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A QUICK READ OF THE NEW

## Carl Jacobs tops contest

Muleshoe signal-callers were back firmly in the top two positions in last week's Jour al football contest.
Carl Jacobs and Hattie Lamberteach called of the 18 games corretly. Jacobs' gues on the tie-breaker Muleshoe-Dimmitt game ( 44 combined points) wasn't close to the 20 points actually scored by the two times, but he won because Lambert didn't mark down guess on that game.
Third place went to Tanner Gartin of HCR 1, Friona, with 12 games correct. There were other players with 12 correct calls, but
Gartin's guess of 27 points to be scored was the closest to the actual tie-breaker total among the group.
In fact, Gartin's prediction on the tiebreaker score was one of the closest in a contest that saw most contestants wildly ver-guess the number of points that would Others that came close on the tie-breake were Kathleen Hayes (21), Kelli Harris (22) Alene Bryant (24) and William Orozco Edward Terry and Ismael Reyes, all at 28 Reyes is from Tennessee Colony, Texas.) It's probably no surprise that only si players out of 50 predicted Friona's loss to Amarillo River Road, and only a like number picked Melrose, N.M., to upend Three

Gorgeous gourd nabs prize
Bill Bobier has proven he wasn't out of lode of pumpkins.
about two to five hours "Y said the 48 -year-old chimney sweep with a green thumb. "You kind of have to ve with it for three months."
The result is a 43 -inch, 986 -pounder that won the World Pumpkin Confederation title in Windsor, N. Y
When he snipped the vine Friday, "It was sort of like cutting an umbilical cord,"Bobier said. "I was a little disappointed. I wanted to hit the 1,000 -pound mark.
The jackpot-o'-lantern will be flown to witzerland, where it will be featured at Octoberfest in Zurich, according to Ray Waterman, founder of the confederation.


## Drawing date: Saturday, Oct.

Winning numbers: 06-31-32-41-46-48 Estimated jackpot: $\$ 7$ million
Vinners:
Next drawing: Wednesday, Oct. 6 Estimated jackpot: \$10 million

On this date in history
Oct. 7 - The Nuclear Test Ban Treaty is signed between Russia, Britain and the U.S. (1963). Oct. 8 - The great fire of Chicago breaks out when Mrs. OLeary's cow kieks alantern in her barn (1871).
Oct. 9/10 - Oct. 9 is Leif Ericsson Day in in North America ( 1000 AD )

## Local. WEATHER

The area forecast calls for increasing cloudiness through Friday but clear skies for the weekend. High temperatures should be about 84 Thursday, 75 Friday and near 80 for Saturday and Sunday. Lows should be about 47 Friday, 42 Saturday and 46 Sunday

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## Muleshoe regains win column at Dimmitt's expense <br> By KEVIN WILSON

 Journal Sports Writer In Ryan Hodge's mind, last Friday couldn't come soon enough. After missing an extra point last Friday in a 13-12 loss to Tulia Hodge got his payback, much to the chagrin of the Dimmitt Bobcats: He kicked two field goals, one a 42-yard shot, to propel the Mules to a 13-7 Win.", sa big confidence boost for W, Mules head coach David

## Cooler weather sounding alarm in cotton fields

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Recent cool weather in west Texas cotton areas has sparked some concern as many crops head toward the final stages of development before being harvested.
Low temperatures mean that heat unit accumulation will be cut, making crops mature much more slowly
Randy Boman, agronomist with Texas A\&M University-Lubbock, said cotton plants had not been able to accumulate enough heat units in the past week.
In fact, heat unit
zero as of Tuesday
Cotton crops already have had to go through a few days of rain that slowed accumulation. Rain came to many areas around the middle of September.
Most crop areas received about 2 to 3 inches, but some locations, such as a few in Castro County, received as much as 8 to 10 inches. That not only cut heat unit accumulation in many areas, but stopped it.
Cotton that was planted late and was behind in development was set back even further.
"Between Sept. 17 and 23, there were no heat units at all," Boman said. "It was bad for areas that were behind."
Most of the areas affected were north and west
of Lubbock County
Crops actually were ahead in heat unit accumulation at the beginning of September. Boman said the first two weeks of the month provided cotton with good weather - warm, clear days that helped plants accumulate heat for proper growth.
emains to be seen how well cotton bolls mature before harvest
A tiny amount of cotton already has been picked in West Texas.
Some dryiand fields have been harvested, and yields from them are not impressive. Dry conditions in July and August affected these fields.
"We had some problems and challenges getting some things, like moisture, at the right time," Boman said
But there are fields that are expected to offset some of the poor yields. "This is the most variable crop that a lot of ginners are telling me they've ever seen," Boman said.
"There is some excellent cotton out there. I've seen some fields where definitely the boll count (indic


Grace in motion
Man and machine flowed around the floor as smoothly as waltz partners Tuesday as Flavio Alemán finished part of the slab for the addition to Muleshoe's First Assembly of God. And Alemán, as any modest gentleman might while waltzing, kept his eyes downcast. Anderson Building Co. of Clovis is the general contractor on the project, which will just about double the church's floor space.

