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County jury recommends probation

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The trial of two admitted burglars — who injured two local officers when they rammed the officers' vehicle in their attempt to flee the scene of their last burglary, ended with a jury recommendation for community supervision Friday, Sept. 16.

The trial of Silverio Hernandez, Jr., 19, who was 18 years of age and a resident of Earth at the time of his initial arrest in November 2010, and his brother Edgar Hernandez, 18, who was 17 years old at the time of last year's burglaries, began with both defendants entering guilty pleas to the burglary of the Eva L. Ramey residence, in the 1500 block of W. Ave. C., on Nov. 6, 2010,



Some of the property recovered from the burglars in November 2010.

which threw the trial into the sentencing phase with much of the same

"A man's home is his castle. It's the one place you should feel safe... secure... protected."

testimony that would have normally been presented in the first phase, prior to deliberation on the defendants' guilt.

"We raced out of the house, jumped in the car, locked the doors and called 911," Ramey said, describing her initial reaction to the discovery that the home she shared with her two children had been burglarized.

But, according to Ramey, the fear she experienced that night continued for several

months, feelings that have been documented by psychologists dealing with burglary victims for decades.

"We all slept together in the living room for awhile," Ramey said.

She testified about canceling trips out of town for fear that when she returned she would find herself victimized again, and

said her daughter would still ask to sleep in her bed if a noise was heard at night.

Not surprising, Ramey's testimony and fears were discounted by defense attorney David Martinez of Lubbock, during his closing argument.

"Did anybody get hurt?" Martinez asked the jury. "Did anyone get pistol whipped?"

Except for "a little emotional fear" on the part of the victim's family,

"You've heard of cases where people have gotten less time for killing somebody."

the defense attorney claimed there weren't any injuries related to the four burglaries the Hernandez brothers,

and two unidentified juveniles, committed in Muleshoe and Earth.

However, the officers' injuries, one of which apparently required surgery, weren't mentioned during last week's trial.

After ramming the police vehicle, the burglars abandoned their vehicle about a half mile away. Three of the burglars were caught that day, and Edgar Hernandez, who escaped on foot, turned himself in the next day.

"This is not the type of case you send someone to the penitentiary," Martinez said, urging the jury not to recommend imprisonment for the defendants.

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City council approves GIS software purchase

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Imagine the problems a municipality encounters if the only person who knows the location of the city's oldest underground infrastructure — its water lines, for example, is no longer able to help locate the lines for replacement or repair.

In years past, it wasn't uncommon for city's in such a predicament to spend hours digging and searching for old water lines, but in a vote during Monday's special session of the Muleshoe City Council the purchase of software and related services that



Muleshoe's city council, staff look over the Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department's new brush truck following Monday's special council meeting.

would reduce, if not eliminate, such problems was approved.

During one of the city's budget workshops, a representative of the 3cGeo demonstrated the value of its geographic

information system to members of the city staff and council, which would allow the city to digitally map its water and sewer lines.

"The underground

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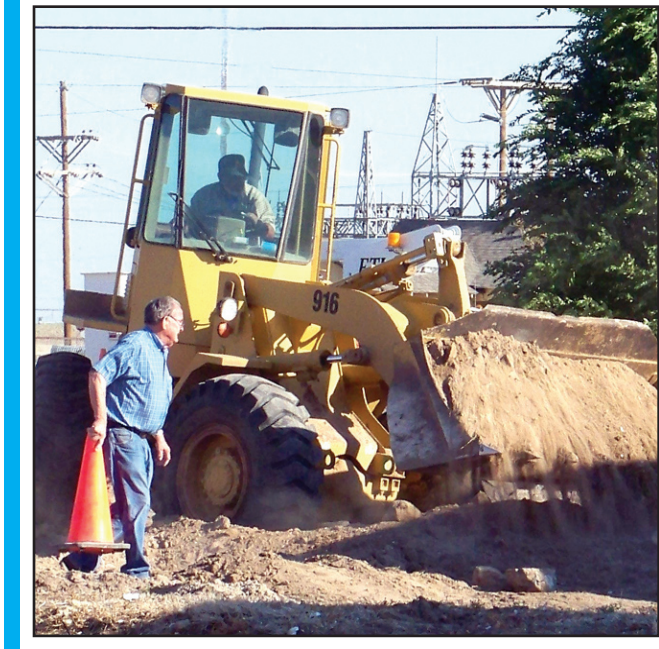
No day off for these Mules

Muleshoe's varsity, and other MISD Mules, may have been off this past week, but that didn't mean the sounds of pads colliding weren't heard in the Bailey County seat. Pictured above, Little League Mule Eli Macias strips the ball from a Littlefield opponent during a game on Saturday, Sept. 17.

Photograph by Rhea Gonzales



Heritage RV park work continues



Work on the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation's RV park has continued with the removal of the old station's building, canopy and sign posts from the site on West American Blvd.

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Meals on Wheels

Bailey County Meals on Wheels is looking for a voluntary driver for the program's North route on Friday. Contact Shelby Carpenter at the Bailey County Office of Aging, 272-3647 to volunteer.

