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Muleshoe Mules take District Championship

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules completed a perfect regular season Friday by defeating the Friona Chieftains 41-7.

They finished 10-0 on the season and 5-0 in district to claim their second consecutive District 2-2A Championship.

This was only the Mules third undefeated season in 76 years. The Muleshoe Yellow Jackets did it in 1932 with a 9-0 record and the 2000 Mules went on to a 14-0 record with the post season before finally losing in the state semi-finals.

"This was a great victory for everyone in Muleshoe," said Mule coach David Wood. "The kids have been talking about going 10-0 every since our final game last season. Winning each game as we got to them was our first goal but 10-0 was the goal for the regular season."

"The kids felt they could do this even after Childress



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Mule Austin Bamert wraps up Friona's quarterback and causes a fumble during Friday's game. was assigned to District 2-2A. Beating Friona at home and finishing the season at 10-0, it just not get any better than this! It

is great to be a Mule," he said.

"Now we want to keep it going and we start getting ready for the Bushland Falcons tomorrow," concluded Wood.

Most of the opening period was a defensive dual

as the two teams punched and counter punched one another.

Nathaniel Chavez tipped a pass over the head of a defender to himself for a 29-yard gain to the Friona 32 to get the Mules moving late in the opening quarter.

Lane Wood scored on a middle screen pass on the next play to complete a Mule four-play 68-yard drive.

Jared Skipworth booted his first of five extra-points to put the Mules up 7-0 with just over two minutes left in the first period.

Friona returned the ensuing kick from their 14 to their 40. They marched to the Mule three-yard line before Austin Bamert punched the ball out of the Friona quarterback's grasp. Cole Hawkins pounced on the ball for the Mules at the Mule six.

Wes Wood faded five yards deep in the Mule end zone before connecting with Victor Vasquez in stride for a 39-yard strike.

L. Wood took a pitch wide right before cutting back against the grain to the Friona three.

Vasquez went into the end zone and cut toward the back pylon on the fade and W. Wood dropped the ball in his hands. The Mules led 14-0 with six minutes left in the half.

Raul Licero put Friona on the board with a minute and half on the clock in the second quarter. The Chieftains trailed 14-7.

Vasquez returned the Friona kick up the middle and with a burst of speed dashed to the Chieftain's

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Snell requests recount in county sheriff election

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

An addendum to last week's election story arose Friday, Nov. 7, when the write-in candidate for Bailey County Sheriff, Terry Snell, requested a recount and posted the required \$300 bond.

According to the results posted Tuesday evening, Snell received the least votes cast for the sheriff's

position, 207, compared to the 609 votes received by Democratic candidate Daniel Patterson and 1,453 votes for incumbent Sheriff Richard Wills.

According to Bailey County Judge Sherri Harrison, the \$300 recount bond is the minimum charge for a recount, and depending upon the time required Snell could be assessed additional charges. It was explained that with Snell being a write-in candidate, the greatest possibility for error would be on ballots which were marked for a straight party vote, either Republican or Democrat, in which the voter forgot to darken the circle for a write-in vote.

According to Bailey County Clerk Paula Benton, this would have added a vote to either Patterson's or Wills' tally without alerting the staff of a write-in vote.

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Muleshoe council recognizes local veterans

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Muleshoe's city council welcomed a large number of visitor's to Monday's regular meeting as Mayor Cliff Black issued a proclamation honoring local veteran's for their service to the United States.

"It's our greatest pleasure to have you here tonight," the mayor said before joining the rest of the council to shake hands with the visitors and present them with signed and sealed copies of the proclamation.

In other business Monday, the city council approved a negotiated resolution between the Atmos West Texas Cities Steering Committee — a coalition of West Texas communities of which Muleshoe is a member — and Atmos Energy Corporation.

City Manager David Brunson explained that



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Muleshoe veterans are greeted by council members during Monday's meeting.

Atmos sought a \$9.5 million rate increase; however, through the concerted work of the AWTC steering committee this amount was negotiated down to \$3.9 million, which Brunson estimated would show up

on the average residential household's bill as an increase of about \$1.98 per month.

"There's a lot of advantages to being part of the coalition," Brunson said. He added that Lubbock

didn't feel it was necessary for it to join the coalition, and negotiated with Atmos on its own. As a result, instead of the three percent increase of the coalition members,

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Monthly Sales tax allocation places Muleshoe in center of pack

Sales Tax Results			
City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$56,020.32	\$53,301.59	5.10%
Dimmitt	\$27,232.48	\$26,021.17	4.65%
Morton	\$ 9,806.05	\$10,439.70	-6.06%
Littlefield	\$77,710.88	\$77,273.59	0.56%
Olton	\$13,186.26	\$10,786.15	22.25%
Sudan	\$ 3,731.61	\$ 3,754.03	-0.59%
Earth	\$ 4,611.61	\$ 3,791.45	21.63%
Farwell	\$ 9,198.85	\$ 7,952.39	15.67%
Bovina	\$ 7,761.71	\$ 7,460.02	4.04%
Friona	\$32,861.89	\$29,417.07	11.71%

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The City of Muleshoe remained in the center of the pack this month, according to the sales tax allotment figures provided by the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Based on sales tax receipts collected by local merchants in September, turned in to the state in October, and distributed to municipalities in November, according to the comptroller's office, the numbers represent a

5.2 percent increase when compared to figures from the same period last year.

In the Bailey County area, Olton's totals show the largest percentage of sales tax increases, a \$2,400.11 increase from the same period last year, a 22.25 percent. However, Friona totals show the largest cash increase, \$3,444.82.

While the other area communities placed on both sides of fifth-place Muleshoe, the last place award went to the community at the south

end of Hwy. 214, Morton with a 6.06 percent drop in its percentage of sales taxes collected, representing a decrease of \$633.65 for the period in question.

Muleshoe businesses collected \$2,718.73 more in sales taxes than was noted in last year's collections.

Although collecting almost \$2,625 less than Friona, Earth came in second its percentage of increase collected.

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Local Weather

Thursday

Pt. Cloudy..... 73/38

Friday

Sunny..... 60/29

Saturday

Sunny..... 56/30

Sunday

Sunny..... 67/35

Monday

Sunny..... 65/28

Tuesday

Sunny..... 58/29

Wednesday

Sunny..... 53/26

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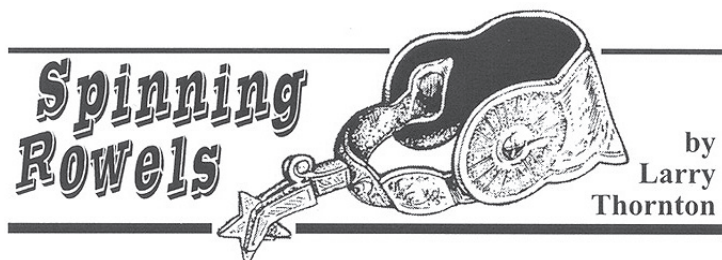
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Letters to the editor must be signed and include a contact telephone number for verification to be considered for publication in the *Muleshoe Journal*.

Alzheimer's support group to meet

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting on Thursday, Nov. 13, at noon, at Park View Nursing Care Center.

The Rev. Monty Leavell of the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe will be speaking. Lunch will be served.

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

Cooking Well with Diabetes

To help you learn how to plan and prepare meals that can be enjoyed by people with and without diabetes, Texas AgriLife Extension Service of Bailey County is sponsoring the diabetes cooking class called Cooking Well with Diabetes, beginning on Nov. 18, at 6 p.m., in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

There is no cost to attend.

The class consists of an educational presentation and a hands-on cooking demonstration.

The presentation "Celebrating Sensibly with Diabetes" will be given by Jenifer Gregory, R.D. Recipes will be available.

For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, County extension agent – Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, at (806)272-4583.

Pie eating contest

The bakery at United Supermarkets of Muleshoe will be hosting a pie eating contest on Friday, Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m., to kick off a fundraiser for Bailey County's Meals on Wheels. Donate \$5, Nov. 15-22, and receive a coupon for a free pumpkin pie. All proceeds go to Meals on Wheels.

Olton fund raiser

Olton's First United Methodist Church will serve a chili and stew lunch on Saturday, Nov. 22. The meal will be served between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall, 312 Ave. D in Olton.