## Mules face another tough Littlefield team

## By KEVIN WILSON

Journal Sports Writer
a good thing to hang your hat
on. Unfortunately, this week is not like most
Muleshoe Mules
It doesn't matter that the Mules recovered from a onepoint loss to Tulia by beating Dimmitt 13-7. Nordoes it mat er that the offense has been coming through when it needs o, or that the defense has been suffocating to all opponents. The only thing that matters now is the rest of the season. The final five games on the regular season are the distric games, which matter the most. What will really matter in
both their high individual and team expectations.
The Mules will be in good
shape if Chris Vela can con-
109-yard performance
tinues to dominate on defense
Ryan Hodge's kicking could come in very handy if the of-
fense stalls.
However
shouldn'tbeaproblemiffense Barrett continues to be on point

Against Dimmitt, Barrett had Muleshoe's only touchdown, a 14-yard run that happened only one play after Dimmitt fumbled away the ball.

Barrett, who was named the
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me through when the Mule
$\qquad$ ing, the Mules faced a first and 25. Barrett was able to get the he Bobcats from getting ther chance on offense. The next team to get a chance be Littlefield, which certainly should be ready to start
$\qquad$ ictory over Brownfield las eek. Littlefield's Wildcats sport the same 4-1 record as the ee WILDCATS on page 4

## More than $\$ 1.3$ billion in CRP payments to be paid out <br> SPECIAL TO THE JOU

WASHINGTON-Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced Monday that payments of more than $\$ 1.3$ billion are being made to eligible producers under the Conservation Reserve Program.

The program will pay an average of $\$ 5,000$ per farm and $\$ 45.15$ per acre on more than 400,000 contracts and 270,000 farms.
"The CRP is tremendously beneficial for producers and the general public," Glickman said. "It has reduced soil erosion and expanded wildlife habitat while improving air and water quality

## farm income.

I have directed (that) these payments be issued as soon as possible to our nation's farmers and ranchers, many of whom are suffering from the worst agricultural crisis in a decade." Glickman said.

Under the CRP, producers voluntarily retire environmentally sensitive land for 10 to 15 years. In return, USDA's Commodity Credit Corp. makes annual rental payments and shares the cost of establishing good conservation practices
tribute to a serious water quality problem, or provide substantial environmental benefits if devoted to certain specific conservation uses. Additional CRP information can be obtained on the world wide web at www.fsa.usda.gov/ dafp/cepd/crpinfo.htm.
Much of the program's funding goes to the Great Plains states - nearly 10 percent of it to Texas alone.
According to USDA figures, Texas gets about $\$ 130.2$ million of the $\$ 1.349$ billion allocated nationally.

## Around Muleshoe

## Textbook committee named

A Independent School District for the 1999-2000 school year.
Members selected are Carol Williams and Lenda Trussell for Dillman Elementary School; Terri Bohler, Malia Whalin, Pat Angeley and Lesley Crane for DeShazo Elementary School; and Alice Liles for Muleshoe High School.
There are no textbooks up for adoption at Watson Junior High School this yea
Committee members were approved by the school board at its

## Taos artist to present program

La Wanda Calton of Taos, N.M., will be the guest artist of the Muleshoe Art Association at 2 p.m. Oct. 12 in the Muleshoe tate Bank Community Room.

Caton will give a de

## Soup and Sandwich to offer music

The Soup and Sandwich Luncheon for October will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall of 16 th and D Church Christ and will feature music
With the theme "A Fall Feast of Music," the luncheon will feature such singers and musicians as Jack Stone, Joan Lewis, Jay and Sally Messsenger and Curtis Shelburne.
The public is invited to attend this or any of the upcoming oup and Sandwich programs. The meal is always offered on free-will donation basis
A flyer listing the remaining programs for the 1999 series, held on the second Thursday of each month, will be available at the Oct. 14 event and to anyone upon request by calling 272-

## Noah's Ark Fling to be repeated

Plans have been announced for the second annual Noah's Ark Fling to be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Muleshoe Civic Center
Admission will be free with a donation of canned food and he games will be free.
The event will include train rides as well as games for ages 2 and under. Prizes will be given away every 30 minutes.
Those attending are encouraged to wear their favorite costume or come dressed as an animal from the ark.
The fling is sponsored by New Covenant Church. More information is available by calling 965-278

## Emergency loans available

Applications for emergency farm loans to cover losses from extreme fire hazard conditions will be accepted through May 1 at the Farm Service Agency office, 111 E. Avenue D in Muleshoe.
Bailey County was one of the counties recently named by President Clinton as eligible for such loans to cover part of production losses caused by such conditions.
As with other loan programs announced recently, farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of actual losses or the amount needing to stay in business or $\$ 500,000$, whichever is less. The interest rate is 3.75 percent.
"As a generai ruie, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," said Joyce Thompson, farm loan manager at the Muleshoe office.
She also pointed out that farmers participating in Federal Crop Insurance will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.
Farmers are asked to apply as soon as possible in order to

## Library featuring artist's work

Frances Stegall of Muleshoe is the artist of the month at Muleshoe Public Library
Her work will be on display at the library through Nov. 9.

## Public calendar

Oct. $11-7: 30$ p.m. Athletic Boosters Club, in the science room at the high school.
The deadline for items to appear in Around Muleshoe is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's edition and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's edition. Items may be brought to the office at 304 W . Second, mailed to P.O. Box 449, called in to 272-4536 or faxed to 272 3567.

## ENMU group

schedules Pops
Dinner Concert
PORTALES - The Eastern New Mexico University Symphony Orchestra will present its Pops Dinner Concert at 8 $\mathrm{p}: \mathrm{m}$. (Central time) Oct. 16 in the Campus Union Building ballroom.
"Music of the '40s" will be the theme. Dinner and concert will cost $\$ 22$ per person.

Tickets are available only by mail.
More information is available by calling Cyndi Brooks at (505) 356-3819.