Chamber banquet

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture will be holding its chamber banquet on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$17.50 for children under 12. The meal will consist of steak, baked potato, green beans, salad, homemade rolls, cobbler and ice cream.

The tickets include both the meal and the dance that follows. Individuals wishing to attend the dance alone — which is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m., may do so by purchasing a \$5 ticket for the event. The live band Will Banister & Mulberry will be performing at the dance.

The theme for this year's event will focus on Muleshoe's western heritage. Casual dress is welcome. Call 272-4248 or 806-240-2111 for additional information.

Pre-game meal

The Sophomore Class of Muleshoe High School will be hosting a pre-game dinner on Friday, Sept. 30, from 5-7 p.m., in the MHS commons area.

The menu will include hamburgers, baked beans, chips, cobbler and iced tea.

Tickets are \$6 per person, and may be purchased from any member of the Sophomore Class.

Telephone orders will be taken from 5-6:30 p.m. on the day of the dinner. To order call 272-7409.

GED funding available

South Plains Community Action Association has received Community Services Block Grant ARRA funds that will be used to assist income eligible persons interested in acquiring their GED.

The CSBG/ARRA fund will be used to assist GED participants with the cost of the GED test, transportation vouchers to and from the test site. The program is in effect immediately and will run thru 8-31-2012.

For additional information contact Janie Posadas or Bonita Drennan at 804 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, from 8 a.m. until noon or 1-5 p.m., or call 272-7537.



High court rules against 'disrobing'

Well, let it not be said that the high court of Texas has "let its hair down," or more accurately... "taken its robes off."

In fact, you could say the black-robed judicial team in Austin recently spoke out against "disrobing" by upholding a \$5 "cover charge" — or would that be an "uncover charge," for individuals frequenting strip clubs that serve alcohol.

To be honest, I'm having a little trouble understanding why the "alcohol qualification" is needed.

Does it mean there are strip clubs in the Lone Star State that don't serve alcohol to their clientele?

Does it mean that it's alright in the eyes of the legislature, which passed the law, and the governor who signed the bill into law, that such exhibitionism is okay as long as it's alcohol-free?

Now there's a question for the next GOP presidential debate. It's kind of like the old "open-ended" question: Have you stopped beating your wife? If limited to a "yes or no" answer, even a smooth-tongued politician can't come out ahead in most of rural Texas.

Anyway, while I am normally an advocate of free speech, and the First and Second Amendments to the US Constitution, I tend to roll my eyes at the reported claims of the "strip club coalition" that took the issue of

the charge, whether covered or not, before the high bench alleging that it denied their dancers' rights of free expression.

For several years, the veterans of this nation have reminded us that "free speech isn't free..." that blood was shed and lives lost to pay for the free speech shared by the citizens of these United States.

Now, it seems, a similar argument has been raised, and answered, before the high court of Texas, where the justices informed the purveyors of public nudity that "free speech" in some cases requires payment of a "pole tax."

Just as the US Supreme Court has ruled that the First Amendment doesn't allow a person to yell "fire" in a crowded theater, here in Texas, you're going to have to pay a fee to get in the theater to do any yelling in the first place.

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Focus On Faith
Curtie Shelburne

miserable enough, Job has a visit from three "friends."

The wretched fellow is in such terrible shape that they don't even recognize him at first, but when they do, they break into such a frenzy of wailing and grief that one would think Job had already died.

In fact, I'm told that

the kind of wailing they undertake is precisely the kind that happened in that culture when the undertaker had already been called!

For seven days, they sit viewing the "not yet dead" body of their friend, acting as if he were already dead, and then they undertake a premature post mortem of his trouble.

They speak. And they shouldn't have. These "miserable comforters" begin to debate the man they'd come to console.

The question is, "Why do the righteous suffer?" Job's friends have a quick answer: "They don't! 'Fess up, Job! What have you done to deserve this pain? We know that the righteous always prosper; only the wicked suffer."

We do? Since when? No, it just doesn't work that way, does it? One wonders what world Job's friends had been living in. It certainly wasn't the world you and I live in.

Unfortunately, Job's friends are still around. "Turn your life over to the Lord," they preach, "and all your troubles will be over. Life will be for you beautiful, rosy, and probably prosperous."