The meal will include chili or stew, relishes, cornbread or crackers, homemade pie and tea or coffee. Take-outs will be available. Children under two years of age eat free, while the cost for children two to 10 years is \$3.50 and adult tickets cost \$6.50.

For additional information about the lunch or country store, contact Bobbye Dennis, bazaar chairperson, at 285-2755 or the church at 285-2777.

Pep community fund raiser

The Pep Community will hold its 63rd annual Thanksgiving Festival on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, at St. Philip Neri Parish Hall in Pep, located in Hockley County on Hwy. 303.

The dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and is self-service. Cost for adult plates will be \$9 and plates for children under 10 will be \$5. Take out plates will be available until 2 p.m. at a cost of \$9.

For more information contact Anna Belle Walker 806-933-4696, Tere Narramore 806-881-4742 or Lonnie Geisler 806-252-8890.

For sausage, contact Gaulbert Demel at 806-933-4324, Fette Demel at 806-245-6557 or Lonnie Geisler 806-252-8890. Ordered sausage must be picked up by noon on Thanksgiving Day.

Playoff game tickets available

The Muleshoe vs. Bushland playoff football game is set for Friday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m., at Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon.

Muleshoe ISD will have advance ticket sales for the game. Ticket prices are adults \$5 and students \$3, and are available at the Muleshoe High School and administration offices.

Ticket prices at the gate will be the same as above, no discounts.

AA meeting

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

For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.

Researchers should a grip on more than the victim

In the vanguard of the Muleshoe Independent School District's actions regarding its aggressive approach to combat bullying district wide, it's interesting to note that researchers from the University of Chicago have released the results of a study that explains why school districts nationwide have to address this problem.

It may surprise you, but the researchers have decided that bullies apparently receive pleasure from seeing their victims' pain.

Amazing! This is academia at its finest.

But what is even more amazing is that the researchers think additional testing is needed for them to be sure. That means a larger study group, and I guess more rigorous testing.

The initial test only showed photographs to the its young test subjects. Maybe the second round of tests will have to be a bit more physical.

Maybe they'll have to let the adolescent bullies actually victimize someone.

Or, maybe they'll need

to perform a "blind" test study.

One group victimizes others using their normal techniques, while a second group is blindfolded when they punch out their victims and demand their milk money.

Of course, being blindfolded, the second group may need help from the researchers holding the victims. It just wouldn't do for this scientific study to be foiled by the victims escaping from their attackers and laughing at their clumsy efforts at pursuit... after all, that would only victimize the bullies.

This study is kind of like the University of Virginia study that determined some pre-school children are afraid of spiders and snakes.

Or, what about the Stanford University School of Medicine study that showed men like more aggressive video games than women.

While I am all for scientific study, there are a lot of subjects that are much more important. For example, what is the optimum number of chips in a four-inch chocolate chip cookie?

As for the University of Chicago, the next thing you know, they'll be looking at why some kids pull wings off flies, and conduct an analysis to discover how many grow up to be IRS agents.

Births

Isabella Castorena

Cesar Castorena and Brock Delacaza of Muleshoe announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella Nicole Castorena on Nov. 5, 2008, at 12:15 p.m., at Lamb Healthcare Center of Littlefield.

Isabella weighed seven pounds, eight ounces at birth and was 19 inches in length.


Her grandparents are Jose Luis and Tammy Rochel.

Christmas donations sought

Christmas Around Muleshoe began Saturday, Nov. 7, and donations are being collected at various local businesses.

Additional businesses that would like to participate should contact Sharla Johnson at the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture at (806)272-4248.

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Council approves Atmos resolution

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Lubbock's efforts to reduce their negotiated increase was about one percent higher.

According to Brunson, the recent agreement is a "three-year" trial program.

"This program addresses what Atmos sold to the legislature with they approved the GRIP program," he said, and should prevent the abuses noted in the previous agreement that sought

increases to fund non-infrastructure purchases of the energy company's, such as first class flights for company executives and their wives, and wide screen televisions in break rooms.

Also during Monday's meeting, the city council:

- Ratified the City of Muleshoe's identity theft program after the city manager pointed out that the steps included in the plan were already being taken, but hadn't been included in

the city's formal plan.

- Approved the minutes from the Oct. 13 council meeting.

- Received a report from Police Chief Brian Frieda in which it was noted officers responded to 285 calls for service in October, including one assault and three thefts.

There were six burglaries in October, including residential, building and vehicle burglaries, the police chief said.

Sales tax...

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Both Littlefield and Sudan bracketed the "break evenpoint," with Littlefield receiving a 56 percent increase for the \$437.29 additional dollars it collected in September, and Sudan's .59 percent drop, representing a \$22.42 decrease.

According to the Texas State Comptroller's office, the state collected \$1.73 billion in sales tax revenue in October.

Although sales tax collections have grown in the first two months of Fiscal Year 2009 this growth has been at a slower rate than during the previous three years.

"Collections have continued to increase overall, but remittances from the key retail trade sector have begun to decline slightly as consumers grow increasingly cautious and confidence erodes," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said.

The November 2008 distribution totaled \$548.3 million with Texas cities receiving \$373.8 million of the allocations.



Local student, patient recognized

Nadia Martinez, the daughter of Fabian and Yolanda Martinez of Muleshoe — a patient of Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas — suffers from Neurofibromatosis, a genetic disease that causes the uncontrolled growth of tumors along nerve pathways.

She also has scoliosis as a result of the disease and has to wear a body brace and a leg brace.

Recently, Nadia donated her piggy bank to the hospital. She is pictured here with Emily Turner, Development Officer at Scottish Rite who thanked Nadia for her donation on behalf of herself and Muleshoe.

Abstaining from the appearance of evil

Having written as I did in my last letters, I think I will need to comment a little more along the same line of thought.

One thing is, I read recently that as a person begins to age and ceases to be active he is inclined to talk about the past. And to some extent that might be the case with me.

I've been involved in a number of things through the years and seldom does any subject come up but what I can relate some experience to it.

My memory is not quite what it once was so I apparently repeat things more than I should. And that is not good. So from now on, while engaged in conversations, I plan to talk less and listen more.

In fact I think I learn more while listening than I do while talking. But I'm not saying that I will never talk any more.

Of course I will because there are things I want to tell people, but I intend to strike a better balance. And, as near as is possible be certain that I "know where of I speak."

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

Facts are not always what they seem to be, Thus Paul told the Church at Thessalonica to "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good... Abstain from all appearance of evil."

The amplified bible says, "Test and prove all things until you can determine what is good, then to that hold fast."

Now I don't hesitate to say that Campbell was one of the most learned and knowledgeable persons I ever read after, and he held a



number of debates.

One was with N.L. Rice, a learned Presbyterian minister and a very able debater. They debated a number of subjects for several days, under an open arbor.

One afternoon two ladies walked in and observed things and one finally told her friend that "Mr. Rice is a much better informed man than Mr. Campbell. Look at the books on his table, but there's not any on Mr. Campbell's table."

To this the other lady replied, "Yes, but Mr. Campbell wrote those books that are on Mr. Rice's table."

Quite a difference, I would say, from what one might think on sight.

"Abstain from all appearances of evil." This simple little statement is very important, because the appearance of a person, in many instances turns out to be as effective as the real thing.

Evil does not necessarily mean criminal or even a sinful act. For example, several years ago we were visiting in Pagosa Springs, Colo., looking for a place to buy.

And we were to meet the real estate agent about noon that day. He had told me that if we got there before noon to go to his office, but if it was during the noon hour when we got there, to go to "the liquor store."

He said his wife operated it, and it was close by the restaurant, and he would be in it while she went to lunch.

It was just after 12 o'clock when we got there. So I got out of the car and was going to it, but I met four or five men whom I knew from Muleshoe.

We visited for a few minutes. They went to their car and I suppose went home, and I went into the liquor store.

Several days after that something snapped in my mind and I asked myself, "What would be natural for them to think? What would they have a right to think?"

Other than the wine we use in communion services I have not taken a drink of intoxicating liquor since August 1948, and I haven't smoked a cigarette since May 26, 1956. And on the spur of the moment I really didn't know what, if anything, I ought to do about it.

Who ever heard of a person going into a liquor store to buy land? But it happened that day to me... I did it. And it bothered me for a while.

I first thought about going to them and explain why I went into the liquor store. But I finally concluded that those men know me and they either have respect for me and trust me that I wasn't up to any funny business away from home or they wouldn't believe what I might tell them.

