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County sheriff candidates respond to questions

As part of the *Muleshoe Journal's* continuing effort to keep the voting public informed, candidates for the position of Bailey County Sheriff — Daniel Patterson, write-in Terry Snell and incumbent Richard Wills — were asked to respond to questionnaires.

Please provide us with a little biographical information:

Patterson — I am the son of Lionel and Liz Patterson and was born, raised, and educated in Muleshoe. My wife, Emily, and I continue to choose this community as our home. I am a graduate of Muleshoe High School and of Eastern New Mexico University where I obtained a bachelors of science in psychology as well as religion.

I met Emily while we were both working at Plains Baptist Assembly in Floydada, a church campground. Since I graduated college,

I have been allowed the opportunity to preach. I have served the community in this capacity and whenever a church requests me to preach I will honor that request. It has been my great pleasure to assist the First Baptist Church of Progress at least twice a month and my home church, Trinity Baptist, whenever I am needed.

My wife and I attended the South Plains Association of Governments Police Academy together. Emily is a patrol officer with the City of Farwell.

Snell — My name is Terry Snell and I was born in Weatherford. Shortly after my birth, my parents — John and Della Snell, whom you may know from her work



DANIEL PATTERSON



TERRY SNELL



RICHARD WILLS

for the Muleshoe Police Department as a dispatcher and animal control officer for many years — moved to California and then to Muleshoe where my brother, Virgil and I were raised.

After graduating I moved to Abilene where I met and married my wife — Monica, and together we have one son — Dameon Snell.

We resided in Weatherford for about 12 years and finally decided it was time to return "home" to finish raising our son in a smaller community.

Wills — I was born and raised in Lubbock to my wonderful parents, Ronnie and Gloria Wills. They raised me with love, never ending support and a deep faith which gave me the firm foundation I still stand on to this day. They instilled in me the importance of working hard, being honest, and having integrity — in life and in work.

Having grown up with the dream of being in law enforcement, I attended college after graduating Trinity Christian High School

this community in 1995 as a police officer with the Muleshoe Police Department and was then elected sheriff in 2002. I took office on April 2, 2002, to fill an unexpired term.

Throughout my years in Muleshoe, I have strived to be involved in the community. I have worked in the school system, volunteered with EMS, coached and worked as a referee for Little Dribblers and for the basketball programs in MISD, worked security for football games and for the

past several years, I have worked as a brand inspector at the Muleshoe Livestock Auction.

My wife Leann and I married in 2001 and we have been blessed with two beautiful children, Macy who is four years of age, and Garrett is two months.

We love Muleshoe and the people here and are proud to call it home.

Please list your qualifications for county sheriff, and explain why you think you are the best candidate for the position.

Patterson — I began my law enforcement career as a jailer, years ago, with the Bailey County Sheriffs Office. I have since served with the Hale County Sheriffs Office in the Jail Division and then I served as the Bailey County Jail Administrator for two years.

I am currently

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Consequences of alcohol abuse...

Area residents and visitors to Friday's football game are pictured on the right visiting the Mothers Against Drunk Drivers' (MADD) trailer, observing the results of an alcohol-related, double traffic fatality, and watching the video displayed on the trailer's built in monitors.

Photograph by Larry Thornton



Council approves MEDC loan

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe City Council approved a \$20,000 "forgivable" loan at the recommendation of the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation during Monday's regular meeting.

The loan, which is forgivable over a three-year period, is being made to T&S Concrete of Friona, which is purchasing the Transit Mix Concrete & Materials Company on West American Blvd., and will be used to purchase land from West-Tex Cattle Feeders for an

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Local Weather

Thursday
Sunny..... 71/44

Friday
Sunny..... 73/47

Saturday
Sunny..... 75/46

Sunday
Pt. Cloudy..... 75/46

Monday
I. T-Strms..... 69/42

Tuesday
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Wednesday
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Muleshoe school district addresses 'bullying' issues

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District's efforts to address the issue of "bullying" was the focus of a report to the school board during Monday's regular meeting.

Elementary, middle

school and secondary principals talked about the programs under way at each of their campuses aimed at curtailing what Superintendent Gene Sheets described as a national problem.

"It's our goal to teach them good character," Dillman

Principal Todd Newberry said, "because it all starts with character."

He said at the lower age levels he and his staff work with repetition is necessary. "We have to kind of beat them over the head," Newberry said, using a praise that caught

the attention of more than one of the school board members.

Newberry said Dillman's program included training staff, students and parents.

"Parents must understand what bullying is and is not," the written plan Newberry

presented to the school board said. "We want everyone who steps into Dillman to feel that when children are left at this campus that they will be safe and secure."

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Muleshoe, Olton vie for sales tax lead

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Olton climbed to the top of the sales tax heap, among area municipalities, according to figures from the Texas Comptroller's office, leaving Muleshoe back in the middle of the pack, when percentages of increase are compared.

However, Muleshoe topped the list in the total dollar amount of increase at

\$5,322.34. This represented a 14.36 percent increase compared to the same period in 2007.

With an increase of \$3,531.32, representing a 43.64 percent jump, when compared to the amount collected and disbursed during the same period of 2007, Olton came in third place when the dollar amounts are compared without judging the increase

according to the 2007 figures.

At the bottom of the dollar tally was Littlefield, which showed a \$2,361.11 decrease, or a 3.80 percent drop compared to last year's numbers.

Morton was second from the bottom in the dollar amount collected, with a \$999.51 drop in sales tax

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Sales Tax Results

City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$42,367.41	\$37,045.07	14.36%
Dimmitt	\$25,254.16	\$21,946.79	15.06%
Morton	\$ 8,297.05	\$9,296.56	-10.75%
Littlefield	\$59,650.03	\$62,011.14	- 3.80%
Olton	\$11,621.86	\$ 8,090.54	43.64%
Sudan	\$ 3,148.83	\$ 3,197.88	- 1.53%
Earth	\$ 3,535.46	\$4,337.20	-18.48%
Farwell	\$ 7,325.47	\$ 7,548.33	- 2.95%
Bovina	\$ 6,495.99	\$ 5,981.57	8.60%
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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.

Class of 1993

The Muleshoe ISD Class of 1993 has scheduled its 15-year reunion for Oct. 10., during the Mules vs. Floydada ballgame, at 7:30 p.m., and on Oct. 11 at Leal's at 6 p.m., followed by a gathering at the Muleshoe Country Club at 8 p.m.

Go to Classreport.org for more information.

Hurricane Ike donations

Muleshoe Church of Christ, 2201 W. American Blvd., is taking donations of household items, new or slightly-used clothing, and money beginning this week until the end of the month for victims of Hurricane Ike. Volunteers will be on hand from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays to receive the donations.

Drivers license office closed

Texas Department of Public Safety's drivers license office in Muleshoe will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 15 and 16, and should reopen on Friday, Oct. 17.

Oktoberfest set for Saturday

Oktoberfest is shaping up to be a smashing (pumpkins) success and you and your family are invited, according to officials with the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, Muleshoe Heritage Foundation, the City of Muleshoe and Bailey County.

Among this year's events, set for Saturday, Oct. 18, are:

- 7-10 a.m. — Pancake breakfast at the Oneita Wagon Senior Center.

- 8 a.m. — noon — Bring decorated pumpkins, pumpkin pies and paintings to the Muleshoe Heritage Center.

- 2-5:30 p.m. — Entertainment and activities.

- 5:30-6 p.m. — Recognition Ceremony

- 6-7:30 p.m. — Hamburger dinner.

- 6:30-8 p.m. — Gospel songfest.

All activities will be at the Muleshoe Heritage Center except the pancake breakfast.

Among the free activities planned to celebrate Oktoberfest, the 90th anniversary of Bailey County, and the 95th anniversary of the City of Muleshoe are:

- A pumpkin launching Contest.
- Guided tours of the

Gallman elected

LeAnn Gallman, city secretary for the City of Muleshoe, was recently elected secretary of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc., at the annual membership meeting held in Dallas.

Editorial

Liquor sales: Benefits at a price

At what point does an economic increase outweigh the impact problems resulting from the increase's source have on society?

This is the question being presented to Bailey County voters on Nov. 4, when they go to the polls to decide the liquor issue.