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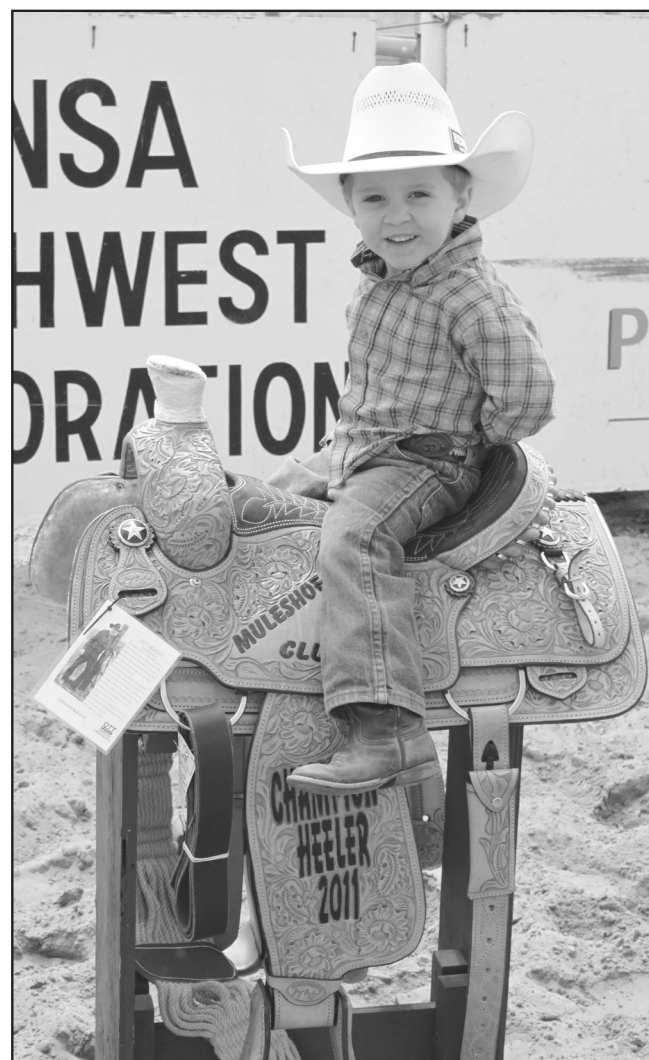
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By Laverne Winn

Voting for the new board members at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center will continue until Sept. 29. If you wish to vote, please go by the voting box and mark your ballot.

Wednesday, Sept. 28, Kathy Carr with the AgriLife Extension Office will be presenting her nutrition program. Kathy always has a good program with a door prize. We appreciate her using her time to come and visit us.

Thursday, Sept. 29, Kelley with Vista Care Hospice will be visiting the center during the noon hour. Make plans to come and hear what services she has to offer.

Friday, Sept. 30, IntegraCare will be here giving flu shots from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Mark your calendar and be sure to come by and

get your flu shot. Just bring your medicare card. Anyone under 60 can get a shot for the cost of \$25.

We need to keep Yvonne Stockman and Richard Cunningham in our prayers as they are recuperating from surgery. We hope the best for them and their families. We miss them and hope they are back with us soon.

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Discussing 'those coming under the wing' of Christ

This is additional comment relative to Christ's taking in all the families of the earth; that applies to those "who should come under his wing."

You might remember, we mentioned it in the previous article. I don't see how that can be applied to all families, or people that has ever lived, lives today, or will live in time to come.

It seems to me that it will apply to those he takes under his wing, somewhat as a bird might mother her young ones.

I will say however that people who believe in a High and Creative power that they look to for strength, judgement and blessings, worship the same God that we worship.

But I'm sorry to say, many who live foreign lands are not nearly as well informed, as are those of this time and country. That is due to the advanced climate in which we live.

Not all people who believe in God the Father believe in Christ as the only begotten Son of God. And the scriptures tell us that if we study them with open minds and if we search for truth.

Something worth saying...
By Glen Williams

I don't believe it is possible to believe in Christ as the "Only Begotten Son of God" unless and until we believe in God as the Father. But it is possible to believe in God the Father and not believe in Christ as his Son. And some people believe that. The Jews, for example.

Note in the 14th chapter of John: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe in me also."

"Ye believe in God." That is a fact — a statement of truth.

"Believe also in me." That is an imperative statement — a command.

No where in the bible will we find those scriptures quoted in reverse order as if to say; Ye believe in me, the begotten Son of God. Now believe in God as the Father."

And both Christ and the apostles tried to convince the Jews that Christ was (and is) the only begotten Son of God, and that he deserved their respect as such.

Failure to accept him as such did finally result in their downfall. As a people they didn't believe it then, and, so I understand, they don't believe it today.

But it bothers me, and makes me feel bad when I see (on television) those poor and destitute people of Ethiopia and other countries in that area.

As you know, they showed pictures of some of them about a month ago. And to me it was

Shelburne...

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And then, if life is not? "What is wrong with your faith? What sin lurks in your life?"

Job's friends. Maybe Job's original friends had some excuse for their folly, but their modern counterparts who can read the New Testament should know better.

They should hear the Apostle Paul telling persecuted believers, "We did not want any of you to lose heart at the troubles you were going through, but to realize that Christians must expect such things."

They should listen to Jesus' own words: "In this world, you will have trouble..."

Or they can simply look at the cross and see what the world did to the best man who ever lived.

A time of trouble is a good time to pray for stronger faith. And any time is a good time for humble self-examination.

But when trouble comes, don't pay too much attention to Job's friends. They were dead wrong then. And they're almost always dead wrong now.

pitiful to watch them. I don't know exactly what caused them to be in that condition but I would guess it was persecution, disease and hunger.

They had traveled on

foot more that 30 miles through the desert sand during extremely hot weather. One lady said she had traveled more than 30 miles on foot.

