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Varsity Mules End 2013 Football Season

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules entered the postseason with a lower standing than normal, as the Mules were the fourth seed out of District 1-2A Division I.

The Denver City Mustangs had gone undefeated during the regular season and were the District 2-2A Division I Champions.

The Mustangs were over flowing with confidence as they met the Mules in Frenship's People's Bank Tiger Stadium.

"Obviously the kids have a lot of confidence, but hopefully not too

much," said Denver City Head Coach Steve Taylor in a pregame interview.

"Muleshoe's a good football team and definitely the best fourth-place team in the state. We can't be too confident, but the kids definitely feel good about themselves and what they've accomplished," he said.

"We just gotten better and better every district game and we're kind of hitting on all cylinders right now," Taylor said.

The Mules fell to the Denver City Mustangs 41-21 in the Bi-District match up.



Photograph by Gabby Perez

A varsity Mule attempts to sweep around the Denver City Mustang's line during Thursday's game.

"Our kids fought very, very hard tonight and just ran out of gas," said Mule Coach David

Wood. "We overcame some big set backs in the first half. We had a third

down and needed 40 yards and got a first down. Then we had another set back and

still wound up scoring on that drive," he said. "But we just did not

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Photograph by Gabby Perez

Time For Basketball

The varsity Lady Mules opened their basketball season with a win over the Wolverines. Game details on B1.

Former Teacher Pleads Guilty

A former Muleshoe High School instructor indicted by a Bailey County grand jury for having an "Improper Relationship between Educator and Student" pled guilty and was sentenced on Wednesday, Nov. 6, according to District Attorney Kathryn Gurley.

Morgan Shea Marricle, 25, pled guilty to the second degree felony charge

and received four years probation, according to Gurley.

Marricle was also fined \$1,000.

According to the district attorney, Marricle will not have to register as a sex offender.

Marricle became the focus of an investigation by the Muleshoe Police Department in late April.

At the time of the investigation, Dr. Gene

Sheets was contacted about the allegations, and said, "The school district is going to cooperate with law enforcement agencies conducting any type of investigation, and will take appropriate actions as is determined necessary."

According to a information from the related police report, Marricle, who was a first year English instructor

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Stolen ATVs, Trailer Recovered

By Larry Thornton
Editor

Four ATVs and a single-axle trailer were recovered, and three male juveniles temporarily incarcerated in Lubbock on the weekend of Nov. 8

According to Muleshoe Police Lt. Benny Parker, the 16-year-old males allegedly stole the an ATV and the trailer

from a residence in the 500 block of West Fifth on Nov. 8, and took three other ATVs from another residence on the same block.

In the investigation which followed, Parker said information was received regarding other thefts during the past year.

However, the other incidents are still under investigation, and while at least one more

arrest is pending, the property taken has yet to be recovered.

Parker also said several ATVs have been stolen during the past year, noting that the majority of owners apparently hadn't taken any security precautions.

He suggested that at the very least ATV owners should chain the vehicles to make a theft more difficult.

The Christmas Key

As it has in past Christmas seasons, the Muleshoe Journal is once again running a serial Christmas story, beginning with this week's issue, for parents to share with their children. This year's story is the third part of editor Larry Thornton's Christmas fantasy trilogy that includes "April's Christmas Doll," most recently published in the Journal's 2011 Christmas Season, and "Santa's Christmas Gift," published during

last year's season. While including characters which appeared in the other two parts, "The Christmas Tree" is a stand-alone story that doesn't require reading the preceding parts. The story will conclude in the Journal's Dec. 19 Christmas issue.

It is also the Journal's hope that parents, and teachers, will share the story with their children who are two young to read it for themselves.

By Larry Thornton
Part 1

The wind was blowing hard through the trees on the west side of Toby's house, making the branches creak, and occasionally knocking off some the ice remaining from the ice storm of the previous night.

All-in-all, Toby was happy. The drizzle that formed the ice on the

branches and surrounding power lines had eventually changed to snow, blanketing the neighborhood with six inches of good, wet snow.

Dry snow didn't pack well, making it useless for the more important tasks of winter-time fun... snowmen, forts and of course, snowballs, Toby

thought to herself. "Doesn't even make good snow angels," she muttered to herself. "But this is peerfect!"

Toby grinned through her ice-encrusted scarf as she held up a "perfect" snowball, watching the morning sun glint off it's surface before setting it atop the others she'd already prepared in anticipation of the assault she'd been planning since completing her first snow fort of the year.

Now, all she had to do was decide on her

victim, and await his arrival.

Would it be Mark, who lived a few doors down, and had an absolutely remarkable gift of annoying 10-year-old Toby; Sandra, with her ever-present doll; or Mr. Whiffle, the mail man who seemed to make a point of snarling at the children, especially Toby, as he trudged from house to house on his daily route.

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Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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Community Service

The Bailey County Ministerial Alliance Community Thanksgiving Service is set for Sunday, Nov. 24, at 6 p.m., at the First Baptist of Muleshoe, with the Rev. Mindy McLanahan delivering the message. Individuals attending the service are asked to bring canned goods for the Bailey County Food Pantry.

Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare open enrollment is coming up quickly. Open enrollment begins on Oct. 15 and runs through Dec. 7. If you are needing to enroll or compare prescription drug coverage call Shelby Carpenter at the Bailey County Office of Aging to make an appointment.

Her office number is 806-272-3647. Medicaid and Social Security counseling will also be available.

Carpenter can also assist residents in and around Bailey County with health insurance questions and concerns.

Christmas In Muleshoe

Donations for Christmas in Muleshoe may be made at Muleshoe State Bank, according to the Bailey County Ministerial Alliance.

Applications may be picked up from Janie Posadas at the South Plains Community Action Association, 804 W. American Blvd. The application deadline is Nov. 15.

Olton Church Dinner

Olton's First Methodist Church will be hosting a chili and stew lunch on Saturday, Nov. 23. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., at its fellowship hall, 312 Ave. D. The cost is \$6.50 for adults, \$3.50 for ages 2 to 10, and free for age 2 and under. For additional information, call 806-285-2777.

Christmas Card Project

Park View Nursing Care Center's Christmas Card Project is underway. This years monies will go for new patio furniture for the nursing home's new and enlarged patio, and for flag poles in both the front and the back of the facility.

Your cards may be mailed to Christmas Card Project, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or dropped off at the same address. You may also drop off donations at Muleshoe State Bank and First Bank.

Dec. 19 is the cut off date to make donations.

Master Of Memory

The Bailey County Extension Office will be hosting "Master of Memory" on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 22, 26 and 27, at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center.

Lunch is \$3 for seniors, and \$5 for everyone else. There is no charge for the "Master of Memory" program.

For more information, contact Kathy Carr at the Bailey County Extension Office, 272-4583.

Thank you for reading!

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It's Brown, Not Wilted Green

We get a lot of mail deserving of the "round file," actually more of a rectangle in my office, at the Journal, some of which is interesting enough for a gander or two before being discarded.

While the important stuff normally goes to someone else, there are normally at least a few items that end up on my desk for final determination prior to hitting the round/rectangular file. Fortunately, my email trash can is much larger, or I'd be emptying it even more often during the week.

