We're wrong. Maybe I'm Danish, but I'd trust trendy "mission statements" more if they'd blather on less about "excellence" and more about "tolerably good generally, better when it's worthwhile, and the best when it's truly called for." Only fools and politicians are so full of themselves that they think genuine "excellence" is possible or desirable in everything. I brush my teeth tolerably well, thank you, not excellently. Neither McCain nor Obama will get the sun to rise, excellently of course, in the south, though either will promise to if you just ask. Some things you just don't get. Perfection is one of them. Families, jobs, products, and life don't have to be perfect to be pretty darn good. Room for improvement? Yes. There is also room for grace, gratitude, and, yes, contentment. A time to leave the office, laugh with your kids, thank God for life and His gifts (the smallest are often the best), lay your head down, and sleep almost excellently well. Balance sheets say almost nothing about genuine success, but St. Paul did indeed say something about this: "Godliness with contentment is great gain."



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

C. S. Lewis once commented that his mother's people "had the talent for happiness in a high degree—went straight for it as experienced travelers go for the best seat in a train." Happiness, a talent? I think so. Some folks just aren't very good at it. A recent 60 Minutes piece caught my attention. Disagree if you wish, but according to that story, more than a few "happiness" surveys consistently show Denmark as at or very near the top. The U.S.? A recent survey said "23rd" or so. Anti-U.S. bias? Maybe. Still interesting. Denmark's climate is not all that cheery or its people all that bubbly. But their level of contentment is quite high. Some factors may make it easier for them. Smaller country. Ethnically and socially non-diverse population. Their massive tax rate and heavy reliance on the government frighten me, but it's the system they're accustomed to and, whatever we think of it,

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

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(Write in your guesses for the score of this game)  
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2. Dimmitt at River Road
3. Floydada at Bushland
4. Friona vs. Stratford
5. Muleshoe at Borger
6. Tulia at Panhandle
7. Littlefield at Slaton
8. Lubbock Roosevelt vs. Post
9. Crane vs. Wall
10. Amarillo Highland Park vs. Claude
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Dianne Gray, Tokio	1	Blk. str.	385 lbs.	at \$141.00
ACU, Morton	2	Red str.	378 lbs.	at \$130.00
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Tim James, Post	1	Blk. bull.	390 lbs.	at \$139.00
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Johnny Paiz, Portales	9	Blk. str.	547 lbs.	at \$118.00
Johnny Paiz	6	Mxd. str.	617 lbs.	at \$111.00
Dianne Gray	1	Blk. hfr.	205 lbs.	at \$310.00
Glenn Neie	7	Blk. hfrs.	305 lbs.	at \$365.00
Edwardo Rodriguez, Hereford	5	Blk. hfrs.	326 lbs.	at \$113.00
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Conrad Delagarza, Idalou	2	Blk. hfrs.	403 lbs.	at \$111.00
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Alkali Cattle, Muleshoe	1	Yell. hfr.	520 lbs.	at \$112.00
Luke Albus, Morton	1	Blk. hfr.	1030 lbs.	at \$83.75
ACU	3	Red cows P7		\$700.00
ACU	1	Brn. cow	1200 lbs.	at \$58.50
WB Ethridge, Morton	1	Yell. cow P7	1330 lbs.	at \$60.00
WB Ethridge	1	RWF bull	1515 lbs.	at \$72.00
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**Leaves:**

- start as \_\_\_\_\_
- face the \_\_\_\_\_ to catch its rays of light
- make the \_\_\_\_\_ for plants and trees
- have a network of \_\_\_\_\_ that carry food, water
- give off \_\_\_\_\_
- of many plants turn bright \_\_\_\_\_ in the fall
- fall from many trees before \_\_\_\_\_

**People:**

- use \_\_\_\_\_ from leaves of the peppermint plant to flavor gum, candy
- get \_\_\_\_\_ from some leaves
- take the long \_\_\_\_\_ from sisal plants to make rope, string
- use leaves from the tea plant to make a \_\_\_\_\_
- use bay, thyme, and sage leaves in \_\_\_\_\_ to flavor food
- \_\_\_\_\_ leaves from cabbage, lettuce plants
- cool off in the \_\_\_\_\_ of trees and their leaves

**Do You Know That:**

- most leaves are \_\_\_\_\_?
- leaves can be \_\_\_\_\_, large, flat, round, long or feathery?
- leaves can have jagged or smooth \_\_\_\_\_?
- parts of the poinsettia plants may be red, white or pink and look like \_\_\_\_\_, but they are leaves?
- the \_\_\_\_\_ of pine trees are leaves?
- the \_\_\_\_\_ - catching parts of the Venus Flytrap are its leaves?
- the climbing \_\_\_\_\_ of the garden pea are also leaves?

**Crossword Puzzles:**

**Puzzle 1:** 5 buds, 1 sun, 4 food veins, 2 oxygen, 3 colors, 7 winter

**Puzzle 2:** 2 edges, 7 tendrils, 5 green, 4 insect, 3 small, 6 flowers, 1 needles

My feathered and furry friends love leaves!

**Leaves and People!**

People will drive miles to look at the beautiful, bright colors of fall foliage. Leaves swirling and floating through the air move us even to write poetry about leaves!

Find and circle these things that people do to and with leaves:

press rake  
collect blow  
display pile  
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**Word Search:**

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**The Changing Color of Leaves**

What do you know about leaves, how they 'turn' colors and finally fall to the ground in the fall? Read all these statements carefully. Then decide the order in which they happen. Number them 1 to 5.

- When all the chlorophyll is drained from the leaf, the tree drops the leaf to the ground.
- Then, as the days get shorter and colder, the chemical chlorophyll stops producing food.
- The chlorophyll begins draining from the leaf.
- The remaining chemicals give the leaf the yellows, oranges and reds that you see in the fall.
- In Spring, a leaf grows and is filled with the chemical chlorophyll which makes the leaf appear 'green.'
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**What Kind of Tree is It?**

When you are playing in a park or hiking in a forest it is fun to try to tell what kind of trees are around you. The height and width of a tree, its coloring, bark and the shape of its leaves all give you clues as to the kind of tree it is. Study the shape of these leaves for a few minutes. Color them in. Then unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks with the names of the trees:

- o a k
- y l h o
- c r b i h
- s a h
- p e m l a



# Choose your ruts... and your candidates... wisely

"Choose your ruts carefully."

Let it be understood at the outset that this has no reference to any public official, or to anyone else except those that might be at the scene. And that is a picture I saw on television a few years ago.

It showed a sign at one end of a "country-like" road that read: "Choose your ruts carefully. You will be in them the next 26 miles."

The scene was in the far north where it stayed severely cold and they were covered up in snow and ice pretty near the year around.

On this occasion however it had warmed up for about two months and a lot of the snow had melted. That caused the road to become so wet, soft and boggy that vehicles travelling over it left deep tracks, or ruts. And



they had two or three sets of such tracks.

So the officials in charge had erected the sign as a caution for those going that way that they should "choose carefully the ruts they would travel in, for the ruts they started in are the ones they would have to drive in from one end to the other or as the sign said, "for the next 26 miles."

It's somewhat like the elections that are coming up on Nov. 4.

They are important. One might say "from the courthouse to the Whitehouse." From constable to the President.