To this day I have never heard a word about it. It would have been better, however, had I not gone into the liquor store... If I had abstained from what appeared to be an evil. Get the point?



CHRISTOPHER GATEWOOD

Gatewood passes state bar exam

Christopher Gatewood, the son of J.C. and Zona Gatewood of Muleshoe has passed the Texas state bar exam, and has been hired by the Lexis Nexis law firm in Chicago.

Gatewood graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Michigan in May 2008.

Recount... Continued from page 1

The recount was scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 12. The commissioners court moved its normal meeting from Monday to Friday, Nov. 14, at which time they will also canvas the ballots from the Nov. 4 election.

A big thank you to all who participated in Carolyn's Witch's Night Out!

They dressed in costume
Some ugly, some cute.
They ate, drank and shopped
And left with some loot!



Kristi Parker of Muleshoe, shown here with her mother, is all smiles as she was the winner of a \$100 gift certificate at Carolyn's Witch's Night Out.



Left: Kayla Newton of Muleshoe won the prize for Most Unique Costume.

Above: The Most Unique Hat award went to Lori Bales of Muleshoe, shown here with her daughter.

Other winners at Carolyn's Witch's Night Out:
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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Thanks to the Veterans who visited the center on Tuesday. We are sincerely grateful for the sacrifice you made so we can live in Muleshoe and have freedom to go wherever we choose. Thanks again and come back to see us.

Monday, Dec. 17, is another Christmas around Muleshoe

day and late shopping. Go by your local stores and see what they have available in Muleshoe.

Tuesday, Nov. 18, Mandi Seaton, our nutritionist, will be bringing the program at noon. Mandi had to cancel on Nov. 11, due to a death in the family. Our prayers and condolences to you and your family.

Wednesday, Nov. 19, the Lazbuddie Children's Choir will be singing for the Center during the lunch hour. This should be very good entertainment. So make plans to come to the center for the chicken fried steak lunch that day.

Thursday, Nov. 20 is our birthday party for all the seniors with birthdays in

November. You should get a call to invite you to be here so we can honor you during the lunch time.

Friday, Nov. 21, the retired teachers will be meeting at the center. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

Menu for Nov. 17 - 21:
Monday, Nov. 17

—Hamburger, potato wedge, baked beans, onions, pickles, cheese, fruit and cookies.

Tuesday, Nov. 18 — Ham/pineapple, scalloped potatoes, black eye peas, salad, cornbread and pudding.

Wednesday, Nov. 19 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans,

salad, wheat roll and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Nov. 20 — Turkey and dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, broccoli and cheese, salad and birthday cake.

Friday, Nov. 21 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

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Lazarus

by Max Lucado

Marys need to remember that service is worship. Marthas need to remember that worship is service. And Lazarus? He needs to remember that not everyone can play the trumpet. You see, as far as we know, Lazarus did nothing at the dinner. He saved his actions for outside the house. Read carefully John 12:9:

"A large crowd of Jews heard that Jesus was in Bethany. So they went there to see not only Jesus, but Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead. So the leading priests made plans to kill Lazarus, too. Because of Lazarus many Jews were leaving them and believing in Jesus."

Wow! Because of Lazarus many Jews were "believing in Jesus." Lazarus has been given a trumpet. He has a testimony to give—and what a testimony he has! "I was always a good fellow," he would say. "I paid my bills. I loved my sisters. I even enjoyed being around Jesus. But I wasn't one of the followers. I didn't get as close as Peter and James and those guys. I kept my distance. Nothing personal. I just didn't want to get carried away.

"But then I got sick. And then I died. I mean, I died dead. "Nothing left. Stone-cold. No life. No breath. Nothing. I died to everything. I saw life from the tomb. And then Jesus called me from the grave. When he spoke, my heart beat and my soul stirred, and I was alive again. And I want you to know he can do the same for you."

God gave Martha a bass drum of service. God gave Mary a flute for praise. And God gave Lazarus a trumpet. And he stood on center stage and played it. God still gives trumpets. God still calls people from the pits. God still gives pinch-me-I'm-dreaming, too-good-to-be-true testimonies. But not everyone has a dramatic testimony. Who wants a band full of trumpets?

Some convert the lost. Some encourage the saved. And some keep the movement in step. All are needed. If God has called you to be a Lazarus, then testify. Remind the rest of us that we, too, have a story to tell. We, too, have neighbors who are lost. We, too, have died and been resurrected.

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Obituaries

Sherrie Nichols

Church services for Sherrie Nichols, 45, of Lazbuddie were held on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Lazbuddie Methodist Church with the Rev. Ken Peterson officiating. Burial followed in Lazbuddie Cemetery.

Sherrie died on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008, in Covenant Lakeside Hospital of Lubbock. She was born on April 14, 1963, in Muleshoe, and married Mike Nichols in Lazbuddie on July 3, 1982. She was preceded in death by a brother, David Seaton.

Sherrie was a life time resident of Lazbuddie. She was a member of the Lazbuddie Methodist Church, and was a director of the Lazbuddie Bible School, a member of the Lazbuddie booster club and the Lazbuddie Young

Homemakers. She was a teacher's aid in the Lazbuddie Schools.

Survivors include her husband — Mike Nichols of Lazbuddie; a son — Todd Nichols of Lazbuddie; two daughters — Shawndee and husband Landon Meeks of Lubbock, and Chelsea Nichols of Lazbuddie; her mother — Kay Taylor of Muleshoe; her father — Jimmie Dale Seaton and his wife Rickie Seaton of Lazbuddie; grandparents — Jimmie and Tink Seaton of Lazbuddie; a sister and her husband — Barb and Doug Myers of Cottonwood, Ariz.; and a brother — Jeffery Seaton of Lazbuddie.

Memorials may be sent to the Joe Arrington Cancer Center, Chorus of Angels, 4101 22nd Place, Lubbock, Texas 79410.

Ouida Parrish

Church services for Ouida Parrish, 90, of Sudan were held on Saturday, Nov. 8, at the First Baptist Church of Sudan with the Rev. Robert Roecker officiating. Burial followed in Sudan Cemetery.

Parrish died on Thursday, Nov. 6, in Amherst. She was born on Nov. 8, 1917, to Mos Sellous and Bammer Virginia (Thomas) in Moran, and married Opie Jackson Parrish in Muleshoe on Oct. 27, 1934. He preceeded her in death on June 2, 1978.

Parrish was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sudan, and was one of the

first directors of the Sudan Senior Citizens. She served as a Green Thumb worker from 1984 to 1992. She was owner and operator of City Cleaners of Sudan for many years.

Survivors include a son and his wife — Harold Dewain and Claudine Parrish of Georgetown; two granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the First Baptist Church of Sudan, Hwy. 303, Sudan, Texas 79371; or Vista Care Hospice, 1717 Norfolk Ave. Fourth floor, Lubbock, Texas 79412.

Muleshoe Art Assn. News

Ginnie Seifert conducted business of the Muleshoe Art Association at its Nov. 4 meeting in Five Area Telephone Co-operatives

training room. Minutes of the last meeting and the financial report were presented and approved.

Sandra Chancey's work will be on display at the Muleshoe Public Library in November and December.

Seifert, Chancey and Nelda Merriott are displaying at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Plans for December's Christmas dinner were completed. Also, a teaching video entitled "Capturing the Seasons in Oils" featuring well-known Tim Deibler was presented.

Dec. 2 is the date for the next meeting. Visitors are welcome.

Publication of Obituaries

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information: date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren) will be included; and where memorials may be directed. We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid. Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home.

I would like to thank the people who voted for and supported me in the election for Bailey County Commissioner Precinct 1. I will strive to continue to serve Precinct 1 to the best of my ability. Thanks again.

Butch Vandiver



Jennyslippers, Rebekah fundraiser a success

A large number of Muleshoe area residents stopped by the First Assembly of God's fellowship hall Thursday, Nov. 6, to eat turkey and support the Jennyslippers and Rebekah's annual Thanksgiving Dinner, and residents who couldn't make it to the hall still supported the event, ordering an estimated 400 delivery and carry out meals.

