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## Representative-Elect King Visits Muleshoe

**By Larry Thornton**  
*Managing Editor*  
 Dist. 88 State Representative-elect Ken King of Canadian stopped in Muleshoe Friday morning to talk about the upcoming legislative session. The gathering, which was held in Muleshoe State Bank's community room, attracted what King described as the largest number of constituents

**"I didn't come this far to go down there and be quiet..."**  
 — Rep.-elect Ken King

— including public officials and private citizens — to date as he journeyed through the 17 counties that make up Dist. 88. In topics ranging from education and transportation to water rights, King addressed

some of the questions and issues that are expected to come up in the next legislative session. "I didn't come this far to go down there and be quiet," King said, also noting that he's "jumped up and down and yelled

to be assigned to the State House's education committee. While Dr. Gene Sheets, superintendent of the Muleshoe Independent School District brought up the seemingly ever-present issue of changes needed in state testing and accountability — an issue King is aware of as the former president of the school board at Canadian, the superintendent also

talked about the need for more local control of the curriculum and the question of why all high school students need to take chemistry and physics courses. While King expressed agreement with Sheets, he also spoke about the lack of AP classes in many small school districts. King also said the issues of water rights and availability and



*Ken King*  
 transportation would impact West Texas education.  
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Photograph by Gabby Perez

## City Council Says Golf Course Is Needed

**By Larry Thornton**  
*Managing Editor*  
 "Does the City of Muleshoe need a golf course," City Manager David Brunson asked during Monday's regular meeting. If the answer to the question is "yes," the city manager said it is more than likely that the city will need to take an active role in its operation. "It's really tough for a city of this size to operate and maintain a nine-hole golf course," he said. At issue during Monday's regular meeting of the Muleshoe City Council was the

possible approval of a committee — composed of Mayor Cliff Black, council member Eric McElroy, and the city manager, to negotiate with representatives of the Muleshoe Country Club concerning the best way to provide the services of a local golf course and "protect the interest of the taxpayers." Although nothing was said about it during Monday's meeting, statements have been made by various members of the organization about its financial status and problems with the  
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## Mice and Mules

Paraphrasing the poet Robert Burns, "The best laid plans of mice and Mules sometimes go awry." Pictured above, Mules attempt to pull down Littlefield's runner during Friday's district championship game.

## Slow Growth For Most Communities

**By Larry Thornton**  
*Managing Editor*  
 The majority of area communities showed either a drop or minimal gain in this month's sales tax allocation. More than half of the communities listed a drop, according to numbers received from the Texas State Comptroller's office, ranging from Earth with a 17.66 percent drop to Morton at a

drop of 7.55 percent. The communities with a minimal increase included Muleshoe at .18 percent, compared to the same period in 2011, and Olton at 1.35 percent. In this month's allocations, Farwell took the top prize with a huge 35.96 percent increase, representing \$3,322.87. In the year-to-date totals, Littlefield

remains at the top in both percentage of increase, 16.88 percent compared to last year's totals for the same period, and actual dollars, \$992,446.80. In comparison, Muleshoe's Y-T-D total is \$516,750.04, and increase from last year of 3.65 percent. Bovina is at the bottom of the Y-T-D totals with a 3.08 percent drop in sales tax revenue.

November's tax allocation represent sales tax collected by local merchants in September, and reported to the comptroller's office in October. In a news release last week, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the state sales tax revenue in October was \$2.03 billion, up 8.2 percent compared to October 2011.  
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Sales Tax Results			
City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$54,650.95	54,549.34	0.18%
Dimmitt	\$29,122.98	35,019.80	-16.83%
Morton	\$10,178.09	11,009.55	-7.55%
Littlefield	\$112,888.80	98,206.02	14.95%
Earth	\$ 5,541.86	6,730.52	-17.66%
Olton	\$ 11,347.64	11,196.31	1.35%
Sudan	\$ 4,038.29	4,860.12	-16.90%
Farwell	\$ 12,562.65	9,239.78	35.96%
Bovina	\$ 7,881.41	8,687.26	-9.27%
Frona	\$33,287.95	38,101.68	-12.63%

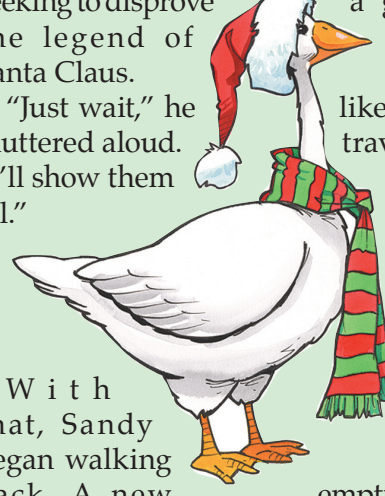
## Santa's Christmas Gift

As part of this year's holiday celebration, the Muleshoe Journal is bringing you, once again, the second in the Christmas trilogy with the hope that parents will spend some time reading with their children. This serial story will continue until it's conclusion in the Dec. 20 Christmas issue.