The officials we choose that day are we will live with to the end of their respective terms.

So which ones do we want? Which ones do you want? Which ones do I want? Which ones do we think will render the best services?

I don't really know. Neither does anyone else. But we have the opportunity now to look into it and decide which ones we think might be the best-the ones we can communicate with, that we think we can trust, and that are perhaps blessed with other pleasant features.

They may not be the ones with the most money, are

the most handsome or are the most highly educated, etc. But with me it will be the ones that have views of government similar to mine, and will commit himself seriously to the service.

Those that just seem to be "that kind of a fellow." To me, as a general rule, their gender or the color of their skin is of little importance.

I hear people speaking disrespectfully of our government, and I understand that. But really it's not government as such that is at fault. It's the people we put there who are at fault. It's when they, or we, run astray.

That's where the errors will be found. So we need to keep ourselves as well informed as we can, because this is our way of life. An election is not just a "playhouse."

I therefore would

encourage every eligible voter to get registered and vote, when the time comes. Your vote might make the difference.

President Bush was elected by one electoral vote. Lyndon Johnson was elected Senator by a majority of 87 votes, out of more than a million. A change of

forty five votes would have changed that election. A county commissioner, a few years ago was elected by one vote, and these are not fairy tales.

They are facts. Alexander Campbell once said, "Facts are the most cogent reasons and stubborn arguments in the world."

## Obituaries

### Janie Lou Rodriguez

Graveside services for Janie Lou Rodriguez are scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 27, at 11 a.m. at Muleshoe Cemetery in Muleshoe.

Rodriguez died on Sept. 19, 2008.

Survivors include her husband — Danny Rodriguez; three sons — Danny Rodriguez Jr. of San Antonio, Johnny Rodriguez of San Antonio, and Paul Rodriguez of Lubbock; three sisters — Gloria Andrade of Dodge City, Kan., Pete Espinosa of Albuquerque, N.M., Ramona Handy of Portales, N.M., Christine Gonzales of Muleshoe; and three grandchildren.



# The Sudan Buzz

## Hornets fall to the Chieftains after lightening delay

By Lonnie Wilhite

Lightning can strike twice just ask Coach Chris Fambro of Sudan. His Hornets were trailing the Friona Chieftains 20-0 with 9:03 left in the third quarter Friday night when a lightning delay was called.

It was reminiscent of the first game of the season in Ralls and that game was delayed by forty-five minutes, only the Friona game would not resume.

Sudan was forced to punt on their first possession. That was the first of five punts in only one half of action.

Friona fumble on the ensuing drive at the Hornet 45 yard line. Jae Koontz picked up the loose ball and appeared to be on his way for a touchdown.

A speedy Chieftain tracked him down at the goal line and stripped him of the ball. The official from 35 yards behind the play indicated the ball was loose before Koontz crossed the end line and the ball rolled out of bounds before anyone could recover it for a touchback.

Friona took possession on their 20 yard line. Sudan's

defense was up to the task and forced a Chieftain punt.

Sudan was not able to get their offense untracked and returned the favor with another punt.

Friona took over on the Chieftain 25 yard line and marched 75 yards in just over two minutes. Zach Fair scored on an eight yard run. Rodrigo Vazquez tacked on the extra point for a 7-0 Chieftain lead at the 3:06 mark of the first period.

A low snap was hard to handle and Taylor Soles did his best to get it away but was tackled on the Sudan ten yard line. Friona would quickly score on a Noe Saenz ten yard run up the middle.

Vazquez added the point after for a 14-0 Chieftain lead with 10:26 left in the half.

Sudan's fourth attempt at an offensive drive again wound up in disaster. Soles punt was blocked and gave Friona the ball at the Sudan 11. Raul Licerio finished the short drive with a one-yard end around to take a 20-0 lead with 5:51 left in the half. The extra point attempt failed.

Sudan's ensuing drive stalled and Friona took over on downs at their 38. Friona's drive reached the Hornet 33. That was well with in field goal range of Vasquez.

The 43 yard attempt was blocked and Sudan scrambled to cover the ball on their 40.

The Hornets were able to crank their offense and were again forced to punt. The half ended with Friona

leading 20-0.

Friona had the only possession of the third period before a lightning strike halted the game. Mother Nature's fireworks display continued long enough to end the game.

Sudan is 2-1 in the no district portion of the season and will be home for only the second time this season. They will host the 3-0 Hale Center Owl team for homecoming.

### Sudan news reporter sought

Always fancied yourself a writer? Never fancied yourself a writer but you're willing to try? The Muleshoe Journal is looking for someone to help us gather Sudan news. We'll pay you for your submissions and edit your stories as they need to be - no worries!

If you have a couple of hours a week to "snoop" around town, give Leah Bell a call at 272-4536. Most stories can be gathered via email.

**Sudan booster buttons offered**  
Sudan Booster Club is selling buttons of varsity and junior hHigh football players and cheerleaders. They buttons are \$2 each. Contact Shawnda Wood ay 227-2550 or shawndawood@sudanisd.net to place an order.

**A Note of Thanks**  
On Saturday, September 6, the people of Sudan and the surrounding community came together at the Sudan High School parking lot to celebrate 90 years of excellence in education by the Sudan Independent School District. We also got together to have a good time as a community. It was a great, fun day enjoyed by all who attended. We would like to thank the following people & businesses for their support in making the celebration a success: Bo Lance-Superintendent Sudan I.S.D., Dennis Flowers-General Manager of the Farmers Coop Gin Association of Sudan, Clay Carr-Vice President of First United Bank Sudan, and Johnny King-Owner of King Ag Aviation of Sudan. Without these and their support the celebration would not have been possible.  
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## Ladies Golf Assn. News

The Muleshoe Ladies golf Association met on Wednesday, Sept. 17, with president Jeanetta Precure calling the meeting to order with a prayer of gratitude by LaVerne Winn.

The September birthdays included Analita Haley, Sandi Chtwood, Jeanetta Precure, Jo Rempe and Irene Mason.

Sheila Stevenson call the toll and read the minutes from the August meeting. There were 20 present.

Sheila Engleking gave the High Plains report. She also won low net in the second flight.

The new officers for 2009 are: President — Par Kirk; vice president — Treena Matthews; secretary — Sheila Stevenson; reporter — Deborah Noble; and treasurer — Marlene



Scramble winners — Tammy Black, Helen Templeton, Pat Kirk, Treena Matthews with a score of 68.

Martin.

Matthews gave the Play day report. The winners are:

• Aug. 20, cards — Worst score, second game, Donna Glover.

• Aug. 27, golf — Best score on all three pars, Precure and Kirk; cards

— best score, Martin and Haley.

• Sept. 3, cards — first pat hand, Claudine Elliott and Matthews.

• Sept. 10, cards — Best score, second game, Martin.

The winning scramble team on Sept. 17 was Tammy Black, Kirk, Matthews and Helen Templeton.

The door prize, which was drawn by Kirk, was won by Anita Black.

## Texas milk production up 17 percent from last year's totals

Texas milk production totaled 681 million pounds during August, up 17 percent from last year's production of 581 million pounds.

July 2008 production totaled 709 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during August averaged 385,000 head, up 37,000 head from last year and up 2,000 head from July 2008.