## Capital murder charge stands

Adistricourjuge ruled Monday that 20-year-old Farwell man was 18 years old when he allegedly killed Texico businessman E.C. "Red" Prather in December 1997.
The ruling is pivotal because New Mexico law prohibits anyone under 18 years of age from being sentenced to death, and prosecutors have charged Michael Lee Treadway with capital murder.

Treadway was adopted, and his attorney contends that the birthdate on his client's original birth certificate may not the same as the one on his adoptive birth certificate, and a matter of days could make the difference in whether Treadway is a deathpenalty candidate or not.
Jury selection began earlier this week in the case, which was oved from Clovis to Portales because of pre-trial publicity

## Jury selection starts in Rowton case

Jury selection began Monday in the trial of former Earth resident Eddie Rowton, accused of killing his 5 -year-old neighbor Shawnlee Perry
Attorneys in the case have said they expect to spend at least three weeks on jury selection
Shawnlee disappeared on May 7, 1992, and her body was found three months later by a man mowing weeds in a field about five miles from her home.
Rowton, who is now 46 years old, participated in the search for the girl's body. He was not arrested until six years after the death, and authorities have not stated publicly what led them to charge him.

## His trial was moved from Littlefield to Odesse

## CCC mini-term registration scheduled

Clovis Community College has scheduled mini-term registration for all students from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 13-20 in the college's admissions office.
Active-duty military personnel may register for the mini-term from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Cannon Air Force Base Education Office.

Courses will run from Oct. 18 through Dec. 10. Offerings include personal keyboarding, Power Point presentations, kick boxing, Internet fundamentals and others.
Classes being offered at Cannon (and open to anyone) include

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## ETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Dear Editor,

Another school year has tarted, and with it the great sporting events that we all en-
Our athletic programs are of to a great start as we ask ou children and our coaches to do their very best. We expect them to show sportsmanship and represent us with class. We expect his because of who we are Muleshoe people are class. As our teams do well, the crowds of spectator's grow. This is simply because everybody loves a winner (and our kids are certainly winners
Regrettably, with this growth the mess of trash left in the stands also grows. This is a problem not only at football games; it carries over into bas ketball and track.
Who cleans up the mess? Parents involved in the Fine Arts Boosters and the Athletic Boosters, that's who. Our friends and neighbors.
Fans need to remember that quite possibly before their children get out of high school, they will be responsible to clean up the trash left by others.
Here is the essence of this letter: Muleshoe fans, show the class I know you have. Drop

college algebra, public speaking, world civilization, English composition and research and introductory sociology

## More information is available by calling (505) 769-4025

## ENMU enrollment increases

Enrollment at Easter New Mexico University in Portales has increased for the second straight year, according to figures eleased by the university's president, Dr. Everett Frost
The "head count" for the current semester is 3,577 , or 1.91 percent more than the enrollment of 3,510 in the fall of last year, he said.

## Veterans can get free flu shots

The Lubbock VA Outpatient Clinic will offer free flu shots for during October.
Shots will be given from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 14,2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 19, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 22 and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Oct 26.

No appointment is necessary, but a current means test must be

## Amarillo farm show coming up

## The 15th annual Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show is scheduled

 for Nov. 30-Dec. 2 in the Amarillo Civic Center. Show hours areAmong manufacturers participating in the show will be AGCO, Buffalo, CASE, Caterpillar, DMI, John Deere, Massey Ferguson, New Holland, Orthman, Priefert, Sunflower and Wylie Meetings by the Texas Wheat Producers, Texas Agricultural xtension Service and other associations are scheduled. More information is available by calling (800) 827-8007. Monday for Thursday's edition and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's edition. Items may be brought to the office at 304 W. Second mailed to P.O. Box 449, called in to 272-4536 or faxed to 272
'Camelot' tour to include Lubbock A national touring company the Knights of the Round Table of the musical "Camelot" has with 20th-century wit and a scheduled four performances in Lubbock on Oct. 8-10. lect-A-Seat and other area Ever I Would Leave You" and ticket outlets. They may be or1288 .
"Camelot" recounts the legends of King Arthur, Queen Guinevere, Sir Lancelot and
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## Aconitum is beautiful, but maybe not for yards with toddlers

By RONN SMITH

## Editor

Some of the most beautiful garden flowers and useful cut flowers are the aconitum species - commonly known as monkshood or wolfbane.
Your gardening books will tell you that these plants need cool, moist soil. That might sound as if they wouldn't grow here, but they need shade anyway - and the soil temperature in shaded areas on the plains is much cooler than it is out in the baking

The bicolor (Aconitum $x$ carmichaelii) that I consider the most beautiful of all monkshood blossoms certainly will grow here. It will suffer and be smaller during hot, sticky summers, but will strut its stuff in more moderate weather. Its blooms are light blue and white, and aconitum flowers are shaped just as one of its common names would suggest - like a monk's hood.
The other common name, wolfbane, suggests the reason you might not to grow this in a yard where small children might want to eat it: It's toxic in large quantities. It was reportedly used in ancient times to poison wolves.
Of course, it's also a homeopathic remedy for cold symptoms when it's eaten in small quantities, and it's available commercially in tablet or drops form.
There are many common garden plants that are toxic (larkspur being one, I understand) and people have them all over the yard without ever experiencing ill effects, but if you have a small child who might be prone to sample the landscaping, it makes sense to avoid using those plants, right
There may be no other common garden plant that has such a lurid past or inspires such folklore as aconitum, so if you want a plan' with a history, this is
Cities can get beautifying grant funds

Panhandle and as far south as U.S. 70 are eligible to apply for one-time beautification grants from a $\$ 100,000$ fund recently created.
The Celebrate 2000 Community Beautification Projects are funded by a $\$ 50,000$ gift from the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation of Amarillo to match a gift from the Amarillo Globe-News.
The fund will provide up to $\$ 10,000$ per community in a one-time matching grant for any community in the GlobeNews circulation area.
Applications should be submitted by the city manager and postmarked no later than 5 p.m. Jan. 15. Send to The Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation, 801 S. Fillmore, Suite 700, Amarillo 79101. Grants will be awarded in March.
To assist communities in the process, the Amarillo Botanical Gardens is hosting a free application workshop on Oct. 23.