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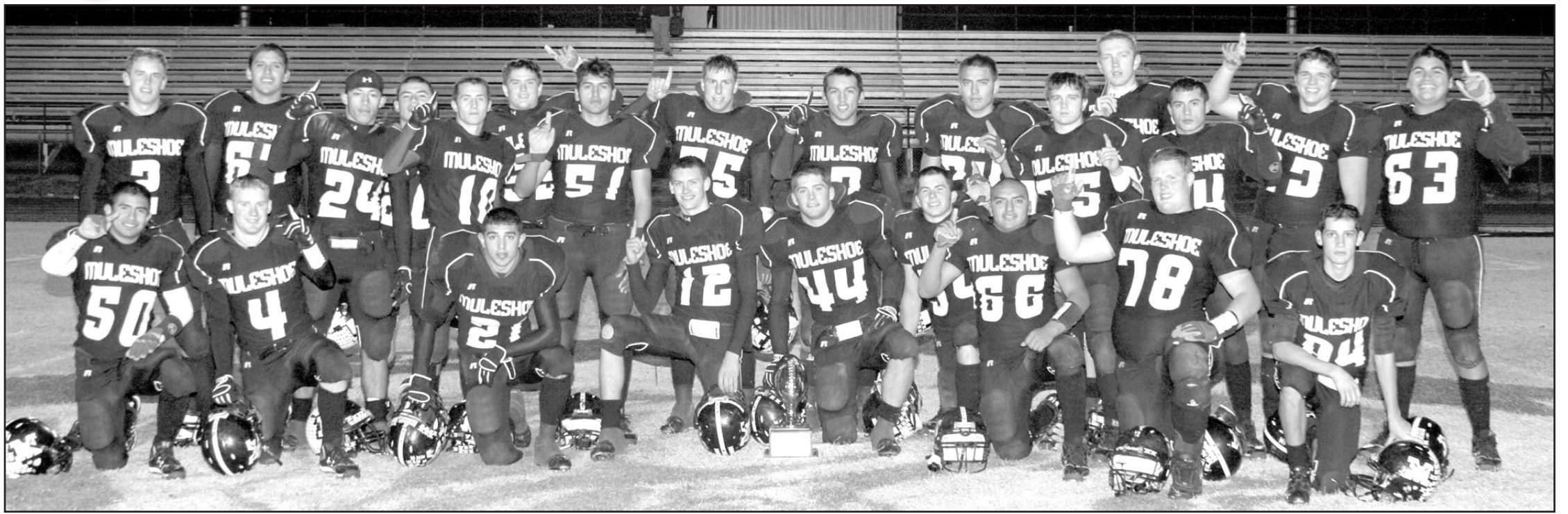
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Sports



District champions... Continued from page 1

32 yard line.

W. Wood connected with Ray Ramirez on back-to-back passes of five and ten yards.

W. Wood found Vasquez open at the three yard-line and he bowled over his defender as he went in for his second touchdown of the evening with only 27 seconds on the clock. The Mules led 21-7 at the intermission.

Friona drove to the Mule 35 in the third quarter before Vasquez picked off a Chieftain pass.

He returned the interception 30 yards to the Mule 33. Six plays later the Mules were back in the Friona end zone.

Vasquez got behind his defender in the end zone and W. Wood threw him a perfect strike for a 28-7 Mule lead.

It only took the Mules two plays to go 86 yards for their fifth TD.

L. Wood could have driven a truck through the hole the Mule offensive line blew in the defense. He raced 68 yards to the Friona 18.

W. Wood found Vasquez at the two and he danced to pay dirt for his third TD.

Cooper Washington recovered a Friona fumble that again was caused by Bamert, on the Mule 40.

Skipworth rolled 17 yards on first down and Juan Sanchez went up the middle for five more to the Friona 38.

scoring at 41-7.

The Mules rolled up 414 yards of offense. They completed 16 of 24 passes for 213 yards and rushed 17 times for 201.

W. Wood completed 13 of 20 passes for 194 yards and five touchdowns. Skipworth

three for losses and caused two fumbles that the Mules converted to scores.

Marshal Head had 11 tackles, one for a loss and one quarterback hurry. Washington also recorded 11 tackles, recovered a fumble, broke up a pass and made one special team tackle.

Adrian Muniz had 10 tackles, broke up a pass and made a special team tackle.

L. Wood also had 10 tackles, two quarterback hurries and two special team stops.

Chavez was in on six tackles, made a big hit and two special team tackles.

The Mules moved to the Texas State Playoffs for the tenth time in the last 11 years.

The Mules are ranked third and will meet the ninth rated 10-0 Bushland Falcons Friday night in Kimbrough Memorial Stadium in Canyon.

The game could be

billed as a "Battle of the Undefeated" or "The Shoot Out in Buffalo Bowl".

Muleshoe is the home team and will sit in the west stands.

Advanced tickets can be purchased from the Muleshoe High School office for \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Muleshoe Players of the Week

Most Valuable Player — Austin Bamert

Offensive Players — Lane Wood, Wes Wood and Victor Vasquez

Defensive Player — Adrian Muniz

Lineman —

Marshal Head

Special Team Player —

Cooper Washington

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Scout Team Player —

Clay Pena

Skipworth had the deep snap go through his hands but he scurried back 10 yards and picked up the ball, found Washington open on a crossing route and tossed him a strike. He found Washington for five more yards on the next play.

Caleb Conner had a Chieftain hit him at the goal line before Skipworth's pass arrived and the interference penalty moved the Mules to the four-yard line. Skipworth threaded a needle with the pass to Washington in the end zone to end the night

was three of four passing for 19 yards and a TD.

L. Wood carried seven times for 158 and caught five passes for 48 for a touchdown. Vasquez made five catches for 103 yards and three TDs.

Washington caught three tosses for 19 yards and touchdown, Ramirez made two receptions for 14 and Chavez made one catch for 29.

The Mule defense had one goal line stand and held Friona to 159 yards rushing and 65 passing. Bamert made 12 tackles,

Seventh grade Mules fall to the Friona Braves

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Visente Solano broke loose for a 76-yard scoring dash with one minute sixteen seconds left in the game.

The two-point conversion failed. The long run and late touchdown left the Mules short of the Friona Braves.

It was the final game of the season for the young Mules and they fell 38-6.

The Mules had recovered

a Brave fumble on their 24 to stop a final threat late in the game. The fumble recovery set up Solano's TD run.

The Braves never had to start a drive in the first half in the Friona end of the field. They led 24-0 at the half.

They only started two drives in Friona's end of the field in the second half.

The Mules late TD prevented a shut out.

The Mules now change sports and begin to work on their basketball skills.

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Sports

Eighth grade Braves defeat the Mules in final game of season

Junior Baca scored on the final play of the game to prevent a shutout by the

Friona Braves Thursday night. The conversion points

were of no consequence so the officials did not allow an attempt for the

extra points. Friona defeated the Mules 28-6.

The Braves intercepted a Mule pass on the first play of the game. It took the Friona seven plays to score from the Mule 31 to take an 8-0 lead. They added two more TDs in the second period to lead 22-0 at the half.

Braves to a single score in the second half but could not cut into the lead until the final play of the game.

The Mules will check in their football pads and start basketball.

Herrera takes both prizes in football contest

By Leah Bell
General Manager

The big show ended on a bright note for the Mules who beat their nemesis Friona, 41-7, and the cumulative contest ended just as brightly for Zedrek Herrera who won not only the \$200 grand prize but pocketed the Week 10 \$25 prize as well.

The weekly contest will continue until the Mules either take State or lose on their way there.

One player had a chance to overtake Zedrek in this final week of the grand prize contest, but his effort in the Week 10 contest just wasn't enough to do it.

Travis Bessire lost out by just four points - he ended up finishing in third place in Week 10 behind Ruben Mata. Travis shouldn't feel too badly - even a second place win this week wouldn't have helped him win the grand prize - but a first place finish could have, if Zedrek had blundered. Alas, none of these scenar-

ios came true for Travis. Finishing out the top ten spots this week were: Fernando Toscano and Rosalinda Toscano who tied for fourth place, Terry Field and Linda Flores who tied for sixth place, Sherri Harrison, and Randy Waggoner and Jaden Herrera who tied for ninth place. No tenth place points were awarded due to the ninth place tie.

Just out of the points in Week 10 were: Lindsey Kitchens, Joe Cortez, Joe Flores, William Orozco, Jan King and Devnie Orozco.