Production per cow averaged 1,770 pounds during August, 100 pounds more than last year.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 14.5 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from production in these same states in August 2007. July revised production, at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from July 2007.

Production per cow during August averaged 1,717 pounds, down 2 pounds from a year ago. The average number of milk

cows in the 23 states was 8.47 million head, 137,000 head more than last year but 3,000 head less than July 2008.

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## Library News

By Dyan Dunagan

The Muleshoe Area Public Library has been busy cleaning up the library.

We have discarded books in all of the sections except the reference section.

Our storage room is full of books, so we're are having a Emergency Book Sale!

Come in and look at all the books we have for you. None of these books have been in a book sale before.

We have children's books, youth books, cookbooks, craft books, biographies and many others.

Hardbacks are 25 cents,

paperbacks are 10 cents.

New arrivals include:

Fiction — *Jessica* by Lori Wick; *Silent Thunder* by Iris Johansen; and *Daniel X* by James Patterson.

Non-Fiction — (World War II books) *The Battle of Normandy* by Robin Neillands; *Diana Mosley* by Anne de Courcy; *Brothers in Arms* by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar; and *Into the Rising Son* by Patrick O'Donnell; (Biographies) *Old Soldiers Never Die* by Geoffrey Perret; *Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant* by Ulysses S. Grant; and *Lee* by Douglas Southall Freeman.

### Correction Policy

Although the *Muleshoe Journal* tries to be accurate in the news stories and releases it publishes, the newspaper recognizes that errors occasionally occur.

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**GRAFFE STRING QUARTET WITH PIANIST MICHIKO OTAKI • OCTOBER 22** — Four award-winning musicians from the Czech Republic are well-known for their tremendous energy, passion and superb technical skills.

**DAVID GEIST • NOVEMBER 8** — This renowned Broadway veteran treats you to a special evening of musical entertainment and dancing with a special guest singer, a few local favorites and rousing sing-a-longs. Season Ticket Holders will enjoy a reception and an opportunity to meet David prior to the show.

**OTERO DANCE COMPANY • NOVEMBER 16** — Argentine siblings create a mystical world of music, color, passion and rhythm with the ecstasy, sensuality and intensity of Latin dance.

**THE ALLEY CATS • DECEMBER 10** — America's premier doo-wop group features tight harmonies, universal humor and unbelievable acappella energy in a special holiday performance for the entire family.

**MATT DUSK • JANUARY 31** — A sophisticated crooner with soul and sizzle, this Canadian heartthrob brilliantly recalls the 'rat pack' generation with style and charm. Season Ticket Holders will enjoy a reception and an opportunity to meet Matt prior to the show.

**CAROLINA CHOCOLATE DROPS • FEBRUARY 24** — Included in Denzel Washington's recent film, *The Great Debaters*, this authentic African-American string band highlights the rich music drawn from the foothills of North and South Carolina.

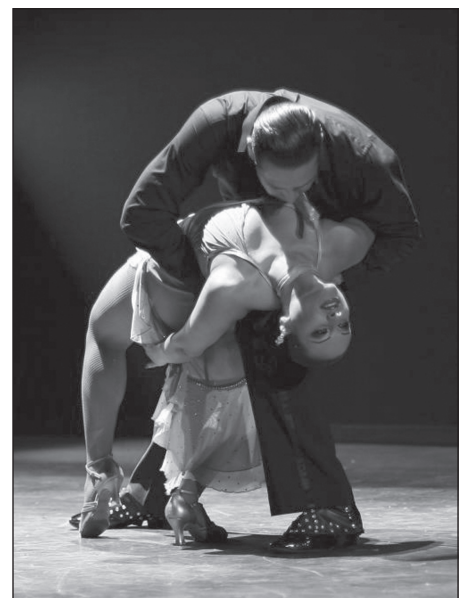
**BYE BYE BIRDIE • MARCH 2** — One of the most charming Broadway shows of all time, this musical is filled with classic American theater songs to insure good old fashion fun for the entire family!

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**SANTA FE OPERA PERFORMERS • APRIL 15** — Enjoy joyous music, heart wrenching melodies, show stopping arias and favorite show tunes during the Santa Fe Opera's spring tour throughout New Mexico and West Texas.

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Give the gift of live performance with a gift certificate to any concert of the 2008-2009 Series. Wheelchair seating is available. Please notify an usher if you require special assistance or seating arrangements.

# Fall Home Improvement

## Homeowners reminded of the hidden benefits of green

(NAPSA)-When it comes to yards, the color green may be worth its weight in gold. Experts now say green matters and that the importance of keeping things green could change your mind about mowing, clipping, planting, weeding and a host of other outside tasks.

According to Den Gardner, executive director of Project EverGreen, there's growing evidence that doing these "chores" in the right way can add up to real value-not only for your bank account, but for your family, your community

and the environment. If all that sounds like a tall order, you may want to take a minute to review some useful information about the many values of green space available at [www.projectevergreen.com](http://www.projectevergreen.com). Here's a sample from the Web site: Cleaner Air and Water

Proper care of trees, grass and shrubs benefits everyone. For example: In a year's time, a single tree can remove 26 pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. This equals 11,000 miles of car emissions. Add up the

trees in your neighborhood and you might see an even more important contribution-according to one study, an acre of trees can annually remove 13 tons of particles and gases. It's also important to have an efficient program for mowing, fertilizing and weeding your lawn. That's because thick, healthy turf grass acts as a natural filter, helping to clean water as it's absorbed into the plant and root zone and prevent groundwater contamination.

Lower Energy Costs

Proper planning regarding what kind of trees to plant and where to plant them can pay big dividends. In addition, your mature trees should be pruned properly to maximize shade benefits.

When in doubt, seek professional advice as to the type and location of the trees you should plant and how to care for them. That's important, because one study estimates that, when properly placed to shade your home, trees can reduce air-conditioning demand by 10 to 30 percent.

Added Home Value

It's well documented that sprucing up your green space pays off in added home value. A study cited in SmartMoney magazine indicated that consumers value a landscaped home at a value that's up to 11.3 percent higher than its base price.

In addition, The Wall Street Journal reported that landscaping investment is normally recovered fully and sometimes doubled by its ability to increase home value. Again, it's wise to

seek professional advice to get more value from your efforts.

Showcase Your Green Efforts

To help homeowners showcase their landscapes, Project EverGreen has announced its 2008 Because Green Matters Calendar contest. Deadline for submitting photos is Aug. 31, 2007. Those selected will be the "feature of a month" on a high-quality calendar distributed nationwide. Enter online at [www.projectevergreen.com](http://www.projectevergreen.com).

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There's more than meets the eye inside the Country Junction. Interior design advice is also available. Whether you're wanting to furnish a house

or just spruce up a room for the holidays, Susan and Darla can help with your decorating dilemmas and show you the latest in western furnishings and decor. Joe's has leather sofas, chairs and loveseats to choose from, in red, cognac, saddle-tan and chocolate, with the lowest prices.

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# Fall Home Improvement

## Keep your home warm without breaking the bank

(NAPSA)-With fuel costs so high, many Americans are facing the tough choice of turning down their thermostats and enduring a little chill rather than paying more to keep their homes toasty.