Some of the children were apparently so

nearly starved they didn't have any feeling. Their stomach swelled from hunger, and flies or some kind of insects on their faces, swarming around their eyes, all the feeling

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"He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."
~ COL 1:13-14 ~

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Obituaries

Joseph Galyon

On Aug. 2, 2011, Joseph Lee Galyon was at his home in the country outside of Rhome, when our Heavenly Father called him home.

He was born on Aug. 12, 1944, in Lubbock, and graduated from Muleshoe High School before joining the US Army.

He served during the Vietnam War and even went back to Vietnam as a civilian working under a military contract to maintain our Army's helicopters.

Upon returning to the states, he continued to work in the aviation industry in the Dallas - Fort Worth area, the State of Washington, Amarillo, and even Saudi Arabia.

Joe was never very fond of school, but found his passion in working on airplanes. He studied hard and became a top-rated aviation mechanic with American Airlines and at times instructed others.

In 2006 he retired from a 20 plus year career of working on the "big jets" with

American Airlines.

Even though he was based at DFW, he had been known to be sent to a location to repair a plane on site at a moment's notice.

Joe enjoyed collecting and shooting firearms. Vacation time was either spent with family or on a beach enjoying the sun, sand and water.

From a very young age, Joe developed a love for being outdoors and was always looking for a new adventure.

Joe is survived by his mother — Juanita Galyon of Yuma, Ariz.; six siblings — Tim Galyon of Midland, Paul Galyon of Yuma, Ariz., Annetta Fincher of Gilbert, Ariz., David Townsend of Apache Junction, Ariz., and Susan Kauffman and Rhonda Baldrige, both of Levelland; two daughters — Joy Hervey of Mineral Wells, and Tracey Galyon of Fort Worth; and four grandchildren.

A celebration of Joe's life was attended by immediate family at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, where his ashes were laid to rest, on Sept. 9.

Death Notices

Barnabas Smallwood

Farwell resident Barnabas Smallwood, 75, died on Sept. 15, 2011. He was born on Feb. 4, 1936, in Cabillo, n.M., to Isaac Willis and Etta Smallwood. Funeral services were held on Sept. 19, at the First Baptist Church of Farwell, with burial at Sunset Terrace Cemetery.

Hardy Ruthardt

Muleshoe resident Hardy Dean Ruthardt, 67, died on Sept. 19, 2011, in Jupiter, Fla. He was born on Jan. 8, 1944 in Muleshoe. A memorial service has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24, at 10:30 a.m., at the First Assembly of God, in Muleshoe.

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Sports

From the Stands

By Delton Wilhite

Bye weeks seemed to be both good news and bad news for football teams. With only three games played the Mules seemed to be just hitting their stride and now they have a week off and that can allow rust to develop.

It also gives the local sports writer a week off and scrambling for material to write about.

The 2010 Athletic Banquet came to mind and a short piece that was written by Coach Wes Boatmun came to mind. Coaches Boatmun and Benjie Jay coach the Junior Varsity Mules.

If you missed the gala event you will have an opportunity to read Coach Boatmun's commentary:

Would you think it weird for the young people of the community to look forward to the end of Summer?

I mean, to really anticipate it, wholeheartedly, without reservation or regret, or any other form of sadness whatsoever, but with the same adventurous and hopeful sense of expectation as they did the beginning? No? I didn't think so.

Then whether you like it or not, we're agreed — our kids are strange. And it's not that I mean to call their sanity into question, but only to point out what seems natural: that any young person

Sophomore pre-game meal set

The Sophomore Class of Muleshoe High School will be hosting a pre-game dinner on Friday, Sept. 30, from 5-7 p.m., in the MHS commons area.

The menu will include hamburgers, baked beans, chips, cobbler and iced tea. Tickets are \$6 per person, and may be purchased from any member of the Sophomore Class.

Telephone orders will be taken from 5-6:30 p.m. on the day of the dinner. To order call 272-7409.

would sooner keep his freedom than lose it; would answer to himself; would be his own master; nevertheless, every July, and well before the first day of school, a group of young men looks forward to the end of Summer, to an opportunity to come together as a team, collectively forfeiting the freedom of those few remaining weeks for the promise of the coming months, eager for their class's chance — that one, singular dream — to make history.

For some of these youngsters, though, that dream is a dream in waiting.

A Sophomore, you see, as talented as he may be, seldom makes the varsity squad, and neither will a Junior's classification ensure admission. And this is where it gets even more strange, because these kids, these JV Mules, work every step of the way — just as hard; just as long — toe to toe with our varsity kids — though the benefits are not immediate, and regardless of the sport's asking an entirely different commitment of them:

1. Will you promise to make every workout even though you're "only JV"?

2. Will you give your best effort day in and day out even though the crowd will be smaller on Thursday than it will be

on Friday?

3. Will you try to be better than our varsity often enough to ensure that our varsity continually improves?

4. Will you commit to becoming our future?

5. Will you stop thinking of yourself as "only JV"?

Now maybe you can understand why during this bye week my mind traveled back. We see again that many young men have made those very commitments that Coach Boatmun referred and stand proud to be the mighty Mules of the future.

MISD Superintendent soundly beat at 'cross country fun run'

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Each year the Mule and Lady Mule cross country teams take off a Saturday from competition and have a fun run in the New City Park.

