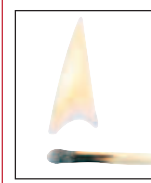




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Homecoming bonfire
set for Thursday, Sept. 13,
at dark, at New City Park



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Price approved for junior high construction

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District's Board of Trustees approved Lee Lewis Construction Company's guaranteed maximum price for the work to be completed on Watson Junior High during Monday's regular meeting.

The \$1.62 million price was "squeezed down" from \$1.8 million according to Kirk Hughlett of Lee Lewis after bids were received from the project's subcontractors.

"I think we have some



MWM Architects' rendering of what Watson Junior High should look like after the project's completion.

quality subcontractors," Hughlett said Monday. "Many are on the Dillman project."

"This holds our feet to the fire," Hughlett said about the GMP.

Work on the new construction at the junior high is expected to be

completed around May 2008, the same time as Dillman.

Superintendent Gene Sheets said an effort would be made to coordinate construction in a manner that would interrupt classes as little as possible.

On another construction

issue, the school board took no action regarding the hiring of a construction manager for Phase 2 of the MISD bond project, which includes work to be completed on DeShazo Elementary and Muleshoe High School.

"Primarily we're talking

about the high school," Sheets said. "If Sam (Whalin) wasn't here, it might be something that's needed."

"It's my feeling that we'll need the money at the high school," the superintendent said in his recommendation that a construction manager

not be hired.

"Before we started this you had full time jobs," said board member Nick Bamert, who added that his primary concern was that neither Sheets nor Whalin become "over loaded."

"We're fortunate to have two guys here who know what's going on," board president David Tipps said, adding that it would be a waste of funds that could be used elsewhere.

In a related issue, the school board approved Lee Lewis as the construction manager at risk firm for Phase 2.

Commissioners court approves FY 2008 budget

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners Court adopted a \$3,004,547.99 general fund budget for FY 2008 during Monday's regular session, an act that included setting the individual precinct budgets as well.

Of those precinct budgets, Precinct 2 topped the list at \$291,229.60; followed by Precinct 3 at \$272,993.69; Precinct 1 at \$269,608.70; and Precinct 4 at \$253,493.69.

"I'm so glad we've got this budget adopted," said County Judge Sherri Harrison, the county's budget officer.

According to Harrison, the new budget should raise more "total property tax than last year's budget," increasing county coffers by \$118,551.07 from the amount budgeted in FY 2007, of which "\$21,787.74 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year."

Prior to adopting the new budget Monday, the commissioners took a hard final look at the amounts they were budgeting for fuel during the upcoming year after it was noted that the amounts they'd set in the proposed budget were less than what they'd actually spent during FY 2007.

With that in mind, Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver asked that his fuel budget be increased to \$36,000; Precinct 2 Commissioner C.E. Grant to \$36,000; Precinct 3 Commissioner Joey Kindle to \$32,000; and Precinct 4 Commissioner Juan Chavez to \$31,000.

The court also adopted an ordinance setting the total tax rate at .6833 per \$100 in valuation. This includes a total maintenance and operations rate of .5725 — representing .4741 for the general fund, and .0984 for farm to market, and a debt service rate of .1108.

In other business, the commissioners' court:

- Discussed a pending contract to house prisoners between the law enforcement center and Bernalillo County, N.M., at \$50 per day.

They want all of our beds, Sheriff Richard Wills said,

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Making big rocks into little ones...

John Mendoza and Julio Reyes, inmates at the Bailey County Law Enforcement Center, pictured above while Jailer Julie Teel looks on, have been working hard to remove the old concrete sidewalk at the courthouse. Photograph by Larry Thornton

Gateway opens at MHS

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Muleshoe High School's alternate education program has undergone some changes this school year, Principal Elizabeth Ward told the MISD school board during Monday's regular meeting.

Ward said the changes include changing the name from AEP to "Gateway," apparently to re-emphasize its intent at correcting irresponsible behavior and returning the student to the classroom.

The principal explained the point system that is being used to help evaluate a student's performance in the program, including how points can be earned by the student to reduce the time spent in Gateway.

"There's an incentive for them to go over there and do what they have to," Ward said. "For a discipline situation it's been positive."

Ward also talked about how some of the high school instructors have been helping out at Gateway — working with students one-on-one — to insure that the students' time in the

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Muleshoe water, sewage rates to increase

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Water and sewage rates for Muleshoe residents will be going into effect Oct. 1, following the city council's passage of ordinances concerning the increases during Monday's regular meeting.

According to City Manager David Brunson, the increase will be the first such increase since 2003, and will affect the rate of usage on water, but not the minimum charge.

"These are the water rates reflected in the budget," Brunson said, referring to the FY 2007-08 municipal budget that was also adopted during Monday's meeting.

Water customers using less than 10,000 gallons will notice an increase of 15 cents per thousand, an increase from \$1.40 to \$1.55.

Other usage level increases es, per thousand gallons, are as follows:

- 10,000 to 20,000 — 20 cents per thousand gallons.

- 20,001 to 50,000 — 25 cents.

- 50,001 to 100,000 — 30 cents.

- Above 100,000 — 40 cents.

Waste water rates were set at \$11 for residential customers and \$11.50 for commercial accounts.

The sewage rates also include a 75 cents per thousand gallons of averaged water usage during the months of November through February.

As previously mention,

the council also adopted the municipal budget for FY 2007-08, which includes a general fund total of \$2,438,346, a water and sewer fund of \$1,306,764, and a capital project fund of \$70,000.

It will also "raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$65,693" an increase of 9.08 percent of which "\$9,456.70 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the (tax)

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Class of 1992

The Muleshoe High School Class of 1992 is holding a 15-year reunion Oct. 19-20.

Classmates are urged to visit www.classreport.org/usa/tx/muleshoe/mhs/1992 for the latest reunion information, and to add contact information on the page.

Class contacts for the reunion are: Shea (Wilbanks) Hope at swhope28@suddenlink.net; Audree (Anzaldua) Halcomb at aahalcomb@yahoo.com; or Tiffany (Angeley) Boehning at 806-946-9273.

The events planned include: Friday, Oct. 19 — Football game at 7:30 p.m.; After game gathering at 621 W. Sixth. Saturday, Oct. 20 — Muleshoe Country Club, 7 p.m.

Mule support encouraged

The Muleshoe Athletic Boosters would like to encourage local businesses to join in showing their support for the Mules by participating in a business decoration contest. Each Thursday morning, beginning with the first week of district play, Sept. 27, the entries will be judged. Contact Starla Ellis at 946-7552 for additional information.

Heritage foundation annual meeting

The Muleshoe Heritage Foundation's annual meeting and membership drive has been set for Saturday, Sept. 22, at 6:30 p.m., at the Muleshoe Heritage Center.

Activities will include live music, a performance by Muleshoe High School's Ballet Folkloric, food, an exhibit of entries and winners in the western art contest, and a dummy steer roping contest.

The foundation will also be celebrating the grand opening of the Virginia City Hotel, which was recently restored at the center. Guided tours will be available throughout the evening. Admission is free for all of the festivities, contests and tours.

AARP driving course

An AARP Safety Driving program is set for Sept. 19-20, from 8 a.m. until noon, in the Five Area Telephone Cooperative training room, in Muleshoe.

The eight-hour course is split into two four-hour sessions, with a cost of \$10, made payable to AARP.

Participants will earn a discount on their vehicle insurance.

For more information, or to pre-register, call volunteer instructor Charlene Treider at 272-5738. Class size is limited to 30. New traffic laws will also be discussed.

Gateway...

Continued from page 1 program doesn't set them back in their regular class work.

"They don't need to be behind when they come back," board member Nick Bamert said, mirroring statements from other board members.

"The key thing is for the kids to not feel like we've put them over there and thrown away the keys," Ward said.

While the need for such a program may be considered "a kind of a negative thing," board president David Tipps commended Ward and the high school staff for making the program as positive as they can.

"I think there's a positive difference," Superintendent Gene Sheets said. "...They're still our kids."

Homecoming pre-game dinner

The Muleshoe High School Junior Class will be hosting a pre-game fundraising dinner on Friday, Sept. 14, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and are available from any MHS junior. Deliveries are available from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call 272-7306 to order. The meal will include spaghetti meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, brownies and iced tea.

Projection Graduation fund raiser

Project Graduation 2008 is currently taking orders for painting the double muleshoes on drive-ways and sidewalks. These muleshoes look just like the ones painted on the street around the high school.

The cost is one set for \$20. Orders can be called in until Sept. 17. All of the painting will be done between Sept. 4-18. Call Lori Bales at 272-5400, Starla Ellis at 272-5838 and Terri Precure at 272-5073 to place an order.

Alzheimer's Disease support group

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

The program will be presented by Hospice of Plainview. For more information contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Mandi Seaton Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 272-4583.