Here's how the rest of you fared this week: Sue Bessire-17th, Charlotte Field-19th, Todd Bessire-22nd, Tommy King-25th (you missed filling in a game or would have done better!), Debbie Weir-30th, James Buie-31st, Troy Moore-33rd, Alene Bryant-36th, and Rosa Rey-37th.

Final tally of cumulative points: Zedrek Herrera-42, Travis Bessire-39, Terry Field-28, Tommy King-27, Jaden Herrera-25, Fernan-

do Toscano-24, Ruben Mata-24, Charlotte Field-22, Jan King-21, Troy Moore-19, Lindsey Kitchens-18, Sue Bessire-17, Sherri Harrison-16, Michelle Toscano-16, Charles Waggoner-15, James Buie-15, Todd Bessire-14, Veronica Gonzales-14, Devnie Orozco-14, Debbie Weir-13, Joe Cortez-13, Rosalinda Toscano-12, William Orozco-11, Gabe Toscano-10, Brandon Acevedo-10, Patrick Orozco-10, Alene Bryant-10, Felipe Gonzales-9, Sandra Orozco-9, Linda Flores-8, Claire Brown-8, Sue Bond-7, Linda Lutz-6, Donnie McDonald-6, Raymond Villalobos-5, Damion Toscano-4, Randy Waggoner-2, Joe Flores-2, Rene Valle-2, Ed Dabrowski-2, Lynn Moore-1, Hilbert Wisian-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 ctankee@fivearea.com or advertising@muleshoejournal.com.

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TIE BREAKER

(Write in your guesses for the score of this game)
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3. Friona vs. Panhandle
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5. Lubbock Roosevelt vs. Crane
6. Texas at Kansas
7. Texas A&M at Baylor
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The Sudan Buzzer

Smyer recovers from Sudan sting, defeats the Hornets

By Lonnie Wilhite
Sudan Sportswriter

The Sudan Hornets sting wore off in the second half of Friday night's game when the Smyer Bobcats came back from a 27-8 halftime deficit to win 40-27.

The Hornets trailed early when Jared Schultz caught a 21-yard pass from Levi Fikes. Smyer added the two-point conversion by running the swinging gate and Fikes ran it in for an 8-6 lead.

Sudan answered with a 70-yard drive. Fahren Nolte took a handoff behind the

right side of the Hornet line and used a strong stiff arm to go in for the final 38 yards. His brother, TK Nolte tacked on point after to give the Hornets a 13-8 lead.

F. Nolte was just getting started on his night. On Smyer's next possession he intercepted a Fikes' pass that led to an eleven-yard Zach Richards TD.

BJ Davis made the grab for the two-point conversion to extend the Hornet's advantage to 21-8.

Smyer drove the ball down to the Sudan 12 before being stopped by the Hornet

defense with 1:36 left in the half.

The Hornets had enough time to advance the ball down past midfield.

Coach Fambro sent in a play seen during the Oklahoma – Boise State Fiesta Bowl a couple of years ago.

Jae Koontz found BJ Davis with a 15-yard hook pattern. Davis lateraled to Brock Steinbock as he trailing the play he dashed to the end zone.

T. Nolte kicked the extra point for a 27-8 Sudan lead at the half.

Sudan seemed to leave their offense in the dressing room at the half and failed to score in the final two periods.

Smyer turned three Hornet turnovers in to two Bobcat touchdowns.

Smyer was successful on an onside kick attempt and took over from the Hornets on downs for two more TDs.

The season may have ended on a down note but the future is bright for Coach Fambro and the Hornets.

They will return 14 juniors, seven sophomores and

two freshmen that received playing time this season.

Sudan loses three seniors to graduation. They are Jae Koontz, Brock Steinbock, and Preston Kleman. Koontz legacy to the Hornets is to do what is best for the team.

He started the season as a guard, moved to running back and played some quarterback. He did all three to the best of his ability.

Steinbock started the season as a running back but after an injury he moved to wide receiver.

He never gave up and did what he could to make a difference for his team.

Steinbock handled kicking duties and played safety.

Kleman was a constant on both the offensive and defensive line.

There was not a more consistent player from the opening kick-off of the season to the final gun of the final game. He seemed to always be around the ball all season long.

The Hornets will trade their football for a basketball and begin their new season soon.

Sudan senior nominated to attend next year's medical forum in Chicago

Amber Conley, a senior at Sudan High School has been nominated to attend the National Youth Forum on Medicine in Chicago, Illinois, July 19-28.

At the week-long forum students will attend sessions such as Health Care for the 21st Century, Patient Care, Organ Donation, Medical Research, Medical Ethics,

and Life as a Resident.

Amber has a passion for children and a desire to become a pediatric oncology nurse.

In her personal research of this career interest she discovered Camp Quality, Texas, for children with life-threatening diseases such as cancer or diabetes.

She has served as a

staff member at the camp near Tyler, each of the past two summers and will be companion to one of the campers in the summer of 2009.

In addition to working the camp, staffers maintain an ongoing relationship with campers throughout the year offering friendship and encouragement.

Amber was nominated by Lanette Whitley, Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Sudan High School.

Amber has been an active member of the FCCLA for four years and served as president of the local organization for two years.

She has participated in STAR Events each year advancing to state

competition with projects focusing on children.

The opportunity to attend the National Youth Forum on Medicine will not be a school-sponsored event.

Sponsors are needed to ensure that Amber will be able to attend.

Community support will be appreciated.

Prospective sponsors may contact Amber's mother, Tia Conley, at Taylor Convenience Store in Muleshoe, or by calling 806-239-9199 or 806-729-7960.

Sudan senior citizens plan annual Thanksgiving dinner

The Sudan Area Senior Citizens will have their annual Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Senior Citizens Center.

Serving time will be from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. For carryout or delivery orders call 227-2502 before 10:30 a.m.

The suggested donations for the meal are \$7 All members are asked to bring desserts.

A Queen size quilt will be given away after the dinner. Tickets for the "double-wedding ring" quilt are \$1 per ticket.

Call any quilter for tickets, or call the center on Tuesday or Thursday morning.

Sudan Happenings

- Church of Christ Ladies Bible Study Wednesday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.
- Sudan City Council meeting Thursday, Nov. 13, 6 p.m.
- Church of Christ Men Saturday, Nov. 15, 6:30 a.m.
- United Methodist Women Circles, Monday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Masonic Lodge, Tuesday, Nov. 18, 8 p.m.

Community calendars are still available

Have you received your Sudan Community Calendar?


C.A. Williams has the calendars and if you haven't received yours she said that if you would just give her a call at 227-2376, she would be glad to get one to you.

The price for the calendars are \$6 each. Proceeds from the calendars go to the Sudan Band Boosters.

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Buzzing away...

By Norma Burnett



It's cotton season...

The fall cotton harvest is in full swing. Cotton strippers are busy working in the fields and cotton module's trucks are on the highways and in the fields picking up the modules.

Everyone, please drive with caution during this busy time of the year.

I visited with Tracey Provence at the Sudan Farmers Co-Op Gin and she told me that they are ginning around the clock and that they have ginned 6728 bales.

Hopefully the weather will stay pretty so all our farmers can get their cotton and grain harvested.

Sudan United Methodist Women's hold annual fall bazaar, raffle

The Sudan United Methodist Women held their annual Fall Bazaar, Friday, Nov. 7.

The doors opened at 8 a.m. for the sale of homemade crafts and baked goods.


A lunch of chili, stew, beans, dessert and drinks was served at noon. We had a good lunch crowd,

serving approximately 175 people.

A handmade quilt was raffled off at 2 p.m.

Sharla Rich of Sudan was the winner of the quilt that was handmade by 93 year old, Mary Testerman of Sudan.

More than 500 tickets were sold for the quilt.



Tip Your Hat

I want to thank the people of Sudan for their support of the 2008 football season on The High School Sports Zone and the *Muleshoe Journal*.

I wish the Hornets nothing but best as they start basketball and will be listening as Greg Lance and Monte Edwards bring you all the action during the Hornet and Hornets games as they prepare to make another run into the state play-offs.