This year Muleshoe ISD Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets decided to spice things up a bit.

He challenged all comers to try and beat him around the approximate two mile course.

Sheets started his training as well as issuing challenges and talking trash to anyone that he thought would race him around the park.

Approximately 100 high school and junior

high students responded to the challenge and competed in 'Beat Dr. Sheets Cross Country Fun Run'. They were joined by Coach Jay Gorman, Leah Cole and eight-year old Jessi Cole.

Cross country coach Val Acree prepared 'Beat Dr. Sheets' certificates that were issued to those that out paced the Muleshoe ISD Superintendent. There were 22 certificate recipients.

They were Aaron Ross, Kamron Newberry, Mireya Ruvalcaba, Brittney Mendoza and Matthew Barron. Tre Villa, Mario Flores, Javy Perez, Noah Del Toro, Roman Franco, Jo Moore and Celeste Flores received

certificates. Carolina Franco, Miranda Garza, Aimee Rosas, Keidi Salas, Ahtziri Elizalde, Felipe Guerrero, Eli Leal, Coach Gorman, Hector Flores and Nacho Elizalde also beat Sheets across the finish line.

"A good time was had by all those involve," said Coach Acree.

"I appreciate Dr. Sheets involvement in this year's fun run. He truly made it a fun run rather than just another work out for our high school and junior high teams. It was also good to see runners from the community also take part," he added. "I really hope Dr. Sheets will be apart of this event in future years."



The Beat Dr. Sheets Cross Country Fun Run was held Saturday, Sept. 10, at Muleshoe's New City Park. More than 100 high school and junior high students, as well as Coach Jay Gorman, and Leah Cole and eight-year old Jessi Cole, participated in the event. Pictured above, from left to right, are the athletes who beat Dr. Sheets on the two-mile course: Standing second row — Aaron Ross, Kamron Newberry, Mireya Ruvalcaba, Brittney Mendoza and Matthew Barron; standing first row — Tre Villa, Mario

Flores, Javy Perez, Noah Del Toro, Roman Franco, Jo Moore, Celeste Flores, Carolina Franco, Miranda Garza, Aimee Rosas, Keidi Salas, Ahtziri Elizalde, Felipe Guerrero, Eli Leal, Coach Jay Gorman and Hector Flores; kneeling — Nacho Elizalde, and Dr. Gene Sheets.

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Have them visit their bursar's office to sign a form indicating they wish to share their good news!

Once permission to share information has been granted, the college or university should send the info via email to: editor@muleshoejournal.com.



FOOTBALL CONTEST 2011

By Rhea Gonzales

I have a lot of confusion to clear up this week in the *Muleshoe Journal* Football Contest. First of all, as I am sure that most of you know already, I fumbled the Bovina vs. Panhandle game.

In the contest, I had Bovina as the team that won when it should have been Panhandle. As it turned out, this little mix up changed the real winner of the game. The winner was Gabriel Acevedo. Congrat's Gabriel on your win!

The second correction that I need to make is the overall leaderboard scores. The new scores will be in this article. Hopefully this mix up won't happen again because I really dislike making mistakes, especially huge ones!

You can call us at the *Muleshoe Journal* and we can give you your current totals in the football contest.

You don't have to be a football expert to play this game, the odds of guessing correct on each of the games are 50/50, so we encourage you, your family and friends to participate each week for the \$25 weekly prize. It is free to play and free to enter.

I have never seen this many participants have to go to tiebreaker for one contest! I really had my work cut out for me when I was going over the picks Monday morning. Who needs coffee right!

So here are the top contenders for last week's game: Gabriel Toscano 7, Butch Green 7, Fernando Toscano 7, Terry Field 7, Debbie Weir 7, Darin Bratcher 7, Scott Brown 7, Kim Black 7, Shelbi Harrison 7 and Shonda Black 7 had every game correct. The Texas Tech 59 vs. New Mexico 13 (72 total) game was used to decide who would get the weekly prize of \$25. Everyone had very very close scores but in the end Darin Bratcher, with an overall score of 72 takes the win. Conrats Darin!

We will post the top players of the week. Check in to see if you are on this week's list: Gabriel Toscano 7, Butch Green 7, Fernando Toscano 7, Terry Field 7, Debbie Weir 7, Darin Bratcher 7, Scott Brown 7, Kim Black 7, Shelbi Harrison 7, Shonda Black 7, Gerald Bond 6, Linda Lutz 6, Randy Waggoner 6, Ruben Mata 6, Jesse

Waggoner 6, Woody Villa 6, Rene valle 6, Joe Abeya 6, Jayden Herrera 6, Brandon Acevedo 6, Claire Brown 6, Gabriel Acevedo 6, Anna Lopez 6, Conner Harrison 6, Wledon Smith 6, and Travis Bessire 6. Your score for the week will be the amount of games you guessed correctly.