Proponents for local liquor sales no doubt consider two basic issues — the increased availability and the potential for increased sales taxes — in their arguments supporting the issue. And to be perfectly honest, they're right on both counts.

Having liquor package stores, for off-premises sales only, will make it easier for local users to obtain a product they desire. But it will also make it more available for local abusers as well, and our children.

But the argument that if it isn't purchased in Muleshoe, those who choose to use it will just travel to another community to purchase it, leading to more problems with drinking and driving, is one of the most absurd arguments we've heard on the issue.

First, they are acknowledging that no matter where the package store is, many of the customers will be drinking on their trip to or from the store. Therefore, they suggest, you are better off shortening the distance as much as possible.

The same argument could be raised by those who object to the drug interdiction activities of local law enforcement officers. In other words, if the local supply is shut down, the users will have to travel elsewhere.

They're saying, "People are going to use drugs anyway, so wouldn't it be safer on the roads if they only had to travel across town?" ...As we said, this is a totally ridiculous argument.

The only way to actually cure this "driving problem" is to place a store next doors to every residence of use. That's next doors...

not across the street. Intoxicated pedestrians have a tendency to get knocked out of their shoes when they step in front of moving vehicles.

As for the economic benefits, it would greatly surprise us if the Muleshoe area's population generated enough monthly alcohol-related sales taxes to offset the increased problems.

But, maybe we need to consider the other financial benefits besides the increased sales tax collections. There are the increased traffic-related fines associated with alcohol-related businesses, and even some court costs resulting from offenses that carry over into county or district court.

And there is also the potential for increased usage of our local ambulance service and hospital.

In a perfect world, we wouldn't have to worry about alcoholics who are able to resist a trip out of county for a bottle, but unable to resist that flashing neon sign up the street, and around the corner.

In a perfect world, we wouldn't have to worry about kids who want to drink like the adults.

In a perfect world, we wouldn't have to worry about alcohol destroying families and ruining lives.

But this isn't a perfect world. This is a world where we should be concerned about what happens to our friends, neighbors... and kids, and that just doesn't fit with passage of the liquor issue.

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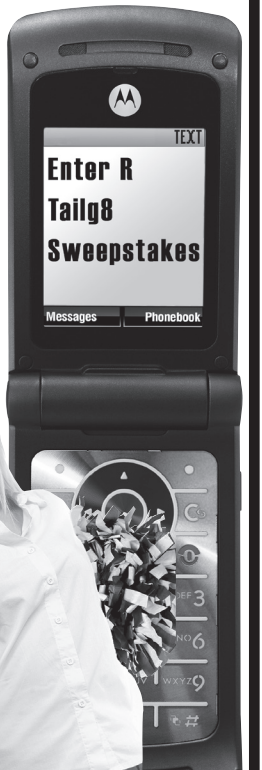
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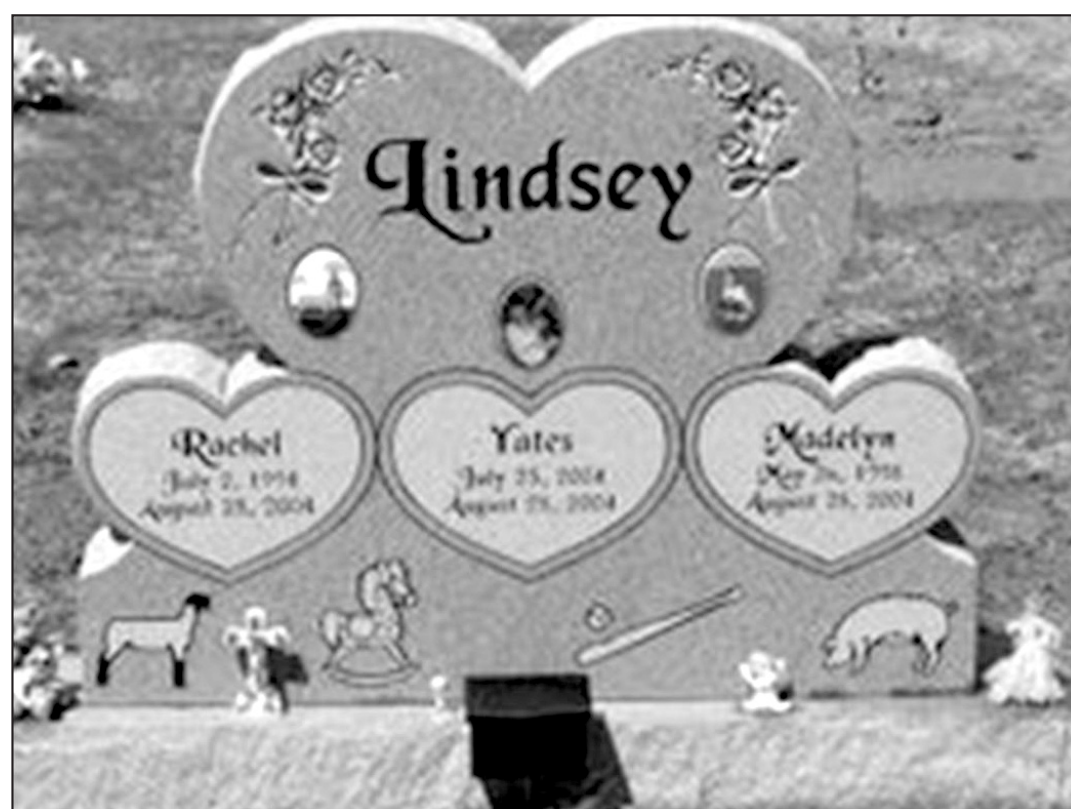
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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Thanks to Wayne Pierson and the representatives from the hospital and nursing home for the very informative and helpful program they presented on Friday.

Remember our pancake breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 18. Serving time is from 7-10 a.m. Start your Octoberfest

day off with a pancake at the senior center.

Several flavors of syrup, bacon, sausage, milk, orange juice, and coffee will be available. All you can eat for \$5 for adults and \$3 children under 10. Hope to see you here.

All of you Bunco players call your friend and plan to play Tuesday, Oct. 21.

The number of players is increasing and there is a lot of laughter and fun. Be at the center on Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 22, is flu shots at the senior center provided by NursCare. Bring your medicare card. The

shots will be available from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Anyone needing a flu shot is welcome

to come. If you do not have medicare coverage the fee will be \$25.

Thursday is Bingo day. La Shea Mason will be doing the calling. She is always a delight to see. Make plans to join in the fun. Prizes and refreshments are provided.

Menu for Oct. 20 - 24:
Monday, Oct. 20 — Stew, salad, cornbread, cookies

and fruit.

Tuesday, Oct. 21 — Smothered chicken, scalloped potatoes, carrots, salad, wheat roll, pears and cottage cheese.

Wednesday, Oct. 22 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and fruit cobber.

Thursday, Oct. 23 —

Meat loaf, beans, salad, wheat roll and cake.

Friday, Oct. 24 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad,

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He is Waiting in the Midst of the Storm

by Max Lucado

Peter knows he is in trouble. The winds roar down onto the Sea of Galilee like a hawk on a rat. Lightning zigzags across the black sky. The clouds vibrate with thunder. The rain taps, then pops, then slaps against the deck of the boat until everyone aboard is soaked and shaking. Ten-foot waves pick them up and slam them down again with bonejarring force.

These drenched men don't look like a team of apostles who are only a decade away from changing the world. And you can be sure of one thing. The one with the widest eyes is the one with the biggest biceps—Peter. He's seen these storms before. He's seen the wreckage and bloated bodies float to shore. He knows what the fury of wind and wave can do. And he knows that times like this are not times to make a name for yourself; they're times to get some help.

That is why, when he sees Jesus walking on the water toward the boat, he is the first to say, "Lord, if it's you ... tell me to come to you on the water." (Matthew 14:28)

He is aware of two facts: He's going down, and Jesus is staying up. And it doesn't take him too long to decide where he would rather be.

Perhaps a better interpretation of his request would be, "Jeeeeeeesus. If that is you, then get me out of here!"

"Come on" is the invitation.

And Peter doesn't have to be told twice. It's not every day that you walk on water through waves that are taller than you are. But when faced with the alternative of sure death or possible life, Peter knows which one he wants.

The first few steps go well. But a few strides out onto the water, and he forgets to look to the One who got him there in the first place, and down he plunges.