Elder Care conference set

Elder care, and living well while aging will be the topic of discussion at a conference set for Saturday, Sept. 15, from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Texas Cooperative Extension of Bailey County, Aging Services of Bailey County, and Park View Nursing Care Center are hosting the conference. Lunch will be provided.

For more information on aging well and the Elder Care Conference, contact Mandi Seaton, county extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas Cooperative Extension, Bailey County at 272-4583, or Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services at 272-3647.

LISD fund raiser

The senior class at Lazbuddie Independent School District will be hosting an enchilada dinner on Sunday, Sept. 16, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The menu will include meat or cheese enchiladas, beans, rice, salad and homemade desserts. Tickets are \$6.50, and carry out is available.

To purchase tickets, contact the members of the senior class.

Diabetes support group

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet this month on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m., in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

The program will be "Your Treatment Plan — Nutrition." This program is free of charge to anyone interested. For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 118 W. Ave. C., Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

Class of 1957

The Muleshoe High School Class of 1957 is celebrating it's big 50th anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Muleshoe Heritage Center Depot, and later in the day at a steak dinner at the Bailey County Coliseum's dining room, at 5 p.m.

The morning coffee visit at the depot will begin at 9 a.m. and continue to 11 a.m.

Classmates who wish to attend the dinner could contact Ray Precure at 806-272-4795. The meal will cost \$30 per person. For classmates on a stricter diet, or who prefer to bring their own meal, a minimal donation would be appreciated.

Jr. High game schedule change

Watson Junior High will be playing Westover Junior High on Oct. 25, from 5-6:15 p.m., at Randall High School, located between Canyon and Amarillo.

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

It has been a very busy time for the senior citizens at the center.

If you happen to see a beautiful playhouse being displayed at different places, stop and look.

The Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizens Center is selling raffle tickets for \$5 each, or five for \$20. The drawing for the playhouse will be on Saturday, Oct. 6, during Mule Days.

Our handy men, Marshall Cook, Joe Sowder, Fred

Clements and Kenneth Henry did a super job in building the playhouse.

Of course they also had help from Darlene Henry. Seems as though she did a lot of the inside work since she could stand up in the house.

Our heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Our thanks to LeAnn Altman for teaching the ladies the game of Bunco Tuesday. There was a lot of laughter and fun going on.

We appreciate LeAnn for

taking the time to come every first and third Tuesday of each month to help.

If you would like to play on other days, feel free to call your friends and come in to play. Le Ann will be here on Tuesday, Sept. 18, beginning at 10 a. m.

The Bootscooter Band will be furnishing the music for the dance Tuesday night.

We will be joined by the Square Dancers. It should be a fun night for all dancers.

Call a friend, prepare your favorite dish and come join

in the fun and fellowship.

On Wednesday, Sept. 19, Wendy Edwards with the Adult Protection Agency will present a program during the lunch hour.

This should be a very informative and helpful program. Make plans to come and enjoy the lunch with us.

Remember, we have fun and fellowship here at the center everyday. All the laughter, visiting with friends and playing games is keeping the center very

active. The center is here for you. Come and enjoy.

Menus for Sept. 17 - 21: Monday, Sept. 17 — Beef tips with vegetables, rice, salad, wheat rolls, shortcake and fruit.

Tuesday, Sept. 18 — Meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, steamed carrots, wheat roll and coconut pudding.

Wednesday, Sept. 19 — Steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Sept. 20 — Hamburger on a bun, lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese, chips, pork and beans, and marble cake.

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

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Work Can Be Worship

by Max Lucado

Jesus's word for frustrated workers can be found in the fifth chapter of Luke's gospel. Peter, Andrew, James, and John made their living catching and selling fish. Like other fishermen, they worked the night shift, when cool water brought the game to the surface. And, like other fishermen, they knew the drudgery of a fishless night.

While Jesus preaches, they clean nets. And as the crowd grows, Christ has an idea. He noticed two boats tied up. The fishermen had just left them and were out scrubbing their nets. He climbed into the boat that was [Peter's] and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Sitting there, using the boat for a pulpit, he taught the crowd. (vv. 2-3 msg)

Jesus claims Peter's boat. He doesn't request the use of it. Christ doesn't fill out an application or ask permission; he simply boards the boat and begins to preach.

He can do that, you know. All boats belong to Christ. Your boat is where you spend your day, make your living, and to a large degree live your life. The taxi you drive, the horse stable you clean, the dental office you manage, the family you feed and transport—this is your boat. Christ shoulder-taps us and reminds:

"You drive my truck." "You preside in my courtroom." "You work on my job site." "You serve my hospital wing." To us all, Jesus says, "Your work is my work."

Our Wednesdays matter to him as much as our Sundays. He blurs the secular and sacred. One stay-at-home mom keeps this sign over her kitchen sink: Divine tasks performed here, daily. An executive hung this plaque in her office: My desk is my altar. Both are correct. With God, our work matters as much as our worship. Indeed, work can be worship.

Peter, the boat owner, later wrote: "You are a chosen people. You are a kingdom of priests, God's holy nation, his very own possession. This is so you can show others the goodness of God" (1 Pet. 2:9 nlt).

A priest represents God, and you, my friend, represent God. So "let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus" (Col. 3:17 msg). You don't drive to an office; you drive to a sanctuary. You don't attend a school; you attend a temple. You may not wear a clerical collar, but you could. Your boat is God's pulpit.

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Obituaries



DORIS EVELYN PAGE

Doris Evelyn Page

Funeral services for John Reid. Doris Evelyn Page, 84, of Muleshoe, were held on Saturday, Sept. 8, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner and Sonny Lee officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Doris died on Sept. 6, 2007, in Lubbock. She was born on July 8, 1923, in Roxton, and married Eldon Page in Farwell on Oct. 29, 1993.

Doris was a longtime resident of the Muleshoe community. She worked at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as an operator for many years retiring in 1978, and married Conrad Middlebrooks in 1941. He preceded her in death in 1981.

Doris loved to sew, paint, do crafts and of course spend time with her family. Her greatest joy was her great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Lazbuddie Methodist Church.

She was also preceded in death by a brother —

Survivors include her husband — Eldon Page of Idalou; two daughters and their spouses — Sharon and C.E. Grant of Muleshoe and Jencie and Sonny Lee of Idalou; seven grandchildren, and their spouses — Kevin and Renee Grant of Ft. Sumner, N.M., Laurey and Ronny Riney of Olton, Clay Grant of Muleshoe, Lynn and Kristina Lee of Idalou, Danna and Brad Raven of San Antonio, Amy and Kirk Whittle of Waco and Tony Erin Lee of Lubbock; five sisters — Betty Jo Vernon of Ardmore, Okla., Anita Littlefield of Lubbock, Peggy Gibson of Lubbock, Sandara Haws of Weatherford, and Becky Melton of Lubbock; 18 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to Meals On Wheels of Muleshoe, 300 S. First, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or to the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, P.O. Box 292, Muleshoe TX 79347.

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Baby Showers



BRIANNE WILLIAMS

Williams shower held

A baby shower honoring Corey and Brianne Williams was held on Saturday, Aug. 25, in the home of Brenda Black of Muleshoe.

Special guests included Donna Locker and Dawn Williams, Delores Garrett, Virginia Largent and Louise Williams, Carissa Derden, Ruth Locker, Gayle Bruns, Annette Watson, Carrie Barden, Leslie Perkins, Amy and Hannah Thane, Stacy and Emma Armstrong, Mindy Locker and Lydia Wolcott.

Hostesses for the event included Katie Bynum, Krystal Martin, Keila Morris, Mandy Myers, Kimberly Nickels, Amy Thane, Amy Turner, Chanda Weatherbie and Amanda Wimmer.

The hostess gifts were a Graco® Pack 'n Play and a highchair. The baby boy is due to arrive in September.

Blood drive to be held Sept. 24

Muleshoe residents have the opportunity to celebrate life by joining in the community blood drive from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Muleshoe Medical Center, 708 S. First Street, in Muleshoe, on Monday, Sept. 24.

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Typical reasons for temporary deferrals from blood donation include: traveling to malarial areas, tattoos or temporarily taking certain medications like antibiotics. "We'll do a health history and mini-physical to make sure it's okay for you to give," said the representative.

Blood donated at the upcoming blood drive will help save the lives of patients in Muleshoe.

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Homecoming bonfire, rally set

The Muleshoe annual homecoming bonfire and pep rally have been set.

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Sports

Mules send the Pirates to the briny depths, 28-0

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Mother Nature is the only thing that has been able to slow down or stop the Mules this season.

She did just that in Woodrow Friday night with a dazzling lightning display that delayed a hyped offensive shoot out for about an hour.