However, the most interesting of the items received Monday morning was addressed to me personally, rather than to the Muleshoe Journal or its editor.

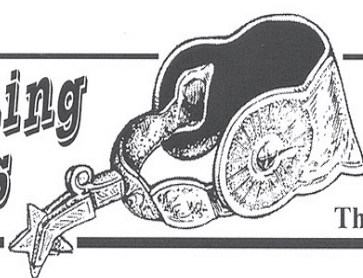
What that means is that someone out there hasn't received the news that my "green thumb" wilted long ago.

While I'm not going to provide the name of the catalog, I will tell you that it's an heirloom seed catalog.

I can already imagine — in light of news articulated from the last few years, that at least a few readers may raise an eyebrow at it, but let me assure you that medical marijuana isn't among the catalog's offerings.

In fact, from what I can tell from scanning through the index and pages, the most harmful items listed,

Spinning Rowels



by Larry Thornton

providing you don't have a plant allergy, are castor beans and a variety of morning glories.

There's no problem, as occurred several years ago back in the Sooner State, where the flower seeds an elderly woman received and planted produced a beautiful display of poppies.

It wasn't until the flowers bloomed that they were recognized to be opium poppies, and not the red flowers that have decorated the lapels of many for Memorial Day.

Anyway, regarding the recent postal item and its content, the chances of me successfully growing anything — whether for consumption or just for its aesthetic value,

is about as likely as a glacier winding its way down West American Blvd.

To say my green thumb has wilted, to be honest, isn't quite accurate. It's beyond wilted. Wilted at least suggests it was green and operable at some point.

It may not look it, but the first pink appendages on my left and right hand are totally brown.

A "volunteer" plant in my yard has to know that it's in the same boat as the foreign legionnaire who didn't take a step backwards

fast enough when volunteers were sought for a suicide mission... in other words, it's already dead.

The mighty Sequoia Redwoods survived because I wasn't around to plant them.

But, still, maybe this time something will be different. Just maybe I can find a plant among the catalog's pages that can hold itself up, and sing the vegetable version of Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive."

With winter on the horizon and the spring planting season so far away, maybe there's a chance something could change... that I could actually grow something other than my waistband.

Maybe... maybe... ho hum... probably not, but I can still dream.

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LISD Releases Honor Rolls

The Lazbuddie Independent School District recently released honor rolls for its second six-week period of the 2013-14 school year.

Among the students honored were:

Elementary "A" — Blaykin Branscum, Kobi Kirby, Ty Maulding, Ruemer Smyer, Lauren Weaver, Ryelan Mason, Mia Nickels, Kennedy Roberts, Scout Russell, Marshall Holman, Julia Ibarra, Jerry Townsend and Halley Wales.

Elementary "AB" — Ila Combs, Carson Davis, Emmaly Ibarra, Slade Nickels, Delynda Wium, Allison Ballard, Adian Ontiveros, Phoebe Hawkins, America Pantoja, Isaias Reza, Eduardo Salazar, Kambri Connor, Noemi Garcia, Iliana Lopez, Erin Martinez, Peyton Martinez, Bianca Morales, Braeden Railsback, TJ Chavez, Staci Jones, Ethan Martinez, Natalee Nelson, Wyatt Rainey, Kylee Ruthardt, Maggie Vazquez, Gatlin Copley, Trudy Fehr, Maribel Gomez, Emilee Howard, Jaegan Nickels, John Henry Schacher and Jr Vallejo.

Junior High "A" — Nancy Fehr, Michael Wales and Devon

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Candidates File For County Offices

As of Monday, Nov. 18, several candidates have filed for positions on the March 4 primary ballot.

District Clerk Elaine Parker and Precinct 2 Commissioner Juan Chavez have reportedly filed with Democratic County Chair Don Dyer.

And, County Judge Sherri Harrison, County Clerk Robin Dickerson, and Justice of the Peace Debra Redwine have filed with Republican County Chair Carroll Precure.

Reportedly County Treasurer Shonda Black will be filing for re-election as a Republican,

also. Candidates for various county offices have until 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9, to file.

The primary election is set for March 4, 2014, and write-in candidates must file their notice between July 19 and Aug. 18, 2014.

Following the March

4 primary, the successful candidates will face off in the general election on Nov. 4, 2014.

Among the positions up for election in Bailet County in 2014 are county judge, county clerk, county treasurer, county commissioners in precinct 2 and 4, district clerk, justice of the peace and county constable.

Republican County Chair Carroll Precure has re-filed for the county Republican chair, and Mark Morton has filed for the Precinct 2 Republican chair.

The filing period for the county and precinct chairs are the same as for other county positions.

'Let Us Not Give Up Meeting Together'

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, I'm reminded that one of the best blessings enjoyed by the community in which I live is the spirit of goodwill and unity which generally prevails among the churches and pastors in our area.

No small blessing, that's a big reason I like living here.

The community worship opportunities, such as the community Thanksgiving service on the horizon, warm my heart and give me hope.

What a witness to believers and unbelievers alike who are sadly accustomed to division in this world but surprised by unity. What a blessing when God's people come together to celebrate that which unites us.

It may also be a command, by the way. No kidding.

Christians will remember that we are commanded to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4).

And, though we treasure the beautiful "Lord's Prayer," the prayer of Christ that truly deserves that title is the Lord's beautiful and poignant prayer for unity in John 17.

Christ was serious



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about unity. A lot more serious than many of his followers have been.

Church history through the ages (and our own sad experience) points to lots of teapot tempests over all sorts of obscure scriptures, fusses undertaken while the combatants, "biting and devouring each other," ignored the Lord's very clear, very plain, plea for unity.

But the passage I have in mind right now is not Ephesians 4 or John 17 or any of the other "landmark" passages on Christian unity.

No, it's Hebrews 10:25: "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

You thought that was about going to church, didn't you? Well, it probably is. I'm quite sure that in principle it applies to our attendance at worship in our own congregations.

We'll bless ourselves and our fellow worshippers by being

committed enough to Christ to be serious about being at worship.

If we become lax in that regard, our faith is in more serious jeopardy than we might think. (See the next few verses, Hebrews 10:26-31, if you doubt that.)

But, if you do a little study, you'll find or recall that in those "early church" days, Christians in a given community met in "house churches," small groups all over the area.

(Hmm. I guess in that regard it was a lot like us. No big signs, though.)

Did they ever all come together, all of the house churches with each of their pastors (collectively, the "elders" of that city)?

I don't know. It's an interesting possibility, though. Those whose hard study has earned them a right to a worthwhile opinion say that church history is murky about those details.

But I know it's good for us to do that once in a while. I wish we did it a lot more often.

It just might be a command. It would certainly be a blessing. Whenever it happens even for a little while, it's a good thing.

"Let us not give up meeting together."

Applications For Conservation Programs Are Being Accepted

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist Kayla Creek announces applications for funding opportunities with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) are currently being accepted at the NRCS offices, located at 105 E. Ave. D, in Muleshoe.

NRCS in Texas has

received its initial allocation of EQIP and WHIP funding for 2014 and will begin ranking and obligating contracts after Jan. 17, 2014.

All agriculture producers interested in submitting a contract application for 2014 should do so before this ranking deadline.