Here are the new current totals for the football contest:

Gabriel Toscano 21, Butch Green 24, Fernando Toscano 23, Terry Field 22, Gerald Bond 22, Jim Lutz 18, Linda Lutz 21, Sue Bond 18, Darin Bratcher 18, Debbie Weir 22, Randy Waggoner 15, Ruben Mata 14, John Paul Garza 12, Jesse Waggoner 16, Woody Villa 14, Alene Bryant 13, Xavier Reyes 16, Lori Bales 1, Patrick Orozco 16, William Orozco 17, Geno Cavezuela 3, Sherri Harrison 14, Charolette Holt 2, Troy Moore 7, Rene Valle 20, Vicki Gonzales 16, Brandon Acevedo 8, Shane Been 10, Carla Ambriz 7, Joe Abeya 15, Jayden Herrera 17, Johnny M. Gonzales 12, Felipe Gonzales 17, Claire Brown 19, Gabriel Acevedo 20, Cory Contreras 10, Edward Amalla 3, Hilbert Wisian 17, Jessie Mendoza 3, Anna Lopez 19, Frank Enriquez 4, Jill Waggoner 17, Michael Reyna 13, Scott Brown 20, Randy George 5, James

Lutz 14, Kim Black 16, Conner Harrison 15, Shelbi Harrison 18, Bobby Brooks 14, Welden Smith 15, Shonda Black 16, Sue Bessire 8, Travis Bessire 10, Brennan Broyles 4 and Josh Garza 5.

The person who has the most correct guesses at the end of the contest will win \$200. So please play every week to increase your chances of winning the grand prize.

There are lots of ways to enter the football contest. You can come by the office and drop off your entry (201 W. ave. C), our hours of business are Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.,

You can send an e-mail to: adsales@muleshoejournal.com (Please indicate Football Contest Entry) with your picks for the winners and for the tie breaker game.

You can send a fax to 806-272-3567 or you can mail your entry to the *Muleshoe Journal*, PO Box 449, Muleshoe, Tx 79347 (Entries must be postmarked by Friday) or if we are not here, you can put it in the black contest entry box on the front of the building. Just make sure it is here by noon on Friday.

As always, please make sure your name and picks are legible.

More from Mules vs. Andrews game

Pictured above, left, Mule Ray Martinez puts yards on the board during the Homecoming game against the Andrews Mustangs.

Pictured above, Mule Caleb Wood catches a pass during the same, 63-40, game.

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The Sudan Buzzy

Logan crowned queen

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

Danielle Logan was named the 2011 Homecoming Queen by the Sudan High School student body on Friday, Sept. 16.

Danielle was crowned during the halftime ceremony at Sudan's Homecoming Game versus Vega.

She was escorted by her father at the homecoming game, and she was escorted by Alan Hernandez at the Homecoming Pep Rally.

Danielle is the daughter of Lee and Lisa Logan of

Sudan.

Danielle was accompanied by her court, KyLee Shultz and Melodee Gunter.

KyLee is the daughter of Joe Ky and Missy Shultz.

Melodee is the daughter of Steve and Kimberly Gunter of Dimmitt.

The Sudan Bold Gold Band's flag corp greeted the contestants on the field. Luke Tiller, a member of the Sudan High School Student Council presented the homecoming queen with her sash and tiara.

KyLee was escorted

by her father on the field and by Ryan Fred during the Homecoming Pep Rally.

Melodee was escorted on to the field by her grandfather. Her father, Steve Gunter, is the coach for the Dimmitt High School football team and was unable to attend.

The girls had a seat of honor at the pep rally and at the game. After the crowning took place, the girls met at the 50-yard line and hugged one another. They are all good friends and congratulated each other on the field.



Sudan Hornets defeat Vega Longhorns in Homecoming battle

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan fans were not disappointed with a boring Homecoming game on Friday, Sept. 16, when the Hornets played the Vega Longhorns.

Sudan and Vega battled back and forth the entire night, but the Hornets' defense came up with a crucial interception that led to a Hornet touchdown and a final score of 28-20.

The Hornets leave Hornet Field on Friday night 3-1 on the season and at the top of the district.

In the first quarter, Jake Chester scores quickly after a four-play, nine-yard drive after a strong defensive showing by the Hornets. Cesar Medrano's PAT was good and the Sudan Hornets led the first quarter 7 to 0.

In the second quarter, Vega scored before half time on a touchdown throw. The Longhorns PAT was no good, and the Hornets went in to the locker room up 7 to 6.

It was a hard defensive battle in the third quarter. Each team had one score. Vega ran in a touchdown with 12 minutes left on the clock after a six-play, 32-yard series. The PAT was once again no good. The missed PAT's would come back to haunt the Longhorns in the fourth quarter.

The Hornets scored before the end of the third quarter. Bill Nolte carried seven yards for a Hornet touchdown. The PAT was good by Medrano. The Hornets went in to the fourth quarter leading the Longhorns 14 to 12.

The battle was on in the fourth quarter when Vega scored on a hand off and ran 14 yards for the touchdown. The PAT was good, and Vega took the lead 20 to 14.

Sudan's Freshman Elijah Ramon went on a massive run of 43 yards to end a six-play,

54 yard series with a touchdown. It was up to Medrano once again for the Hornets to take the lead since the score was tied at 20 to 20.