The two teams had combined for 100 points and over 1200-yards of offense in their first game of the season.

The Mules had built a 28-0 lead over the Lubbock Cooper Pirates by the end of the third period. Five

we began to move the ball. It was a big game and our kids know how to play ball."

Ray Ramirez returned the opening kick from the Mule 20 to the Cooper 12. The Mules could not push the ball in for the tally as Coby Torres picked off Garrett Riley's second toss of the game. He returned the ball just inside Mule territory.

The Pirates picked up a first on a tipped pass at the Mule 35. The Pirates reached the Mule 11 but faced fourth down and needed six yards for the first.

Tyler Sutton completed a five yard toss and the Mule

Players of the Game
Scout Team Player... **Adrian Chacon**
Special Teams Player... **Elias Alvarado**
Offensive Player... **Victor Vasquez**
Defensive Player... **Abraham Flores, Diego Salcido and Ceasar Lopez**
Player of the Game... **Lane Wood**
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around the right side for seven yards to push the Mules to the Cooper 39. Victor Vasquez was the third running back in three plays for the Mules. Riley took the deep snap and rolled to the left and drew the defense to him.

Riley made a long pitch

Wood blasted up the middle for 4 yards. Riley pumped once to freeze the defense as Ramirez raced down the field. He cut toward the goal post as Riley pulled the trigger on a 27-yard TD toss to him. Alvarado made the grab on the two-point conversion to put the Mules up 14-0 with 9:09 left in the first half.

A pair of penalties and a pass break up by Colton Heinrich stopped the Cooper offense cold on their ensuing possession. Vasquez called for the fair catch at the Mule 46.

On a third and 10 Riley was forced to scramble out of the pocket. He then made a soft toss to his safety valve. Vasquez made the grab and broke a couple of tackles to pick up the 10 yards needed for a first down.

The Mules emptied the backfield on first down and completed a five-yard toss to Wes Wood. Ramirez broke 12 yards down the Mule sideline and hung his toes just inbounds and pulled in Riley's pass to give the Mules a first down on the Cooper 27.

Vasquez took the pitch and raced seven yards down field. The Mules lined up in a tight formation in what appeared to be the "Hammer Play" and Cooper crowded nine men in the box.

Riley faked the pitch to his tailback, dropped back and laid the ball in Colby Carpenter's arms at the seven. Carpenter was well behind the defenders and could have walked into the end zone to give the Mules a 20-0 half time advantage.

The Mules forced the Pirates to go three-and-out after the intermission. They ran the "Jet Play" on first down and Alvarado cut down Torres after five yards. L. Wood filled a hole on the left side to stop Carlyle Stokes after three yards.

Clayton sniffed out the

swing pass and dropped Torres for a yard loss. Riley came up from his safety position and blasted the intended receiver as the ball arrived. The ball rolled harmlessly on the turf and the Mule took over on downs on the Cooper 45.

Vasquez took a swing pass nine yards to the 36. L. Wood got the call and

blasted 35 yards up the middle to the one. The Mules offensive coordinator, Ralph Mason, was heard saying after the game, "After Lane (Wood) made that run he was definitely going to get a chance to score."

Wood did not disappoint his coach as the Mules ran

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Ray Ramirez carries the ball during the Mules' opening kick off return against the Lubbock Cooper Pirates on Friday, Sept. 7. **Photograph by Stacy Conner**

minutes into the final quarter a brilliant flash of lightning ended the game.

"There was a lot of talk about this game during the week and our kids answered the call," said Mule coach David Wood. "We were concerned but not intimidated by Cooper and the articles written this week."

"We want to play good teams and we tend to respond well to playing in big games. We do not have any weak teams on our pre-district schedule. We were concerned about containing Carlyle Stokes and giving them a confidence boost," he added.

"I was very pleased how our kids handled the delay. We also made some adjustments on the fly late in the first period and then

defense drove the receiver out of bounds short of the first down marker. The Mule "Bend But Don't Break" defense had slammed the door shut on Pirates for the first time of the night.

It took most of the first period for the Mules to adjust to the Cooper defense and begin to take advantage of what the Pirates were willing to give them. There was 2:07 remaining in the initial frame and the Mules began their first scoring drive of the evening from their 20.

Riley hit Dusty Clayton running a slant over the middle. Clayton ran through one tackle to gain 18 yards. Lane Wood lined up in the backfield with Riley and plowed through the middle for 14 more.

Elias Alvarado went wide

to Vasquez near the Pirate sideline. He made the cut up field and out ran the Pirates to pay dirt with 43 seconds left in the quarter. The scoring drive covered 80 yards in just four plays. The Mules led 6-0 as the second period began.

A pass interference call cost the Mules an interception but the Mule defense stopped the Pirates near midfield. Vasquez called for the fair catch at the Mule 19 to start the Mules second scoring drive.

Adam Zamora made the catch among a gang of Pirates for 14 yards. Riley stayed in the pocket and waited for Colby Carpenter to come open on the Mule sideline 46 yards down field at the Cooper 21.

A holding penalty backed the Mules up 10 yards. L.

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Tulia	0	1	0	0
Dimmitt	1	1	0	0
Littlefield	2	0	0	0
Lub. Cooper	0	2	0	0

This Week's Schedule
Friona at Morton
Bushland at Boys Ranch
River Road at Dalhart
Highland Park at Memphis
Sanford-Fritch at Tulia
Olton at Dimmitt
Idalou at Littlefield

Last Week's Scores
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Freshman Mules defeat the Lubbock Cooper Pirates, 20-6

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Freshmen Mules had four drives in the first half against the Pirates of Lubbock Cooper Thursday night.

The Mules had racked up a 20-0 lead by the intermission by scoring on their first three possessions.

They just missed a shut out when Cooper scored in the third period. The Mules answered by scoring as time

expired at the end of the third period. The final tally was 28-6 in favor of the Mules.

The Mules returned the opening kick from their five to the 22. Cooper Washington took the deep snap, faked the hand off and powered up the middle for five yards. That run may have set the tone for the ball game.

Joey Ramirez took a pitch wide around the right end and raced 11 yards. Juan Sanchez appeared to be

setting up to block for Washington as he prepared to pass the ball. Sanchez turned to face Washington as Washington delivered a shovel pass to him.

When Sanchez was finally brought to the turf he had covered 33 yards and pushed the Mules to the Cooper 27.

Ramirez moved the Mules to the 16 on back to back rushes. Washington looked off the defenders and then

froze them in their tracks with a pump fake.

Nick Hurtado had shaken off his defender and was unguarded in the end zone for the 16-yard touchdown pass. The Mules led 6-0 with just under five minutes left in the opening period.

The Mule defense forced the Pirates to go three-and-out. Washington returned the punt from the Mule 36 to the 46. It was one and done for the Mules as Washington

pulled the ball down and raced 46 yards on a quarterback draw.

Washington connected with Hurtado for the two-point conversion and extended the Mules advantage to 14-0.

The Pirates picked up two first downs before the first quarter ended. The Mule defense held on the first series of the second period to force Cooper to punt.

Sanchez carried up the middle for 23 yards to the Mule 43. A six yard loss temporarily set the Mules back. Washington connected with Rico Alarcon at the Cooper 30 and he out raced the defenders to the end zone for the Mules third TD of the night. The Mules led 20-0 with seven minutes left in the half.

Isais Guerra broke in front of the intended Cooper receiver to pick off a pass and halt the Pirate's longest drive of the night at the Mule six. Time ran out in the half before the Mules could reach pay dirt on their fourth drive.

The Pirates scored on their first possession of the second half on a 40-yard pass. The two-point conversion failed and Cooper trailed 20-6.

The Mules ground the final 5:58 off the clock in the third period before scoring.

Washington carried the final 10 yards through the middle of the line. Washington connected with Ramirez in the end zone for the two-point conversion and end all scoring.

Sanchez led the Mule offense with 145 yards on eleven carries. Washington carried 12 times for 104 yards and Ramirez added 28 on eight tries.

Alarcon had two receptions for 61 yards and one TD. Hurtado caught two tosses for 19 yards and a TD. Ramirez made two grabs for 17.

Sanchez led the defense with four solo tackles, five assists and one sack. Danny Galindo made three solo stops four assists and broke up a pass. Guerra made four solo tackles, one assist and intercepted one pass.

Damon Snell had two solo stops, one assist, one sack and caused a fumble. Alarcon made three solo tackles, one assist, and had a tackle for a loss.

The Mules are 2-0 on the season and will travel to Shallowater Thursday night.

Week 2 of football contest results released

By Leah Bell
General Manager

Forty-one players braved this week's contest and in the end, it came down to the tiebreaker once again.

Guessing 42 points would be scored in the Littlefield versus Friona game and edging out a host of players right on his tail was contestant Rene Valle, who missed no games this week.