**By Larry Thornton**  
**Part 2**  
 Sandy eventually slowed to a stop, panting heavily from

his run into the night. Looking back he could still see the roofs of the Christmas village in the distance silhouetted against the light from the lanterns that lit its shoveled streets. For a moment, he considered resuming his trek southward until he reached the magical fog bank that surrounded the area, protecting it from the prying eyes of travelers — mostly scientists studying the arctic region — and the occasional intruder

seeking to disprove the legend of Santa Claus. "Just wait," he muttered aloud. "I'll show them all." With that, Sandy began walking back. A new plan was already beginning to form in his head. Instead of building



a gift, he'd find something Santa would like, but that meant traveling far to the south and to do that he needed to borrow some transportation. \*\*\*\*\* "G o o d supper, Mom," Robbie said, setting his now-empty glass down and preparing to launch himself from the dining room chair into the living room with a

single bound. "Like Ssss Superman!" he shouted silently within his own mind until he caught the look of disapproval on his mothers face out of the corner of his eye. "...Uh ...not like superman," he said softly, taking himself out of launch mode. "That's better. If you're so full of energy, why don't you help your sister with her homework. "Momm!" The expression on

her face, as she lifter her chin slightly and arched an eyebrow, told Robbie that he'd already lost this particular battle. As he walked past her, Robbie's hair was briefly mussed. Marge followed him into the living room, grinning at the back of Robbie's head, aware of her triumph in a battle she didn't even have. But her smile quickly disappeared as her  
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# OPINION

## Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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### BCMA Thanksgiving Service

The Bailey County Ministerial Alliance annual Thanksgiving community service is set for Sunday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church.

Monetary donations received will be given to the Hope Chest, while donations of canned goods will go to the Bailey County Food Pantry.

### Will Clinic

Legal Aid of Northwest Texas will be hosting a free will preparation clinic on Friday, Nov. 16, from 9:30 a.m. until noon, at the Bailey County Electric Cooperative's community room, for qualifying individuals.

Assistance with directives to physicians, medical powers of attorney and out-of-hospital DNR orders will be available also.

For more information call (806)293-8491.

### Pheasant Hunt Breakfast

Bailey County EMS will be hosting its annual pheasant hunt breakfast at the Bailey County Coliseum on Saturday, Dec. 1.

For details about the breakfast and related events call 272-4390.

### Christmas Around Muleshoe

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture will be hosting "Christmas Around Muleshoe," beginning Saturday, Nov. 10, at various locations around the community, culminating on Dec. 15.

Local businesses wishing to participate in the events should contact Becky Hoksbergen at 272-4248 by Friday, Nov. 2.

As part of this year's celebration, the annual Christmas parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m.

Parade entrants are asked to donate food items this year to the Bailey County Food Pantry.

Christmas Around Muleshoe will include a business and residential decorating contest, and a drawing for \$1,000 in Mule Bucks.

The decorating contest will be judged on Dec. 17, and the winners announced on Dec. 19.

### EMT Basic

An EMT basic class will be held in Earth starting Jan. 7. For additional information call 272-4390.

### Christmas Card Project

The annual Christmas Card Project starts Friday, Nov. 22, and ends Dec. 14. Donations can be made at both local banks or mailed to Park View Nursing Care Center, Attn. Joy Stancell, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe Texas 79347.

For more info you may call (806)272-7578.

### Library Pajama Day

The Muleshoe Area Public Library will be hosting Pajama Day on Wednesday, Nov. 21, and showing the "Harry Potter" series from beginning to end. The first movie will begin at 9 a.m.

Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult, and must not be left at the library alone.

# A Recipe For A 'Stress-Free, Perfect' Thanksgiving?

"Stay with us," came the morning television tease, "and we'll hear from a restaurant critic who'll help us plan for a 'stress-free' holiday. Coming up is his guide to the perfect Thanksgiving dinner."

Well, that put a bad taste in my mouth. It sort of stuck in my craw, and I tuned out before I heard what to stuff in my stuffing.

Any recipe that claims to marry the flavors of "stress-free" and "perfect" is 100 percent guaranteed to cook up gut-wrenching failure and frustration. On any holiday. On any day. In any life.

I used to believe over-achievers who work from the deeply held (and unexamined) premise that if they can just push the rest of us hard enough to live up to their standards, we, too, can become almost perfect.

I used to think "motivational" sayings like, "Good is the enemy of Excellent!" were wise. (If you've just been to a "success" seminar, bought the idea and the poster, forgive me.) I know they mean to caution against



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

complacency and urge toward improvement.

But real encouragement that builds up and leads to genuine improvement is not the same as arrogant brow-beating that sends the message: you're inadequate, and you'll never meet my standards. One leads to hope, and the other leads to despair (and makes most folks want to say, "You can take your standards and...").

Have we noticed? The only truly perfect One opts to save the world through grace, not a step by step improvement plan. Grace not only frees and forgives, it empowers.

But didn't Jesus say, "Be perfect"? Just a very little study will show that the word means "complete" or "full-grown," as in "moving toward maturity."

It's hopeful movement in the right direction! It's not the

arrogant soul-sucking, joy-killing, despair-producing idolatrous lie that perfection will be ours if we just get really serious about "trying harder."

Or, worse, that if we push hard enough, we can force the folks around us to be as perfect as we are.

We don't get "perfect." Not here. "Self-righteousness" and "do-it-yourself holiness" are lies.

Trying to pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps has one benefit: It shows us how flimsy our bootstraps are and how weak is our grip.

We're wiser, kinder, a lot easier to be around, and a whole lot more useful to God, once our bootstraps have broken.

It's easier to look up to God when we've fallen red-faced on our tails, no longer convinced that if you give us long enough and we try hard enough, we'll get life right, and we'll get the rest of you to shape up, too.

That's a sad and

lonely way to live. What arrogant assumptions about ourselves make us think we're suited to live with perfection even if we could get it or force it?

Perfectionism doesn't produce better Thanksgivings or better turkeys — or better spouses, or children, or homes, or churches, or businesses.