EQIP — one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill — is a voluntary conservation program that promotes

environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state and federal regulations.

"EQIP is a valuable tool to help Bailey County's agricultural producers implement conservation practices that provide environmental benefits to help sustain agricultural operations," says Creek.

"WHIP helps landowners restore and improve fish and wildlife habitats, and benefit at-risk species," says Creek. "This funding will give landowners across the state the opportunity to address wildlife concerns in Texas."

EQIP and WHIP are continuous sign-up programs that allow landowners or operators to apply for financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices.

The deadline for the

Lazbuddie Honor Rolls...

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Junior High "AB" — Joshua Cox, Shelton Gable, Anita Martens, Miranda Salazar, Avery Timms, Marisol Gomez, Mallory McDaniel, Andres Solano, TJ Ballard, Bernardo Lopez and Georgia Taylor.

High School "A" — Mattisun Hester, Gabriel Beckerink, Iridian Fernandez, Micah Vera, Lacey Jesko,

Haley Beasley, Ashton Mason, Mercedes Morin, Shyann Rainey and Allison Weaver.

High School "AB" — Ashley Scott, Daynah Tijerina, Tamera Anderson, Kennedi Nickels, Katie Reyes, Austyn Steinbock, Anais Andrade, TJ Beckerink, Maysun Hester, Haldon Ivy, Haley Ivy, Reagan Roberts, Sabra Torres, Selena Marquez, Autumn Townsend and Ann Marie Weick

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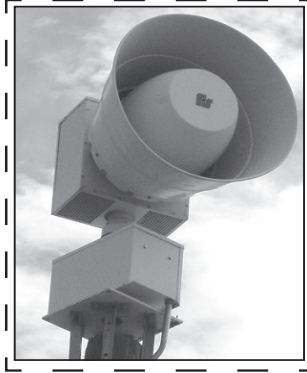
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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn
 How about our Mules. The Oneita Wagon Senior Center gang want to pat you on the back for the great season you had. You are a fine group of young men and we are proud of you. Remember our Thanksgiving meal is this Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the center. Call a friend and come have some good turkey and dressing. Thursday, November

21, is the birthday party for all of you senior citizens with birthdays in November. We invite you to come, have lunch, let us honor you for another year. Bingo is Thursday beginning at 1:30 p.m. This is always a good time to come and have fun, fellowship, and you can win prizes too. On Tuesday, Nov. 26, Kathy Carr from the County Extension Office will present her nutrition program.

We appreciate Kathy giving her time for us. Thursday, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving, the center will be closed. It will also be closed on Friday, Nov. 29. Nov. 25-29 menus:
 Monday, Nov. 25 — Baked chicken and dumplings, tossed vegetable salad, wheat roll, fruit cup.
 Tuesday, Nov. 26 — Ham and beans, spinach, corn, orange pineapple cup, cornbread, and apple crisp.
 Wednesday, Nov. 27 — grilled steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll, and fruit cobbler.
 Thursday, Nov. 28 — Closed. Happy Thanksgiving!
 Friday, Nov. 29 — Closed.



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 first 2014 funding allocation is Jan. 17, 2014. Contracts are offered periodically depending on budgetary allocations. Applications made after the deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle. Higher priority will be given to those applications that address national, state and local priorities and provide higher cost efficiency. EQIP offers technical and financial help to install or implement structural, vegetative, and management practices that can benefit the soil, water, air, plants, livestock, and wildlife. WHIP applications must address traditional natural resource issues

such as water quantity, water quality, grazing lands, forest health, soil management, emerging natural resource issues, and climate change. Each county in the state is funded yearly to assist producers financially with these land management practices. Last year, NRCS in Texas funded over 4,500 EQIP contracts with \$91 million to accomplish conservation practices such as irrigation efficiency, minimum tillage, brush management and more on 3.6 million acres across the entire state. Additionally, NRCS funded 200 WHIP contracts with \$7.1 million to improve

wildlife habitat on over 380,000 acres in Texas. In addition to helping our environment, Farm Bill conservation program funds support rural communities. In Texas, it is estimated that each dollar of NRCS and private matching expenditures on NRCS conservation programs generates an additional \$2.54 in sales of goods and services locally. For more information including eligibility requirements, call the USDA Service Center office in Muleshoe at (806)272-4538, ext. 3. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

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Super news from MISD

By Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets

Manuel Balderas

Funeral services for Manuel G. Balderas, 81, of Muleshoe, were held on Thursday, Nov. 14, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Pat Maher and Father Angelo Raul Consemينو officiating.

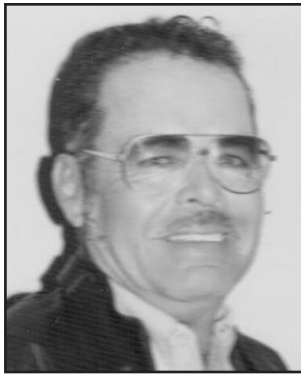
Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Rosary was said on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at Ellis Funeral Home in Muleshoe.

Mr. Balderas died on Nov. 12, 2013, in Muleshoe. He was born on June 15, 1932, in Asherton to Manuel and Maria Balderas, Sr., and married Janie Martinez in Moore on June 21, 1953.

Mr. Balderas had lived in Muleshoe since 1970, moving from Lazbuddie. He served for many years as the communion minister at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, also served on the parish council and maintained the grounds at the catholic church for several years.

Mr. Balderas was a retired lineman at Five Area Telephone. He was preceded in death by a daughter — Helen Andrade; his parents



and a sister — Aurora Martinez.

Survivors include his wife — Janie; two sons — Bobby Balderas and wife Diana of Stafford, Va., and Billy Balderas and his wife Judy of Ft. Worth; a daughter — Linda Balderas of Amarillo; three sisters — Lilia Castro of El Paso, Odilia Lerma of Bandera and Juanita Garcia of Ft. Worth; 10 grandchildren—Mandy James, TJ Andrade, Tiffany Buchanan, Sandy Brookman, Julia Gallegos, Jay Balderas, Ryan Reardon, Bubba Andrade, Kory Reardon and Dusty Balderas; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Bailey County Meals on Wheels, 300 S. First Street, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. Online condolences may be made at www.ellisfuneralhome.com.

It is amazing that at one point every school day in Muleshoe the Watson Junior High building is totally silent at the request of a 12-14 year old.

Each day, a member of our student council leads everyone in the pledge to the American flag, pledge to the Texas flag, and a moment of silence.

These students also read an inspirational thought for the day. Speaking over the intercom to all of their peers is not easy for these students, but they embrace the fact that they are leaders on our campus and they are exemplifying citizenship.

In Muleshoe, our junior high student council led the students in our Red Ribbon Week and anti-bullying campaign. They visited each class, passing out the ribbons. They sponsored a door contest for the teachers and poster contest for the students.

When Mrs. Petersen asked Tech Sargent Johnson, the father of sixth grader Baily and recent returnee from Afghanistan, to speak to her classes; our junior high student council was there to present him with a boutonniere.

They also presented their band director, Grady Alberts with a boutonniere and thanked him for his service in our military. And they did not stop there. The students voted to help furnish the meat for a

luncheon so the staff at Watson could also honor these men.