Valle will get 10 cumulative points for his win and will pocket the \$25 weekly first prize in the Week 2 contest.

Also missing no games but just slightly further away from the actual score of the tiebreaker game, Littlefield beat Friona 35-31, was J.C. Orozco who has grown up playing the Journal's football contest. He guessed the tiebreaker combined score would be 40.

J.C. will get nine points for his efforts this week.

Rounding out the top ten this week and earning the rest of the cumulative points being handed out were: Sandra Orozco (8 pts.), Joe Flores (7 pts.), Weldon Smith (6 pts.), Terry Field (5 pts.), Richard Orozco (4 pts.), Travis Bessire (3 pts.), Starla Ellis (2 pts.) and Scott Brown (1 pt.).

As all of you know, I occasionally have to "fess up" to things throughout the season — this is one of those times. I forgot to check my mail last week before I announced the winners of the contest. This doesn't and shouldn't mean much to most of you, but it should to last

year's winner Scott Brown, who would have placed tenth last week had I checked. So, I am awarding Scott his point from last week to make it right and Terry Field will keep the tenth place point I erroneously awarded to him too. I'm too generous, I know...ha!

None of the other mailed entries would have placed so they weren't affected by this oversight. I did get the weekend mail this time — I promise! Sorry for the mix up.

Cumulatively speaking, here's the point totals after just two weeks: Joe Flores 17, Sandra Orozco 15, Rene Valle 10, Brandon Acevedo 9, J.C. Orozco 9, Sam Gonzales 8, Richard Orozco 7, Gabriel Acevedo 6, Weldon Smith 6, Terry Field 6, Tommy King 5, Rudy Gonzales 4, Fernando Toscano 3, Travis Bessire 3, Starla Ellis 2, and Scott Brown 2.

Keeping the contest focused on high school games seems to have brought out several new entrants, something I'm glad to see - and they're giving our old-timers a run for their money!

New to the contest this week was Jaime Enriquez of Shallowater who placed 11th, Gene Jarman who placed 14th, Fabian Martinez who placed 15th, DJ Dominguez who placed 25th, Todd Bessire who placed 29th, Ruben Rodriguez of Morton who placed 30th, Frank Enriquez of Morton who placed 32nd, Jesse Barragon of Abernathy who placed

37th, and Roxanne Enriquez of Shallowater who placed last because she forgot to mark any entries (at least that's what her fax showed!).

The best show by a newcomer was Starla Ellis who finished in ninth place.

Games tripping contestants up were Muleshoe's win over Lubbock Cooper (shame on you for doubting), Amarillo High's win over Palo Duro, Sudan's loss to Olton, Dimmitt's win over Farwell, and Clarendon's loss of Bovina.

Other players and how they fared this week: William Orozco 13th, Felipe Gonzales 15th, Jan King 17th, Marilyn Engelking and Vicki Gonzales tied for 18th, Veronica Gonzales 21st, James Buie and Tommy King tied for 22nd, Sherri Harrison

26th, Brandon Acevedo 31st, Debbie Weir 33rd, Raymond Villalobos 35th, Darin Bratcher 38th and Charlotte Holt 39th.

If you have missed playing these first two weeks, don't worry! You can still join and you still have a great chance to win the \$200 grand prize, but you must enter and place in the top ten weekly to win! We also award \$25 each week to the first place finisher...so you have multiple chances to win!

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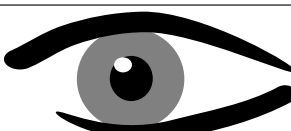
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The Bailey County Commissioners Court was honored for its support of 4-H Monday by the Bailey County Extension Office agents. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Back row — Commissioners C.E. Grant, Butch Vandiver and Juan Chavez; front row — Commissioner Joey Kindle, Extension agent Mandi Seaton, County Judge Sherri Harrison, and Extension agent Curtis Preston.

Muleshoe varsity football...

Continued from page 6
 night and end the game with the same play and the offensive line parted the Pirates for him. Riley connected with Ramirez for the two-point conversion to end all scoring with the Mules leading 28-0.

"The line cleared a big hole for me straight up the middle," said L. Wood. "I tried to get in the first play but fortunately for me Coach Mason called the same play again and the line opened up the hole again."

The Pirates had a final scoring opportunity in the fourth period after ripping the ball away from Ramirez. They picked up the loose ball and raced the Mule 12. Stokes was stopped for a yard loss on first down. Heinrich stopped Stokes after a two-yard gain on the second play. Clayton picked off Tyler Sutton's desperation throw at the goal line to slam the door on the Pirates for the final time of the night.

The Mules were driving when Mother Nature began her second light show of the

night and end the game with the same play and the offensive line parted the Pirates for him. Riley connected with Ramirez for the two-point conversion to end all scoring with the Mules leading 28-0.

The Mules rushed 24 times for 189 yards, Riley and Wes Wood completed 18 of 34 passes for 209 for a total of 403 yards. The Mule defense gave up 124 yards on the ground and 15 passing to hold the Pirates to a total of 139 yards.

Riley had one toss picked off and the Mules lost one fumble. The defense picked off three of Cooper's passes. Eight Mule receivers made catches in the contest. Carpenter led the receiving crew with two catches for 64 yards and a TD. Vasquez grabbed six passes for 24 yards and Ramirez caught four for 53 and a TD.

L. Wood led the Mules in rushing with 11 carries for 78 yards. Vasquez had seven carries for 48 yards and Riley carried three times for 48.

The Mule defense held Stokes to 79 yards on 14 tries. Sutton carried eight times for 37 and Torres had two tries for eight. Sutton completed six of 18 tosses

for 15 yards. L. Wood led the defense with 10 solo tackles, four assists; a special team stop and broke up a pass.

"Coach (Greg) Poynor and the other coaches had us pretty fired up tonight," continued L. Wood. "They used the articles in the papers, especially the one about how they were going to ram the ball down our throats."

Doc Fullmer made five solo stops, four assists, one special team tackle and two hurries. Alvarado had three solo tackles, three assists, two special team stops, broke up two passes and hurried the quarterback twice.

Riley had four solo stops, one assist, broke up two passes and picked off one.

Clayton made two solo tackles, three assists, one special team stop, broke up a pass, two interceptions and made a big hit.

The Mules will host the Shallowater Mustangs Friday night.

Muleshoe High will be celebrating Homecoming this week in preparation for the game. Pre-game festivities will begin at 7 p.m. and the game will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Chamber seeks Mule Days entries

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce is accepting entries for:

- The Mule Days parade.
- First annual pumpkin launching contest.
- First annual Pumpkin Pie Contest.
- Coloring contest.
- Pumpkin carving contest.
- Pumpkin decorating contest.

Entry forms available at chamber office.

Homecoming pre-game dinner offered

The Muleshoe High School Junior Class will be hosting a pre-game fundraising dinner on Friday, Sept. 14, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and are available from any MHS junior. Deliveries are available from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call 272-7306 to order. The meal will include spaghetti meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, brownies and iced tea.

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Phillips Farms, Portales	7	Mxd. str	378 lbs.	at \$136.00
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Jamie Grey, Littlefield	3	Blk. bulls	328 lbs.	at \$140.00
R.D. Jones, Brownfield	7	Blk. bulls	388 lbs.	at \$135.00
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Dale Demel, Sudan	14	Blk. str	454 lbs.	at \$132.00
J.R. Rodriguez, Bula	2	Blk. str	480 lbs.	at \$128.00
Phillip York, Earth	2	BWF bulls	588 lbs.	at \$106.00
Bill Benham, Muleshoe	5	Char. str	609 lbs.	at \$111.00
Buck Gossett Jr., Anton	2	Red bulls	635 lbs.	at \$107.00
Leon Schilling, Bovina	5	Mxd. str	712 lbs.	at \$115.00
Clay Myers, Muleshoe	17	Mxd. str	644 lbs.	at \$121.00
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Adrian Muniz, Muleshoe	4	Blk. hfrs	345 lbs.	at \$136.00
Phillips Farms, Portales	4	Blk. hfrs	328 lbs.	at \$150.00
R.D. Jones, Brownfield	4	Blk. hfrs	375 lbs.	at \$130.00
R.D. Jones, Brownfield	9	Blk. hfrs	523 lbs.	at \$115.00
Dale Demel, Littlefield	5	Blk. hfrs	377 lbs.	at \$148.00
Dale Demel, Littlefield	13	Blk. hfrs	427 lbs.	at \$126.00
Dale Demel, Littlefield	2	Blk. hfrs	638 lbs.	at \$113.00
Phillip York, Earth	2	Blk. hfrs	383 lbs.	at \$125.50
Phillip York, Earth	3	Mxd. hfrs	583 lbs.	at \$111.00
J.C. Pearson, Muleshoe		Char. hfr	520 lbs.	at \$116.00
Bill Benham, Muleshoe	7	Char. hfrs	562 lbs.	at \$111.00
Buck Gossett Jr., Anton	3	Red hfrs	588 lbs.	at \$105.00
Jim Dixon, Friona	3	Red hfrs	628 lbs.	at \$110.00
Alma Rodriguez, Sudan	2	Blk. pair		\$960.00
H&W Cattle, Lubbock		RWF cow P6		\$750.00
D&F Cattle, Littlefield		Red pair		\$900.00
Edward Arrita, Levelland		Blk. cow	1135 lbs.	at \$53.50
T&T Farms, Muleshoe		RMF cow	1335 lbs.	at \$53.50
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2W Cattle, Earth		Red cow	1065 lbs.	at \$52.50
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Drawing winner announced

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Submit your entries at the Muleshoe Heritage Center Depot!