However, don't unfurl the stadium blankets just yet. You may be able to keep your home cozy without breaking the bank by performing a few basic upgrades around the house.

"Homeowners can save a lot of money this winter just by taking steps to keep the warm air in and the cold air out," says home maintenance expert Keith Hahn of a leading home improvement contracting company. "Drafty windows and doors, for example, can increase a homeowner's

heating costs by as much as 20 percent."

Hahn advises homeowners to check each of their windows and doors at least once a year to find energy-sapping drafts. Once located, drafts can be minimized with some basic do-it-yourself skills.

The simplest and most common solution, says Hahn, is using caulking cord to seal windows from the outside. Caulking cord is available at most home improvement stores. Just unroll the cord and use your fingers to press the cord into the creases between the sash and the window casing.

Exterior plastic sheeting is another option for sealing windows. While this option is not as aesthetically pleasing,

plastic sheeting is very effective at insulating windows and DIY kits are widely available. "If you're uncomfortable on ladders, you should consider hiring a pro to

install sheeting," cautions Hahn.

Around doors, check the weather stripping on the inside of the door frame to ensure that it is

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## Weathersheild Exterior installs all kinds of roofs

Weathersheild Exterior, is a Lubbock-based roofing company owned locally for 20 years by Nick Christensen, president of Weathersheild Exteriors.

Weathersheild installs all types of including composition, flat, commercial and residential.

Christensen has 27 years of experience in the roofing industry, working with hundreds of commercial and residential

customers. He accepts all insurance claims, and backs the work with a five year warranty on labor and materials.

Christensen will provide local references upon request. He has been bonded by the City of Lubbock for the past 20 years.

Weathersheild installs all roofs like they are their personal home. They clean up all trash as well as run a magnet to pick up nails.

"Thanks so much for your business here in Muleshoe," Christensen says.

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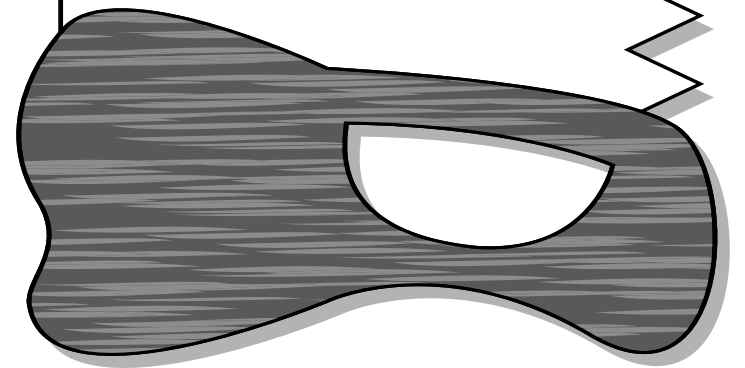
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Their corporate office is located in Springlake, and they have businesses in Lubbock, Amarillo, and El Paso.

Rhino Roofing has been in existence since 1999. Rex did construction and remodeling part time for several years prior to starting his own roofing company.

He is currently a licensed insurance adjuster.

The customer of Rhino Roofing hopefully become lifetime customers and

friends. They pride themselves in one on one relationships with their customers.

They also work with each homeowner to get them the best affordable product for their home or business, and consult with the homeowner's insurance company, explain the different types of roofing products available, and discuss the roofing process with the homeowner.

Rhino Roofing specializes in Decra Metal Roofing Systems, Metal Roofing (R-panel, U-Panel) Wood shingles, Composition, PVC, and TPO.

They take pride in their workmanship and the quality of each and every roof they install. Rhino Roofing is fully insured, licensed/preferred contractor and bonded.

Rhino Roofing offers free evaluations of your roofing needs.

## Contact Duncan Carpet for quality floor covering

Duncan Carpets has been in business for over 40 years in Littlefield. It was started by J.C. and Bill Duncan, the two of them did all of the installations themselves.

Today the co-owners are Bill and Brad Duncan. Bill gives most of the estimates and Brad does most of the installations. He has hired a few professional installers to help him get the work done when necessary.

"We have the Roto Vac Carpet Restoration System," a company representative said. This new carpet restoration system is guaranteed to out-clean the old style wand. The new machine will clean carpet, furniture, auto, tile and grout.

"We have a number of flooring options to choose from," he said. "Please feel free to come in anytime you would like and take a look at the samples."

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# Fall Home Improvement

## Warm house

Continued from page 12 still providing a tight seal. If you see gaps or if the weather stripping is stiff, it's time for replacement, but this job is a little more difficult. Hiring a professional might be

a wise option, he says, "especially considering the money you'll save by keeping your house sealed tightly."

Don't forget the spaces around exterior electrical outlets and faucets. Both caulking cord and canned foam insulation work well

for sealing these spaces. Installing roll-in insulation between the basement and the first floor is also an easy way to keep the

chill at bay.

Finally, Hahn advises homeowners to have their home heating systems serviced regularly. "If you're not having your furnace cleaned and your filters changed annually, you're still losing money no matter what else you do to keep your home warm this winter," he says.

Keith Hahn is the chief operating officer of Handyman Connection, a nationwide network of home improvement and repair contractors. For more information, call 1-800-466-5530 or visit Handyman Connection online at [www.handymanconnection.com](http://www.handymanconnection.com).



## Is your home safe from electrical hazards?

(NAPSA)-Most people would be shocked if they knew the potential danger posed by electrical hazards hidden in the walls of their homes or lying unseen on their grounds. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, over 400 people are electrocuted in the United States every year. To help ensure that your home is truly safe, here's a checklist from the Leviton Institute:

**Don't Overload Outlets:** With power strips and surge protectors, it's all too easy to add more appliances to an outlet than it was designed to handle. By overloading circuits, you can create a fire hazard.

**Outlets and Switches:** Replace any outlet or switch that has broken parts or cracks, feels warm to the touch or has plugs that hang loose.

**Power Cords and Extension Cords:** Examine power and extension cords for fraying or cracking. Replace taped-over cords or those showing

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## Art Loft Galleries, Très Chic Interiors celebrating seven years of business

Art Loft Galleries and Très Chic Interiors, located at 1529 W. American Blvd., is beginning its seventh year of business.

Celie Parham and Sharon Agee operate the two businesses together. "Old and new friends are the very best thing

about the Art Loft," says Sharon.

They are grateful for all of their great customers. "We would like to thank everyone for six years of support, success, and friendship," they added.

At Art Loft Galleries and Très Chic you will find home

decor, furniture, lamps, and many unique gift items. They have a great selection of gifts for every bride. "We enjoy watching the brides making their bridal selections" they added.

Celie offers full decorating and designs services. Also custom window treatments and bedding are available. Come in and she will help you pick out fabric for your needs. The plantation shutters, shades, and wooden blinds are sold with free installation. Hunter Douglas, Conrad, Graber are some of the brands offered.

"Christmas is just around the corner," reminds Sharon. Art Loft Galleries and Très Chic Interiors will be decorated in "Holiday Style" by the end of October.

Celie and Sharon invite everyone to stop in early, and shop for unique gifts and beautiful home decor.

## Veach Roofing Co. offers generations of experience

In 1959, Troy Veach, the father of Jerry Veach, moved his family from O'Donnell, to Muleshoe, where Jerry attended school until he graduated in 1968.