In Muleshoe, our junior high student council sponsors a food drive each year to help with the Baily County Food Pantry. The members mark out bar codes, count cans, load and deliver cans. They also reward the winning grade level.

In Muleshoe, our junior high student council honors the staff on many occasions; they have secret teachers and staff members. It is uplifting to a teacher to have a surprise on their desk on a holiday from a student council member.

They also show appreciation to the staff by planning and serving a breakfast at the end of the year. At this time, they reveal their secret teacher. It is a special morning for all involved.

In Muleshoe, our student council helps at the beginning of the year with registration. They assist students in locating their lockers and classrooms. They sponsor concession stands for the students when Watson has "celebration" days.

The student council will give away fun prizes throughout the year for activities that keep all students involved.

In Muleshoe, our junior high student council is led by sponsors Diana Harrison and Amanda Sealy. They meet at lunch with the members on a weekly basis. The time that they devote to these students does not go unnoticed at Watson.

They teach our members responsibility, respect, and citizenship. They are truly having a hand in developing leaders for tomorrow.

The current junior high student council members include: Yvonne Diaz, president, Abigail Boehning, vice president, Liliana Barrera, secretary, Luke Del Toro, treasurer, Coleman Preston, historian, Hallie Myatt, reporter, Cassidy Cage, parliamentarian, and Conley Niblett, chaplain.

The eighth grade representatives are Valerie Ambriz, Brianna Barron and Melody

Moran.

The seventh grade representatives are Matthew DeLeon, Jacob DeLeon, Abriana Mendoza, Kyndal Miller and Kayla Torres. And the sixth grade representatives are Camryn Beam, Jose Cardenas, Ricky Diaz, Adriana Mora and Emili Mora.

Muleshoe ISD is proud of its junior high student council. The 21 students represent all students on the campus, and they are developing character that will honor their families and Muleshoe ISD.

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The Sudan Buzzy

Sudan Hornets Take Bi-District Championship

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent
The Sudan Hornets clinched another bi-district championship at Denver City Friday night when they played the Crosbyton Chiefs in a battle to the finish.

Sudan would score within the last seconds of the game with a score of 41-36.

Crosbyton scored first in the beginning of the game when Crosbyton's Michael Gutierrez carried 27 yards to finish off a 10-play 61-yard drive for a Chief touchdown. The Pat kick by Isiah Henn was good.

On Sudan's first drive of the game, BJ Johnson ran 86 yards for the Hornet touchdown. The PAT by Edgar Nunez was good tying it up 7-7.

Crosbyton began another drive but coughed up the ball. The Hornets took over and drove down the field to the 31-yard line and Nunez would put three points on the score board to end the first quarter with a score of 10-7.

Crosbyton scored on their next possession with a 19-yard touchdown pass from Austin Moreno to Nathan Childers. The

PAT kick by Henn was good. The Chiefs went up 10-14.

Sudan scored on their next possession when Johnson ran 35 yards for a Sudan touchdown. The score took eight plays for 75 yards. The PAT was no good.

The Hornets were up 16-14. Crosbyton would score two times before half. Gutierrez ran the ball 46 yards for a touchdown.

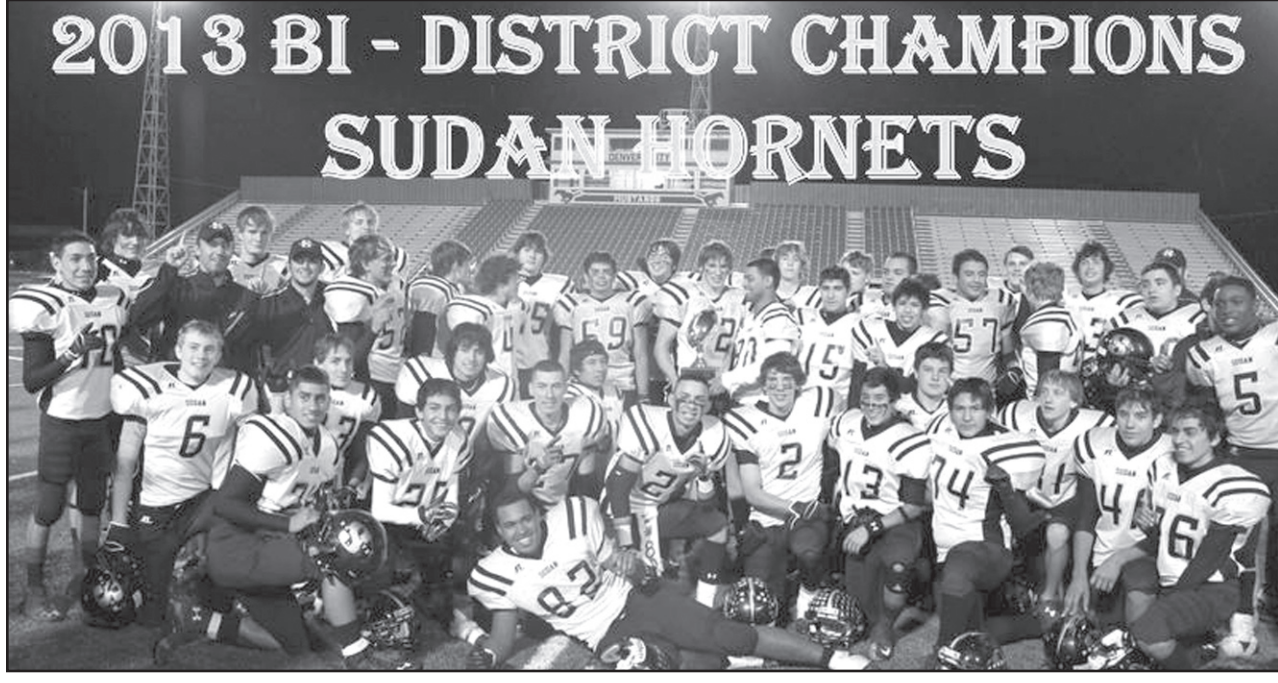
The PAT was blocked by Damion Montes. Then before half, Gutierrez kicked a 23-yard field goal giving the Chiefs the 23-16 halftime lead.

Sudan came out firing in the third quarter. Barry Johnson once again capped off a 73-yard drive when he ran 16 yards for the touchdown.

The PAT kick by Nunez was good. The Hornets would get the ball back deep on the 10 yard line.

Hornet quarterback Stephen Schovajsa would find Tanner Fisher who ran 90 yards for a Hornet touchdown.

The PAT kick was no good giving the Hornets the 29-23 lead. Reece Harper would add six more points on the board for the Hornets in the third quarter when Harper ran 20 yards



for the touchdown after a three-play 63 yard drive. The two point conversion was no good, and the Hornets were up 35-23.

Crosbyton scored at the end of the 3rd quarter when Blake Guzman ran 18 yards for a Chief touchdown. The PAT kick was good, and the score was 35-30 to start the fourth quarter.

Both sides fought out the fourth quarter through smart defensive plays. It wasn't until 3:04 left on the game clock when Crosbyton's Childers would run 36 yards for a Chief touchdown.

Crosbyton would go for two points but failed on a PAT pass from

Moreno to Henn.