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ART

We must maintain our strong resolve against terrorism

As we observe the sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on our country, I am reminded of the remarkable way our nation came together in the days following the attacks.

During one of the worst times in American history, we saw the very best of the American people.

We were united both in mourning and in our resolve never to allow the terrorists to strike our country again.

"Six years later — thanks to the sacrifice and diligence of our Armed Forces, first



Texas Times

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

responders, intelligence community, and the eyes and ears of Americans across the country — numerous terror plots have been foiled and the terrorists have not been able to repeat

the horrors of Sept. 11 on U.S. soil.

Even so, we cannot allow our resolve against terrorism to weaken.

The threat remains very real, and our enemies are

still determined to attack innocent Americans.

We must remain on offense and continue taking the fight to the enemy.

We should each pause on this year's anniversary to remember those who died on Sept. 11, along with the men and women in uniform who made the ultimate sacrifice for our safety and freedom.

Let us pray for their families, the safety of our troops on the front lines and continued security here at home.

Sports

JV Mules defeat Lubbock Cooper's junior Pirates

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mules trailed the Lubbock Cooper Pirates 18-13 with 1:35 left in the game.

The Pirates had the ball on their 11 in Benny Douglas Stadium.

Kyler Steinbock picked off a Pirate pass on their 25 and rumbled into the end zone to give the Mules the lead.

Jared Skipworth connected with Adrian Munoz for the two point conversion and a 21-18 lead with 1:31 left in the game.

Cooper returned the ensuing kick to their 30.

The Pirate quarterback could not find a ladder tall enough to pull down the high snap from his center but did manage to get to the ball ahead of a herd of Mules.

The Mules presented the

Pirates with a first down due to a pass interference penalty.

An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty cost the Pirates 15 yards back to their 10.

Adrian Chacon snagged a Pirate toss at their 18 and zipped to the end zone to seal the deal for the Mules with a 27-18 win.

Cooper had broken the scoring ice late in the opening period with a 60-yard return of an intercepted pass. The two-point conversion failed.

A short Pirate punt put the Mules near midfield. Skipworth picked up three tough yards through the middle of the line.

Caleb Conner broke through the right side of the line and raced 55 yards for a TD.

Skipworth tacked on the point after with his talented toe. The Mules led 7-6 with 6:45 left in the half.

The Pirates took a 12-7 lead with 2:18 to play in the half. The Mules could not answer before the intermission.

The Pirates struck again at the 7:38 mark of the third period with a 47-yard TD run. The conversion failed but Cooper led 18-7.

It only took the Mules five plays to strike back. Skipworth hit Josue Macias for a short gain and then completed a toss to Muniz for 18 more.

Conner scored his second TD of the night with a 26-yard scamper up the middle. The Mules trailed 18-13.

The two teams exchanged punts until late

in the contest when Steinbock ran back the interception that gave the Mules the lead.

Conner led the Mule in rushing with 15 carries for 110 yards. Skipworth had 16 tries for 45. Muniz made two catches for 31 yards.

DJ Atwood made four solo tackles and had two assists.

Chacon had two solo stops, three assists, caused one fumble and picked off a pass.

Cole Hawkins made three solo stops with two being for a loss. Danny Montejano had one solo tackle, two assists, one hurry, caused a fumble and recovered a fumble.

Justin Griswold, Stevie Cisneros and Conner broke up two passes each.

The 1-1 Mules will travel to Shallowater to meet the Mustangs Thursday night.

Mule cross country team takes sixth

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mule, JV Lady Mule and Mule cross-country teams competed in their respective events in Plainview Saturday morning.

If it had been horse races the track would have been classified as sloppy. Heavy rain had fall Friday evening and night before the races.

"The wet course added at least an extra minute or more to all the times," said Mule cross-country coach Carey Sudduth. "I was pleased with the way all the kids ran under less than ideal conditions."

The Lady Mules finished sixth in their class with Lupita Andrade leading the Lady Mules with a 28th place finish.

Andrade finished the two-mile course in 14 minutes 35.9 seconds. Sarah Johnson ran a 14:42.3 for

29th, Cassidy Lowe placed 37th with a 14:52.0 and Yvonne Gardea an 39th with a time of 14:58.9.

Shayla Carpenter took 61st in 15:24.7 and Jessica Behrends was 112th with a time of 16:44.8.

"The lead runner in the JV Girls division took a wrong turn and cut from a quarter to a half a mile off the course," continued Sudduth. "Since all the runners ran the same course they allowed the times to stand."

The JV Lady Mules placed sixth with Vivian Roquillo placing 14th to pace Muleshoe with a time of 12:31.5.

Breann Baca ran 23rd with a 12:54.4, Jenna Whitworth finished 26th with a 13:12.0 and Sandy Mojica ran 29th in a time of 13:12.0.

Caitlin Durben finished 43rd with a 13:57.5 and Ali Eagle ran 56th with a time of 14:44.6.

"I am happy that we have a boy's team running this year," concluded Sudduth. "Several of the boys play football as well as run. They do not get to work on their running much but they all love to compete and hate to get beat."

The Mules also finished sixth on running on the three mile muddy course. Sterling Lepard placed fifth with a time of 17:19.0. Gilberto Mojica finished 23rd in 19:05.0 and Josue Macias ran 26th with a 19:31.0. Colby Carpenter was 29th with a 19:31.0 and Colt Ellis finished 68th with a time of 22:36.0.

All the Muleshoe cross-country teams will be in action next Saturday in Amarillo's Thompson Park.

The District 2-2A Meet will be on the same course so this will be an opportunity for the teams to become familiar with the terrain.

Addresses for charitable giving

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 - American Cancer Society/Bailey County Relay For Life, c/o Kim Cook, 201 E. Fir, Muleshoe, TX 79347
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 - Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 62, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
 - Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, 115 E. American Blvd., Muleshoe 79347.
- For a complete list of local and national agencies, contact the Muleshoe Community Foundation; Gary Sirkel, 272-4710 or Kay Mardis, 272-3349.
- If you would like to be added to this published list, contact the *Journal* with your mailing address and phone number at 272-4536.

Publication of announcements in the Journal

The *Muleshoe Journal* invites your news of weddings, engagements, showers, anniversaries and births.

In order to be fair to everyone, we must limit the amount of space for certain events.

For weddings and quinceaneras 25 column inches, which includes a photo if desired, is the limit. If the photo and announcement run longer, we reserve the right to eliminate parts of the story or the person placing the article may indicate which portions may be left out. However, if a longer write-up is desired, it may be purchased in the form of an ad.

For anniversaries, if two photos are included, the limit will be 25 inches. It will be 15 inches if only one photo is used. That space will be free for anniversaries of 50 years or more. A fee may be charged for other anniversaries.

Birth announcements with one-column photos are run free of charge with names of the immediate family, including

grandparents.

Please understand that the permission of both parents is required for a birth announcement to be published.

Small stories describing showers are run free of charge after the fact and may include the names of the principals, items served at the showers, a brief description of the decor and the names of special or out-of-town guests.

It is the responsibility of the party providing the information to provide all of the information. News releases in which names were left out by the party providing the information will not be re-published free of charge.

A deadline of four months after an event will be the rule for free publication. Information must be received by Monday noon. However, publication cannot be guaranteed in the week it is provided.

Drop by for a form or send the information via e-mail to editor@muleshoejournal.com.

1st Annual Great Pumpkin Launch Mule Days 2007 Sat., October 6th at 3 PM



The goal of the Great Pumpkin Launch is to construct a pumpkin launcher capable of hurling an 8-10 lb. pumpkin at a target 250 feet away obliterating it! Launchers can be constructed from AL-MOST anything: wood, metal, PVC pipe, etc., taking the form of a traditional trebuchet, oversized sling shot or any other innovative design your little mind can construct! The target will be a bull's-eye painted on the field. The object is to get closest to the bull's-eye mark. There will be 3 shots given to each team/person and the closest shot out of 3 will be entered as your final launch. The winning pumpkin launcher will be the one that hits closest to the mark. Get your family, friends or co-workers and form a team!