More information is available from any city manager or by calling (806) 376-376-4521.

BACKYARD


Or, as Ketzel Levine asks Or, as Ketzel Levine asks "Talking Plants,""Is this a plant with baggage or what?" She states that monkshood was used during the Middle Ages to mix with belladonna, water parsnip, cinquefoil and soot (yes, soot) to form a brew that "allowed witches to contact the other side.'
I have read that its reputa tion as a poison dates to the days when people would eat the roots thinking they were wild horseradish.
Now, I can see how the fleshy, elongated white roots might be mistaken for small horseradishes. I guess. Maybe. But the leaves look more like delphinium, so I don't see how the plant itself could have been mistaken for horseradish.
At any rate, the toxicity
doesn't seem to be in question. When you're planting these roots (and monkshoods are generally sold bare-root) make sure you don't have any cuts on your hands that might be exposed to cuts on the roots and get sap in your is an easy way to play it safe You can grow them from seeds, and those should be planted in the fall while they're fresh: Their fertility is reportedly short-lived.
But why do we grow
monkshoodsif they'retoxic? One word: flowers. Aside from the bicolor mentioned above, most species flower in unbelievably rich shades of blue or blue-violet. (There are also are white or nearly white forms, and pale pink One species, Aconitum

The more commonly grown ones are upright (sometimes quite tall). Admittedly, in the shade (where we have to grow them here) the stems may not be strong enough to hold the heavy flower clusters completely upright.

That could mean either staking them or letting them lean. I let them lean, but admittedly it does detract from the stately appearance of the plants in flower.
Aconitum napellus, probably the most commonly grown, produces flowers in an especially beautiful indigo blue. It's also extremely toxic in quantity, but is the one most often used in nerbal remedies. And it's a tall one - 4 to 5 feet. monkshoods grow as small vines, climbing to 10 feet or, vines, climbing to 10 feet or,
in the case of Aconitum

## piscopale, to 15 feet

The vining types also usually flower in striking shades of blue.
Some species start blooming as early as July, but many are more late-summer or fall flowers - which means
they're likely to reach their peak after much of your garden looks trashed.
means, but monkshod it means, but monkshood is the Dunstan, an early archbishop of Canterbury. Anyone know anything about ancient lore? Was St. Dunstan martyred by being poisoned with wolfbane, perhaps? I should ook that up.
If your soil is alkaline, as some are in our area, your monkshood may tend to become chlorotic - which you ing yellow, especially if the veins remain green and the rest of the leaf yellows. This is easily remedied by sprinkling a SMALL amount of powdered sulfur around the plant and watering it in well.

Under normal circum- and extends down the back garden plants laden with alstances, I don't think there's of his neck to his shoulders. kaloid poisons.' any reason to avoid growing Levine states the case: Happy planting! the unique flowers of monks hood - which, as I said, are literally shaped like the cowl that covers a monk's head

Just don't eat it. Or plant it Questions can be ad near anything you're likely dressed to Garden Writer to eat. In that respect, it's no Route 2, Box 880 , Muleshoe,

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## New Mexico team downs Three Way in 66-52 shootout

or four first-half touchdown asthe Melrose Buffaloes scored an upset victory over the Three Way Eagles here last Friday. The Buffaloes, state runners up in New Mexico six-man football last year, scored three times in the final 1:23 of the first half to take a $54-46$ lead at intermission

Both defenses took over in the second half, but the Buffaloes managed a touchdown in each of the final two quarters while holding the Eagles to a single fourth-quarter score. The seesaw battle saw six lead changes in the wild firs half. While the Eagles put up 32 points in the second period, the Buffaloes managed 38
Eagle rushers with 94 yards on 16 carries and Jimmy James 16 carries and Jimmy James

Three
Three Way scored first on a 8 on an 8 -yard scoring run by McCaul with $4: 17$ left in the
opening period.
But the Buffaloes took the lead on a 9 -yard run by Sena, and a 52 -yard jaunt by Sam Adams made it 24-14
Three Way got the lead back with $2: 31$ to play in the half, as Kirby scored on a one-yard run and added the PAT kick. The Eagles held a 38-32 margin. But Melrose scored three more times before the half, in cluding a 9 -yard pass from Adams to Preston Downey with no time left on the clock to go 54-46 at intermission
The Buffaloes held the Eagles scoreless throughout the third period. Melrose padded its lead with a pair of scores, a 46-yard run by Shaston Black

Newspaper lists four Mules for
Four Muleshoe Mules made the Amarillo Globe-News' players of the week honorable mention list for their roles in the Mules' 13-7 win over Dimmit last Friday.
Defensive tackle Jeff tackles, including eight solos He also had six quarterback hurries.
were almost as impressive: 10 wo of them for losses, plus five uarterback hurries
Mitch Mason made 11 tackes, and running back Chris Vela yards.
Other area players making this week's list included Friona running back Joseph Bandy,
Bradley Thomason's stats

## WILDCATS

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Mules, the result of a $28-13$ los Interestingly Littlefiepener Tulia by a single point, 20-19 which could indicate an even match between Muleshoe and Littlefield.
They (the Wildcats) are a big football team," Wood said. "They sure didn't like us beat ing them last year."
He said the main thing the Mules will focus on for thi
week and the rest of the season, That way, opponents will be That way, opponents will be they are not comfortable. With all their focus, the Mules only have one goal: win. "It's district time, and you've got to win," Wood said.
The Mules face Littlefield this Friday night at home. Game time is 7:30, as are all games from this point on in the season.