Settle only for "perfect," and, not only will you not get it, you'll chase away "good." And your joy, and the joy of those around you, will soon be circling the drain.

So do yourself and your family a big favor and forget about a stress-free, perfect Thanksgiving. Or a stress-free perfect life. Opt for "grace-full" instead.

Then you'll not only get some great cranberry sauce with your turkey, you'll get a full helping of joy with your life as you let God do the job of being God. And, ironically, you'll get a lot closer to tasting what God calls "perfect."

## Bailey County Meals On Wheels Needs Help

Bailey County Meals on Wheels is in need of several things, not the least of which are volunteers to deliver meals to the home-bound.

Both route drivers and "fill-in" drivers are needed in Muleshoe, and with the organization looking to expand its services to home-bound residents in Sudan, volunteers are needed there as well.

"The only way this is possible is through volunteers," according to Shelby Carpenter in the Bailey County Office of Aging.

According to Carpenter, assistance is also needed for the Muleshoe Salvation Army and its annual Angel Tree Christmas.

Applications are currently being taken for the project.

"If you know of a

family or children who are in need this Christmas, please contact me," said Carpenter.

Carpenter also noted, that she can help individuals regarding their Medicare Benefits. "You only have until Dec. 7 to compare and change your Part D plans, please call and make an appointment at the Office of Aging," she said.

According to Carpenter, the Meals on Wheels "Easy as Pie" program will begin Nov. 9 at United Supermarkets. "Please come out and support your local meals on wheels," she said.

Salvation Army bell ringers are needed also. Contact Carpenter at (806)272-3647 for additional information.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding..."

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## Mighty "M" Fall Concert Set For Thursday, Nov. 15

In the spring of 2013, the Mighty "M" Band will be taking a "goodwill tour" to show off and promote music in small schools.

"Our plan is to play concerts in public schools that do not have a band or have just started their band program," band instructor John Bibson said.

Funds for this "tour" are raised completely by the band students and the fine arts boosters.

In order to keep 100

percent of all funds available for student use, the band will be taking pledges for donations for each minute of music played at the Nov. 15 Fall Concert, set for 7:30 p.m. in the Dr. Kerry Moore Auditorium.

The program will consist of the band's UIL competition music, football stand tunes, Muleshoe traditions and a few surprises.

Admission to the concert is free and you do not need to make a pledge to attend.

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# 2012 Bailey County General Election

Candidate, Party and Position sought	Bailey County Precincts					
	#1	#2	#3	#4	Early	Total
Alfredo Anzaldua, Dem., Constable	63	46	80	72	124	<b>385</b>
Kent Wiley, Rep., Constable	204	243	126	54	739	<b>1,366</b>
Joey Kindle, Dem., Co. Comm. (3)	—	—	111	—	93	<b>204</b>
Charles Waggoner, Rep., Co. Comm. (3)	—	—	96	—	85	<b>181</b>
Jackie Claborn II, Rep., Co. Attorney	223	251	165	81	730	<b>1,450</b>
Marie Gonzalez, Rep., Tax Assessor	225	243	171	88	720	<b>1,447</b>
Kathryn Gurley, Rep., District Attorney	209	245	165	72	713	<b>1,404</b>
Debra Redwine, Rep., Justice of the Peace	220	243	166	85	728	<b>1,442</b>
Floyd "Butch" Vandivor, Rep., Co. Comm. (1)	217	—	—	—	215	<b>432</b>
Richard Wills, Rep., Sheriff	226	251	170	82	756	<b>1,485</b>
Kel Seliger, Rep., State Senate (31)	211	255	162	77	720	<b>1,425</b>
Ken King, Rep., State Representative (88)	215	255	162	77	171	<b>1,425</b>
Mike Beauchamp, High Plains UWCD (3)	130	157	108	46	436	<b>877</b>
Carroll Cook, High Plains UWCD (3)	23	39	39	21	119	<b>241</b>
<b>Federal</b>						
Barrack Obama / Joe Biden, Dem., President	84	52	78	86	166	<b>466</b>
Mitt Romney / Paul Ryan, Rep., President	191	247	130	50	718	<b>1,336</b>
Gary Johnson / Jim Gray, Lib., President	0	2	2	1	2	<b>7</b>
Jill Stein / Cheri Honkala, Grn., President	0	0	2	1	1	<b>4</b>
David Collins, Grn., US Senator	0	2	1	0	5	<b>8</b>
Ted Cruz, Rep., US Senator	199	235	135	58	698	<b>1,325</b>
Paul Sadler, Dem., US Senator	66	54	68	69	164	<b>421</b>
John Myers, Lib., US Senator	6	5	3	2	6	<b>22</b>
Randy Neugebauer, Rep., US Rep. (19)	212	254	154	75	733	<b>1,428</b>
Richard "Chip" Peterson, Lib., US Rep. (19)	28	28	126	28	68	<b>278</b>

# Majority Vote Early This Year

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Bailey County's 2012 elections brought many to the polls this past week, but the largest turn out was during the early vote, during which slightly more than 50 percent of the total number of voters cast their ballots.

While there were a few exceptions to this, in the majority of races tallied at Bailey County precinct boxes registered voters elected to avoid the lines on Nov. 6

While many might suggest the local voters did little to sway the state and federal races, it was evident the voters wanted their voices heard in the local races.

While the majority of local candidates standing for election

were unchallenged at this stage of the election process, there were three contested races — Bailey County Constable, Bailey County Precinct 3 Commissioner, and the seat for the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District Precinct 3.