No entry fee. Prizes TBA!

Sign-up Deadline is October 1, 2007

Sign-up sheets available at the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce, 115 E. American Blvd. 272-4248.

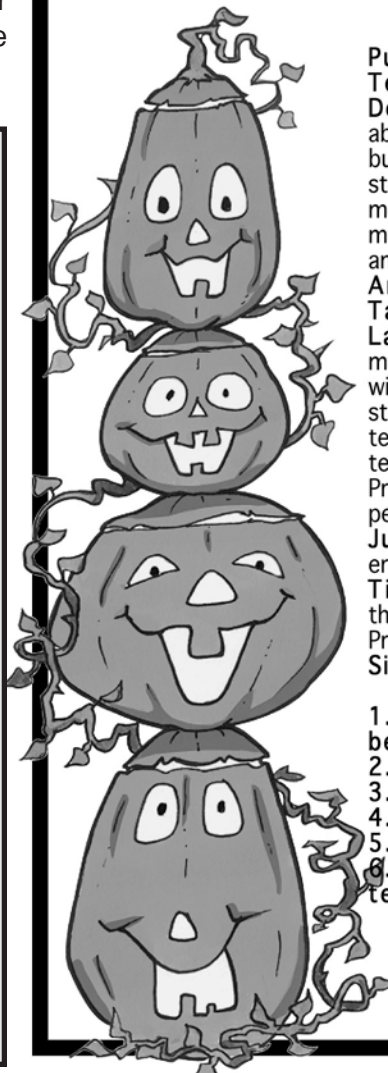
Official Rules:

- Pumpkins:** Will be pre-weighed and handed out that day.
- Teams:** Unlimited size.
- Design Limitations:** Launcher size is unlimited. You/Team must be able to carry it and set it in to place (a smaller sized launcher is easier to build, transport and is more accurate). The launcher must be able to store energy and release it remotely via a firing in or similar release mechanism to ensure everyone's safety. Energy stored in the launcher must be derived from human power, no electricity or air is to be used in any way including portable generators and compressed air cylinders.
- Arena:** South end of Main Street on the old Boy Scout field.
- Target:** Will be a large bull's-eye painted on the field.
- Launch Process:** All launchers will fire from the same place, so it must be easy to move your launcher from the staging area. Each time will have 3 minutes total to take 3 shots at the target with the clock starting after the first shot is taken. After a team's 3 shots are over the team must move their launcher back to the staging area so the next team may fire.
- Projectile:** Projectile will be an 8-10 lb. pumpkin not to exceed 10 lbs. per pumpkin.
- Judging:** The team with the launch closest to the target will be considered the winner(s).
- Tie:** In the event of a tie, the targets will be moved back to 300 ft., and there will be a shoot-out.
- Prize:** Winner will receive a prize to be announced next week!
- Sign-up Deadline is October 1, 2007**

Restrictions:

1. A device other than the hands of the participants must be used for launching.
2. No flammables.
3. No pressurized devices.
4. No chemicals.
5. No sharp objects.
6. Launchers must be removed from the premises by each team.

Why? They ain't gonna launch themselves are they?



Health

Classes offered to help diabetics plan meals

Submitted by Mandi Seaton

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

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

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

The classes will be held at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 2, 9, 16, and Nov. 13, 2007, at the Bailey County Coliseum. There is no cost to participate.

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

Recent research has

shown that people with diabetes can enjoy a wide range of foods – including sugars – in moderation.

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

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

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

Many carbohydrate foods also contain fiber, which can help reduce blood cholesterol and blood glucose levels.

Carbohydrate foods that contain high levels of dietary fiber include whole grains,

fruits, and vegetables.

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

People with diabetes should consume some starchy or sugary foods including breads, potatoes, desserts and fruit juices only in moderation, experts say. Instead of abstaining from sugars and starches altogether, they should consume a balance of different kinds of carbohydrates, such as more whole grains, nonstarchy vegetables and whole fruits, and less starchy and sugary foods.

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

Sugar is sometimes listed as sucrose, glucose, fructose, high fructose corn

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

Another way to reduce your sugar intake is to modify your recipes. Mary K. Bielamowicz, an extension nutrition specialist, recommends:

- When baking, reduce the amount of sugar by one-quarter to one-third.
- In cookies, bars, or cakes, replace one-quarter of the sugar with nonfat dry milk. This cuts calories while increasing the calcium and protein in the finished product.
- Add extra flavorings or spices.
- Use unsweetened frozen fruit juice or fruit canned in its own juice instead of fruit canned in syrup.
- Replace some of the sugar in a recipe with fruit juices or purees.

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

For more information on cooking with diabetes or to register for the *Cooking Well with Diabetes* series, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent – Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas Cooperative Extension, Bailey County, at 272-4583.

Troubling Troubles and a Rodent Named Rufus

I just heard Rufus again as he ran across the attic in my sons' house in Mbale, Uganda.

Though we hear him fairly regularly, mainly at night, we're not sure that anyone has ever actually seen Rufus. But we're 99.9% sure that Rufus, who is actually Rufus II—he had a predecessor—is a rat. I figure that in lush Uganda, where plants and animals all

eat hearty, then clutch his chest or his stomach, keel over, and expire. But the smell of a decaying Rufus might be less appealing than the sounds of the pitter-patter of Rufus' feet.

Or, Rufus might expire, lose his grip, and fall free from the attic to land dead on the ground, only to be eaten by one of the three dogs that help guard the compound—and then we've got a dead Rufus, a good thing, but also a sick or dead guard dog, which is not a good thing.

A good old-fashioned rat trap would likely be the best thing, but good old-fashioned rat traps aren't particularly plentiful here. A mouse trap, which I'm not sure is any easier to find here, would probably just make him mad. He is not small.

It's probably a good thing I can't see him and don't have access to a pellet gun. I almost put my eye out shooting at a mouse in our garage at home one day. Cement floor. Ricochet. BB to the forehead. Not smart.

We're still brainstorming about ways to kill Rufus, debating doses of poison, and considering possible ways to reel him in once he's dead. Maybe we'll figure it out before he dies of old age.

A great Kenyan proverb says, "Don't trouble the trouble before the trouble troubles you."

If Rufus was just quieter, he would be less troubling. But the ironic thing is how often we trouble troubles by fretting over problems that haven't yet even entered our attic, much less, our lives.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

grow as if on steroids, Rufus is probably about the size of a small housecat. Though we bear him no particular ill will—he seems energetic and might even be a decent sort, as rats go—we'd really like him to be dead before he can meet a she-rat and they decide to start a family up there.

The problem is that rodenticide, even in Uganda, presents some challenges.

I'd love to chunk a cat up into the attic, listen for sounds of the ensuing battle, and then see who emerges victorious. But no cats have volunteered, and the people I know here who have cats are irrationally attached to them. Rufus would probably win anyway.

Probably the easiest way to quickly dispatch Rufus would be to simply toss some rat poison—a good bit of it—into the attic. But I see two problems that connected with this approach.

First, Rufus might indeed

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

Congress must act on major issues

This week I returned to Washington from a busy August recess.

Although I greatly enjoyed spending time with my fellow Texans over the last month, much remains to be done before the close of the 2007 Congressional session.

This is a crucial time in American history, and major issues affecting our national and economic security demand action.

Despite a challenging environment in the U.S. Senate, I am resolved to support legislation that is right for Texas and the nation.

Our most important responsibility is protecting Americans. The brave men and women of our armed forces are engaged in a Global War on Terror.

The current conflict in the Middle East has not been without its challenges, but the stakes could not be higher. We confront the terrorists overseas so that we will not have to face them at home.

Failure to support our troops and sustain our commitments in Iraq and Afghanistan would embolden our enemies. For this reason, Congress must pass legislation to give our troops the resources they need to complete their mission.

Despite recent troubles in the housing sector, our economy continues to grow. More than 8.2 million new jobs have been created over the last four years — more than all major industrialized nations combined — and the federal budget deficit has been slashed almost in half.

These successes are



Capitol Comment

By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

largely the product of the historic tax cuts of 2001 and 2003 that allowed Americans to save and invest more of their hard earned money.

But, instead of making these beneficial cuts permanent, and repealing harmful measures like the death tax, the new Congress has attempted to raise taxes, which I believe would dampen economic growth.

Economic security also depends on reliable energy prices. This summer's high gas prices were a painful reminder of our dependence on foreign oil.

But rather than increasing our woefully inadequate refinery capacity or expanding domestic energy production, earlier this year the House and Senate passed bills that do nothing to ease high gas prices or increase our energy supply.

As these bills are reconciled, Congress must take meaningful steps toward energy independence.