Peter's response may lack class—it probably wouldn't get him on the cover of Gentleman's Quarterly or even Sports Illustrated—but it gets him out of some deep water: "Help me!"

And since Peter would rather swallow pride than water, a hand comes through the rain and pulls him up.

The message is clear.

As long as Jesus is one of many options, he is no option. As long as you can carry your burdens alone, you don't need a burden bearer. As long as your situation brings you no grief, you will receive no comfort. And as long as you can take him or leave him, you might as well leave him, because he won't be taken half-heartedly.

But when you mourn, when you get to the point of sorrow for your sins, when you admit that you have no other option but to cast all your cares on him, and when there is truly no other name that you can call, then cast all your cares on him, for he is waiting in the midst of the storm.

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Obituaries

Virginia Wyvonne Snider

Virginia Wyvonne Snider departed this life on Oct. 6, 2008. She was born on July 7, 1939, to E.B. "Booger" and Dollie Wilson.

Wyvonne married Jim Snider on Jan. 20, 1960, in Littlefield.

She loved gardening and her family was always forefront in her life.

Among those left to cherish her memory are her husband — Jim; two sons — Blake Snider of Madisonville, Drew Snider of Bakersfield, Calif.; a daughter — Charmange Snider of Muleshoe; three grandchildren — Sunny Snider of Plainview, and Thomas and Allison of Muleshoe; a sister and her husband — Peggy and George Wheeler of



VIRGINIA WYVONNE SNIDER Muleshoe; a brother and his wife — Barry and Sondra Wilson of Muleshoe.

Wyvonne was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial services were held on Monday, Oct. 13, at the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

Something worth saying...

By Glen Williams

Hurting or benefiting others

As I get underway with this column, I don't hesitate to say that I was a little disappointed with the way I finished the last one.

I would liked to have said more about the pattern for our lives, as to different ways in which we can, by right efforts, profit by following it, and by running afoul of it we can hurt ourselves.

Also we can hurt others, or we can benefit others. The choice is ours. But we must understand what we are talking about. And that will require that we "study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

That's not what I say about it. That's what Paul said.

But this is election year and that is a very important time for all of us. I see a good many signs around town for this candidate and that candidate — for this office and that office.

As I have said, "from Constable to President," and offices in between. Thus far I have not heard any complaints or personal abuses of one candidate against another one. And I am thankful for that. Because my observation during the many years I have watched elections has been, and still are, such things do more harm than good.

And I truthfully say that never, not one time, in the campaigns that I ran — two for county commissioner and six for county judge did I ever publicly make an uncomplimentary remark about any of the other candidates.

I never ran "against" them. They were not "opponents." I always ran "for" the office. And I never ran because I wanted the office. I ran because I felt certain that a majority of the people wanted me to have it.

I said then, and I say today, that if I had to hurt

friends or other people to get elected I would not accept an office on that basis. And I really wish that were true on a state or national level. But I'm afraid it's not that way.

To me it's a bit disappointing to turn on to listen to one of the candidates for a major office, especially President or Vice President, and hear about the faults, and failures of the other candidate, but very little about the plans he (or she) might have should he be elected.

I used to keep a little plaque hung in my office that read,

"People do not plan to fail, they fail to plan."

You know, we could take a few children and put them to themselves to play. If left alone they will organize themselves to play whatever type game they want to play and it will be fair. That quality is bred into them.

Or by the same token we could gather up a group of adults of all ages, without regard to race, creed, sex or color, move them to a distant and primitive island and they will organize a government that will be democratic, because that's the way they were raised.

For that very reason we of the United States will in my judgement solve most of the problems that today are so acute. And so I think there are better days ahead.

May I suggest that we plan accordingly?

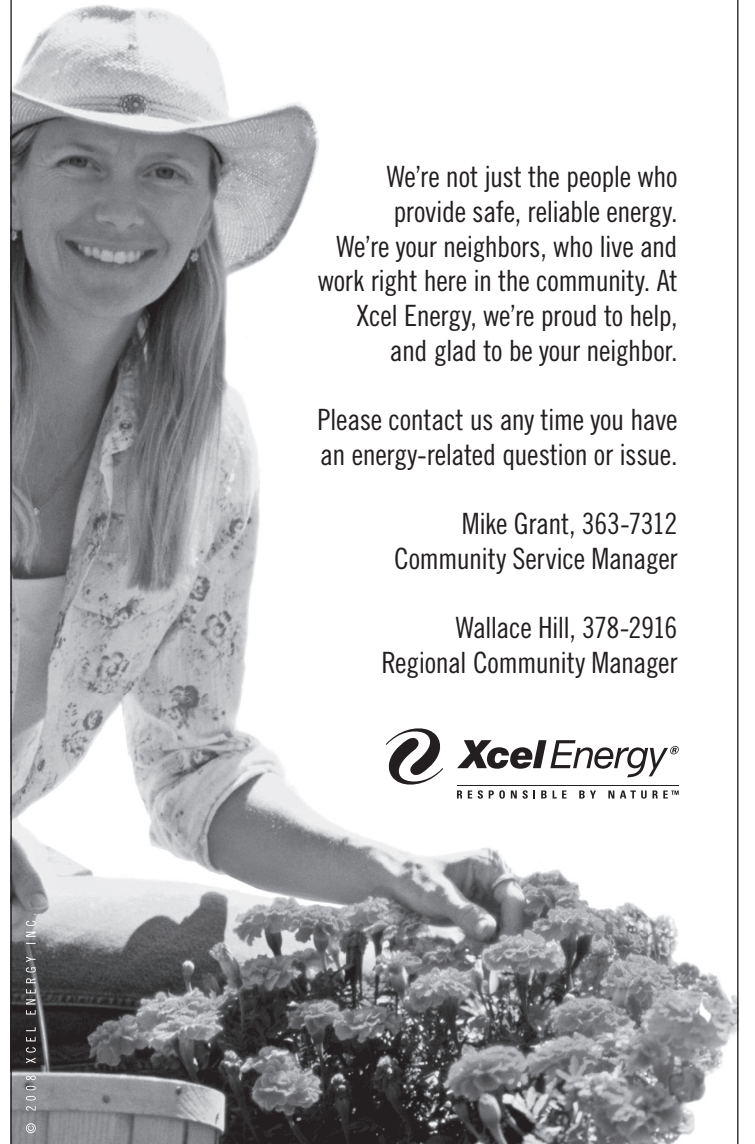
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Leonard Pierce

Church services for Leonard Pierce, 76, of Sudan, were held on Saturday, Oct. 11, at Sudan Church of Christ with Terry Willson officiating. Burial followed in Sudan Cemetery.

Pierce died on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2008, in his residence. He was born on March 5, 1932, in Menard County to Frank and Violet Pierce, and married Yvonne Pierce in Sudan on Dec. 21, 1950.

Pierce moved to Lamb County in 1947 from Menard County. He attended the Littlefield Schools, and was a member of the Sudan Church of Christ.

He was an honorary member the 4-H and FFA Clubs of Sudan, and was a Lamb County's Precinct 4 Commissioner. He also farmed from 1950 until

1982. His parents and two brothers — Chessley and Bobby Joe Pierce, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife — Yvonne; three sons and their wives — Randy and Doris Pierce and Bruce and Sherry Pierce, all of Sudan, and Brad and Cynthia Pierce of Austin; two daughters and their husbands — Jenine and Bobby Foster of Midlothian, and Celia and Gary Horton of Lubbock; three brothers — Norman Pierce of Dallas, William Pierce of Merkel and John Pierce of Menard; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 N.M. 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411.

Education

A note from the Superintendent

By Gene Sheets, Superintendent

We are not only adding new quality facilities to each of our campuses, we are also adding new faculty and staff to an already quality faculty and staff.

I think the new people we hired at the school are going to fit right in with the great staff we already have here in Muleshoe.

One junior high teacher said that "this is the best group of new teachers we have ever hired. They are conscientious, professional, outgoing, and sincere. From our new teacher assistants to the teachers and coaches, they have already made a huge difference on our campus!"

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One story at Dillman Elementary is a good example of the attitude of our new faculty and staff.

We had a Kindergarten teacher who resigned the second week of August, just before school started. We were not sure what we were going to do. However, Kathy Vandevender had retired from Portales a few years ago and was living in Muleshoe.