The Hornets started on their own 21-yard line to begin their final drive of the night. The Hornets reached the goal line with less than 20 seconds left to play.

On fourth down and less than a foot to the goal line, Schovajsa would carry it in to the end zone with less than one second left on the clock. The Hornets won the game with a score of 41-36.

Sudan had 618 yards of total offense in 58 plays for the night versus Crosbyton's 365 yards of offense in 61 plays.

Leading the charge tonight was quarterback Stephen Schovajsa with 303 yards passing and was eight for 16 in passing attempts and completions. Schovajsa also ran 82 yards in 14 carries.

BJ Johnson led all rushers with 18 carries for 190 yards. Johnson also had two catches for 49 yards. On defense, Johnson had seven unassisted and five assisted tackles.

Tanner Fisher had a great night as well. Fisher caught three passes for 138 yards. He also had three unassisted and two assisted tackles on defense.

Other notable Hornets for the night were Reece Harper with four carries for 27 yards and four assisted and four unassisted tackles. Harris Chester had one catch for 65 yards. Luke Tiller had six unassisted and seven assisted tackles,

and Uriel Delgado had four unassisted and two assisted tackles and twosacks.

Sudan will play Wellington for the Area Championship. The game will be played at Kimbrough Field at 7 p.m.

UIL Team Places At Fall Fandango

The Sudan UIL Team competed at the Texas Tech Fall Fandango on Saturday, Nov. 16.

The team as a whole placed third overall in the small school division that consists of 1A, 2A, and 3A division schools.

Individual results showed that the UIL team is once again planning to be competitive in district competition in March.

The individuals who did place competed against teams from the 1A-3A ranking.

Adam Harper placed third in accounting. The accounting team also was third place as a team.

In computer science, Adam Harper placed first, Jacob Markham placed third, Alex Hernandez placed fifth, Andrew Harper placed sixth, Deric McCurry placed seventh, and Jose Trejo placed ninth.

The computer science team placed first overall.

Andrew Harper placed seventh in computer applications.

In literary criticism, Alex Hernandez placed second, Vanesa Aguilar placed third, and Anakin Cantu placed fourth. The literary criticism team placed first overall.

In mathematics' 12th grade division, Adam Harper placed third while Deric McCurry placed ninth.

In the ninth grade division, Andrew Harper placed second. Overall, Adam Harper placed third in the 1A-3A division.

In number sense's 12th grade division, Adam Harper placed fourth,

and Andrew Harper placed second in the ninth grade division.

Overall, Adam Harper placed fifth in the 1A-3A division.

In social studies, Alex Hernandez placed fourth while Vanesa Aguilar placed seventh.

The Sudan UIL Coaches are: Jonathan Robertson, computer science; Cheri Sain, literary criticism; Jana Synatschk, mathematics; Guthry Edwards, computer applications and accounting; Warren Swarb, social studies; and Melanie Harper, number sense.

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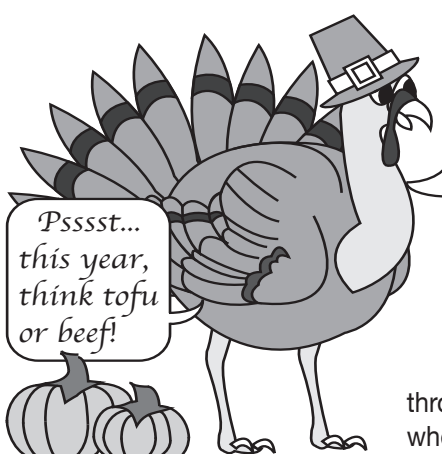


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...parade and then having our feast!



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Happy Thanksgiving, Everyone!

Our Thanksgiving holiday is based upon the wonderful feast that the Pilgrims and Native Americans shared at Plymouth Plantation, where the Pilgrims lived in Massachusetts.

We travel 'Over the River and through the Woods' to places where 'We Gather Together' to give thanks for our family, friends and all that we have!

Read these clues to fill in this puzzle about Thanksgiving:

1. about half of these people moved to Holland, then to the New World so they could build a better life and worship as they pleased
2. taught the Pilgrims skills to survive (Native American _____)
3. Native American who lived with the Pilgrims
4. number of braves who came to the Pilgrims' feast
5. stone that marks the Pilgrims' landing place (2 words)
6. an agreement signed by the men to set up a new government (2 words)
7. Pilgrims' ship, sailed 66 days and nights to America
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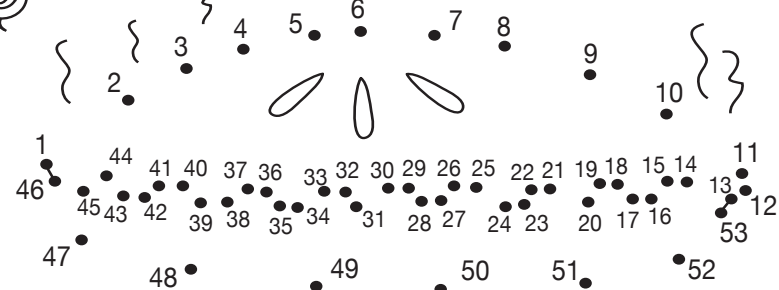
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The Pilgrims ate turkey, fish and venison. They had cabbages, carrots, corn, onions, wild plums, berries, and honey too.

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Ooooo...cranberry bread pudding, cheesecake, and walnut cookies. Connect the dots to see my favorite "ending to the feast."

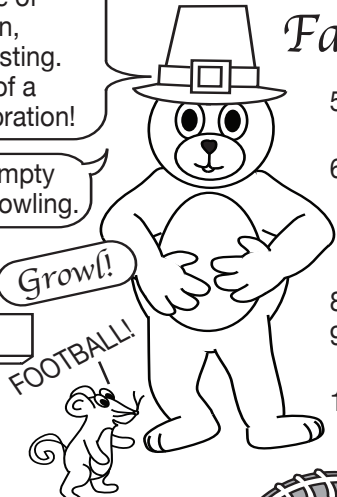


Clues for crossword puzzle:

- 1. I'll wake up to Mom making stuffing and getting the turkey ready to _____.
- 2. Next, we will go into town to _____ in the parade.
- 3. When we get home, the whole family will have arrived and we will all _____.
- 4. My cousins and uncles will gather around the TV to _____ football.

Fill in this puzzle to get an idea of the perfect Thanksgiving Day for Forest!

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5. When the game is over, we will _____ Thanksgivings from years ago.
6. Then, we will go into the kitchen to help _____ the food.
7. I will do my part to _____ the table and give it holiday cheer.
8. Once everyone is seated, we'll _____ thanks for all we have.
9. We will _____ a huge feast with turkey, cranberry sauce, and mashed potatoes.
10. While we have our food we'll _____ the holiday and family.
11. After dinner the family will go for a nice autumn _____ to get some fresh air.
12. Once our meals have settled down, everyone will gather outside to _____ a big family game of football.