Several key federal programs are set to expire this year, and Congress must act to renew them. Agriculture and education, for example, are national priorities that demand action before the close of this session.

The farm bill passed in 2002 has been very beneficial for Texas producers — commodity prices have appreciated, exports have surged and the farmers' debt-to-asset ratio recently hit its lowest point in recorded history.

Some of the measures behind this success will expire at the end of September, but I am working to preserve the positive aspects of the 2002 bill in new legislation before this deadline.

The No Child Left Behind Act is also up for reauthorization. This landmark bill has created new educational opportunities for millions of children.

Provisions of the Act hold educators accountable to provide solids results for our children, and the non-partisan Center for Education Policy reports that test scores are up in many states.

The legislation has its critics, but I will work with my colleagues to improve it and ensure that its benefits do not expire.

Congress will have a full agenda for the remaining months of 2007, and I am committed to working on your behalf in the U.S. Senate.

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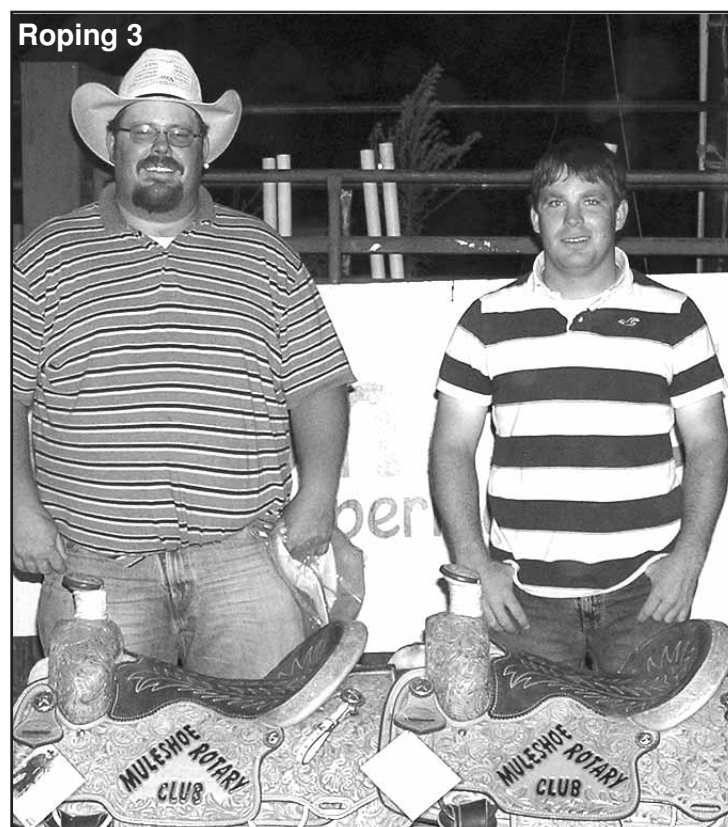
Notice Of Vote on Tax Rate

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the

Muleshoe Area Hospital District

from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 15 percent on August 30, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. and September 10, 2007 at 10:00 A.M.

The Board of Directors of Muleshoe Area Hospital District is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 20, 2007, 6:00 P.M. at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, Hospital Dining Room, 708 South First Street, Muleshoe, Texas.



Muleshoe Rotary Roping saddle winners

The winners of the annual Muleshoe Rotary Club's team roping saddles, pictured above and to the right, from left to right, were:

- **Roping 1** — Steve Friskup and Jayton McCright.
- **Roping 2** — Michael Fish and Kelly Torske.
- **Roping 3** — Jody Mahaney and Dustin Nelson.
- **Roping 4** — Frank Gardner and Mike West.

(Courtesy photographs)



USDA unveils sign-up dates for new programs

Kim Hanlin, executive director for the Bailey County Farm Service Agency recently announced that eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) beginning Sept. 10.

Eligible farmers can sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (COP) beginning Oct. 15, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops. USDA will announce and conduct COP sign-up for quality losses as soon as possible.

The three ad hoc disaster programs provide benefits to farmers and ranchers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in recent years.

"Between 2005 and early 2007, agricultural producers across the country experienced financial difficulties as the result of devastating drought, floods, blizzards, tornadoes and other natural disasters," said Hanlin. "I am pleased to announce that FSA is delivering these benefits to America's farmers and ranchers at a time when many need it the most."

Hanlin emphasized, "For LIP, LCP and CDP, producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005,

2006 or 2007 qualifying years must choose only one year for which they want to apply for benefits."

In an effort to expedite the application process and provide efficient, quality customer service, Hanlin recommends that producers call their respective FSA County Office to schedule an appointment for disaster

program assistance.

For detailed application and eligibility information, please contact the Bailey County FSA at 806/272-4538. Interested producer can also access LCP, LIP and CDP fact sheets on FSA's Web site, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; click on Disaster Assistance Programs.

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PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 103)

HJR 103 would update the constitutional limit to Angelo State University to conform with the statutory transfer of that institution from membership in the Texas State University System to membership in the Texas Tech University System.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the continuation of the constitutional appropriation for facilities and other capital items at Angelo State University on a change in the governance of the university."

PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 57)

SJR 57 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to college and university students, and to enter into bond enhancement agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students and authorizing bond enhancement agreements with respect to general obligation bonds issued for that purpose."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 40)

HJR 40 would authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for property tax purposes in a tax year to the lesser of the most recent appraisal valuation, or 110 percent, or a greater percentage as determined by the legislature, of the appraised value in the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation is limited to the lesser of the most recent market value of the residence homestead as determined by the appraisal entity or 110 percent, or a greater percentage, of the appraised value of the residence homestead for the preceding tax year."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 65)

SJR 65 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue up to \$1 billion in general obligation

bonds, the proceeds of which would be dedicated to maintenance, construction, repairs, and equipment purchases, as authorized by the legislature for the following state agencies: the Texas Building and Procurement Commission; the Parks and Wildlife Department; the Department of the Adjutant General; the Department of State Health Services; the Department of Aging and Disability Services; the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; the Texas Youth Commission; the Texas Historical Commission; the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; the Texas School for the Deaf; and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$1 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for maintenance, improvement, repair, and construction projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 44)

SJR 44 would authorize the legislature to permit cities with a population of less than 10,000 to hold an election to allow the city to enter into an agreement with a property owner to temporarily freeze taxes on property either in or adjacent to an area approved for funding under the Downtown Revitalization Program or the Main Streets Improvements Program administered by the Department of Agriculture.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the voters of a municipality having a population of less than 10,000 to authorize the governing body of the municipality to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to an area in the municipality that has been approved for funding under certain programs administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture under which the parties agree that all ad valorem taxes imposed on the owner's property may not be increased for the first five tax years after the tax year in which the agreement is entered into."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem tax one motor vehicle owned by an individual that is used by the individual for both business and personal use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional

amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation one motor vehicle owned by an individual and used in the course of the owner's occupation or profession and also for personal activities of the owner."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 30)

HJR 30 would allow a governmental entity to sell property acquired through eminent domain to its immediately previous owner at the original purchase price, if the public use of the property has been canceled, if no progress is made toward that public use by a prescribed deadline, or if the property is unnecessary to accomplish that public use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow governmental entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the property."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 72)

HJR 72 would clarify home equity loan procedures and protections and make conforming changes to the written disclosure provided to the borrower at the loan closing. The amendment would establish that the status of whether property is an agricultural homestead for the purpose of receiving homestead protection, would be determined by whether it was designated for agricultural use on the date of the loan closing. The amendment would provide that a declared state of emergency (e.g., following a natural disaster) would justify execution of a second home equity loan on the same property less than one year after the first home equity loan. It would provide that non-substantive omissions on a loan application would not affect the agreement. It would require a borrower to receive a copy of all executed loan documents, and a disclosure list of fees and costs at closing. It would prohibit the use of preprinted checks for the use of unsolicited loan advances to obtain a home equity line of credit.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to clarify certain provisions relating to the making of a home equity loan and use of home equity loan proceeds."

PROPOSITION 9 (SJR 29)

SJR 29 would authorize the legislature to exempt all or part of the market value of the residence homesteads of veterans certified as having a service-connected 100 percent

disability rating. SJR 29 would also clarify the progression of property tax exemptions available to veterans who are less than 100 percent disabled.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt all or part of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans from ad valorem taxation and authorizing a change in the manner of determining the amount of the existing exemption from ad valorem taxation to which a disabled veteran is entitled."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 69)

HJR 69 would remove constitutional references to the former office of inspector of hides and animals.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to abolish the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animals."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 19)

HJR 19 would require a vote taken in either house of the legislature to be recorded by record vote, if the vote was on final passage of a bill, other than local bills, a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment, or any other resolution that is not purely ceremonial. The record vote must be archived and available for public viewing on the Internet for at least two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to require that a record vote be taken by a house of the legislature on final passage of any bill, other than certain local bills, of a resolution proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment, and to provide for public access to the Internet to those record votes."