In the race for the county constable position, Kent Wiley easily defeated opponent Alfredo Anzaldua, garnering 78 percent of the vote.

The race for the precinct 3 commissioner's seat was much closer, with Joey Kindle defeating Charles Waggoner with 53 percent of the vote.

In the race for the HPWD seat, Mike Beauchamp defeated Carroll Cook with 78 percent of the vote.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Muleshoe veterans renew their pledge to the US flag prior to being honored by the city council.

## Muleshoe City Council... Continued From A1

Internal Revenue Service.

The council approved the city manager's request.

In other business, the city council:

- Welcomed and honored local veterans attending Monday's meeting for their service in the armed forces.

"If it weren't for your service," the mayor said, "we wouldn't be here tonight."

- Approved a proposal authorizing the city's staff to develop policies and procedures to implement a paperless agenda program.

According to the city manager, among the advantages of switching to paperless agendas includes savings on paper and postage, allowing

the council quicker access to the agendas, and more transparent government, because it would allow the general public access to the same information through the city's website.

"It makes everything available to the council available to the public," Brunson said.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," Mayor Pro Tem Irene Mason said.

- Approved the reimbursement of \$2,000 to the Muleshoe Rotary Club for advertising purchases related to its Labor Day roping.

Although the organization submitted receipts totaling \$2,410.50, the city's staff noted that the city normally limited such

reimbursements from the city's hotel and motel tax fund.

- Approved the minutes from its Sept. 10 and Oct. 8 meeting.

- Approved an ordinance amending the city's exiting franchise with Atmos Energy Corporation.

The city manager explained that the attorney's representing the Coalition of West Texas Communities — a group of municipalities including Muleshoe

doing business with Atmos Energy, recommended passage of the amended franchise agreement, noting that it should "stabilize the franchise fees received by the city."

- Approved the replatting of property along West American Blvd. owned by Allsup's.

Brunson explained that Allsup's purchased property where the Ford dealership was located,

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## Rep.-Elect King Visits...

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"If something isn't done about the water and the roads, we won't have to do anything about the schools because no one will live here.

While local resident Bill Liles asked about the possibility of a state-wide vote to approve casino gambling, apparently with the intent of directing money from it toward education as some other states have, King said he

didn't believe it would help public schools.

"I've got a lot of opinions, and a big mouth, but that doesn't mean you can't come talk to me," King said, encouraging the constituents of his district to contact him about issues that concerned them.

"From the city's point," Muleshoe City Manager David Brunson responded, "just leave us alone and get out of our business."

## Muleshoe Sales Tax...

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"The state's growth in sales tax revenue continued to be led by collections from the oil and natural gas-related sectors," said Combs.

sector as well," combs said.

Combs will send November local sales tax allocations totaling \$611.5 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 5.4 percent compared to November 2011.

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Patients may obtain a copy of their individual medical record, in person, at the Muleshoe clinic through Friday, **November 30, 2012**. After that date, your medical records will be transferred to the Organization's central medical records storage facility in Plainview, TX. You may obtain a copy of your medical record after **November 30<sup>th</sup>** by contacting **RHN Administration** at (806) 293-8561 ext 1228

You may obtain general information on the reassignment of your medical records or schedule a follow-up appointment with a provider at an alternate RHN location, by contacting:

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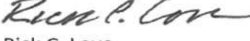
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Fax Number: (806) 364-7694  
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Medical Associates: Dr. Shelly Adams, Family Practice  
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Elisa Hill, LVN, Clinical Nurse Supervisor  
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Sincerely,  
  
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### Business Of The Month

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### Muleshoe City Council...

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- Approved the annual seized and forfeited property report from Muleshoe Police Chief Roy Rice.
- Watched a slide show about the construction of the new clarifier at the city's waste water treatment plant.

million project will significantly improve the system's function, and noted that the water would be "almost potable."

"I'm really pleased with the contractor," Brunson said.

Brunson said it was noticed by the waste water treatment center's staff that more detention time was needed to keep the related pond from filling up with sediment.

"This is quite an investment of your tax dollars," Mayor Black said.

"We recognized we had a problem well before TEQ did," he said.

According to Brunson, the \$1.5

Brunson also said the staff was fortunate to work in a community that supports their work, and allows them to be proactive in regards to such issues.

## Eat Healthy = Staying Healthy

# BAILEY COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

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# Thankful For Muleshoe ISD's Teachers

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is next week. When I think about things in my life for which I am thankful, besides my family, I immediately think of teachers in Muleshoe.

I always have people commenting on how impressed they are with the success we have in Muleshoe. I tell them that our success is because of our outstanding teachers and staff.

I read a story in *Parade Magazine* the other day, written by Brad Meltzer, that was titled, "The World's Greatest Teacher."

It could easily have been written about teachers in Muleshoe.

It is a story about a



teacher who changed the life of a student (Brad Meltzer) whom other teachers seemed not to notice. The student later became a published author.

The teacher took a special interest in him. She told him that he was good at writing. She gave him an opportunity to read honors work, even though he wasn't in the honors class.

When the student grew up and published his first novel, he went back to the teacher's classroom and presented her with a copy of his book. She began to cry

and told him that she had considered early retirement because she "felt she wasn't having enough of an impact on her students."

The new author told her that it was her belief in him that had given him the confidence to become a writer.

Thirteen years later, when Brad Meltzer heard that his teacher was finally ready to retire, he knew he had to go to her retirement party.