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The Christmas Key... Continued From A1

Patiently, she began to wait, peeking over the top of the fort's wall occasionally when she'd hear a sound that might be boots trekking through the snow. When Toby heard the thick crunching and skittering sound of snow-packed boots coming from the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson's front yard, Toby not only knew her wait was over, she also knew the identity of her victim... Mr. Whiffle. It wasn't going to be a good morning for the U.S. Postal Service, Toby thought to herself as she reached for a snowball. Peeking once more over the wall, she saw the postman pull some letters out of his mail bag, glance at the address, and stuff them into the mail box on the front of her house. Excited, she crouched back down, anticipating the sound of his passage. Crunch...skitter, crunch...skitter, the sound of the postman's boots breaking through the snow that had already begun to crust, along with the sound of the snow as it was kicked across the surrounding snow's surface when his boot was lifted free, came

closer and closer... and stopped. After a few seconds passed Toby peeked out, and was hit between the eyes with a snowball. Startled, she fell backward, brushing the cold wetness from her face. When her eyes were clear, Toby looked up, into the face of Mr. Whiffle as he leaned across the fort's wall a down at her. "Been carrying the mail for 22 years, Tabitha Burns," he said. "If I couldn't recognize a snowball ambush by now, I'd hang up by bag." Chortling loudly, the postman turned and headed around the trees separating the Burns' yard from the Patterson's house on the west. Climbing back to her feet, Toby had only a second to yell after him, "Don't call me Tabitha!" Toby... or rather Tabitha Lucille Burns, hated her first name. She hated her second name as well, but she really hated the nickname often associated with Tabitha... "Tabby." "I'm not a cat!" she yelled at her grandfather, when he started calling her that a couple of years earlier. "Then I'll just call you 'Toby,'" he said, and the

nickname stuck. * * * * * The heavy fog bank surrounding the North Pole usually provided more than enough protection for the inhabitants of Santa's village. Designed to obscure the brightly lit dwellings and workshops of Santa Claus' workforce, it possessed the additional benefit of magically redirecting the over-curious traveler. Individuals, whether traveling by foot, vehicle, or even aircraft, seeking the magical metropolis beyond the Arctic Circle, were gently turned from their course by the fog without more than a brief glance of what they assumed to be nothing more than the Northern Lights in the distance. But some weren't. Not all of the far north's inhabitants loved children or spent their time working to bring a moment of happiness to the children of the world. Some of the inhabitants of these bitter cold regions were just... well, bitter. On this particular night, two of the most bitter residents of the far north were using their powers to defeat the fog's magical

properties with the intent of visiting not just the village built around the workshops, but rather the workshops themselves. Sophia glanced over at her sister, Porsha, and grinned a grin that would have frozen fire. So cold-hearted was Sophia that only her sister could imagine how terrible a person she was, and that was because her own heart was a perfect match. Just moments before, the sisters had used their powers to shift the fog, in doing so clouding the minds of a pack of wolves they'd encountered on patrol. One of the wolves, possibly the leader, had paused for a moment sniffing the air, as if he suspected something was out of place, before giving in to the glamour cast by the winter witches, and continuing on. A few minutes later, the sisters had succeeded in breaching the fog's protective barrier, and looked across the frozen hills toward their intended goal. Then, having regained their bearings, they moved forward once again, their passage leaving the snow underfoot unmarred. With a sweep of her hand, Porsha cloaked

both of them in shadow. It would take strong magic indeed to reveal the pair as they glided across the snow toward the village. But they moved quietly and carefully because they knew powerful magic was always present in the workshops ahead, and the object they sought was protected by some of the strongest. * * * * * Toby awoke with a start, sitting up and glancing around her bedroom, wondering what had awakened her. In all honesty, she didn't mind being awakened. The dream she'd been experiencing seemed to be turning into a nightmare, and even a tough little "tomboy" such as Toby knew there were places in her dreams she didn't want to revisit. Of late, there had been too many such dreams. Dark, cold dreams that made less sense than any other nightmares she had ever experienced. And always there were those two dark shadows moving about in them. Two frightful images she couldn't quite make out. The memory of the half-forgotten dream caused her to shudder, so she leaned over,

reached under her bed, and pulled out her softball bat. The movement of the bat dislodged the softball from her mitt, causing her to inhale sharply when it rolled from under the bed, a ghostly object traveling silently across the floor's darkness before coming to rest against a chair with a soft bump. Clutching the bat to her like a long-lost friend, Toby laid back down and pulled the covers over her head. * * * * * In the far north, the dark figures that troubled Toby's dreams reached the door to Santa's personal workshop, and entered without bothering to open the door... gliding quietly through the wall itself. As quiet as their magic allowed them to enter, their presence was immediately announced by a flash of lights. Sophia threw her arms wide, summoning a darkness that sucked up the light, and silenced the room's alarm bells with a thought at the same time. "Get it before someone learns of our arrival," she snarled at her sister. Continued next week

SPORTS NEWS

Lady Mules Defeat Lady Wolverines In Season Opener

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

The Lady Mules were on the road for two games this past week as they kicked off their 2013-2014 basketball season.

The Lady Mules traveled to Springlake-Earth Tuesday evening to play the Lady Wolverines and then on Saturday were Brownfield to meet the Lady Cubs.

It took the Lady Mules a little time to get started in both games but in the final minutes of the first period in Springlake opened a 14-8 lead.

They went on to defeat Springlake-Earth 52-22.

The long road to Brownfield seemed to rock the Lady Mules to sleep and they did not wake up until the fourth period.

The Lady Mules trailed 24-8 as the final period got under way. The Lady Cubs hung on to defeat the Lady Mules 33-24.

Adrienne Precure hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key 20 seconds into the final period in Brownfield to finally push the Lady Mules into double figures. Daniela Diaz finished

a fast break to answer a pair of free throws by the Lady Cubs.

Diaz stayed hot as she drained a trey from the right wing to cut the Lady Cub lead to 26-16.

Precure drove the floor on a fast break and pulled up for a six-foot jump shot.

The Cubs scored to lead 28-18.

A. Precure saw McKenna Dunham break inside her defender near the baseline and delivered her the ball. Dunham scored with a short jumper.

Diaz picked a Cub's pocket out front and drove the floor. She was fouled shooting and made both free throws to cut the Cub lead to 28-22 with five minutes remaining in the game.

Brownfield scored and Precure used her final foul while a Cub was shooting on their next trip down the floor.

The Cub made one free throw. Dunham passed to Emily Precure on a fast break. When the single defender came out to stop E. Precure she passed back to Dunham to complete the break for the Lady Mules final points in the game.

Sadie Sudduth fed Dunham on the baseline for the Lady Mules first basket at Springlake.

The Wolverines scored the next five points to take the lead. A. Precure pushed the ball ahead to Diaz on a fast break.

Diaz was fouled as she scored and completed the three-point play to tie the game at 5-5.

Sa. Sudduth hit from the elbow to put the Lady Mules in front to stay with almost four minutes remaining in the first period.

The next trip down the floor Sa. Sudduth saw E. Precure open on the wing and tossed her the ball.

E. Precure drained the trey to put the Lady Mules up 10-5 with three and half minutes left in the opening period.

A. Precure made a three-quarter court pass to Dunham running on a fast break. Dunham was fouled shooting and made one of two free throws.

The Wolverines hit a 3-pointer with a minute left but Diaz quickly answered with a trey to end the period with the Lady Mules leading 14-8.