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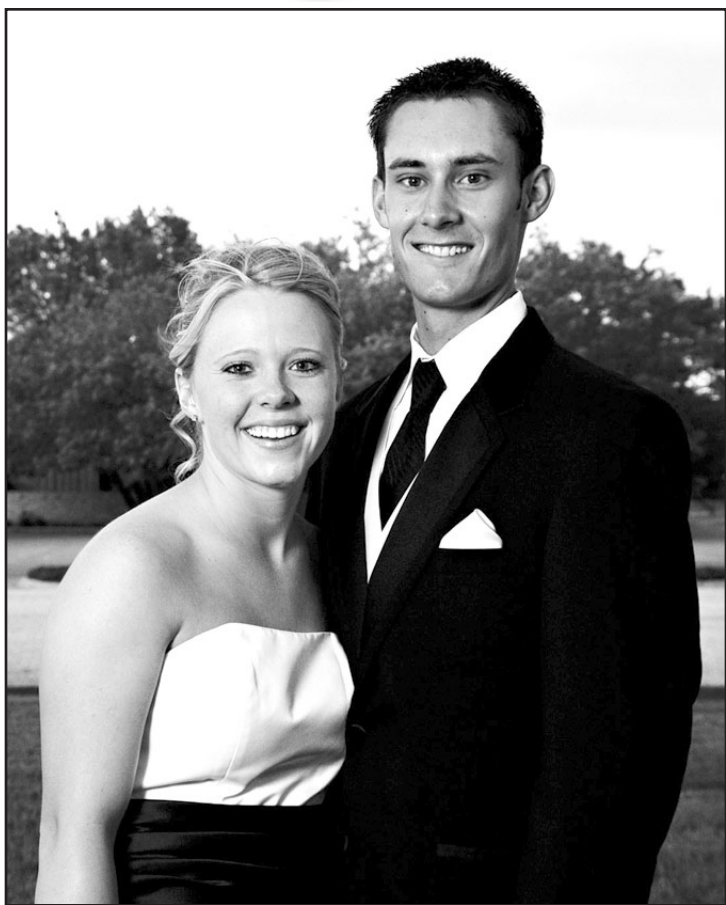


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Weddings



MR. AND MRS. TREVOR TURNBOW

Dickinson, Turnbow wedding held

Trevor and Ashley Turnbow were married on Friday, July 25, on the beautiful lawn at the Bailey County Courthouse.

They were married by the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner, and were joined by family and friends.

The bride is the daughter of Basil and Sandy Nash of Muleshoe and Ronald Dickson of Clovis.

The groom is the son of

James and Shelly Turnbow of Muleshoe.

A reception followed at the First Assembly of God, from which the newlyweds left to begin their honeymoon to Paris and Italy.

They will return to Lubbock and continue their education at Lubbock Christian University where Trevor is a member of the Chap golf team.

Lazbuddie ISD honor rolls released

Lazbuddie Independent School District has released its honor rolls for the second six-week period.

Among the students honored were:

Elementary "A"

Coby Glover, Tyler Haseloff, Miranda Salazar, Preston Stewart, Avery Hicks, Sidney Urbantke, Devon Pacheco, Andres Solano, Bernardo Lopez, Gentry Hicks, Ashley Scott and Micah Vera.

Elementary "AB"

Joshua Cox, Marrena Hunn, Gunner Russell,

FSA elections are under way

Nominees for the Bailey County FSA County Committee election have been selected.

Voters have until Dec. 1 to return properly completed ballots to the county office.

Ballots must be postmarked by Dec. 1, in order to be considered eligible.

For questions about eligibility to vote, contact the Bailey County FSA Office.

The ballots will be counted on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 9 a.m., at the Bailey County FSA office.

Kayleigh Russell, Avery Timms, Marisol Gomez, Ashlyn Timms, Katharina Harder, Ginsyn McGehee, Cambree Glover, Talor Gonzalez, Destry Ivy, Iridian Fernandez and Juan Samarron.

Junior High "A"

Lacey Jesko, Haley Beasley, Shyann Rainey and Karina Galaviz.

Junior High "AB"

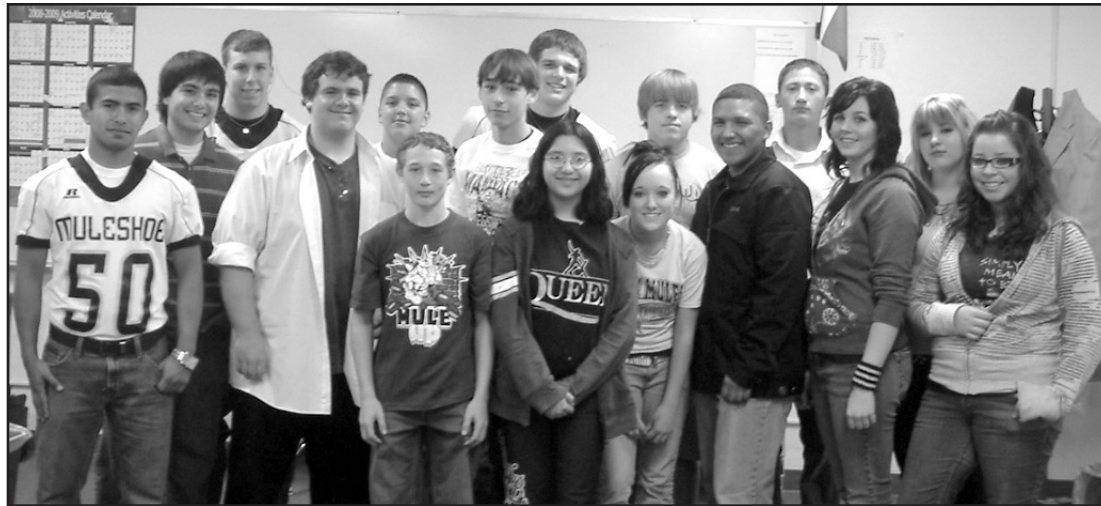
Haldon Ivy, Josephine Samarron, Katlyn Hicks, Ashton Mason, Jessica Estrada, Alex Lopez, Shea Scott and Ian Thompson.

High School "A"

Jordan Hernandez, Cassidy Lowe, Kinzi Schacher and Chase Timms.

High School "AB"

Paola Estrada, Jarrod Jesko, Jordan Mason, Kylie McGehee, Todd Nichols, Kenton Randolph, Justin Schacher, Joseline Garcia, Carrie Gilly, Elias Ramos, Colton Weaver, Katie Chavez, Darin Ivy, Kayle Jesko, Logan Mason, Trevor Coker, Bart Guillen, Ryan Mason, Jacob Schacher, Brittany Sexton, Devlin Thompson and RaJon Thorn.



Muleshoe students take part in speech, debate tournament

Students from Muleshoe Independent School District took part in the Amarillo Caprock Speech Tournament on Nov. 8. The results from the tournament included:

- Matthew Ambriz, first place in Place-Humorous Interpretation, Place-Prose Interpretation and Place-Duet Acting.
- Louis Guzman, first place in Duet Acting
- Natalie Head, second place in Dramatic Interpretation

- Xavier Mora, first place in Extemporaneous Speaking, and Poetry Interpretation
- Austin Bamert and Adrian Chacon, third place

Following students took fourth through sixth place in their events:

- Andrew Villarreal, Dramatic Interpretation
- Xavier Mora, Dramatic Interpretation
- Cole Hawkins and Steven Richards, Debate
- Natalie Head, Prose

Pep community fund raiser set

The Pep Community will hold its 63rd annual Thanksgiving Festival on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, at St. Philip Neri Parish Hall in Pep, located in Hockley County on Hwy. 303.

The dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and is self-service. Cost for adult plates will be \$9 and plates for children under 10 will be \$5. Take out plates will be available until 2 p.m. at a cost of \$9.

For more information contact Anna Belle Walker 806-933-4696, Tere Narramore 806-881-4742 or Lonnie Geisler 806-252-8890.

For sausage, contact Gaubert Demel at 806-933-4324, Fette Demel at 806-245-6557 or Lonnie Geisler 806-252-8890. Ordered sausage must be picked up by noon on Thanksgiving Day.

Interpretation and Humorous Interpretation

- Jodee Hall, Dramatic Interpretation
- Robert Brewster, Humorous Interpretation

23 schollol participated at the Caprock Tournament. Mulesoe High School's Speech and Debate Team won second place in the Sweepstakes Championship.

Who is this?



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Health

Time to think about drinking, driving

By Eileen Morton, R.N.

The summer months are not the only time the public should be concerned with drinking and driving.

With the holidays coming up, we need to think about drinking and driving again. No matter how many times we have heard it, there are people who just do not get it.