Jerry's grandfather, HM Veach, along with his father were both roofers.

After moving to Muleshoe, Troy started working for Heathington Lumber Company in town. As a teenager, Jerry worked out of the lumber company for different contractors helping with roofing.

His first job was working for Butch Martin, who specialized in Hot Mopping Roofs. Jerry tended the kettle, hoisting the hot asphalt up in a bucket with a rope and a pulley. He then learned to lay felt and hop mop roofs.

In 1970 Jerry moved to Plainview and helped construct Missouri Beef Packers now known as Excel.

In 1978 Jerry left Excel and established Veach Roofing Company.

Overcoming all the obstacles of operating a proprietorship, Jerry rapidly expanded his clientele by providing excellent service, using the best quality material, and hiring only professional roofers.

People that know Jerry along with his customers know that he will stand behind his work making customer satisfaction his number one priority.

This year is the 30th anniversary of Veach Roofing Company. The home office is located in Plainview although Jerry usually has a secondary office in Muleshoe which is often the "Dinner Bell", Jerry's favorite restaurant where he likes to drink coffee with his old buddies.

You can look forward to the continuation of quality service with Veach Roofing Company as Jerry has hired and personally trained Keith Owens as manager and several young salesmen to continue this tradition.

When Jerry was asked what the one thing he would like to say about Veach Roofing Company his reply was, "My slogan is: I take pride in my work because I was raised and schooled in Muleshoe."

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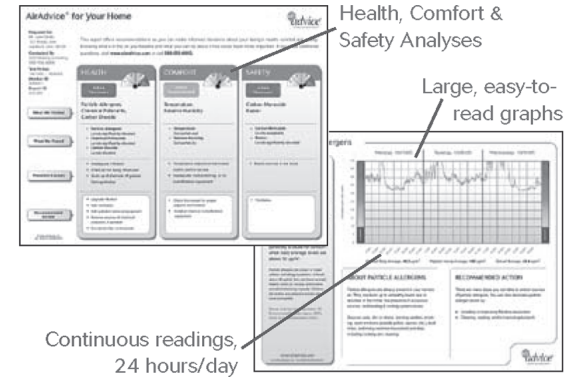
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New homes are constructed with tighter windows and doors to save energy, but they also keep fresh air out. Without adequate indoor air circulation, pollutants can build up over time, leading to poor indoor air quality. Most homes may not be properly equipped to filter and purify indoor air.



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# Fall Home Improvement

## Hartline Construction provides decades of experienced service

"For over 35 years, I've enjoyed the privilege of working for the people in Muleshoe and the surrounding area and have a great appreciation for their patronage," said James Hartline of Hartline Construction.

Hartline, a 35 year veteran of the construction business along with his wife, Donna, live in Littlefield, where they raised their three children. Hartline, however has always called Muleshoe home.

"I grew up in Muleshoe, and still spend most of my time either visiting family or working on the various construction projects we have going," Hartline said. His parents Jim and Shirley Hartline live in Muleshoe.

Hartline thanks his parents for his strong work ethic and his ability to work well with people. He went to work with his father at an early age as a butcher at Jim's Grocery Store.

Hartline began working with his wife's family business. Lowery & Sons Painting, in 1973. He started his own business, Hartline Construction, in 1984.

"I was never really concerned with having a large business," Hartline said. "I just wanted to do good work, make an honest living, and spend time with family. We started doing small paint jobs and remodel projects and over the years grew into a full service construction company. now we do projects of all sizes including room additions and building

custom homes."

James and his wife Donna Hartline have completely remodeled their own home. They use it as a showcase for custom design trends. Trends such as heavy textures, faux finishes, granite, natural stone, and custom cabinets with hand-carved trim.

"Design trends are constantly changing, so we try to stay up to date with the latest materials and techniques so that we're able to offer our customers whatever they want," Hartline said.

Donna designs and lays out each project, taking care of the drafting work for the company. Their oldest child, Shawna, 34, lives in Lubbock and occasionally helps decorate various projects. His youngest daughter Steffani, 27, lives in Dallas. Toby Hartline, 31, owns and operates Hartline Heating and Air Conditioning.

"The product we produce is more than just the actual work. We try to design indoor and outdoor living spaces the customer will enjoy for years to come, after the project is finished," Hartline said. Using the best materials and local tradesmen available, with honesty and good business ethics has no doubt been "the right ingredients for a successful construction company," according to Hartline.

"I try to do the kind of work for people I would want in my own home and treat them the way I would like to be treated. In a nutshell, that is it."

## Increase your curb appeal; lower your energy bills

(NAPSA)-Homeowners remodel to increase their curb appeal, lower their energy bills and, equally important, to enjoy their home more.

Joan and Terry Riffel loved the Highland, Illinois area where they lived but they just didn't like the look of their home. All it took was a visit to their daughter's home in Phoenix, Arizona to learn what they wanted their Illinois home to look like.

"Here we were, in a house in the woods, and every time we got back from Arizona we just kept saying to each other: 'We loved our home, but it just didn't have that look we always wanted,' " said

Joan Riffel, owner of a former country-style cedar home, nestled deep in the quiet woods of southern Illinois.

The couple turned to local architect Jeannie Brendel, who designed a beautiful Southwestern-style home that impressed their neighbors as much as it satisfied their need for a new, fresh look to add value to their home. The transformation from a dark cedar-sided home to the bright, monolithic Dryvit(r) EIF system with its classic and elegant lines was extraordinary enough.

But there was a secondary benefit to the remodeling that surprised

even the Riffels.

Lower Heating and Cooling Costs

Armed with a few years of heating and cooling cost data after the completed remodeling project, the energy efficiency benefits of the system became clear. The remodeling did not add or subtract windows and did not change the footprint of the house.

"Frankly, we remodeled only because we wanted a newer look for our home based on what we enjoyed from our visits to Arizona," said Terry Riffel. "We did not anticipate the savings we enjoyed in heating and cooling the house, but I can tell you we are very pleased with it."

After studying their heating and cooling costs for the three years prior to the remodeling project and the three years after, the Riffels discovered they saved an average of 20 percent on their heating and cooling costs. With today's energy prices, their yearly savings are significant.

Multiple Design Options

You can choose almost any texture to finish your home-everything from brick to limestone to granite to aged Italian plaster and numerous stucco and stonelike finishes. For more information, visit www.DryvitHomes.com.



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## Electric hazards

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wear. Never run cords or extensions under carpets, rugs or furniture, where damage might be hidden.

Use of Power Tools:

Don't use power tools, even if they are properly grounded, in wet or damp spots.

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If you are not sure that your GFCI is testing and resetting properly for any reason, play it safe and call a qualified electrician. Be sure to make your safety inspection a yearly habit and hire a licensed electrician to conduct an in-depth inspection every 10 years.



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# Classes offered to help people with diabetes plan healthful meals

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

For people with diabetes, maintaining healthy blood glucose levels is a matter of life and death.

One way for people to better control their glucose levels is to eat healthful meals and snacks at regular times each day.

To help you learn how to plan and prepare meals that can be enjoyed by people with and without diabetes, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service is planning a four-part series of cooking classes called: Cooking Well with Diabetes.

The classes will be held at 6 p.m., on Oct. 7, 14, 21, and Nov. 18, in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

The series will include cooking demonstrations as well as discussions of research findings on diabetes.