The Lady Mules added 10 points in the

second period and 11 in the third to take a 35-18 advantage into the final eight minutes.

The Wolverines opened the final period with a hoop but Diaz answered with a driving lay up.

Shanice Rosas finished a fast break before Dunham scored in the paint.

A. Precure stopped and popped from the free throw line.

E. Precure ran the floor to complete a break and a 10-point Lady Mule scoring run.

Sydney Sudduth scored on an inbound play, E. Precure added a pair of free-throws and Sa. Sudduth dropped in a trey from the top of the key to end the game.

All eight Lady Mules scored against Springlake with A. Precure leading the charge with 13 points.

Diaz made eight points. Sa. Sudduth, Dunham and E. Precure added seven points each.

Rosas and Sy. Sudduth made four points each and DonAnn Rempé chipped in two points.

Diaz led the Lady Mules against Brownfield with 10 points and Dunham



dropped in nine points.

A. Precure scored all five of her points in the final quarter.

The Lady Mules made their home debut

Tuesday evening, Nov. 19, when they hosted the Morton Maidens.

The Lady Mules travel to Bovina to play the Bovina Lady Mustangs on Friday, Nov. 22.

Varsity Mules Football... Continued From A1

have enough gas in our tanks. That is what happens when you have the youth that we have and going against a 10-0 team. I do not want to take anything away from Denver City but our kids fought tooth and nail with them," said Wood.

"The kids never gave up and fought the whole game long. We now will try to have a good off season and get ready to come back next season firing on all cylinders."

"I want to thank the fans that have supported and been with us all season. They play a much larger part of our success than they realize. The kids really respond when our fans are cheering for them," said Coach Wood.

The Mules played catch up in the first half after Denver City scored first on a Mason Milligan two-yard run for a touchdown with 2:58 left in the first quarter.

The touchdown capped an 80-yard drive that included a 36-yard pass completion on fourth down.

The Mules battled back in the second quarter. Danny Campos threw a 21-yard pass to Austin Ross in the Mustang end zone.

The drive covered 80 yards in 11 plays for the touchdown with 10:05 remaining in the first half.

Milligan scored his second touchdown of the game on a seven-yard run with a little over two minutes left in the half.

The Mules answered

and took the momentum to the dressing room when Campos connected with Cristian Paez coming out of the backfield with a seven-yard pass. It was a six play 75-yard drive.

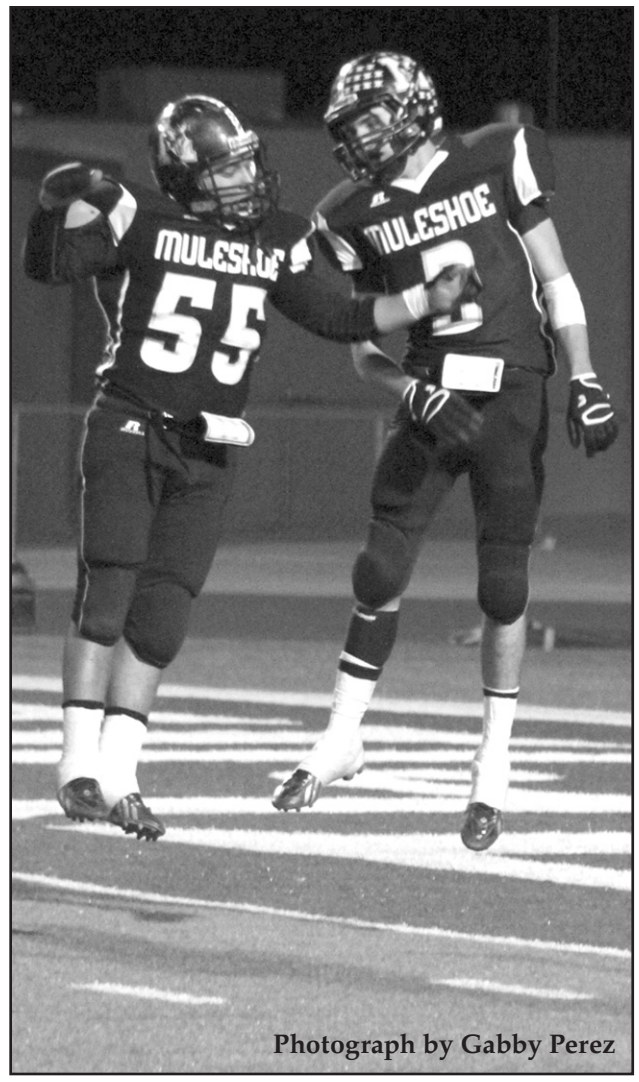
The game was tied at 14-14 with 32 seconds still on the clock.

The Mules received the second half kickoff and drove 73 yards on four plays. Eli Leal took Campos pass to the end zone for a 37-yard touchdown that put the Mules on top 21-14.

It took the Mustangs less than a minute to respond when Daniel Garcia scored from 22-yards out.

Denver City had covered 67 yards in three plays.

Milligan provided the Mustangs the break they needed when he stepped in front of a Campos pass at the



Photograph by Gabby Perez

Mules "hang out" during the game.

Mule 35 and returned to the 27.

Milligan tied the game with a one-yard dive with 6:29 remaining in the third period.

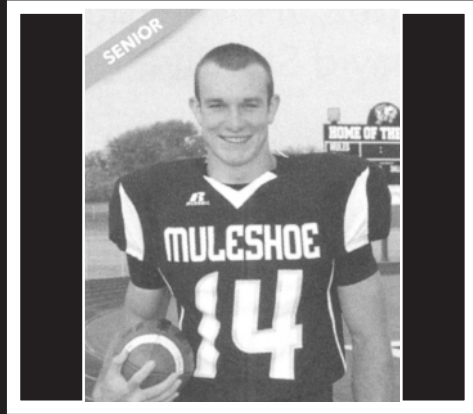
Milligan was back in the end zone for his fourth score of the

night on a three-yard run at the 11:22 mark of the fourth quarter. The touchdown put the Mustangs in front to stay 27-21.

Kaleb King added the final points to the board with a one-play

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SPORTS NEWS

JV Lady Mules Defeat Springfield-Earth In Season Opener

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules kept their record spotless this past week by defeating both the Springlake-Earth Lady Wolverines and Brownfield Lady Cubs.

The Lady Mules rolled over the Wolverines 62-15 Tuesday evening. Brownfield proved to be a tougher game Saturday morning for the Lady Mules. The Cubs led until Marissa Reyes tied the game with a free throw to send it to overtime. The final two and half minutes of the extra period belong to the Lady Mules and they defeated the Cubs 36-31.

Angie Perez broke the tie early in the extra period with an eight-foot jump shot.

The Cubs retied the game and took the lead for the last time by making three-of-four free throws.

Jasmine Garza found the range from behind the arc for a trey to put the Lady Mules in front to stay with 2:32 left in the game, 32-30.

The Cubs' final point came on a free throw

with 44 seconds on the clock.

Reagan Reynolds battled through a double team to score in the paint and raced down the floor to pull down a defensive rebound.

Desiree Gutierrez ended all scoring by making both free throws after being fouled out front.