## FOOTBALL

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sive drive, starting off with a 15-yard run by Anthony Oltivero. Quarterback B.J. Hill added a 17-yard run, Oltivero
struck again with a 23 -yard run on a fake punt four plays later. A 3-yard run by Fred Traylor and an 11-yard run by Hill set up the Bobcats on the Mule 1 with : 03 left in the half. The Mules defense stopped Dimmitt when it counted, burying Traylor for a loss as the half "We look and suddenly we're inside our 10 with 1:00 left," Wood said. "We talk about momentum all the time. That (play) gave us the 'mo' going into the locker room.'
The Mule offense looked ready to go starting the second half as Lewis began the drive with a 9 -yard run. However, a sack by James Jackson nullifed Lewis' efforts and the Mules were forced to punt. Dimmitt didn't get very far, either, as Hill threw an interception on the first play.
After an unsuccessful possession for both teams, Muleshoe put together a $10-$ play, 64-yard drive. Unfortunately, it was for nothing after Roger Whipple fumbled on the Bobcat 16 .
The fourth quarter started with the Mules shutting down the Bobcat offense again, forcing them to punt. From their
own 49, the Mules used the run attack. Chris Vela had two runs which helped set up a first down at the Dimmitt 25 .
All the Mules could manage after that was a 1-yard run from Barrett, leaving Hodge with a tough job. He completed it with the 42 -yard field goal, putting the Mules up 13-7
With $6: 44$ and one last chance, Hill tried to lead the Bobcats to the end zone and the win. He picked up three yards on two runs and completed a 14-yard pass to Daniel Flores. However, the magic was gone soon after. Hill lost a yard on one run and threw two incomplete passes.
After an unsuccessful fake punt, the Mules took over at their own 43 with $3: 33$ to eliminate. An illegal block call gave the Mules a first and 25 and it seemed that the Bobcats would get a final chance

To the Bobcats' displeasure Barrett and Vela combined for 27 yards rushing on the next three plays to give the Mules the much-needed first down. After a 16-yard run by Vela who finished with 109 yards rushing, the Bobcat faithful could only watch as Muleshoe ran down the final minute of play.

The loss drops Dimmitt to $2-$ on the season. The Mules are $4-1$ heading into district play.
up 66-46 with 6:20 left. Three Way pulled within 66James to Kirby with 5:09 left, but could not score again. The loss dropped Three Way oo 2-3 heading into the district opener Friday at home against Silverton.

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grade sudents who took a national writing examination in 1998 wrote about those very things and scored higher on average than eighth-graders nationwide.
Results of the National Assessment of Education Progress showed the percentage of Texas eighth-graders who scored at or above the "proficient" level - 31 percent - was greater than that of eighth-graders in pubic schools nation
which was 24 percent.
In a state-by-state comparison, eighth-graders in Texas, Connecticut, Maine and Massachusetts demonstrated the highest average writing performance among the 35 states that participated in the writing

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Texas' minority and low-in-
me eighth-graders
outperformed minority and economically disadvantaged eighth-graders from the rest of the country.
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State Education Commis soner Jim Nelson said Texas hool accountability system

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HIGHLIGHTS
Compile by Ed Stering
"forced schools to pay spe
cial attention to those student and to devote additional time and resources to helping those students succeed in school." Bush reluctant to pardon Two dozen people rallied at the governor's mansion Sept 27 to ask Bush to review cases of Texans jailed for nonviolent drug offenses.
They brought up an earlier statement by Bush in which he said he made "mistakes" as a younger man, although Bush never admitted to having used illegal drugs
They implored Bush to determine whether sentences could be commuted and to pardon those who have served their sentences.
Linda Edwards, the governor's spokeswoman, said Bush is reluctant to grant pardons "because of his basic belief that those who commit crimes should suffer the cons Fairgoers can check 'List'
by the state comptroller's booth by the state comptroller's booth at the fairgrounds in Dallas can search for their names on the state's Unclaimed Property List.

The list, in the comptroller's exhibit, includes forgotten bank accounts, uncashedchecks, rent and utility deposits, mineral royalties and insurance proceeds. More than $\$ 700$ million is waiting to be claimed
At the 1998 Texas State Fair more than 28,000 people searched the list and claimed more than $\$ 270,000$.
The list will be published in Texas newspapers on Sunday Oct. 17 - the last day of the fair.