She had expressed an interest in teaching for us at some point. The only problem was that she was not certified to teach Kindergarten, but she was certified to teach second grade. So we approached one of our new teachers

whom we had just hired in June, Mrs. Becky Collins, about changing from second grade to Kindergarten.

Mrs. Collins had taught Kindergarten before in a different school district, but when we hired her we asked her to teach second grade in Muleshoe.

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Sports

Mules 'defuse' Floydada Whirlwind's dynamite, 52-0

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

The Mules may have felt a bit like a man playing with dynamite Friday night. "He is pretty safe unless someone lights the fuse."

The Whirlwinds of Floydada had all the makings of dynamite with quickness and speed to burn.

The Mules defused the Whirlwinds 52-0 for their first shut out of the season. It was both teams district opener. The Mules did not allow Floydada's high speed running back, Aarrhon Flores, to escape the confines of his own backfield. He had 24 rushing attempts for only 52 yards and a 2.2 yard per carry average.

"It was good to get back out on the football field after two weeks," said Mule coach David Wood. "We got our first district win tonight as our kids always made plays when we needed them."

"We always had the game in hand but it always seemed they were hanging around. It just felt like they could break loose at any time. We just had to keep our axe to the grind stone and stay sharp in the second half. I am glad we were able to do that," concluded Wood.

The Mules lost the coin toss and Floydada decide to kick first and take the wind. Juan Sanchez returned the kick to the Mule 33. Lane Wood set the tone for the Mule offense with a nine-yard blast up the middle on the first play of the game.

Victor Vasquez made back-to-back catches to move the Mules 43 yards down field to the Whirlwind 12. The Mules still needed 12 yards on fourth down when Wes Wood dropped the ball over Vasquez's shoulder in the end zone for

the Mules first touchdown with nine and half minutes left in the opening period.

The Mule Bend-But-Don't-Break Defense ripped the ball loose from a Whirlwind running back eight plays after the ensuing kick. The Mules claimed the loose ball on the Mule 28.

W. Wood connected with Vasquez over the middle on third and nine needed for a first. He raced 66 yards before being pulled down from behind at the Floydada five. Cooper Washington went down and out in the end zone.

W. Wood zipped the big man the ball for the Mules second TD. W. Wood then found Vasquez open in the end zone for the two-point conversion. The Mules led 14-0 with three minutes left in the first period.

W. Wood had his third pass of the season intercepted in the Floydada end zone to halt the Mules' apparent scoring drive. Washington raced into the Floydada backfield on a stunt to sack the Whirlwind quarterback on fourth down to give the Mules the ball at the Floydada 45 half way through the second period.

L. Wood was the safety valve on first and 10 from the Whirlwind 30. W. Wood checked the other receivers before going to him. L. Wood rambled down the Mule side of the field for 20 yards to give the Mules a first and goal at the 10.

W. Wood was forced out of the pocket and escaped the grasp of a Whirlwind tackler before scooting the final 10 yards to pay dirt. The Mules led 26-0 with over five minutes left in the half.

It was three and out for the Whirlwinds. Vasquez made the fair catch of a Floydada punt at the Mule 45. Three

plays later the Mules need 17 yards on third down at the Floydada 17.

W. Wood dropped the ball over the top of the defender to Ray Ramirez. He made a spectacular catch and raced into the end zone to give the Mules a 32-0 lead at the intermission.

The Mules kicked off to start the second half and forced the Whirlwinds to punt after just three plays. Vasquez received the punt and got behind a moving wall of Mules. He banged into the back of one of his blockers near the 50.

He bounced off and broke into the open for a 71-yard punt return less than two minutes into the second half. The TD put the Mules up 38-0.

L. Wood scored on a 10-yard run later in the third quarter to give the Mules a 38-0 lead. W. Wood connected with Ramirez for a 32-yard pass and run to pay dirt early in the final period. Vasquez booted the point after for a 45-0 Mule advantage.

Jared Skipworth took over at the controls for the Mules and faked to Caleb Conner before racing 15 yards on his first play at quarterback to the Floydada nine. Conner powered up the middle on the Hammer Play for his first varsity touchdown. Vasquez booted the final extra point to end all scoring.

The Mule offense rolled up 532 total yards of offense with 390 coming through the air and 142 on the ground. W. Wood was 22 of 38 with two interceptions for 390 yards. Vasquez caught 10 passes for 222



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Mule Victor Vasquez waits for the ball to arrive prior to a touchdown Friday.

yards. Ramirez grabbed four tosses for 96 yards, L. Wood had seven for 68 and Washington made one for five.

The Mule defense held the Whirlwinds to only 138 total yards of offense. They had 88 yards passing and 50 rushing on 36 attempts.

Lane Wood led the Mule defense with 12 tackles, two for a loss, one hurry and two special teams tackles. Cooper Washington made 10 stops, six for a loss, a sack, a hurry and a big hit. Austin Bamert also made 10 stops with five being for losses.

Alex Godinez had nine tackles, one for a loss, recovered a fumbled and led the special teams with four tackles. Nathaniel Chavez

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Sports

Eighth grade mules shut out the Whirlwinds

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules met the Floydada Whirlwinds in their district and home opener Thursday, Oct. 9. The young Mules pitched a shutout taking the game 38-0.

The Mules started fast and received the opening kick and began their first drive at the Mule 30. It only took three plays for the Mules to reach pay dirt. Junior Baca took a pitch from Marcus Reyes around left end for a 22-yard gain.

with Baca leading the way wide right for nine yards. Baca broke through a hole opened in the right side by the line 55 yards and a touchdown. He broke up the middle for the two-point conversion and an 8-0 Mule lead with 6:30 left in the opening period.

The Mules had a miscue and put the ball on the ground and Floydada recovered at the Mule 29. The Mule defense not only stopped the Whirlwinds but pushed them back nine yards.

Marquise Trevino met the running back two-yards deep in his backfield on second down. The Whirlwinds tried to pass on third and 12 needed for a first. Ryan Johnson slashed through on a linebacker stunt and sacked the quarterback for a seven yard loss.

The defensive stand inspired the offense and they marched 86 yards to pay dirt in eight plays. Baca had a 60-yard TD called back on a penalty so he pound out 46 of the yards during the march.

Reyes kept on back-to-back option plays and went the final 35 yards for a TD. **Continued on page 11**



Mule quarterback receives awards

Muleshoe varsity quarterback Wes Wood, and Muleshoe ISD, were presented with Ford Built Tough Player of the Week trophy during Friday's pep rally. Pictured above, from left to right, are Coach David Wood, his father, Rick Wilcox of Big Valley Motors, and Wes.

Varsity football

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recorded seven tackles, broke up a pass and made three special team tackles. Marshall Head made six tackles, hurried one pass and caused a fumble. Adrian Chacon also caused a fumble and Mighty Joe Vargas and Adrian Muniz each recovered fumbles for the Mules. The Mules made three fourth down stops to take over the ball from the

Whirlwinds. "It was a team effort tonight," said Marshall Head. "We started the second half with a lot more emotion than we had in the first. We were able to contain their running game and did not let them use their speed." "Our coaches came up with the strategy to kick short and we did not let them break a big run back. Definitely a team effort tonight," he added.

Those sentiments were echoed by Austin Bamert when he said, "We came out in the second half and continued to shut them down and put points on the score board. Our defense played well all night as shown by the zero on the score board." The 1-0 Mules will travel to Tulia to tangle with the 0-1 Hornets Friday night. This past week Tulia fell to Friona 42-7 and Childress defeated Dimmitt 55-14.

Winner has 'come on with a vengeance'

By Leah Bell
General Manager

This week's winner has only been playing the contest for the last couple of weeks to my recollection, but in that short time, she's come on with a vengeance. Thanks to finishing strong two weeks in a row, Lindsey Kitchens has propelled herself into fourth place in the race for the \$200 grand prize and in doing so, picked up the \$25 weekly prize in Week 6. Lindsey missed just one game — picking Abernathy to beat Littlefield which actually was the closest game of the contest and could have gone either way. She also guessed only four points away from the tiebreaker total which saw the Mules beat Floydada 52-0. Four other players missed just one game but were further away from the tiebreaker total. Those folks had to settle for being the "bridesmaids" and not the bride this week.