Sasha Esparza opened the game in Springlake with a jumper from the free throw line. Garza hit a trey and Angie Perez scored in the paint before draining a trey from the top of the key.

Garza hit a bucket from the free throw line to extend the Lady Mule lead to 12-0 with 3:20 left in the first period.

Reyes scored on back-to-back plays before Marilyn Melendes scored from 15 feet.

Zoe Apodaca ended the period with a hoop on a break.

The period ended with seven Lady Mules scoring in the first eight minutes and led 22-2.

Garza, Esparza and Perez shared the scoring pace against Springlake with nine points each.

Reyes added eight

points and Reynolds dropped in seven.

Apodaca and Yasmine Sandoval scored six points apiece.

Brittney Mendoza had four points, Gutierrez and Melendez chipped in two points each.

Reynolds led the Lady Mules in scoring at Brownfield with nine points and Garza was close behind with eight.

Mendoza dropped in five points, Gutierrez, Sandoval and Melendes added three points each.

Reyes and Perez made two points each and Esparza chipped in a point.

The Lady Mules hosted Morton Tuesday, Nov. 19, and will travel to the Hale Center Lady Owl Tournament Nov. 21-23.



Lady Mules work on their ground game.



Photographs by Gabby Perez

A JV Lady Mule shoots in the game against the Lady Wolverines.

Junior High Ladies Sweep Friona Maidens

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh and eighth grade Lady Mules traveled to Friona, Nov. 11, to kick off their basketball season.

The Lady Mules swept all four games from the Maidens.

The eighth grade Lady Mules jumped out to an early lead by outscoring the Maidens 9-2 in the opening period.

The Lady Mules clamped down the defense even tighter in the second quarter to lead 17-2 at the half.

The Lady Mules cruised to a 31-15 win.

"It took a little while to get going, but the first game 'jitters' finally disappeared and we played 'our' game," said Lady Mule coach Edie Niblett.

"This group of girls

play a very fast paced game and are very aggressive on defense."

Conley Niblett led the eighth grade Lady Mules by scoring nine points. Yvonne Diaz had seven, Cassidy Cage six and Brianna Barron scored four points.

Lili Barrera and Melody Moran made two points each and Brianna Velasquez chipped in one.

The seventh grade Lady Mules got off to a slow start and trailed the Friona Maidens 2-0 after one quarter.

But they stepped things up in the second period and poured in 13 points while holding the Maidens scoreless.

The Lady Mules continued to roll to a 27-7 first game win.

"We had a very slow first quarter but after we got over our nerves of having a first game our girls really picked

it up and turned the game around," said Lady Mule Coach Jalissa King.

"This is shown by our 13 points in the second quarter. The girls did a great job playing together and putting together all of the pieces that we have practiced."

Natali Elizalde and Keely Dunham set the scoring pace for the Lady Mules with six points each.

The B Team 1 Lady Mules ran circles around the Friona Maidens by scoring 12 points in the first period and 14 in the fourth.

The Lady Mules defeated Friona 31-6.

Madison Price led the way with 10 points, Laura Chavez and Ricarda Elizalde added six points each.

Kayla Torres made four points, Haili Gardner and Madison

Lutz dropped in two points apiece and Haley Hunt chipped in one point.

"These girls really put everything together for a great first win," said Coach Niblett.

"Our defense has come a long way and they work well together. It felt good to have our first game under our belt with a win."

The B Team 2 Lady Mules picked up their first win of the year by defeating the Friona Maidens 13-2.

Liliana Martinez set the pace with five points and Kimberly Lopez was right behind her with four points.

"These girls did a great job," said Coach King. "They had a slow start but after that they really starting clicking. They really had a great first game," the coach added.

The Lady Mules hosted the Olton Fillies Monday and travel to Dimmitt on Nov. 25.

Mules...

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drive for 58 yards. The 11-0 Mustangs will travel to Sweetwater's Mustang Bowl Friday evening to meet the 8-3 Bangs Dragons.

Campos completed 17 of 33 passing attempts for 199 yards and three touchdowns. He had four passes intercepted and fumbled once.

Paez led the Mules in rushing with nine carries for 68 yards and caught two passes for 52 yards and a touchdown. Keagan Gonzales made four rushes for 44 yards.

Leal had four receptions for 76 yards and one touchdown and Ross made six catches for 61 yards and a TD.

Matt Barron snagged five passes for 43 yards and JJ Gandara made four receptions for 44 yards.



Playoff Picks

by Rhea Gonzales

I would like to say congratulations to the Mules on a great season!

You worked very hard this year and the gains you all made did not go unnoticed!

I am looking forward to start this all again next year.

We had five contestants choose five out of five games correct.

Juan Sustaita, 56; Steven Madrigal, 42; Mark Moton, 66; Freddy Vuittonet, 58; and Scott Brown, 36.

The tie-breaker score Muleshoe 21 vs. Denver City 41, 62; was used to determine the winner. Freddy and Mark

were both four points shy away from the total score, so a coin toss was used to determine the winner.

The winner of the coin toss for the \$25 Sonic Gift Card is Freddie Vuittonet, you may pick up your prize on or after Wednesday, Nov. 20.

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- 2007 W. American Blvd. - 100' x 140' tract - \$12750!!

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Treasurer's Report Credited With Saving A Life

By Larry Thornton
Editor

County Judge Sherri Harrison passed out the October treasurer's report at the Tuesday, Nov. 12, special commissioners court, but noted the report wouldn't be approved until a later meeting.

The report was completed earlier that morning, and is possibly the reason County Treasurer Shonda Black will be able to file for re-election.

On Tuesday, Nov. 12, Black arrived at her office early to work on the treasurer's report, thus escaping injury when a pickup crashed through her bedroom window on West Ave. B.

According to Muleshoe Police

Lt. Benny Parker, shortly after 8 a.m. that morning, Carlos Saenz, 54, of Muleshoe apparently lost control of the 2003 Ford pickup he was driving and after destroying a carport belonging to Robert Wauson of 1532 W. Ave. B, traveled down the street — passing between two parked vehicles, and crossed the street before driving into the bedroom of Kim and Shonda Black at 1602 W. Ave. B.

Damage to the residence was estimated at \$20,000, while damage to the carport was estimated at \$4,500.

Saenz received minor injuries in the accident. According to Parker, the incident is still under investigation.

"This saved Shonda's

life," Harrison said as she passed out the report, noting that the county treasurer would have been getting ready for work in the area occupied by the front end of the Ford pickup that morning if she hadn't arrived about 7:45 a.m.

After receiving the October report, the court approved the September treasurer's report that had been received previously.

At the Tuesday special meeting, the court:

- Approved the minutes from previous meetings.
- Approved payment of county bills totaling \$230,692.97.
- Approved in-county travel forms.
- Approved the soil conservation worksheets totaling \$835.
- Authorized the county judge to sign a letter to the Texas Department of Transportation regarding surplus rap



Saenz' pickup resting in the bedroom at 1602 W. Avenue B.

material that would be used to repair various county roads.

In another special commissioners court on Wednesday, Nov. 13, the commissioners canvassed the election results from the 2013 Constitutional Amendment election that was held on Nov. 4.

The commissioners also received the county's 2012-13 year-end treasurer's report for review.

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