She was presented with a crystal vase by teachers in her building. She was then asked to

say a few words. She stood up and delivered a "stem-winding speech" that included the following:

"For those of you complaining that kids have changed, and that it's harder to teach these days, you're getting old. You're getting lazy. These kids haven't changed. You have! Do... not... give... up... on... these... kids!"

When she finished her rallying cry, the crowd burst into applause. Brad went up to her and thanked her for changing his life all those years ago.

This story could just as easily be written about teachers and staff in Muleshoe. We have teachers and staff that really do care about our

students. Mrs. Gallman overheard one of her teachers tell a student, "You are rock-star smart!" What got Mrs. Gallman's attention was not so much the words that the teacher used. It was the smile on the teacher's face as she said it, the eye contact made with the student, and the student sitting up

straight with pride. There is "no" doubt that that teacher made a difference in her student's life. Students thrive in Muleshoe ISD, and I am thankful that we have teachers and staff who are "Making a Difference, One Student at a Time!"

It is a great time to be a Mule. Happy Thanksgiving!



## Much Appreciated Marine

US Marine Lance Corporal Eddie Alvarado Jr. receives a hug of appreciation during Monday's ceremonies honoring local veterans at Muleshoe High School.

The event was followed by a reception for the veterans.

## Engagement

### Murff, Riley To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Murff of Austin announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lindsay Claire, to Garrett Travis Riley.

The prospective bride's grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Gene Murff of Waco, and Mrs. Walta Jean Smith and the late Dr. James Smith of Houston.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Riley of Muleshoe. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Riley and the late Mary Pool and Myron Pool II, all of Muleshoe.

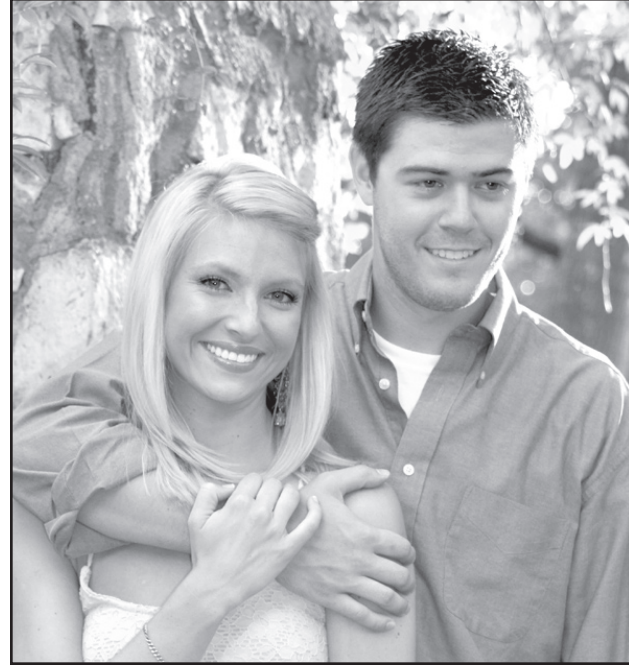
The prospective bride is a 2009 graduate of

Northwest High School in Justin, and a senior public relations major at Texas Tech, graduating in December 2012. At Tech, she is affiliated with Delta Delta Delta sorority and President's Select.

Riley graduated from Muleshoe High School in 2008 and Texas Tech in August 2012 with a bachelor of business administration degree.

He is presently employed in Rock Island, Ill., as the running backs coach with the Augustana College football team.

They plan to be married Saturday, May 4, 2013, at the Murff Ranch outside Valley Mills.



Lindsay Murff and Garrett Riley.

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# Santa's Christmas Gift... Continued from A1