For instance, recent research has shown that people with diabetes can enjoy a wide range of foods — including sugars — in moderation.

Presenters will include: Kelly Pachall, registered

dietician, diabetes educator; Jennifer Gregory, registered dietician, and Janice Powell, registered dietician.

Years ago, the term “sugar diabetes” was in common usage because it was thought that eating too much sugar caused diabetes. In those days, people with diabetes were advised to avoid sugar all together.

Those days are gone, said Mary K. Bielamowicz, a nutrition specialist.

Research has shown that moderate consumption of sugars and fats can still be part of a healthful diet for people with diabetes, as long as they keep their blood glucose at healthy levels.

Carbohydrates are found in grains, pasta, cereals, dairy products and vegetables, particularly starchy vegetables such as beans, corn, peas, potatoes and winter squash.

Protein foods such as meat, fish and poultry do not contain carbohydrates, unless other ingredients such as breading are added to those dishes.

Many carbohydrate foods

also contain fiber, which can help reduce blood cholesterol and blood glucose levels. Carbohydrate foods that contain high levels of dietary fiber include whole grains, fruits and vegetables.

Because the body quickly absorbs the glucose from sugary and high-starch foods, eating large amounts of them can cause blood sugar levels to skyrocket.

People with diabetes should consume some starchy or sugary foods including breads, potatoes, desserts and fruit juices only in moderation, experts say.

Instead of abstaining from sugars and starches altogether, they should consume a balance of different kinds of carbohydrates, such as more whole grains, nonstarchy vegetables and whole fruits, and less starchy and sugary foods.

One way to keep a check on the amount of sugars in the foods you buy and eat is to read the nutrition labels on food packages carefully.

Sugar is sometimes listed as sucrose, glucose,

fructose, high fructose corn syrup, honey, lactose, maltose, dextrose and sugar alcohols such as sorbitol or mannitol.

Another way to reduce your sugar intake is to modify your recipes, Bielamowicz said.

For example:

- When baking, reduce the amount of sugar by one-quarter to one-third.

- In cookies, bars or cakes, replace one-quarter of the sugar with nonfat dry milk. This cuts calories while increasing the calcium and protein in the finished product.

- Add extra flavorings or spices.
- Use unsweetened frozen fruit juice or fruit canned in its own juice instead of fruit canned in syrup.

- Replace some of the sugar in a recipe with fruit juices or purees.

Bielamowicz added that because diabetes is a problem of carbohydrate metabolism (how the body uses carbohydrates), eating about the same amount of carbohydrates at each meal will help maintain blood glucose levels throughout the day.

For more information on cooking with diabetes or on the Cooking Well with Diabetes series, Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, at (806)272-4583.

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Contact Steve Friskup at 272-4583 for more information.

## PCCA celebrates another year of new record results in many areas

Plains Cotton Cooperative Association announced Sept. 17, during its 55th annual stockholders meeting in Lubbock, that it will make additional cash payments to members totaling \$31.3 million.

These payments consist of \$15.2 million in cash dividends, \$5.8 million in stock retirements and \$10.3 million in retirement of per-unit capital retains.

Aided by near-record cotton production, PCCA's net margins totaled \$32.8 million, making fiscal 2008 the third best year in the cooperative's history.

However, the size of the crop was in doubt even as harvest approached. With spring rains and cool weather continuing through the early summer, uncertainty about finishing the 2007 cotton crop was a major concern.

“Everyone agreed we were going to need a perfect fall in order to realize the potential of what was beginning to look like another warehouse-buster,” said Wally Darneille, PCCA president and CEO. “Perfect fall weather was exactly what we did get, and Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas produced almost 8.6 million bales, the second largest crop in the region's history.”

“Throughout the season, PCCA's marketing efforts remained on a steady pace,” he added.

Despite an unprecedented upheaval in the cotton futures market beginning in March, PCCA was unaffected by the sudden rise and fall of futures prices.

“Fortunately, our Marketing department weathered the storm without any problems whatsoever, and we actually made large sales at the best equity prices of the year during that upheaval,” Darneille said.

“We did not have significant short futures position in place at that time,

and therefore, did not face the huge margin calls others had to cover,” he added.

“Our banks tell us that the cotton trade as a whole lost at least several hundred million dollars in equity in the first half of 2008. Some did fail, and others drastically changed their business models to limit their risks.”

PCCA employees were actively involved in industry efforts to enact changes which should help prevent the recurrence of an uncontrolled futures market.

Meanwhile, PCCA maintained the goodwill of its customers by leading the effort to protect bale condition by storing the entire crop inside.

“We purchased and leased additional warehouse space to handle the huge crop,” Darneille said. “This entailed significant expense, but it paid dividends in protecting our members' cotton from weather.”

“Our warehousing staff did a commendable job of working together with the marketing staff to coordinate the flow of cotton among so many locations with minimal disruption or additional expense,” he added.

PCCA's Pool Divisions' combined receipts set a new record in fiscal 2008, exceeding the previous record set in 2005 by almost 20 percent.

“The marketing staff not

only rose to the challenge of selling their biggest pools in history in the face of a 10-million-bale U.S. carryover, but they also sold every bale before the end of the fiscal year,” Darneille said.

“While competing pools suffered greatly from the market upheaval during the past season, PCCA avoided the huge margin calls others faced and continued to make progress payments throughout the year, while most did not,” he said.

“We also enter the 2008/2009 season with good initial cotton sales on the books which have effectively covered our overhead for the year,” Darneille said. “Thus, each new sale will add to future progress payments.”

The cooperative's Information Systems department's continuous technical improvements also made it possible for PCCA to process a record 6.62 million individual bales of cotton with less than nine minutes of down-time.

“Innovative services offered by cooperation among our IS department, Marketing, and Warehouse Divisions bore significant fruit,” Darneille said.

“TELMARK also set new records for margins and volume, handling more than one million bales for its gin customers while providing important benefits to individual cotton producers,” he added.

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## Securing the economy, financial markets

Late last week, the Treasury Department sent Congress draft legislation aimed at addressing serious problems in the U.S. financial markets. Congress is being asked to act on this legislation within a week.

As I review this proposal, I have a number of questions about the exposure taxpayers would face, how broadly current difficulties in the financial markets are affecting Americans and how the federal government would purchase and later sell assets through this authority.

Authority for the federal government to use up to \$700 billion to purchase financial assets that have become difficult for financial firms and banks to value and use is serious authority. What this proposal really comes down to is buying time so that calmer markets can value these assets thoroughly.

However, when the amount being requested is more than the annual budget of the Department of Defense, Congress simply cannot authorize such a use of the taxpayers' money without more information.

Our nation faces financial difficulties that have not been experienced in a long time. There is no shortage of blame to spread around — from those who purchased homes they could not afford, to lenders who made bad loans, to investors who bought risky securities backed by mortgages or tried to pass those on to others and also to regulators for not slowing lax lending practices sooner.

Due to the actions of many, it's as if a disease has spread through our financial system that doesn't just affect Wall Street. This disease could also affect

## RANDY'S ROUNDUP

UPDATE BY CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER

the ability of families to get a loan for a car, hinder small business owners who are trying to borrow money for new equipment or make workers' pension or retirement accounts less secure. We are fortunate in Texas that our local banks and institutions remain sound and protections are in place for account holders.