In fact, every 30 minutes, someone in this country dies in an alcohol related crash. Last year alone more than one million people were injured in alcohol related traffic crashes.

Every single injury and death caused by drunk driving is totally preventable.

Around the holidays, parties and other celebrations, combined with increased stress and fatigue, increase the risk for impaired driving related fatalities.

Risking lives — your own and others' — is no way to celebrate the holidays. Nine out of 10 Americans who participate in social events where alcohol is served feel that people should use designated drivers.

Include alcohol-free beverages, along with awareness of guests' consumption make your party safer.

Plan ahead:

- Don't risk it! If you plan to drive, don't drink.
- Choose a sober designated driver.
- Take the bus or a cab.
- Spend the night where the activity is being held.
- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement.

This holiday season, celebrate responsibly and don't take a chance. There is just too much to lose.

Pie eating contest set for Nov. 14

The bakery at United Supermarkets of Muleshoe, located on West American Blvd., will be hosting a pie eating contest on Friday, Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m..

The event is to kick off a fundraiser for Bailey County's Meals on Wheels.

Donate \$5, Nov. 15-22, and receive a coupon for a free pumpkin pie.

All proceeds go to Meals on Wheels.

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Library News

By Dyan Dunnagan

New arrivals are announced at the Muleshoe Public Library.

Adult fiction

• *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski.

Large print

• *The Lucky One* by Nicholas Sparks

(We purchased two of this title because of the waiting list! Be sure and call and get on this waiting list to read this book at 272-4707)

• *Tempest at Sea* by Iris Johansen

• *Hot Property* by Carly Phillips

• *Sunset* by Karen Kingsbury

Adult non-fiction

• *Historic Hotels of Texas* by Liz Carmack

• *The Story of Palo Duro Canyon* by Duane Guy

• *Why Stop? A Guide to Texas Historical Roadside Markers* by Betty Dooley Awbrey

• *Against Medical Advice: One Family's Struggle with an Agonizing Medical Mystery* by James Patterson and Hal Friendman

• *Gianna: Aborted ...and Lived to Tell About It* by Jessica Shaver

• *A Priest, A Prostitute and Some Other Early Texans: The Lives of Fourteen Lone Star State Pioneers* by Don Blevins

• *Mavericks: A Gallery of Texas Characters* by Gene

Fowler

Junior fiction

• *Stink: and the Great Guinea Pig Express* by Megan McDonald

Junior non-fiction

• *The Beauty Book: It's a God Thing* by Nancy Rue

Youth fiction

• *Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging: Confessions of Georgia Nicolson* by Louise Rennison

Youth non-fiction

• *Ana's Story: A Journey of Hope* by Jenna Bush (Based on her work with UNICEF)

Dyan's Suggestions

• *Sunset* by Karen Kingsbury

This is the last book in the Baxter Family Series. I enjoyed this book even though I am not ready for this to have been the last book about this family!

Special event forms are online

Have a special event planned? Online "lifestyle forms" for showers, engagements, births and weddings are available at www.muleshoejournal.com.

Just download the .rtf file, fill it out, and email it back to us at editor@muleshoejournal.com. Photograph instructions are included on the form.

Some Precious Lessons from Some Precious Little Ones

"Grandchildren," someone has written, "are balm for grandparents' souls."

Though I joined the lofty ranks of "grandparenthood" less than two years ago, it took me only a few nanoseconds with the two most beautiful little girls in the world to feel that truth. If my heart is soaring already, just a glimpse of them lifts it a thousand feet higher; if my heart is hurting, I take one

earned some respect, but, one smile from one of those little girls matters infinitely more to me than anyone else's approval. Knowing what those two think of me is priceless balm to my soul. If you've got grandkids, you know exactly what I mean.

Our 22-month-old, little Brylan, just jabbers up a storm. I've never heard her say a single thing I disagreed with, and one "PawPaw!" from her makes my heart soar. Already at 4 months old, little Brenley is smiling and giggling at PawPaw at all the right times. I love it!

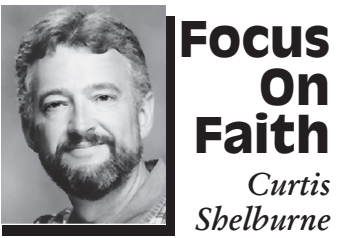
Recently, I was blessed to be able to speak and then to sing at the great church my younger brother serves. Our bunch, including the little girls (and except for Uncle Stephan in Uganda), were there. Brylan was saying, "PawPaw sing!" And when she saw the stained glass in the sanctuary, she began to jabber excitedly about "Jesus!" And, I'm quite sure, warmed His heart, too.

Her newest phrase is simple, but it says a lot. She loves it when the people she loves are together, and she doesn't want any of them to ever leave. But we have to. And we kiss her and hug her, and slip out the door. And from behind the door, just before the tears start on both sides of it, we hear that sweet little voice, "PawPaw! MawMaw! I comin'!"

And she reminds me that real heart-healing is coming along with a time when all of God's children are together and no one ever has to leave.

Dear Lord, we comin'!
Lord Jesus, come quickly!

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



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

look at them and feel the Lord using those little souls to bring healing to mine.

The moment each of those little girls came into this world, it was a lesson on "unconditional" love. Before they could do a thing to "earn" my affirmation or approval, they had my total love. And they always will.

Quite literally by God's grace, since I really believe what God says he thinks of me (and each of his children), I've generally found myself to be excellent company. One of the things, though, that I like least about me is that I seem to care too much what other people, besides the Master of us all, think. I know it's impossible to please everyone, but I've always found that frustrating, and I'm frustrated that it frustrates me.

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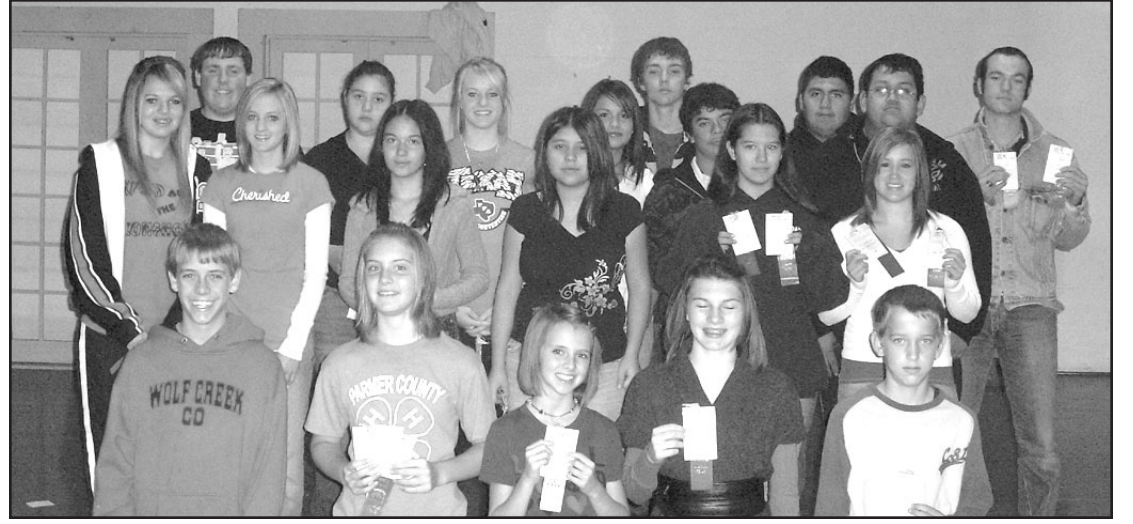



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Lazbuddie fair winners

Lazbuddie students recognized as winners at the Amarillo Fair include: Cutter Glover, Ryley Burris, Katlyn Hicks, Jordon Russell, Lacey Jesko. Second row, left to right — Anna Harder, Alex Lopez, Cassidy Lowe, Jordon Hernandez, Rajon Thron, Shyann Rainey, Whitney Hargrove. Standing, left to right — George Fehr, Jordon Mason, Alfredo Garcia, Kinzi Schacher, Crystal Macias, Katie Chavez, Devlin Thompson, Arthur Gomez, Katlyn Hicks, Richie Aguilar, Chase Timms, Trevor Coker and Bart Guillen.