brother turned to face her.  
 "Okay, what have you got?" he asked.  
 "I need somebody to read to me."  
 Giving a playful half-skip over to her backpack, Marge pulled a brightly-colored book from her school bag and turning presented it to him with a smile.  
 Robbie only needed to see the strong accents in red and green to be aware of what it was... a Christmas storybook. "Momm?" he yelled.  
 "Read it," came his mother's stern reply from the dining room.  
 Shaking his head, Robbie took the book and plopped down in the couch. "I wish you'd find something to believe in that's real..."  
 "Mom, he's doing it again!" Marge cried out.  
 "Please, Robbie, is this necessary?" said Mrs. Jeffers as she entered the room. "Just because you don't believe in something doesn't mean you have to destroy the dreams of others."  
 "But, Mom?"  
 "No, Robbie, you're wrong. Now, go to your room while I read to Marge," she continued. "I'll be in to talk to you in a few minutes."  
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When Sandy was younger he'd imagined it must be exciting to travel all of the time with a pack, howling at the moon and doing his part to protect the borders from incursion... only to have one of the elder elves point out that Sandy had probably been spending too much time playing with one of the war games that seemed to thrill so many of the human children.  
 It was pointed out that the fog bank was ample protection against most of Santa and the village's enemies, and those it couldn't offer protection against were too powerful for a pack of arctic wolves to fend off.  
 And there were the snow geese.  
 Many years earlier, a large flock of beautiful snow geese, most of which were noticeably larger than the birds that took part in the annual migration to the south, took up permanent residency on the far side of the village, offering there services in exchange for the food and security they received.  
 Obviously, with the time constraints he faced, Sandy needed to get in a little air time.  
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if you haven't carried on a conversation with a snow goose, Elwood had a little trouble with the letter "S". It wasn't a speech impediment, the snow geese were quick to point out, it was a word construction problem. If humans, elves and others would have constructed their words without this particular letter, they wouldn't have a problem saying the word. Thhimple athh that.  
 As you've probably figured out, that special trait of Elwood's that Sandy was going to rely on was that... well, Elwood was a bit of a birdbrain, which isn't necessarily a bad thing considering Elwood was... well, a bird.  
 But when you took into consideration the fact that there were a lot of intelligent birds out there, including geese, you have to be truthful and recognize that Elwood would need an entire team of tutors to pass a Texas TAKS test.  
 He could do it, after all, he never got a question wrong more than three or four... or maybe five times, but he had all the heart of a lion, and would try as hard on the last attempt as he would on the first.  
 Everybody loved Elwood. They had no choice because Elwood didn't recognize such a thing as an enemy.  
 Early on in the flock, when other "brainier and often cruel" birds tried to embarrass him, their attempts at humor at his expense would oft as not end in a hearty laugh by Elwood himself.  
 Then he'd slap them across the back in his good-natured way, sending them to their knees with a wing that was twice as large as their own, followed by a quick hug that was never quick enough squeezing out their life's breath as Elwood told them how much he liked them.  
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the strap on the largest saddle they could find in the geese shed.  
 "It'd would be a lot eathier if you let call you Marvin, Thhandy ithh thhpelled with Thththhth...thhthh," said Elwood, getting lost in the consonant as he tried to answer the question.  
 "No," the elf replied, "my mother named me Sandy."  
 "Well, my name's Elwood, an amathhing name for an amathhing goothhe."  
 Climbing into the saddle, next to his travel pack, Sandy signaled Elwood that he was ready.  
 With a short running start, and a flap of his great white wings, the adventure began.  
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him letters and I know he's just a cartoon and movie character."  
 "Does that mean you can't learn something from him?" asked Robbie's mother, speaking for the first time.  
 "I guess not. But this whole Christmas thing..."  
 "This whole Christmas thing is about more than Santa Claus and Christmas trees," added his father, "but right now you need to understand that believing in Santa Claus helps your little sister be a better person."  
 "But..."  
 "Robbie," said his mother.  
 Robbie frowned and looked down at the floor.  
 His mother continued.

"This is the second time we've talked to you about this in just a week," she said. "Your father and I have talked about it, and think we need to do something besides talk..."  
 "Uh oh," Robbie thought to himself, "this isn't going to be good."  
 "Since you've already done your best to convince your sister that Santa doesn't exist," said Peggy Jeffers, "your father and I think it's only right that you give her a list of reasons why she should believe in him."  
 It was a good thing that Robbie had already pulled off his shoes otherwise he might have stood a good chance of kicking his own chin when it hit the floor.  
 Continued next week

Sandy was still considering his travel options as he arrived back at the village. Since he didn't own any of the magical contrivances for which many of the elves were known, the accuracy of his intent to "borrow" transportation was in itself "inaccurate."

Sailing over the northern tundra on the back of an enormous snow goose would have been a little frightening, even for an adventuresome elf like Sandy, but being the major little inventors they were it wasn't long before a handy elf had constructed saddles for the geese.

And since then, part of the Winter Festival included an ariel race matching teams of elves and geese that brought the entire village to a cheering conclusion.  
 But while the swiftest geese and lightest elves normally competed in the event, Sandy's needs required something a little different.

Robbie looked over at his mother, who was still standing by the open door to his room, her arms peacefully crossed. Although her face was stern, he was glad to see there wasn't any anger present.  
 Robbie shrugged, before moving back over to his bed.  
 "Son, do you remember how you felt when you learned that Santa Claus wasn't real?" his father asked.  
 "Well... yah, but..."  
 "But nothing. Your mother and I don't think there's any harm in your sister believing in Santa Claus, in fact it's a good thing."  
 "But he's just pretend," said Robbie. "He's not a real person."  
 "And Spiderman® isn't?" replied Robbie's father, nodding at the image on Robbie's bedspread.  
 "It's not the same thing."  
 "How's it different?"  
 "Well, I don't write

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# The Sudan Buzzer

## Sudan Captures Share Of District Championship

By Cheri Sain  
Sudan Correspondent

With a huge win over the Morton Indians Friday night, the Sudan Hornets clinched the number two seed in the playoffs and the district co-championship that they will share with Springlake-Earth.

Sudan took care of Morton with a 49-6 win. Sudan scored first when Bill Nolte ran for a 62-yard touchdown run along the sidelines. Cesar Medrano's PAT

was good giving Sudan the lead at 7-0.

On Morton's next possession, Morton's Mookie Ross would throw an interception to Hornet Richard Montes. Montes ran the ball back 38 yards and Medrano's PAT was good. Sudan was up 14-0 at the end of the 1st quarter.

Hornet Dayton Fisher, known for his catching as a receiver, threw a pass to Bill Nolte who would score on a 41-yard reception. Medrano's

PAT was good.

Morton would score when Indian Mookie Ross ran it in on a 13-yard touchdown run. The 2-point conversion was no good leaving the Hornets up 21-6.

Sudan's Bill Nolte would answer back when he would take a hand off from Jake Chester and run it 13 yards for a Hornet touchdown. Medrano's PAT was good giving the Hornets the lead going in to haltime with a score of 28-6.

Sudan would score two more times in the third quarter when Jake Chester threw to Tanner Fisher on a 20-yard pass and when Bill Nolte would catch a 24 yard pass. Both PAT's by Medrano were good.

Hornet Adam Martin began the fourth quarter with his own touchdown run on a 11-yard sprint to the end zone. Medrano's PAT was good giving the Hornets a 49-6 victory.