I agree with the concerns of many that taxpayers should not bail out those who made poor decisions. As I evaluate this request from the Treasury Department, there are a number of important details that still must be filled in.

Most important to me is understanding how widespread the problem is and whether or not this proposed solution could even produce the intended results.

Congress must not rush to act without having thorough information when we're being asked to put this amount of your tax dollars on the line and expand the federal government's authority.

### Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

From Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month in which we celebrate the cultures and contributions of those individuals whose ancestors

came from Central and South America, Spain and Mexico.

In addition, Sept. 15th is important because it marks the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries: Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Guatemala, and September 16th commemorates Mexican independence.

Many celebrations of Hispanic Heritage Month have taken place already across Dist. 19, and others are scheduled for the remainder of the month. I hope all those who attend the celebrations come away with a better understanding of how Hispanic heritage and culture are a part of our area's history.

### The Public Prayer Protection Act, H.R. 2104

Last week, I was honored to receive the Sacred Fire of Liberty Award for co-sponsoring the Public Prayer Protection Act.

This legislation would protect the rights of government officials when expressing their religious beliefs through public prayer. I believe it is important to stand up for our nation's rich tradition of protecting and respecting religious freedom, and I will continue to support legislation that upholds religious freedom.

## Borger benefit dinner offered

The Borger Band Booster Club will be hosting its annual "Tailgate Dinner" on Friday, Sept. 26, at the American Legion Building, across from the Aluminum Dome and next to Bulldog Stadium.

The dinner will consist of a brisket sandwich, beans, chips and dessert. There will also be hamburgers and hot dogs available.

The cost for the dinner is \$5 per plate.

Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Borger Bands.

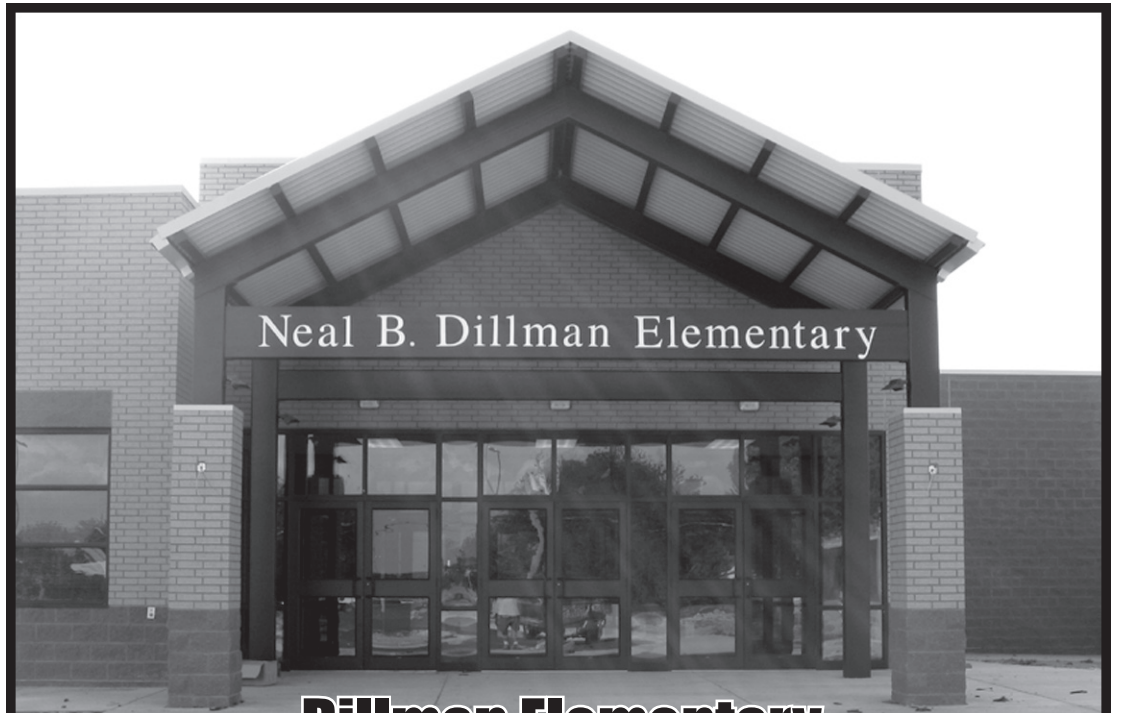
If you have any questions, call Gail at 206-1305, Kristi at 886-3184, or the band hall at 273-1029, ext. 140.

## Meeting of Concerned Citizens of Bailey County

**Monday  
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• NICE 2-1-3 carport Home, carpet, tile, fans, fenced yd., storage bldg. MORE!! \$45K!!

• NICELY REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick Home, corner lot, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2159' lv. area, auto. spkrl., add. lot w/stor/workshop Bldg.!! \$173,000!!

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• VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 1920' lv. area, cov. patio, fenced yd., auto spkrl., & stor. bldg.!! \$139K!!

• NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. Geothermal heat pump, built-ins, 2 FP, sunroom, hot tub, approx 2448' lv area, screened porch, cellar, auto spkrl., stor. bldgs, \$149K!!

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• 1900' Off. Bldg., 106' x 140' lot on Hwy. 70 and 84!! \$79.5K!!

• ANA'S BEAUTY SHOP - Approx. 1120' bldg., with or without furniture & fixtures!! PRICE REDUCED!!

• VERY NICE CHURCH BLDG. WITH PARSONAGE - Possible Owner Finance!! Price Reduced!!

• GOOD INCOME PROPERTY-LONG TERM LEASE-Approx. 8,075' office bldg. w/ approx. 20,000' paved parking area!! PRICE REDUCED \$350K.

• NICELY REMODELED - 800 sq. ft. Bldg., Cent A&H, updated electrical & plumbing. PRICE REDUCED \$35,000.

• 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheetiron bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!!

• 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760' Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/paved area!! \$49.5K!!

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• VERY NICE 4-3 doublewide (2006) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., 25' x 40' Metal Bldg. septic system, domestic well, on pavement close to town!! \$152K!!

• NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, 2163' lv. area, 191' bsmt., pool, wkshp./storage, roping arena, horse barn on 5.99 ac., MORE!! \$120K!!

• VERY NICE 3-2 doublewide (1998) on 14.68 acres on Hwy. 84, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 40' x 80' Metal bldg. (insulated) w/ 1/2 bath, office, MUCH MORE!! \$148,900!!

• Nice 3-2 Home at edge of town on .8 acre tract, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, efficiency apt. or guest cottage, horse barn & corral!! PRICE REDUCED!! \$99,900!!

• NICE 4.8 acre homesteads, close to town, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!

• NICE 3-2-5 carport Home on 2 acres, Cent. heat, Cent. evap. air, built-ins, fireplace, fans, utility, cellar, large shop, stor. bldg., MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$109,500!!

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# Muleshoe Class of 1953 returns, takes prize on Jennyslippers' float

By Nelda Merriott

The Muleshoe High School Class of 1953 members began arriving in Muleshoe on Friday, Sept. 12, in time for lunch at the Onieta Wagnon Senior Center and enjoyed seeing many friends there and visiting in the afternoon.