Medrano remained perfect for the night, and the Hornets led 21 to 20 with little time left on the clock.

Vega was in hot pursuit of another touchdown when Jake Chester came up with a huge interception. The Hornets drove the ball in four plays to another Hornet touchdown with less than one second left on the clock.

Medrano's kick was good, and the Hornets came out with a huge Homecoming victory of 28 to 20.

Coach Patrick Odom commented on the huge play of the line for this game.

"Ryan Fred wound up with 14 tackles, and Jacob Drennan had 10 tackles for the night," Odom said. "The line had a total of 17 pancakes to stop the Vega defense from penetrating to our quarterback and running backs. I'm very proud of their performance tonight."

Coach Gordon Martin also was pleased with the Hornets performance. "It was another solid performance by the Hornets. They played hard again for another four quarters," Martin said.

The Hornets had another strong performance. The Hornets had 299 yards

of total offense in 50 plays. They only had 12 minutes of possession time compared to Vega.

Vega had a total offense of 271 yards in 53 plays. Penalties hurt the Hornets with 12 penalties for 101 yards. Vega only had five penalties for 46 yards.

The Hornets will play Shamrock in Panhandle at 7:30 p.m. for this week's game.

STUCO to sell pink T-shirts

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan High School Student Council will be selling T-shirts to support breast cancer awareness.

The shirts will be pink and short sleeved. The front features a hornet with the words, "Hornets are Touch Enough To

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Fellowship Christian Church, 118 Main, Sudan, will be hosting special services featuring the music and preaching of Terrell and Beverly Glaze on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1-2.

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Homecoming court...

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Can you find and circle all of these fun fall things?

apples, leaves, scarecrow, Indian corn, chrysanthemum, cider, gourds, pumpkins, harvest, school, sweater, football, acorns, frost, rake

hmmmmph?

The autumn season is a very colorful and busy time. People take drives or hikes to view the bright fall leaves. We fall to work to get our homes and clothes ready for the winter months ahead. Football games and apple picking fill our free time while hot cider and doughnuts fill our stomachs! What are your special family activities this fall?

What is Falling?
Autumn can be a messy time. Things are falling everywhere! Maybe that's why people call Autumn fall.
Study the word and picture clues below to fill in the puzzle.

What falls...

- from a fruit tree?
- over the goal post?
- from a cloud?
- from an oak tree?
- from lots of trees?

I think I like this football thing! Do you like to toss a football around with your pals?

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Stay healthy this season...

Something worth saying...

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I understand; they are not up to date prosperous looking people, but they are human beings. They are fathers, and mothers, boys and girls. They love their children, and they love each other. They are capable of developing into self-supporting workers.

But they need help-in more ways than one. And of course they need quite a lot of it.

We have seen situations of that kind ever since we have had a television set. But I have never seen much evidence of Christ or any of us preachers working with them.

But I am happy to say it is my understanding that former Pres. George Bush and Bill Clinton have programs underway whereby they are spending many millions of dollars and putting forth extensive efforts to rid the people of Africa or Asia, somewhere in those areas, of the ailments that bother them.

I really don't know what they are doing, but I think I will try to find out a little more about it.

I have been under considerable pressure trying to get this ready for the paper, so it is not well written, and I regret that. So I will close with a suggestion of two ways we should look at Christ:

Number one, verse 29 of chapter one reads "the next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and

saith, behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." And

Number two, verse 36 of the same chapter reads "And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, behold the Lamb of God."

In both ways we are to see him as a Lamb of God. One as a sacrificial offering for sin, the other as a teacher, an example to live by.

And that, my friends, is what it's all about.

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Burglary trial

Continued from page 1 somebody," he added. Apparently referring to the decisions from the Bailey County juries that sat in the trials of Michael Garcia and Daniel Mendoza for the July 2010 murder of Rolando Saucedo.

Martinez, who was the defense attorney in the Garcia murder trial, was responding to Dist. Attorney Kathryn Gurley's request for a 15-year prison sentence in last week's burglary

trial. "They're not a danger to you or anybody else... anymore," the defense attorney said about the Hernandez brothers. However, it was also pointed out during the testimony that both of the defendants have been incarcerated in Bailey County's jail since April.

"You work so hard for things..." Eva Ramey said, talking about the items that were stolen, some of which have been

returned albeit damaged by the thieves, including items Ramey's son had purchased with money received from his first job,

A laptop computer that held Ramey's prayer journal, and other personal writings has not been returned as of the date of the trial. Ramey said the computer "wasn't just a computer."

"A man's home is his castle," the district attorney said in her

closing argument. "It's the one place you should feel safe... secure... protected."

"They stole her security, personal writings... property," Gurley added.

As previously mentioned, Gurley requested a prison sentence of 15 years for each of the defendants.

"Any less punishment would be an injustice," the district attorney said. "Then, maybe Eva Louis Ramey, and her daughter sleep better at night."

In the end, while the jury found in favor of the defense regarding the issue of imprisonment, recommending the defendants be placed under the supervision of Bailey County's Community Supervision & Corrections Department, they also recommended a 10-year suspended sentence for each defendant, and a fine of \$10,000.