For total offense, Sudan ran 46 plays for

446 yards while Morton ran 43 plays for 118 yards. Montes led all rushers with 93 yards and Nolte was a close second with 87 yards.

Chester threw 132 yards for the night while Morton's Ross threw for 46 yards. Nolte led all receivers with 89 yards receiving, and Dayton

Fisher had 68 yards receiving.

The Hornets are playoff bound for the first time since 2009. Some of these seniors played on that team their freshman year.

Sudan will play Crosbyton at Lubbock Roosevelt's stadium on Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

## Veterans Honored At Sudan High School

The annual Veterans Day Ceremony was held Monday, Nov. 12, in the Sudan High School Auditorium.

Members of the Sudan Student Council organized the event for local veterans to be recognized at the event. Student Council

President Cesar Medrano said the Pledge of Allegiance. Presentation of colors was performed by the Cannon Air Force Base Honor Guard while Taps was played by the trumpet section of the Sudan Bold Gold Band.

Kenneth Richards performed an acoustical

guitar version of the Star Spangled Banner.

Madi Edwards followed with the President's Veterans Day Proclamation that was read to the entire assembly.

Ashton Sawyer asked for all veterans to stand to be recognized, and Mayor Bob Sisson informed the crowd of the history of Veterans Day.

Sisson then introduced the guest speaker for the event, Ansil Locke. Locke

served our country, is the father of a Sudan graduate, and currently serves on the school board.

The student council showed a riveting video on the importance of celebrating Veterans Day called "I Fought for You".

After the video presentation, the student body was dismissed, and the veterans enjoyed a reception in their honor in the high school library.

## Sudan Students Help With Blood Drive

The Sudan Student Council with the help of Michelle Edwards and Wendy Swarb organized a blood drive to benefit Freddie Maxwell.

Twenty-eight people donated blood, and four of these donors gave double blood cells.

The intake personnel and the phlebotomist worked non-stop from arrival time at 12:45 to 8 p.m.

Michelle Edwards spoke with Pam Maxwell, Freddie's wife.

Pam said, "My family and I express great appreciation to everyone who donated and helped with this

process. We really appreciate everything everyone did!"

Members of the Sudan Student Council rotated two or three members per hour to work the blood drive.

The members would visit with the community and express appreciation for giving. They assisted with snacks and beverage for the donors after they gave.

For many of them, it was a first experience and very learning as they listed to people share "Freddie" stories and understood the meaning of small community support.

## Sudan CX Debate Team Competes At Texas A&M

By Cheri Sain  
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Speech team travelled to West Texas A&M University to compete at their fall speech tournament this past weekend.

The CX Debate Team of Brianna Azua and Doug Ames was semi-finalist. Also in CX Debate, the team of Alex Hernandez and Andrew Ames was quarterfinalist.

Deric McCurry was

a quarter-finalist in LD Debate, and Doug Ames was a semi-finalist in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking.

Ames competed against 45 other speakers to reach the top 12.

Wyatt Joyce keeps on performing well. He placed fourth in poetry overall, and Joyce and Reece Harper placed fourth in their duet acting.

## Sudan Farmers Come Together To Help

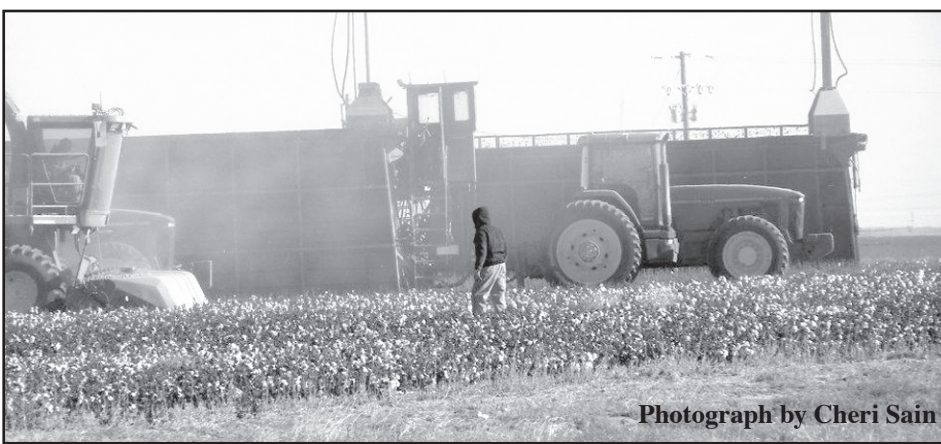
By Cheri Sain  
Sudan Correspondent

Sudan area farmers rallied together on Monday to harvest Freddie Maxwell's cotton farms. Over 80 farmers worked all day to finish Maxwell's fields.

"This means so much to our family and is a great testament to how great the community is," Aaron Maxwell said. Aaron is one of Freddie's sons who have a Facebook™ page that updates family and community members on the status of his father. The Facebook™ page is named "Updates About Freddie".

Julie Faver Maxwell, Freddie's daughter-in-laws by his youngest son Evan, also has a section on her Facebook™ page that has the pictures from the community pulling of Freddie's cotton.

"Thanks to all you guys," Julie said. "All of your support has been amazing. Thank you all for the help, love, and prayers for Freddie and us."



—Photograph by Cheri Sain

Local farmers pulling Freddie Maxwell's cotton crop.

Maxwell was involved in a terrible car wreck on Oct. 22, just outside Littlefield. He has been improving a little each day but continues to be in a critical stage of recovery. As of Monday, Freddie was scheduled for another surgery on

Tuesday if he remains stable enough to handle the procedure.