Twenty-four members of the group gathered at the High School lunchroom for the brisket dinner before attending the homecoming football game against Lubbock-Cooper.

A set of bleachers had been brought in for the class to have front row seats.

## Jennyslipper News

The cheerleaders issued an invitation to join them and several joined in the fun of being a cheerleader. The Muleshoe Mules provided an exciting game winning 53-19.

Saturday began with the class enjoying the pancake breakfast at the senior center.

At the parade line-up, they boarded the Jennyslipper float for a circle down Main street and back. A meeting room was reserved at the Bailey County Coliseum and a table laden with food awaited the group.

The coliseum arena featured more than 30 booths in the Jennyslippers first annual crafts bazaar and the class enjoyed the shopping variety.

Cal Turner was emcee for the awards with winners for the following:

Least Changed Lady was Bobbie Harrison and Least Changed Fellow was Jody Blaylock.

Tall Tale Teller was Robert Waggoner, an 'adopted' classmate.

Best Preserved Foxy Lady was Mamie Blaylock.

Most Great-grandchildren was Allene Harvey with 12. Bald Is Beautiful winner was Pat Vinson.

Best Preserved Dapper Dude was Jody Blaylock.

Leals won the "Let's Go Eat" vote and the group went there for their evening meal and continued celebrating the 55th anniversary of their graduation.

Sunday morning saw the

class at the Dinner Bell.

The Class has been meeting each year since their 50th reunion. Calvin Turner invited the class to their new ranch near Norwood, Colo., for the 2009 reunion.

The Class said their goodbyes with plans to return for the big 2010 Muleshoe High School Reunion.

Attending from out of state were:

Bobby Nickels of Lovington, N.M., Cal and Evie Turner of Prescott, Ariz., Buddy Lane and Carolyn Sparks of Albuquerque, N.M., and from Clovis, N.M., were Gene and Allene (Heard) Harvey, Bill and Martha (Thomas) Aylesworth, and Lester and Anita (Broyles) Merrill.

Attending from Texas were Jody and Mamie (Freeman) Blaylock of Mineral Wells, Will and Betty (Chisholm) Klaehn from Midland, Pat and June Vinson of Floydada, Rheata (Peeler) White of Friona, and Robert Waggoner of Clarendon.



The Muleshoe High School Class of 1953 enjoys a ride in the Mule Days parade. On a float provided by the Jennyslippers which featured a mule "Kickin' It Up," and won an award for Best of Show.

From Muleshoe were: and Nelda (LeBleu) Merriott, Buck and Carolyn Johnson, Howard and Judy Watson, Clinton and Maxine (Black) Rogers, Lee and Nell (Jacobs) Magby, Bobbie (Collins) Harrison, Lonnie and Phil Provence.

## Freshmen Mules...

Continued from page 7 as the Mules covered the kickoff on the Mule 47 with 22 ticks on the clock.

Avila was forced to scramble and picked up four yards. Avila was again forced to scramble out of the pocket but the receivers immediately changed to down field blockers after seeing their quarterback in trouble.

Avila weaved his way through the fallen bodies for a 51-yard touch-down run with no time remaining

in the half. Sosa's kick gave the Mules a 21-6 cushion at the intermission.

The Mules held the Steers on their first possession of the second half and forced a punt. The snap was high and Eric Orozco and Matt Ambriz chased down the scrambling punter at the Farwell 35.

The Mules needed 17 yards for a first on third down and Avila found Orozco open at the 20. Orozco had worked his way behind the defenders and out raced everyone to the end zone. Sosa's foot increased the tally to Mules 28-Farwell 6 with 2:45 left in the third quarter.

The Mules had a miscue of their own and donated a TD to the Steers with a fumble in the end zone. The two-point conversion was good to cut the Mule lead to 28-14 with 8:44 left to play. The Mules had a high snap on a punt attempt and the Steers were able to take advantage and take possession on the Mule 39.

The Steers were able to convert the turnover to points with a 10-yard toss to the end zone. The two-point conversion failed to end the game at 28-20 in favor of the Mules.

The Mules will host the Borger Bulldogs Thursday in Benny Douglas Stadium at 5 p.m.

## Senior Citizen News

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Sept. 29 - Oct. 3 Menu:  
• Monday, Sept. 29 - Chicken Alfredo, mixed veggies, salad, wheat rolls, fruit and cookies.

• Tuesday, Sept. 30 - Beef fajitas, beans, rice, salad, salsa, chips, onions, cheese and chocolate pudding.

• Wednesday, Oct. 1 - Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and cake.

• Thursday, Oct. 2 - Meat loaf with sauce, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, salad, wheat roll and fruit cobbler.

• Friday, Oct. 3 - Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

## MAHD proposed budget...

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collection problem.

It was pointed out that a rate increase was also needed at the nursing home. And, it was noted that a personnel realignment was being made at the nursing home to reduce the amount of part-time help needed.

"We have some rough times ahead of us, and we're going to do what we can," Burke said.

"This new budget looks a lot better to me," board member Bob Donaldson said.

"I think we're on the right road," Burke added.

Although he said a "rebuild" of the district's financial condition would take an estimated 36 months, Burke suggested that it was possible.

The proposed budget for the hospital district, as presented to the board on Sept. 18, totaled \$11,682,897, including the hospital's proposed budget of \$8,638,172, and Park View's proposed budget of \$3,044,725.

While the hospital's budget shows a projected net gain of \$264,542, Mason noted Tuesday that this amount includes the district's tax support, which is significantly better than the projected \$98,000 loss the district was looking at prior to the service rate increases.

At the nursing home, according to Burke, the projected net gain of \$206,004.

The projected net gains are amounts reflecting collection of all taxes due the hospital district, Burke noted.

Approval of the FY2008-09 proposed budget will be considered at the Thursday, Sept. 25, regular meeting.

In other business Thursday, the MAHD board discussed the proposed tax rate for FY 2008-09, and the possibility of calling for an election after the first of the year requesting an increase in the district's tax limit.

Currently, the hospital district operates under the restrictions of a tax vote that caps the district's rate at 40 cents per hundred of valuation; however, under state law an unrestricted public entity is capped at 75 cents.

The proposed tax rate to be considered at the district's Sept. 18 meeting is 40 cents, of which 27 cents will be designated for the hospital's maintenance and operation, and the remaining 13 cents will go to Park View Nursing Care Center. Of that amount, 3.5 cents will be applied to the nursing home's maintenance and operation, and the remaining 9.5 cents will be applied to Park View's debt service.

Burke said each additional penny would raise an additional \$30,000 for the district's operation.

No one appeared at Thursday's public hearing concerning the proposed tax rate.

## Martins...

Continued from page 1 complicated by Friesen's apparent transportation of Johnny south of the border to a small town in the State of Campeche, Mexico.

Since that time local law enforcement officials have been working with federal officials in the effort to recover Johnny and return him to his father,

A Hague application has been processed, under which Johnny would be returned to the United States if located in Mexico, but according to Muleshoe Police Chief Brian Frieda, information that Friesen may have fled further south to Belize or even into South America could make recovery even more difficult.

According to Bailey County Sheriff, a warrant has been issued for the mother's arrest in Texas, and extradition is likely, but locating the suspect remains the problem in that situation as well.

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