Wearing the ugly bridesmaids dresses were: Debbie Weir, James Buie and Charlotte Field who tied for third place, and Michelle Toscano. Sorry James, I'm not calling you a cross-dresser, just trying to get my point across using an interesting analogy — it just so happens all the other top five finishers were women this week! (*General Manager's note: James Buie is a very manly man.*) Finishing out the top ten this week and earning cumulative points respective to their finish were: Sue Bessire, Todd Bessire, Travis Bessire, Joe Flores and Hilbert Wisian. Just out of the points this week were: Tommy King, Charles Waggoner, Rosalinda Toscano, and Devnie Orozco. Here's how some of you fared this week: Zedrick Herrera-15th, Fernando Toscano-17th, Felipe Gonzales-20th, Troy Moore-21st, Terry Field-23rd, Brandon Acevedo-

25th, Sue Bond, Linda Lutz, Alene Bryant, Patrick Orozco and Jan King all tied for 26th, Damion Toscano-33rd, Richard Orozco-36th, Jim Lutz-38th, Donnie McDonald-40th, Raymond Villalobos-43rd, and Rosa Rey-45th. Cumulative points through Week 6: Charlotte Field-22, Terry Field-22, Troy Moore-19, Lindsey Kitchens-18, Travis Bessire-17, James Buie-15, Jaden Herrera-15, Zedrick Herrera-15, Michelle Toscano-14, Charles Waggoner-14, Tommy King-14, Veronica Gonzales-14, Devnie Orozco-14, Debbie Weir-13, Sherri Harrison-13, Joe Cortez-13, William Orozco-11, Alene Bryant-10, Fernando Toscano-9, Sue Bond-7, Linda Lutz-6, Donnie McDonald-6, Sue Bessire-5, Raymond Villalobos-5, Todd Bessire-4, Gabe Toscano-4, Felipe Gonzales-3, Linda Flores-3, Joe Flores-2, Jan King-2, Rene Valle-2, Ed Dabrowski-2, Hilbert Wisian-1, 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.

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Terry Hutton, Lubbock	8	Blk. bulls	395 lbs.	at \$117.00
Terry Hutton, Lubbock	10	Blk. bulls	524 lbs.	at \$96.00
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Double S Farms, Plainview	22	Mxd. str.	420 lbs.	at \$106.00
Double S Farms, Plainview	14	Mxd. str.	479 lbs.	at \$97.500
Jacob Reimer, Seminole	1	Char. bull	375 lbs.	at \$109.00
Donnye Baker, Morton	4	Mxd. bulls	478 lbs.	at \$96.00
W.B. Etheridge, Morton	7	Mxd. str.	486 lbs.	at \$97.50
W.B. Etheridge, Morton	26	Mxd. str.	600 lbs.	at \$90.50
Eddy Moudy, Earth	1	Blk bull	610 lbs.	at \$89.00
3M Cattle, Muleshoe	7	Mxd. str.	619 lbs.	at \$93.00
Gene Welch, Friona	4	Blk bulls	660 lbs.	at \$80.50
Laying D. Cattle, Maple	1	Bfw. hfr	270 lbs.	at \$110.00
Double S Farms, Plainview	11	Blk. hfrs.	336 lbs.	at \$117.00
Double S Farms, Plainview	17	Mxd. hfrs.	378lbs.	at \$96.00
Jorge Corballo, Hereford	1	Blk hfr	465 lbs.	at \$90.00
W. B. Etheridge, Morton	9	Mxd. hfrs.	528 lbs.	at \$86.00
Eddy Moudy, Earth	3	Blk. hfrs	545 lbs.	at \$86.00
Gene Welch, Friona	3	Blk. hfrs	592 lbs.	at \$84.00
Bar C Feed, Littlefield	1	Blk. hfr	620 lbs.	at \$91.00
3M Cattle, Muleshoe	15	mxid. hfr.	636 lbs.	at \$84.25
J.K. Ogle, Brownfield	4	Mxd. hfr.	701 lbs.	at \$83.75
Rafter C Living Trust, Levelland	1	Blk pair		\$850.00
Rafter C Living Trust, Levelland	1	Char. cow P		\$610.00
ACU, Morton	1	Blk cow P8		\$600.00
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Hey, you can't expect me -errr Peak-to climb every mountain peak!
I love the fall! The cool, crisp air feels so wonderful as I view the plush, colorful fall foliage carpeting the hills and valleys. What is your favorite way to see the fall foliage?
How can people view the colorful fall foliage? Fill in this puzzle to find out!

That pile of leaves will break my fall.
Don't even think it!

We really fall for autumn.
Ouch!
We're nuts about farmers!
I think the fall is just peachy!
Oooops... I'm falling through a crack!

Shopping at the Farmers' Market
Let's go shopping at the Farmers' Market. What will there be to choose from this fall? Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks:

1. hike to the peak of a _____
2. fly in the basket of a hot air _____
3. pedal on a _____
4. drive in a _____
5. ride a trail on _____
6. walk on _____
7. some parks let you climb to the top of a fire _____
8. travel tracks on a _____
9. navigate a _____ on a lake
10. look down from the clouds in an _____

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Yay! Football season is in full swing again.

1. tackle
2. pass
3. touchdown
4. fumble
5. huddle
6. kick off
7. turf field
8. football

Can you match these football terms to their meanings?

a. scoring play where a member of the offense brings the football into the endzone
b. also known as a pigskin, this ball has a white leather lace grip
c. when a player drops the football and any player on the field can pick it up
d. man-made surfaces used instead of grass on football fields
e. first play of every football game; one team launches the ball in the air at the other team
f. players on the field meet to discuss how to handle the next play
g. quarterback throws the football toward someone on his team
h. player on defense knocks down the person holding the football to end a play

Falling into Autumn

1. Which tree gives us sap we make into sweet syrup and candies?
2. Which tree rains acorns?

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R = Red
Y = Yellow
B = Brown
T = Tan
O = Orange

Color in the puzzle using the color key to see these leaves:

Gathering Food!

Whirl the squirrel is supposed to be busy searching for acorns to gather to bring back to his nest for the winter. Can you help Whirl?

Whaaaat? It's just a little snack to keep up my energy!

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The Sudan Buzzy

Sudan Hornets fall hard in gridiron battle against Morton

By Lonnie Wilhite

The Sudan Hornets started the second portion of their season at 0-0 only

to trip and fall 60-13.

They finished their tough pre-district schedule with a record of two wins and three

losses.

They hosted the Morton Indians, the team picked as the pre-season favorites in

district 5-2a, Friday night.

The Morton Indians came into the game at 2-3 and after a loss to Hale Center the week before. The Indians were looking to get their offense untracked and start district with a win.

The Hornets were coming off a bye week and had an extra week to get healthy and prepare for the spread offense of Morton.

Sudan made couple of line up changes on the offensive side of the ball. Jae Koontz moved from guard to running back and Ramon Perez started at quarterback for the sore Derrick Williams.

Sudan was forced to punt on the first possession of the night. Morton returned the punt to the Morton 35 and then scored in only four plays.

Luey Enriquez finished the drive with a 35-yard run and the extra point was good for a 7-0 lead.

Sudan fumbled an option pitch on their ensuing drive. The Indians recovered and Aaron Lewis scored on an eight-yard run to extend the Morton lead to 13-0.

Sudan finally caught a

break when Morton muffed the punt and the Hornets recovered on the Morton 37.

The Hornets reached the Morton 20 before Derrick Williams only pass of the game was intercepted. Morton drove 81 yards to take a 19-0 lead on an Emerson Cornish one-yard dive.

Tough pre-district season ends

struggle offensively and fumbled their next possession to give Morton the ball on the Sudan 27.

The Indians scored on a 5 yard pass from the left arm of Cornish to Trey Kimbrell. The two-point conversion gave Morton a 27-0 lead.

Sudan drove 60 yards in three minutes to finally get on the board. Fahron Nolte blasted over on a one-yard dive with 1:44 left on the clock.

Brock Steinbock tacked on the point after to cut the

Morton lead 27-7.

Morton took only 55 seconds to march 73 yards. Cornish again hit Kimbrell for the touchdown from 40 yards out.

Sudan went to the locker room trailing 33-7 at the half.