The list also is available on the comptroller's Internet site Other highlights On Sept. 24, a new statue of Martin Luther King Jr. was un eiled on the campus of the University of Texas. It is the first statue of an African-
American to be erected on the 116-year-old campus, The Dallas Morning News reported Martin Luther King III spoke at the dedication attended by more than 2,000 people

- Texas Attorney General John Cornyn has filed a law suit to shut down the Tigua tribe's Speaking Rock casino operation near El Paso. Th lawsuit alleges that the casino, lawsuit alleges that the casino lot machines and other gam
ing law
laws.
Untermeyer, chest of Chase State Board of E the attorney of Education, the torney general's office will review documents held by the Texas Education Agency re lating to the selection of nine private money managers under contract to invest part of the state's $\$ 20$ billion Permanent
asked the atorney general's of fice to investigate allegations of irregularities.
-Texans who have questions about meetings of governmental entities or public information can talk to experts at the Texas attorney general' new toll-free hotline (877) OPEN-TEX. The hotiine' original number (512) 478


## T

Fourteen members of TOPS meeting in the Fellowship Hall Christ.
Leader Laverne welcomed back after her a sence the previous week. S
and her husband, Willy James had been vacationing

## Branson, M

After calling the meeting to order and leading the prayer and pledge, James read an ar ticle titled "Fat Substitutes.
The article mentioned using less meat and more pasta casseroles and other dishes Results of this would be an appetizing meal with less fat. The use of more healthy snacks such as fruit, popcor and pretzels was recommended both for good nutrition and fat reduction.
creamy sauces can be re placed in many recipes with other ingredients that have good f
Hall, Jessica
Hawkins, Mitci

Eighth grade Barrier, Casey Benham, Sara Black, Marlie Coffman, Kalynn Copley, Keri
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Lazbuddie honors
Students of the month for October at Lazbuddie Elementary School are (back row, from left) fifth-grader Montana Steinbock, daughter of Charleson and Belinda Steinbock; third-grader Ryan Mason, son of Sheldon and Debbie Mason; and fourth-grader Esteban Pacheco, son of Elpidio and Sofia Pacheco; (front row, from left) kindergartner Marissa Koelzer, daughter of Kevin and Tonjua Koelzer; second-grader Darin Ivy, son of Lance and Shelley Ivy; pre-kindergartner Jasmin Márquez, daughter of Adelberto and Rebecca Márquez; and firstgrader Mariah Steinbock, also the daughter of Charleson and Belinda Steinbock

## BITUARIES

HERSCHEL WHITE
at the First United Methodist Church of Sudan for Herschel White, 88, of Sudan. The Rev. Kerry Hurst, the Rev. Jim Hawthorne and Al Harrison officiated. Burial was in Sudan Cemetery
Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.
Mr. White was born April 1. County), Okla. He died Friday at Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield.
He moved to the Sudan area from Antioch in 1929 and married Mae Skinner in Amherst on Jan. 4, 1938. He was a farmer and, form 1974 to 1984 , also a dairyman. , he moved from his arrangements.

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL The Texas Health and Hu seeking area volunteer and community-based organizaions to contact families wit uninsured children and help hem apply for the state's Children's Health Insurance Program.
The commission will issue a formal request for proposals on Oct. 8, and contracts will be awarded in January based on a competitive review of proposals submitted by interested organizations. The deadline for submitting a proposal is Noy 2.

Contracts will fund groups in the area to mobilize volunteers to contact families with uninsured children and assist those families with completing an insurance application form. Contracts will be awarded in each of the state's eight public health regions, including Public Health Region 1, which includes 41 counties in the Panhandle and South Plains.
Tricia Vowels, the regional CHIP coordinator in Lubbock, encourages school districts, civic clubs, child advocacy groups and coalitions, community health centers, faith-based organizations and other volunteer and community-based groups to apply for the outreach contracts.
More information and a copy of the request for propsals are

## State seeking to get children insured <br> to get chindren insured

all hospitals for that matter all hospitals for that matter
operate on very slim margins yet manage to bring cutting edge medical care to the communities they serve. But changes in Medicare payments to hospitals have put many institutions in a bind Others are fighting for their

Communities across Texa have felt the impact of hospita closures for a decade now
When a rural hospital closes. local residents lose access to routine preventative care, not tomention emergency services that can save life and limb. Doctors and other highly trained professionals move away. Then people must drive a hundred miles - or more in some cases - to get the care city dwellers take for granted Local economies suffer
when jobs are lost. Existing businesses may have to move, and new businesses won't lo cate in places where health care

Mr. Pérez was born Oct. 4,
member of the First United
Methodist Church of Sudan
He is sur
Fairgrove, Mo.; and numerous
nieces and nephews.
The family suggests memo-
rials to the First United Methodist church of Sudan or
the Sudan EMS/Fire DepartJUAN PEREZ
Services were held Tuesday
Catholic Church for Juan Pérez
26, of Muleshoe. The Revs. Maher were the celebrants. Burialwas in Muleshoe Memo rial Park
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The request form will be eligible families with incomes The request form will be eligible families with incomes available on the commission's chip 1.html, after Oct. 8.