Formal sentencing is currently set for October, following a pre-sentencing investigation.

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Sharon Burris,
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infrastructure for Muleshoe is better than a lot of cities," City Manager David Brunson said, referring to the fact that part of the existing system includes lines that are between 70 and 90 years old. "At some point, someone will have to do something about them."

While the \$45,000 software and service package, which will be purchased with capital improvement funds from the current year, will initially be used to map the existing infrastructure, it was

noted that the potential for its use in other areas existed.

"I think you're right," Mayor Cliff Black said to the city manager about the variety of uses it could have, prior to the council's 3-0 vote on the issue, "about your imagination being the only limit."

In other business, the council approved ordinances related to the redistricting plan that had previously been presented by the city's redistricting advisory committee.

Although a public

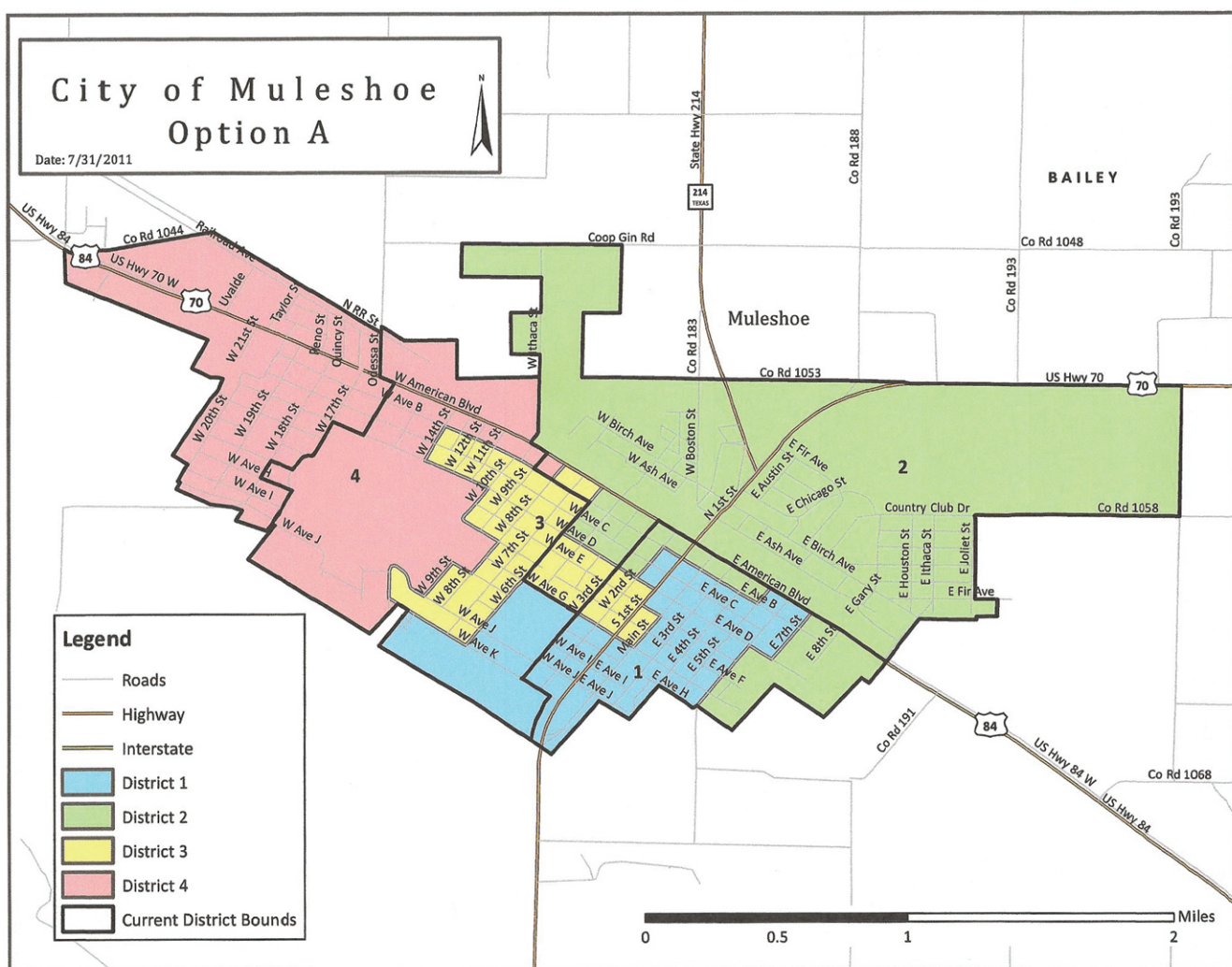
hearing was scheduled prior to Monday's board action, no one appeared to address the issue, and according to City Secretary LeAnn Gallman no comments had been

received concerning the proposed plan at city hall.

It was noted that with the redistricting, the only council member who had been residing

within the district he represented — Richard Orozco, would no longer do so. The position of mayor, currently held by Cliff Black, is elected in a city-wide election.

The next step in the redistricting process is for the plan and supporting documentation to be submitted to the US Department of Justice for approval.



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