The Hornets would not score again until 6:59 of the fourth quarter. Zach Richards broke through the line for a 20-yard scamper. The Hornets trailed 53-13 at that point.

Morton scored on their next possession to end all scoring.

Jae Koontz was a bright spot in the game for the Hornets. He finished the first half with 82 yards rushing on eight carries for a 10.3 yard average.

Koontz is one of the three seniors on the team. He also had three tackles in the first half and two assists in the first half.

One game does not end a district race and if the Hornets catch Koontz enthusiasm they could finish 4-1 and make the playoffs.

Sudan travels to Farwell Friday to take on the 2-4, 0-1 Steers.



Hornet tough...

Spectators at Sudan ISD games can now cheer for their favorite teams as they hit the gridiron or basketball court under the watchful eyes of a larger-than-life mascot.

Sudan Ex-Students, Teachers hold annual homecoming banquet

Sudan Ex-Students and Teachers had their 56th annual homecoming banquet on Saturday, Sept. 27, in the high school commons area.

100 ex-students, teachers and guests were present.

Jim Newman, the president, welcomed the guests, and Jerry Ray gave the invocation before the meal that was catered by Danny's Catering of Lubbock.

After the meal, the honor classes were recognized.

The class of 1938 had two present, class of 1948 had five, class of 1958 had seven, class of 1968 had 13, class of 1978 had one, and the class of 1988 had three. Each person was given a chance to tell about themselves.

The class of 1968 told us about their football team the year that they graduated. They won district, bi-district, regional and lost in the area playoff.

This was the first time that a Sudan Hornet football

team had gone that far in the playoffs.

All of the other classes represented then were recognized.

Newman then recognized Mary Hanna and Mechele Edwards for decorating the tables. Also Lanette Whitley and her students for the reception during registration and they also assisted during the serving of the meal.

A birthday boy, J. C. Withrow, 85, was recognized and Wayne Swart led a

happy birthday song for him.

The awards came next. Kay Wiseman, secretary, presented the award for the person coming the farthest for homecoming to Tim Kent, class of 1960, who came from Frederick, Md.

Waymon Gordon, class of 1933, was awarded the oldest award, and Karen Whitten, class of 1988, received the youngest award.

Another award, for the person with the most

family members graduating from Sudan, was given to PeeWee Lance with 18 family members.

She also pointed out that her son is the current Superintendent of Sudan ISD, and both of her daughters are teachers in area schools.

Also, the band exes were celebrating the 50 year anniversary of the first I rating ever received by a Sudan band.

One band director, Don Williams, who started the band back after several years of not having band in school was honored with a certificate.

Lee Boyd Montgomery, the band director who arrived in the fall of 1958, was honored as being the director who finally started the band program in Sudan schools on its winning tradition.

After several years of receiving "V" ratings, he pulled some 42 students together to pull off what was thought to be impossible. A "I" rating at UIL marching contest.

Wiseman then introduced Eddie Chance, a former student who was a member of the 1958-1959 band. The youngest students in the band were sixth graders.

Chance gave a brief history of the band program in Sudan and told the group that he had compiled DVDs of many marching performances through the years.

Anyone wanting a copy of the DVDs needs to contact him.

Lastly, the officers for next year's reunion were selected. The officers are: President, Phillip Jones, vice president, Clay Carr; and Debbie Ridlon, secretary.

Donut fund raiser announced

The Sudan and Springlake-Earth Schools are having a Krispy Kreme fundraiser, as well as selling Angelic Candles for Kody Fields.

Fields is a lifetime resident of Sudan and a Springlake-Earth High School student who was severely injured in an accident two weeks

ago.

The donuts are \$6 a dozen, and order forms are available in the Sudan Elementary and High School offices or from a student council member.

For more information call Neal Kleman at Sudan High school, at 806-227-2431.

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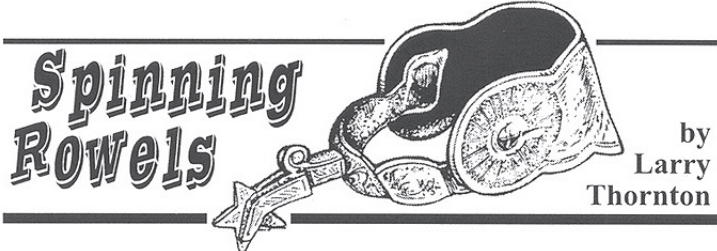
The latest medical miracle carries ramifications that will probably be heard around the world.

Just think about it... a German farmer who had lost both arms in an accident six years ago is now the recipient of a double arm transplant.

This is amazing! While the surgeons who performed this medical feat are no doubt patting each other on their backs, I think the busiest people in their offices are the receptionists fielding the calls from individuals hoping to be second on the surgeons' list of successes.

Sure there have been advances in limb reattachments over the years.

I know a person who having lost a thumb to a table saw opted to replace it with his big toe. He was able to return to work unimpeded by the lack of a thumb, choosing instead to deal with a slight limp.



I always wondered if he needed a special set of gloves, equipped with Odoreaters™, or if it tickled when he shook someone's hand. Since he always appeared to be happy with his decision... maybe it did.

Actually, with the number of roping injuries resulting from a thumbs-down daily in West Texas, I'm surprised we don't have more cowboys limping around from something other than injured pride as a result of a rank horse on a cold morning.

But this latest news goes beyond that. Just imagine what it could mean to the occasional politician who having opened his mouth at the wrong time ended

up chewing off a foot. Why, Sen. Joe Biden alone, with his documented propensity toward plagiarism, could keep them in business for years.

On the other side of the political aisle was President George H. Bush, who ran into trouble back in 1988 over his "Read my lips..." comment many years ago.

While his gaff wasn't in the same league, turning into an error in judgement later when he succumbed to pressure to raise taxes when Congress was controlled by the Democrats.

There's little doubt that in the years that followed he probably would have considered a lip transplant.

Of course, such transplants could cause

problems in themselves, for example, when somebody says they "stand on their own two feet," the unbelieving will require them to pull up their pant legs to check for scars.

And when someone "puts their best foot forward," will we need to know if it's original or borrowed equipment?

Finally, what about people who tend to "pat themselves on the back?" Is there a possibility of them causing serious self-injury?

I mean... what if the new arm drops of at the office Christmas party?

What's the etiquette in such circumstances? Do you politely hand it back, or are you allowed to offer it on Ebay as salvaged property?

Only time will tell, but until then, I think I'm going to see about getting on the donor gut list, or maybe the list for men who need a developing bald spot. I've got both... any takers?

City council... Continued from page 1

expansion of the existing plant.

By issuing prorated forgivable loans instead of grants, it was explained that should the business enterprise fail, there is a chance that at least a portion of the funds can be recovered.

"I've heard really good things about their business in Friona," said Eric McElroy, council member.

Janet Claborn, the MEDC director, described the "due diligence report" received

by the MEDC board for consideration as excellent, and said the business venture could bring several new employees to the Muleshoe community.

When talking about the board's recommendation, City Manager David Brunson said the success of the MEDC, which unlike most economic development entities in the region has yet to have an associated business fail, is based on the conservative practices of its board, noting that its members should be commended.

In other MEDC-related business, the council approved the board's recommendation to reappoint Jose Sanchez to the MEDC board for another three-year term, and to appoint Bruce Barrett to the position vacated by the resignation of long-time member and corporation president Wanda

Hooten.

At a recent MEDC meeting, board member Max King was elected as president.

Muleshoe Mayor Cliff Black welcomed Sanchez and Barrett to their board positions.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a \$400 reimbursement for advertising expenses the Comite Patriotico incurred for its Sept. 16 celebration from the city's motel/hotel funds. Although the council had approved reimbursements up to \$575, the cost of raffle tickets was disallowed as not meeting the reimbursement criteria.

- Approved a \$2,000 reimbursement to the Muleshoe Rotary Club for advertising related to its Labor Day roping. An additional \$250 in reimbursement requests from the club were

disallowed as not meeting the set criteria.

Brunson noted that the roping garnered about \$15,000 for the Rotary Club, which he said would be funneled back into the community through the club's programs, including several scholarships.

- Approved a request from the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation for up to \$700 for advertising the Oct. 18 Oktoberfest with the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture.

"There's a lot of activities going on at the heritage center at this time," Brunson said.