The childhood insurance tate of Texas will provide com- state and federal funding

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Medicare changes put hospitals in bind


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## is unavailable. Hospital clo- ments cuts, and particularly b

 sure can be a death-knell for cuts in outpatient services struggling towns.Now the Health Care Finance Administration says it will make hospital funding cuts that are much greater than what Congress expected in its 1997 Medicare bill.
At the same time, hospitals face Y 2 K costs, higher blood supply costs and higher prescription drug prices not anticipated in 1997
The biggest single dollar
sue facing these institutions is
a scheduled reduction in the
annual inflation adjustment for standard in-patient Medicare nayments (what hospitals are paid for treating Medicare patients diagnosed with specific illnesses).
Until now, Medicare has provided annual increases in payments to make up for increased hospital costs due to inflation. But hospitals are no longer going to receive that annual inflation adjustment.
To address this looming cri sis, I am introducing legislation orestore some of the planned rollbacks in Medicare payments to health-care facilities. This will provide a tempo rary shot in the arm to hospitals already hard hit by overall
Medicare provider reimburse-

One would limit hospitals, losses under the new out-patient reimbursement system; another would increase the reimbursements made to rural hospitals for seniors in Medicare Choice-Plus plans.
Finally, my effort to ensure that Texas' tobacco settlement funds stay in our state and out of the clutches of the federal government has meant that many rural hospital districts
are receiving a financial boost My bill keeping the federal My bill keeping the federal government's hand out of the tobacco-settlement cookie jar passed into law as part of a
largeremergency spendingbill signed by the president in May As a result, Texas counties are in line to receive more than $\$ 2$ billion, including a lump sum payment of $\$ 300$ million
from the fund this vear.
As hospitals learn to adjus to the new reimbursement sy tem for out-patient services, continuing to receive inflatio adjustments might just mean the difference between disas ter and survival
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Treatment aids women in change
SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL HOUSTON Perimenopause, a time be tween a woman's reproductive years and when her menstrual cycle stops completely, can make life difficult for many women. But relief is available erimenopausal womanbetter deal with physical and emotional changes by giving her new low-dose birth-contro pills,"said Dr. RobertZurawin, an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.
"The pills help regulate her periods and supplement the es trogen she is no longer adequately producing," he said.
According to Zurawin perimenopause usually occurs around age 45 and can las anywhere from a few days to a few years. "Eighty percent of vomen go through some form of perimenopause," he said. During perimenopause, a woman might experience ir regular periods, hot flashes, night sweats, problems sleeping, changes in weight, skin and hair, depression, mood wings and poor concentration. Duringestrogen withdrawal, which occurs every month be ore a woman's period but is more pronounced during perimenopause, many wome also experience $m$

When we have given the pills to patients the headache and the moodiness improve dramatically," Zurawin said "This form of treatment, a well as regular exercise program combined with a low-fat, high-fiber diet rich in calcium and vitamins, can make life more bearable for these women


Lazbuddie High School's varsity cheerleaders for 1999-2000 are (back row, from left) Leah Turner, Desirae Brakebill, Staci Foster and Savannah Black; (front row, from left) Crystal Scott, Mayra Hernández and Kayla Kimbrough; and (seated) Lacy Loudder

## Longhorn varsity cheerleaders make mark

SPECIAL TOTHE JOURNAL The Lazbuddie High
School varsity cheerleaders won several awards at the Wayland Baptist University NCA Cheerleading Camp in Plainview on July 26-29.
The girls received eight su perior ribbons on their daily cheer and chant evaluations. They received spirit stick Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for their enthusi asm, squad spirit and working together as a squad, and re ceived a spirit stick to bring home. They received the stun $\mathrm{H}^{0}$ SPITAL NEWS Muleshoe Area Medical
Center reported the following patient load:
patient load
Groneman, Marie Vickie Emiliana P. Martínez
Sept. 25 - Charlie Barnett, Ida M. Barnett, Lawrence Fluellen, Vickie Groneman, Lois A. Harmon, Maria
spotting and stunt technique. Team Awards for exemplify ing the qualities on which values and teamwork.
The also received a bid to attend the NCA national championships scheduled for Dallas in December
During the first two days of camp, individual cheerlead-All-American nomination rib bon from the staff fo
exhibiting skills in jumps, tum bling, stunts, motions and leadership.

# eaders received such 

 for the All-American NCA leam, the top honor for an in
## dividual.

Making the team were Desirae Brakebill, Staci Fos Leah Turner.
The Lazbuddie squad, in cluding Savannah Black, Mayra Hernández and Crystal Scott, also was chosen as a top team finalist. The staff selects the top four squads to try out for the top team, the highest award a squad can receive. They were chosen as the superior high school team.

Emiliana P. Martínez. Sept. 26 - Charlie Barnet Ida M. Barnett, Lawrence Fluellen, Vickie Groneman, Hernández and Marie Lane. Sept. 27 - Charlie Barnett, Lawrence Fluellen, Vickie Groneman, Lois A. Harmon and Marie Lane. Sept. 28 - Cornelius W.

Lois Harmon, Guyman B Hudson and Marie Lane. Sept. 29 - Cornelius W Bradshaw, Warren Givens Hudson, Marie Lane and Bonnie Warren. Sept. 30 - Baby Aldaco, Cornelius W. Bradshaw, Maribel Gallegos, Lois A Harmon, Marie Lane and

## Controlling weeds essential with wheat

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
LUBBOCK - Wheat producers can improve their crop's yield and grain quality potential by controlling weeds that rob crop plants of nutrients, water and light, said a Texas $\mathrm{A} \& \mathrm{M}$ agronomist.
"The best defense against weeds is to grow a vigorous competitive crop by using a combination of good cultural practices, crop rotation and approved herbicides," said Todd Baughman, Texas Agricultural Extension Service agronomist based in Vernon.
Plant good, clean seed in a well-prepared, fertile seedbed Using the right planting date seeding rate and fertilizer also will help produce a healthy stand to out-compete weeds.
"Scout your fields early for any sign of weed competition, and be prepared to make timely herbicide application according to label directions if a treatment is necessary," he said.