PROPOSITION 12 (SJR 64)

SJR 64 would authorize the Texas Transportation Commission to issue up to \$5 billion in general obligation bonds for highway improvement projects, the proceeds of which will be used to pay for projects, costs, and payments owed under related credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Transportation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5 billion to provide funding for highway improvement projects."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates conditions of release

in a family violence case and permit the legislature to authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders in a family violence case.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence case."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 36)

HJR 36 would limit a state justice or judge's service to December 31st of the fourth year of the term if he/she is elected to all or part of a six year term, and reaches mandatory retirement age during the first four years of said term.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement age while in office to serve the remainder of the justice's or judge's current term."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 90)

HJR 90 would require the legislature to establish the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, and would provide for its management, duties, and powers. It would authorize the issuance of up to \$3 billion in general obligation bonds to be used for operations and grants for the purpose of scientific research of all forms of human cancer.

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PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 20)

SJR 20 would authorize the issuance of up to \$250 million in general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance to economically distressed areas of the state to help provide adequate sewer and water supply services for residential use.

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- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fans, basement, cov. patio, 26' x 30' metal bldg. w/A&H, fenced yd.!! \$170,000!!

LENAU - COUNTRY CLUB AREA

- VERY NICE 2-2-2 carport Home, cent. heat unit, 3 win. refrig. air units, 5 cell. fans, woodburning stove in den, sunroom, hdwood, carpet, & tile, workshop/storage, fenced yd., corner lot!! \$445,000!!

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- NICELY REMODELED 2-1-2 carport, new electrical, plumbing, fixtures, cabinets, texture & paint, Cent. A&H(elec. heat pump), new shingles & storm windows, workshop/storage!! \$47,500!!

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- ANAS BEAUTY SHOP — Approx. 1120' bldg., with or without furniture & fixtures!! PRICED TO SELL!!
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FARMS

- 160 acres close to town on S. Hwy. 214 2 1/2 wells, 1-2" well, circle spkrl., good storage, 160 acres available. BLD TO SELL!! Adjoining 160 also available.
- LAZBUDDIE AREA — 3-2-2 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, deck, hot tub, cellar, stor. bldgs., on 2 acre tract!! \$95K!! Additional 156 acre farm w/circle sprinkler, 3-20 hp. sub. wells!! \$495 per acre!!
- CLAY'S CORNER - 320 acres, 2 wells, 2 circle sprinklers, 3 bedroom 2 bath, 2 carport home!!

RURAL

- Nice 3-2 Home at edge of town on .8 acres tract, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, efficiency apt. or guest cottage, horse barn & corral!! \$119,900!!
- 3 bdrm., 2 bath home on 30 acres, 24' x 36' workshop, 13' x 36' storage, domestic well, irig. well!! MORE!! \$75K!!
- NICE 4.8 acre homesteads, close to town, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!
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- CLAY'S CORNER — VERY NICE 3-2-75-2 HOME on 5 acre tract, Cent. A&H (Elec. Heat Pump), built-ins, FP, 1100 sq. ft. new in 2005 plus additional updating w/carpet, tile, paint, fenced yd., cov. patio, 600' workshop/storage Bldg.!! Numerous other amenities!! \$189,500!!
- SUDAN-NICE 4-2 Mobile Home on 94' x 140' lot, 1848' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, Mstr. bath has garden tub & separate shower, 1 car detached garage, deck w/hot tub!! \$45K!!
- PROGRESS - NICE 3-2 Mobile Home on 1.24 acres, approx. 1876 sq. ft., Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 5 fans, 2 carport, 1250' Metal shop, 160', 480', & 96' stor. bldgs., domestic well, fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$75K!!
- 3-2 BRICK HOME on .67 acre, W. Hwy. 84, built-ins, office, geothermal heat pump, whirlpool tub, basement, paved circle drive & conc. parking!! MORE!! \$120K!! Additional 6.66 acres can be purchased!!

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As I see it

Musings from
a land far away... Terah Kay



Duck and cover...

Saddam Hussein was fanatical about many things, not the least of which was his own security. In fact, I've heard that his obsession bordered on paranoia.

I cannot remember all of the details of these safety precautions he's taken. Suffice it to say that the palaces that house the American Embassy and other U.S. government offices are fairly immune to the "indirect fire" that insurgents fire on the International Zone.

The mortar rounds merely chip away at the exterior of the building, and cause a lot of noise.

I typically spend most of my time in one of these palaces, but last night I was drying my hair in the trailer where I live, the walls of which are far less impenetrable than those of Saddam's palace, when I felt the earth move.

Before last night, the rumble of the air conditioner turning over, or the thump of dates falling from palms onto the roof of the trailer got my heart pounding with thoughts of bombs and mortar rounds.

Last night something became very clear to me: When there comes a mortar round, there will be no wondering what it is I'm hearing.

I quickly slipped on my shoes, grabbed my Iraqna cellular calling device, and scampered to the "duck-and-cover" bunker (I've taken to calling it a "hunker-bunker" instead... it has a better ring to it) that sits 20 yards from the trailer.

As I arrived breathless in the bunker, the sirens began, telling all to take cover. The streets that are usually full of people at this hour, were completely deserted. Everyone was in a bunker, but somehow I managed to be all alone in mine, not really sure how many more rounds would be fired or when it would be safe to leave.

The positive aspect of my aloneness is that I was spared the embarrassment of being scantily clad in my night-clothes in front of other hunkers.

I made a quick phone call to my "security detail" to let him know I was not in the palace where he last saw me, but that I was okay.

Out of breath from running downstairs to the Green Bean coffee shop only to find that I was not there, he told me to wait in the "hunker-bunker" until the all clear call.

I sat there praying that it was over for about 10 minutes, and then came the clear call.

I calmly walked back to the trailer and put on proper clothing before I called my security detail and let him know I would be spending the rest of the evening in the heavily fortified palace.

City council...

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roll this year. "Thank you for all of the hard work put in on this," council person Irene Mason said.

"And we appreciate the concessions each department had to make," added Mayor Cliff Black.

The council also adopted a tax rate for FY 2007-08 of .6550.

In other business, the city council:

- Approved a resolution suspending the effective date of a proposed increase by Atmos Energy for 45

days. "It'll save customers some," Brunson said.

"The rate increase is probably going to happen," Brunson said, adding that the amount the customers would save would exceed the minimal amount paid by the City of Muleshoe should it join spend on legal consultants should it join with other municipalities opposing Atmos' rate adjustments.

- Approved a request for up to \$560 for Bailey County Comite Patriotico's Sept. 16 celebration.

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noting that Bernalillo County would be looking at ratifying a three-four year contract at its county commissioners meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

In fact, Bernalillo County wants so many beds that Bailey County may have to look at housing some of its prisoners at a neighboring county to provide sufficient space.

- Approved an order that allows the county to "tax tangible personal property in transit," an act that was

preceded by similar actions from other public entities in the Bailey County area.

• Approved an amendment to the FY 2007 budget transferring funds totaling \$57,366.89 between various departments as the current fiscal year draws to a close.

• Approved the minutes from previous meetings with minor corrections.

- Approved a motion setting the sheriff's fees at no change from the current year.

AARP driving course to be held

An AARP Safety Driving program is set for Sept. 19-20, from 8 a.m. until noon, in the Five Area Telephone Cooperative training room, in Muleshoe.

The cost is \$10, made payable to AARP. Class size is limited to 30. For more information, or to pre-register, call volunteer instructor Charlene Treider at 272-5738.

Blood drive set for Sept. 23

United Blood Services and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 805 E Hickory, will join together for a blood drive on Sunday, Sept. 23, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, in the donor bus.

Blood donors will receive a free cholesterol test and will have the opportunity to give either one or two units of blood.

United Blood Services uses a high-tech process that

makes it possible for blood donors to give two units of red blood cells in only one visit to the blood drive.

Along with meeting the regular blood donor qualifications, double red cell donors must be: 17 years old, in good health, and have a picture ID. Men — weight at least 130 lbs, and be 5 feet, 1 inch tall. Women — 150 lbs and be at least 5 feet, 5 inches tall.

South Plains College is registering for conversational Spanish class

South Plains College will host a Conversational Spanish class beginning Sept. 18 through Oct. 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 200 of the Technical Arts building on the Levelland campus.

The class costs \$45, and Phyllis Hop will be the instructor. No textbook or workbook will be required.

The class, which meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays

for four weeks, will focus on basic two-way communication.

The exercises will be repetitive in order to help students remember and use the language in everyday conversations.

For more information, call the SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

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