Lazbuddie South Plains winners

Lazbuddie students who were winners at South Plains, from left to right, are: Front row — Jarrod Jesko, Shyann Rainey, Katlyn Hicks, Ashton Mason, and Haldon Ivy; Standing — Jordon Mason, Todd Nichols, Kylie McGehee, Paola Estrada, Joseline Garcia, Kinzi Schacher, Crystal Macias, Katie Chavez, Devlin Thompson, Arthur Gomez, Jordon Hernandez, Bart Guillen, Richie Aguilar, Brittany Sexton and Ryan Mason.

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Cause No. 6265

Styling: Bailey Central Appraisal District v. Jose Ybarra 1. Lot 12, 13, Block 36, Original Town Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas.

Cause No. 7542

Styling: Bailey Central Appraisal District v. Manuel Alfaro
Legal Description: 2. Lots 1, 2, Block 20, Original Town Addition of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas.

Cause No. 8054

Styling: Bailey Central Appraisal District v. Frank Espinoza
Legal Description: 3. Section 33, Block Y, WD&FW Johnson Subdivision, Bailey County, Texas. Described by Metes and bounds in Volume 223 Page 743 of the Official Public Record of Bailey County, Texas.

Cause No. 8055

Styling: Bailey Central Appraisal District v. Sylvia Guzman
Legal Description: 4. Section 39, Block Y, Tract 1, WD & FW Johnson Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas.

Cause No. 8322

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Legal Description: 5. The South 38' of Lot 7, and the North 37' of Lot 8, Block 1, Muleshoe Park Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas.

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Legal Description: 7. The Middle Part of Tract 2, Block 1, Harvey Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas.

Cause No. 8500

Styling: Bailey Central Appraisal District v. Salvador Olivarez
Legal Description: 8. Lot 9, Block 1, George Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas.

Cause No. 8502

Styling: Bailey Central Appraisal District v. Sandra L. Adams
Legal Description: 9. Lot 60 of the Parkridge Addition to the City of Muleshoe,

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 2nd day of December, 2008, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse of Bailey County, in the City of Muleshoe, Texas. Levied on the 3rd day of November, 2008, as the property of said

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C/O R. PAUL O'BRIANT
Attorney at Law
6502 Slide Road,
Suite 420
Lubbock, Texas
79424

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are hereby required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated November 11, 2008.
R. PAUL O'BRIANT, Attorney for the Estate of Eddie Wayne Nickels,
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P.O. Box 16437
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79490-6437
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CONSTRUCTION/
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Contract 0052-02-032 for SEAL COAT in BAILEY COUNTY, etc will be opened on December 04, 2008 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

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The drop in gas prices shouldn't postpone action on an energy policy

While traveling around the 19th District, one cannot help noticing the steady decline in the costs of fuel.

Although I am glad people are finding relief at the pump, I am concerned we will all too quickly forget a summer of \$4 gasoline.

We must continue to keep the issue of energy security and independence on the forefront of American's minds.

Even as we struggle with economic and financial uncertainty, we must find solutions to securing our energy needs while

establishing our energy independence. Our energy security is inherently tied to our national, economic and local security. It unquestionably has an impact on our hard-earned dollars. The fact is that when supply is low and the demand is high, prices will rise. During these uncertain economic times, we must

create energy policy that will revitalize our economy, create jobs, lessen our dependency on foreign oil and continue to reduce prices at the pump.

You may remember, over August, my colleagues and I called for an open debate of energy policy on the House floor even though the House was not in session.

As we reconvene following the November elections, I

urge members of Congress to open a national dialogue on comprehensive energy policy.

I believe our plan must include opening up sizeable new domestic energy production, reducing regulatory barriers to nuclear power and refinery expansion and helping achieve affordable and accessible new sources of renewable energy and energy efficiency.

We must continue to make energy independence a national priority. I urge my colleagues to make energy

independence a priority in the 111th Congress.

Travels through the 19th District
Throughout the month of October, I have traveled around the 19th Congressional District. While in the 19th District last week, I attended events in Lubbock and Slaton. In Lubbock, I met with Texas Tech University Law students and toured the Covenant Children's Hospital.

In Slaton, I toured the Slaton Senior Citizens Center and spoke with local officials and residents.

I also visited New Deal, Post, Big Spring and Lubbock.

I visited New Deal High School and spoke with students and faculty. Later that day, I met with the Greater Southwest Rotary and attended the Texas Business & Technology Educators Association Annual Banquet.

As always, I look forward to hearing your thoughts and

feelings about the issues that concern you.

National American Indian Heritage Month

National American Indian Heritage month has taken many forms and dates over the course of our history. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed a Joint Congressional Resolution that officially declared November as "National American Indian Heritage Month."

Throughout the month of November, we celebrate the history and heritage of Native Americans and Alaska Natives.

American Indians and Alaska Native people have rich and diverse cultures filled with history, art and tradition.

Their culture and ancestral heritage have contributed to our country's great diversity.

In celebration of their culture, we recognize the many contributions these Americans have made to our great nation.

RANDY'S ROUNDUP

UPDATE BY CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER

Health

Festive foods can fit in diabetic menu plans

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

Special occasions—whether holidays, family celebrations or spur-of-the-minute get-togethers— are made more special by the foods served.

Don't let diabetes keep you from enjoying these festive occasions. Healthful eating can be part of party menus too.

To enjoy special-occasion meals while keeping your blood glucose levels in check, keep these practical tips in mind:

Use the Plate Method of portion control. When you're filling your plate at a buffet line, use this method to help you balance the kinds and amounts of the foods you eat.

To use the Plate Method, first mentally divide a 9-inch plate into two halves. On one half of the plate, place two or more servings of nonstarchy vegetables, such as asparagus, broccoli, green beans, cauliflower, celery, okra, lettuce, spinach, tomatoes and zucchini.

Then divide the other half of the plate into two quarters. In one quarter of the plate, place a serving of starchy vegetables—such as potatoes, corn or peas, or bread, pasta or rice.

In the other space, add a three-ounce serving of protein, such as meat, chicken or fish.

This method, using a nine inch plate, nothing larger, not only helps you estimate the right amount of food to eat, but it also allows for a variety of healthful foods.

Keep serving sizes in mind. For nonstarchy vegetables, one serving is 1/2 cup of cooked vegetables or a cup of

raw vegetables. For starchy vegetables, the serving sizes of nonstarchy vegetables do not apply for people with diabetes.

One serving of a baked potato is a small one, no more than three ounces. One slice of whole-wheat bread or 1/3 cup of rice or pasta also counts as one serving.

For proteins, three ounces—about the same size as a deck of cards—is a serving of lean meat, poultry or fish.

Correct serving sizes is an easy way to keep count of meal exchanges or carbohydrate servings.

Some proteins can be high in fat. Choose low- or no-fat cheeses, and egg whites or egg substitutes.

Include a serving of fruit. In addition to the foods on the plate, you could eat a cup of melon or a small piece of fruit.

Also add a serving of a dairy product—maybe eight ounces of low-fat milk or six ounces of low-fat yogurt.

Plan before you party. Before attending a festive occasion where food is sure to be served, think about your meal plan. No doubt about it, the foods traditionally served at special occasions can be tempting.

But a little planning can help you overcome that temptation:

- Eat lower-calorie foods before attending the event to leave room for something a little special, but don't let sweets take the place of nourishing choices.

- Exercise regularly to help maintain your blood sugar levels.

Don't let holidays get between you and your exercise plan.

- Keep in mind the correct

portion sizes.

- Avoid foods that are high in fat, sugar, salt and calories and low in nutritional value.

- Modify recipes to make them more healthful; cut the amounts of sugar, salt and fats.

- When attending a special event, stand across the room from where the food is spread.

- Take small portions and eat slowly. Small portions allow for seconds, but remember to keep the total portion size in normal limits.

If you eat too much, forgive yourself, monitor your blood sugar level carefully and try to determine what caused the overindulgence so you can avoid it next time.

To help you learn how to plan and prepare meals that can be enjoyed by people with and without diabetes during the upcoming holiday season,

Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, is sponsoring the diabetes cooking class called Cooking Well with Diabetes.

The class will be held Nov. 18, at 6 p.m., in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center. There is no cost to attend.

The class consists of an educational presentation and a hands-on cooking demonstration.

The presentation "Celebrating Sensibly with Diabetes" will be given by Jenifer Gregory, R.D. Recipes will be available.

For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, County extension agent—Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, at (806)272-4583.

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