Treating fence lines and the edges of fields also is a good idea, the agronomist said. Left untreated, these areas can soon come a "weed nursery." "You will achieve the best young," he said. "Letting the weeds go and relying on a preharvest herbicide treatment is not a good idea. By then, the weeds have already cost you
some yield, they are harder to kill, and they are a source of seed for future infestations."
$\qquad$ to cut your cleanest fields firs oughly between fields. Thi oughly between fields. This will help keep weeds from spreading, and it will help you
keep the grain clean and avoid dockage at the elevators."
Removing small infestations by hand, treating fence row
and ditches, rotating with summer crops, grazing the crop, and seeding later in the fall are other ways to keep grassy and broadleaf weeds in check. Waiting for a fall flush of weeds, plowing and then seeding wheat is a good option, but it can reduce the crop's grazing potential, the agronomist said. "When a herbicide treatment is necessary, your choices will depend on the type of weeds present, their stage of growth, your crop rotation plans and whether you are growing wheat for grain, grazing or both," Baughman said. "Some prodacts cannot be used at all on wheat that will be grazed, while others may not be compatible with your summer rotation.
"Because of their chemistry some products are even a ariety specific - they are only labeled for use on certain wheat varieties. Even so, there are several herbicides and combinations (tank mixes) that will provide good control of broadleaf and grassy weeds if you follow label directions carefully," he added.
There are no "one-year, cureall" herbicide treatments for eliminating all weeds in wheat. Instead, producers should adopt a program approach of using preventative cultural practices and applying herbicides (when needed) at Producers times and rates Producers can get more inin wheat by calling Baughman at (940) $552-9941$, or from thei local county Extension agent. Texas A\&M's Soil and Crop Science Department website (http://soil-testing.tamu.edu) also contains information on wheat weed control-click on "Crops, Weeds and Facts," select publications under "weed control." Then select "small
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## FROZEN \& DAIRY

## BAKERY \& DELI

## Assorted Blue Bunny

Twin Pops ........ $1 /$ 2ala sq 2/\$4
Assorted Blue Bunny
Slush Pops $\qquad$$\$ 2^{99}$

Chicken Voila!.. 2002 bag $\boldsymbol{\$}^{99}$
Assorted Freschetta $12{ }^{\prime \prime}$
Pizza.
$\$ 4^{99}$
Surine Buttermilk or Sweetmilk
Biscuits $\qquad$
ropicana Pure Premium
Grovestand, Original or Homestyle
Orange Juice .. ${ }^{640 \text { z. carton }} \boldsymbol{\$} \mathbf{2}^{\mathbf{2 9}}$
Hungry Man Dinners ...... 2/\$5
Assorted Kraft
Singles ................ 1202.pkg $\$ \mathbf{2}^{79}$
Cheese ................ 1002. pkg $\$ 199$

Field Trial Chunks
Dog Food $\qquad$ $\$ 3^{99}$
Coca Cola, Sprite or
Dr. Pepper
$\$ 165$
Assorted 4 pac
Frutopia Drinks
$\$ 2^{99}$


## HEATH \& BEAUTY

| Panasonic Alkaline |  |
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| Batteries ... choice, AA-AAA 6 paks $\$ 2$ |  |
| Shurine Value |  |
| Bathroom tissue ${ }_{4}$ foll pkg bag $2 / \$ 1$ |  |
| Tablets, 10 ct. 12 hour, $24 \mathrm{ct}$.30 mg . |  |
| Sudafed..................... \$3 $\mathbf{3}^{69}$ |  |
| Anti-perspirant Gel |  |
| Right Guard.......... $2.302 .1 \mathbf{2}^{39}$ |  |
| Light Scent or <br> Baby Powder $\qquad$ |  |
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| Assorted Suave <br> Lotion $\qquad$ $\$ 119$ |  |

Eckrich All-American
Bologna \$99

American Baked - Oatmeal Raisin Peanut Butter • Sugar
Delicious Cookies ... 24 . 2/ $/$ 5
Sugar Free
Angel Food Cake ...... $9 \circ 2 /$ oz 5


- 18.2 oz. Raisin Bran Crunch
-15 oz. Cocoa Krispies
- 19 oz. Bite Size Froste Mini Wheats

Kellogg's
Cereals............. your choice $2 / \$ 4$
Assorted Nabisco
Ritz Crackers
14.5.16 oz : Box 2/\$5
Uncle Ben's Boilin-the Bag
Rice .................. $15.80 z$ box $\mathbf{\$ 4 9}$
Lssorted Spam
Lunch Meat ......
120z can
$3 / \$ 5$
Tamales ............. 16 or can 99 ${ }^{\phi}$
Gerbhart Jalapeño or Plain
Refried Beans .. 150z.can
$2 / \$ 1$
Welch's
Grape Jelly......... 320 or jar
$\$ 119$
Assorted Peter Pan
Peanut Butter...
17.6-18 or. $\mathbf{\$ 1 7 9}$
Swiss Miss
Marshmellow Lovers or Sugar Free
Hot Cocoa Mix ... 8 sat. pkg. $\$ 199$
Lipton Family sized
Iced Tea Bags .. 24 t. pkg
2/\$3
Assorted Hunt's
Spaghetti Sauce .. 2 262.6. oz. can
99
Shurine
Elbow Macaroni or
Long Spaghetti .... 1202 .pg. $2 / \$ 1$

Assorted Fritos
Bean Dip................ 9 or 2/\$4
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Assorted Campbells } \\ \text { Chunky Soup .... } 1902 \text { an an } & 2 / \$ 3\end{array}$
Tomato Soup.... ${ }^{\text {10.702.can }} 5 \mathbf{5 月}^{\text {Campbell }}$

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