- Approved a resolution denying a proposed Southwestern Public Service Company rate increase at the recommendation of the city manager who noted that municipalities disagreed with items listed in the proposal.

Sales tax...

Continued from page 1 dollars, a 10.75 percent drop when compared to last year's figures.

At the bottom of the percent list is Earth, with an 18.48 percent drop in sales tax revenue, representing an \$801.74 loss.

The recent allocation represents sales taxes collected by local business in August 2008 and reported to the comptroller's office in September, a total of \$1.68 billion and a 3.7 percent increase over last year's September totals, according to the comptroller's office.

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God Writes His Love In One Word

I love words. Perhaps I've not fallen into epeolatry yet, but it's always fun and interesting to meet a new word. (Like "epeolatry," which is "the worship of words.")

One of the best places I've found to discover new words and interesting things about words of all sorts is through the free e-mail publication "A.Word.A.Day" offered by www.wordsmith.org. Then a

I'm afraid you'll have a hard time slipping it into ordinary conversation down at the coffee shop.

Univocalic. (Pronounced "yoo-niv-uh-KAL-ik.")

"From the Latin uni- (one) plus vocalic (relating to vowels), from vox (voice)."

Univocalic is "a piece of writing that uses only one of the vowels."

Wordsmith gives an example of univocalic that uses only the vowel "e": Seventh September. And they note that the longest one word univocalic is "strengthlessness."

They also mention that according to Ed Park's article in "Village Voice," Canada's best-selling poetry book ever was Christian Bok's work, *Eunoia*. In the main portion of the book, each chapter used just a single vowel, producing sentences such as this: "Enfettered, these sentences repress free speech."

If you've got a little extra time, you might try your hand at writing univocalic in just a sentence or two. It is difficult, if nit ilmist imp . . . Oops. I probably shouldn't say that.

Oh, well. Words are fascinating and univocalic is interesting stuff. But I'm thankful to have at my disposal a deep bucketful of words that use all the very fine vowels English makes available.

Still, univocalic is intriguing. "I think I'd writ it jist in fits" and "never get these endless sentences enflashed."

When God speaks, he uses many vowels all pointing to one Word, "Jesus," and one word behind ever letter of His Word, LOVE.

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

Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

graduate student in computer science, a fellow named Anu Garg created the site in 1994. His daily subscriber list has grown to almost 600,000!

I like that. It's good to know that somewhere out there are still some folks, endangered species though they may be, who think that words and the thoughts and ideas they convey are important. Word-lovers tend to believe that our society not only needs the technical know-how to make things work and build great new gadgets, we need to know how to think and speak about where we've been and where we're going. Even though we're making excellent time on the trip, it might be nice to consider if we're pointed in the right direction at a destination worth reaching. Words help us consider such things.

Today's "Word of the Day" from Wordsmith.org is a particularly interesting one, but

Sports

Seventh grade falls to Floydada

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules were not able to contain a much larger Floydada Whirlwind team in their home and district opener.

The Mules had had a previous home game scheduled but it was cancelled because of lighting.

The Whirlwinds appeared to be more like tornados than whirlwinds in their 36-14 win over the Mules.

The Mules trailed 22-0 at the intermission but came back like men on a mission.

Floydada scored on the opening drive of the third quarter and a personal foul

penalty cost them 15 yards on the ensuing kick off.

The Mules claimed the ball on the Floydada 42 for their first decent field position of the game.

Eli Leal completed a toss to Matthew Barron on first down. Barron scampered for a 20-yard gain.

David Diaz pounded up the middle for a yard before Leal went wide right for another yard.

Visente Solano broke loose for a 12-yard run and a first down at the Whirlwind eight.

Diaz got the call and powered up the middle to put the Mules on the board with two minutes remaining in the third.

The Mules trailed 6-28 with eight minutes left to play.

The Whirlwinds added their final tally with just less than three minutes remaining in the game.

Solano took a pitch from Leal and went 39 yards before being brought down at the Floydada 18.

Diaz rambled to his right on first and goal and broke a tackle. He powered into the end zone for the TD.

Leal found Barron open in the end zone to tack on the two-point conversion and end all scoring.

The Mules will take to the road and travel to Tulia to meet the Hornets Thursday night.

Eighth grade football

Continued from page 7
Baca blasted over for the two-point conversion to push the Mule lead to 16-0 at the half.

Johnson saved a touchdown after a Floydada seven-yard gain early in the second half.

Alejandro Vidana smashed into the backfield and grabbed both the running back and quarterback and dragged both to the ground for a three-yard loss.

The Whirlwinds were forced to punt and the ball rolled dead at the Mule 36.

Reyes hooked up with Garrison Myers for a 21-yard pass and run. Baca took the

option pitch wide right for a 43-yard TD-run. Reyes hit Christopher Cage on a slant for the two-point conversion. The Mules led 24-0 with 3:21 left in the half.

The Mule defense forced the Whirlwinds to go three-and-out on their final possession of the first half. Zedrek Herrera made a stop for a yard loss on third down to force the punt.

The Mules partially blocked the punt and the ball went out of bounds at the Floydada 16 with a minute and half left in the third period.

Baca went up the middle for six on first down and then took a pitch and weaved

through traffic for the 10-yard TD to put the Mules up 30-0 after three periods.

The Mules final tally came late in the fourth period. Ramiro Martinez and Herrera provided the punch behind the powerful Mule line on the 60-yard drive. Martinez scampered in from 10-yards out. Caleb Wood tacked on the two-point conversion with a blast up the middle.

The 2-2, 1-0 Mules are on the road again Thursday as they travel to Tulia for their second district game.

The Mules will be home Oct. 23 when the Childress Bobcats come to Benny Douglas Stadium.



Rough morning on slick roads...

It was a rough morning on a rather slick section of Hwy. 84 at Progress Saturday, as a truck driver lost control and jackknifed his rig. Pictured above, Muleshoe firefighters, Bailey County deputies, and Muleshoe police officers direct traffic while awaiting the arrival of the highway patrol.

Photograph by Larry Thornton

Pottery fund raiser scheduled set for Saturday

Individuals wishing to help Lazbuddie resident Sherrie Nichols, who is currently undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments for cancer, may do so at Ticked Paint, located at 1523 W. American Blvd., in Muleshoe, on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Ticked Paint, a paint-your-own-pottery studio, is celebrating "National Paint Your Own Pottery Day" by donating 10 percent of sales on Oct. 18 to Nichols and the Chorus of Angels at the Joe Arrington Cancer

Center in Lubbock.

Ticked Paint is also offering a holiday coupon pass for only \$10. The \$10 purchase will help cover fuel costs for Nichols as she travels to Lubbock daily for

treatment. These passes may be purchased at Ticked Paint or at Williams General Store in Muleshoe.

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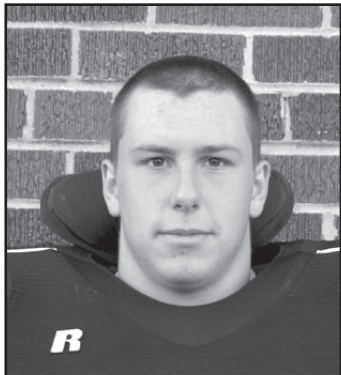
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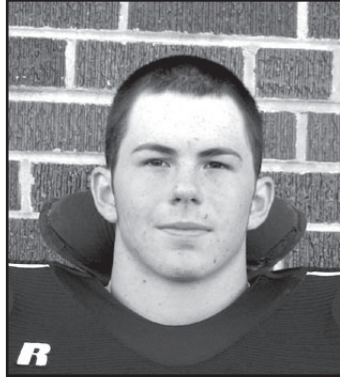
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Cub campout

A large crowd of Cub Scouts, siblings, parents and leaders from Muleshoe's Pack 620 attended a campout at the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge Sept 26-27. The cub scouts learned about campfire safety and hiked the trail at the refuge.

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Elementary, Assistant Superintendent Don Wood, standing in for Principal Debbie Gallman, said, "The more the word gets out that we're addressing the bullying, the more comfortable the parents are becoming," noting that positive feedback has already been received from parents.

Wood pointed out that at DeShazo's age level, pecking orders are beginning to form, and that the staff is concentrating on "stopping something that's negative" by encouraging the students to "be heroes."

"Students are being encouraged to stand together with the victim of bullying and to report instances to an adult," Gallman's prepared report states.

Wood said that in many cases a student and a friend can successfully stop a bullying situation just by stepping between an aggressive student and the victim, separating them.

Watson Junior High Principal Alex Salazar said, "Everywhere you go, you've got problems with bullying,"

adding that the junior high was attempting to combat the problem through positive reinforcement and an action plan that provided a "hot-line" which local students and parents could call to report such problems should they not feel comfortable reporting an incident to local school officials. This number is 1-888-212-5378.

Parents and teachers can also receive additional information about the problem of bullying at www.stopbullyingnow.org.

Muleshoe High School Principal Elizabeth Ward also spoke to the school board, saying, "We're not going to tolerate what's going on."

She talked about the high school's plan, which tries to define "bullying" and "harm" as clearly as possible, and said an effort is being made to develop the students as members of a "caring community."

In other business, the school board:

- Received a facility update in which it was noted that the district is currently looking

at the end of May 2009 for completion of DeShazo's expansion.

The school board also discussed some possible changes to the work at the high school, specifically dealing with the floors in the commons area and the cafeteria.

While the proposed flooring material would cost an estimated seven times the amount for the tile listed in the project specifications, it was pointed out that the tile would have to be replaced three to four times before the alternate material did.

"That's the big thing..." MISD board president David Tipps said, "it will last forever."

The school board also talked about adding an awning to the northside entrance to the junior high gymnasium at an estimated cost of \$5,500, and the possibility of saving about \$23,000 by changing the toilet partition hinges in the district's new restrooms.

- Received a "clean" audit report from Randall Field, PC.

Education

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Mrs. Collins had spent the summer going to workshops to teach second grade, buying supplies and materials for second grade, and getting her room ready for second grade.

If we asked her to change to

More Octoberfest activities offered

The Jennyslippers offer free miniature golf and muleshoe pitching from 1-5:30 p.m. at Octoberfest, at the MulePutt Golf Course.

The Jennyslippers will also offer free face painting for the kids.

Also, the Muleshoe Art Association is having an art exhibit in the ballroom of the Janes Ranch House.

Kindergarten, she would have to take down everything in her second grade classroom, store it somewhere, and get a different room ready for Kindergarten, all in a matter of a couple of days!

We asked her on the Monday before school started if she would be willing to move to Kindergarten.

She said, "If that's what the

school needs me to do, then I would be glad to do that." Isn't that a great attitude?

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commissioned with the Farwell Police Department. I have worked with several departments and have worked alongside other agencies in the area as well as agencies outside of the state. I have lived in rural Bailey County since I was a child and am familiar with the citizens of this community as well as the geography of the area, which is important for emergency response.

Several members of my family have been or are still in law enforcement and the task at hand is familiar ground for me. The dedication for the job is shared with me by my wife and fellow officer, Emily.

I have worked for different agencies in varying capacities over the years and worked from the lowest levels of those jobs on up in to the administrative level. This has given me an appreciation for the full scope of the position as well as the value of those who serve in all positions. I am a licensed jailer and capable of taking on the task of reigning in the cost of operation of the jail and its potential of providing the county with much needed revenue.

Snell — I will be the first to tell you I am not "perfect," but show me the "perfect" person. I do feel that I am the best candidate for Bailey County Sheriff because I will work with the people for the people. Had I not felt I was the best person for the job I would not have run.

I feel as a Bailey County native I have many great resources that will be an asset in all aspects of this job. I have experience with law enforcement via being a fugitive recovery agent for seven years in the Dallas and Fort Worth areas. Therefore, I understand how the criminal mind works. Also my certifications as a mental health para professional and a certified counselor for drug and alcohol abuse have given me a vast understanding of how to deal with people.

I sometimes wonder if people have forgotten that the major oath of any law enforcement officer is "to protect and serve." I will do everything within my power to instill this back into

our department and to the people of this community.

Wills — Along with education and the extensive hands on training of 13 years in law enforcement and by having already served over six years as your sheriff, I know what the responsibilities and demands are for the sheriff's office and what role the sheriff plays in the community.

I have a master peace officer's certification, which is only achieved by education, training, and years of experience. I have also obtained an instructor's certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education.

In the past six years as sheriff, I have worked closely with the county judge and commissioner's court on budgets and the general business of the county. I have tried very hard to achieve a good working relationship with other counties and their sheriffs and administrators.

My knowledge of corrections and my ability to work with other counties and facilities is vital to the business of contracting out of county "paying prisoners." We have a 96 bed jail and at the present time we are housing 15 Bailey County inmates and 66 out-of-county "paying" prisoners.

What do you perceive to be the sheriff department's greatest judicial assets?

Patterson — The greatest asset that the sheriff's department has is certainly the dedicated men and women who serve daily at the sheriff's office. The sheriff's office employs about 25 people and without their unrelenting dedication to their career and their sense of duty, the sheriff's office would be at a great loss.

I have served with many of these people and I am fortunate enough to be able call them my friends. These people, whether they cook meals, serve in the jailer as deputies, are the major components of the operations of the sheriff's department.

Snell — In my opinion a few of our departments greatest judicial assets are a sheriff who will work for

the people, the deputies, the citizens and taxpayers of Bailey County, the new jail facility, and the ability to work closely with the police department, courts, and surrounding counties.

Wills — I would say that the greatest asset of the sheriff's office is the staff that works with me. It takes a special kind of people to run a law enforcement facility. We operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Our deputies, jailers and other staff members give up holidays, weekends, and family time to provide a very vital community service and they do so with a willing spirit. This office could not run without these very hard working, dedicated people.

What do you perceive to be the greatest problems faced by the sheriff's department, and how would you suggest these problems be addressed?

Patterson — A few of the most prevailing issues that Bailey County is faced with include illegal drugs, burglaries and thefts, domestic violence, assaults, and alcohol-related crimes. At the basic level, informing the public of the problems will help to educate the citizens of the need for strong leadership in law enforcement and a proactive approach to all the issues faced by the county.

The illegal drug issue has plagued many other rural areas more aggressively over the past two decades and only now are many agencies taking an equally aggressive stand against them. A balanced and rational approach on drugs is what is so direly needed, not an approach that ignores the real threats.

In response to the issues of the increased frequency of home burglaries and property thefts, having a department that is capable of responding to crimes in progress quickly is a major element of property recovery and prosecution of criminals. A night patrol of deputies is needed to insure the citizens of the county that their property, homes and families are protected by their sheriff's office.

Having deputies on standby at all hours of the

day will also serve to protect the community by catching drunk drivers before they are able to harm others or take innocent lives. Quick response and a responsible handling of assault and domestic violence situations is desperately needed to further protect victims of assaults as well as protecting the families affected by domestic violence.

My fundamental goal is to implement an effective system of providing safety and protection to the most rural parts of the county and to increase the level of accountability of law enforcement in Bailey County.

Snell — I feel some of the greatest problems faced by our sheriff's department are:

- With the continuing rise of things, the lack of funds for our department is a huge issue. I feel that there are many resources that we can turn to, one being grants, in order to benefit our department, which in turn benefits our community.

- Because we are a small department we need to be extremely efficient. We need to work together and we need a sheriff who is in his office and available to the people.

- Patrol. I know that I reside in the county and I seldom, if ever, see anyone patrolling. I intend to work on this so that our deputies can be in the county patrolling during the day as well as at night, not on transports and in town continually. However, I am well aware that after my brochures and or this article is printed that you will see more patrolling both day and night.

- We also need to get control of, and maintain a full jail.

- I would like to see the public more informed. I feel the county and community needs to know that we are there working for them and with them and not just "having to" deal with them. I truly feel that a united community is one of our biggest assets.

Wills — I would have to say that one of the most

difficult problems the sheriffs office and our community faces is drug abuse. Having been a police officer and now sheriff and having been involved in countless court proceedings, I see a drug abuse history all too often.

Sadly, a majority of these people are repeat offenders and seem to stay on a continuous cycle through the jail and court system. We must all continue to work together with our children and youth, through programs at school and in the community and guide them to break this vicious cycle.

MARTA to meet

The October meeting of the Muleshoe Area Retired Teacher Association will include Jill Nelson, the district RTA president, as guest speaker.

Nelson will bring state information and information about the Lubbock Fall Convention to the meeting at 10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 17, at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center.

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