Last week farmers in Bula pulled Freddie's fields that were located south of Sudan where the Maxwell's previously lived.

"There has truly

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### Find the Pie!

Star baked a pumpkin pie from a sugar pumpkin! Help her find the table where she left it to cool!

### Muleshoe Library Plans Pajama Day

The Muleshoe Area Public Library will be hosting Pajama Day on Wednesday, Nov. 21, and showing the "Harry Potter" series from beginning to end. The first movie will begin at 9 a.m. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult, and must not be left at the library alone. Contact the library at 272-4707 for additional information.

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### News about your college student

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# SPORTS NEWS

## 'War On Hwy. 84' Goes To Littlefield

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The 'War on 84' lived up to its name Friday night in Benny Douglas Stadium.

The 'Battle of 2012' was settled late in the game even though both teams had more than enough miscues for a win by the opposition.

The Mules led 21-12 with less than 10 minutes remaining in the first half.

The Mules had scored in all three of their first half possessions. The Littlefield Wildcats scored on both of their possessions but had failed to add the extra points.

Junior Baca chased down Littlefield's speedy sophomore running back, DaMadrack Moore, grab an arm, spun him around causing the ball to come flying out.

Ryan Johnson scooped up the ball on a single bounce and



Photograph by Gabby Perez

A Mule wraps up the Littlefield runner during Friday's rivalry game.

returned to the Mule 24.

The Mules appeared ready to go up by two touchdowns. But the Wildcats picked off

three passes and scored each time to take a 31-21 lead into the second half.

The battle continued into the second half

with the Mules cutting the Wildcat lead to three points on three occasions.

Time expired in the War with the Mules

trailing 51-42.

"The 'War on 84' belongs to Littlefield this year," said Mule coach David Wood. "It was an offensive battle just like last year. Both teams pride themselves on their defense but the last two years have not been examples of that."

"They made some plays on defense and we made mistakes on offense. The ball bounced Littlefield's way more than it did ours and that is really the bottom line. We just needed hold them there at the end and then go down and score. That did not happen," he said.

"I was proud of our boys. We went in at half down by 10 points and they hung in the second half and continued to battle," said Coach Wood. "But congratulations to Littlefield and we want to wish the best in the playoffs. If things go well we could meet again in the Regional championship game."

The Mules out gained the Wildcats with 498 total yards of offense. They rushed for 276 yards and passed for 222.

The Wildcats gained 460 yards with 382 being on the ground and 78 through the air.

Caleb Wood rushed 21 times for 204 yards and four touchdowns. He completed seven of 15 passes for 163 yards, one touchdown and had five intercepted.

Junior Baca carried 12 times for 66 yards.

Austin Ross caught two passes for 76 yards and one TD.

Ray Martinez made two receptions for 64 yards and one touchdown.

Wood scored on runs of eight, one, 21 and eight yards. Martinez caught a 54-yard pass for a touchdown and Ross had a 57-yard touchdown reception.

Nacho Elizalde was six of six extra-point kicks.

Xavier Reyes led the Mule defense with 20 tackles and a big hit.

Austin Ross made 19 tackles with two being on special teams. Christian Lucio had 12 tackles; Joel Regalado made 10 tackles and recovered a fumble.

Ryan Johnson had nine tackles and recovered a fumble. Ramon Mendoza made four tackles and recovered a fumble. Junior Baca, Jaxiel Lopez and Shawn Atwood caused a fumble each.

The Mules finished second in District 1-2A and will enter the Texas State Playoffs Friday night.

They will face the Denver City Mustangs for bi-district in Lubbock Cooper Pirate Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

The Mustangs are the third place team from District 2-2A. The winner will advance to meet the Eastland Mavericks, winner of District 4-2A.

## Eighth Grade 'Pulls One Out Of The Fire'

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules pulled one out of the fire Thursday evening when the Littlefield Wildcats came to town.

Littlefield scored with just 2:52 left in the game to take an 18-14 lead over the Mules.

Littlefield kicked off out of bounds at the Mule 30. The Mules took the ball and the penalty to start their final drive at the Mule 35 with less than three minutes to play.

Beto Diaz emptied the backfield and called for the snap of the ball.

Diaz escaped a blitzing Wildcat linebacker to buy time for Tre Villa to get open. Diaz launched the pass just as Villa broke in the open at the Littlefield 40. Villa secured the ball and set sail for the end zone.

The play covered 65 yards for the game winning touchdown. Dagen Dunham took the snap and powered up the middle for the two-point conversion and the Mules defeated the Wildcats 22-18.

Littlefield drove to the Mule 16 before they fumbled and Donovan Gutierrez covered the ball for the Mules with 46 seconds left in the game. Back-to-back Victory plays consumed the final seconds from the clock.

Dominik Hasley made the stop on third down for no gain on the Wildcats first drive of the game. Littlefield failed to convert on fourth down and the Mules took over at the Mule 31.

Dunham started the game at quarterback and made a toss to Javy Perez for a 16-yard gain.

The Mules appeared to have stalled out at midfield needing six yards on fourth down. Dunham hit Timothy



Photograph by Gabby Perez

A Mule Heads For The End Zone.

Perez running a flag route at the Littlefield 30. Perez raced to the Wildcat nine before being pulled down.

Dunham rolled wide left and got the corner with blocking from the wide receivers and scored on a nine-yard run with 3:08 remaining in the first quarter.

The two-point conversion failed and the Mules led 6-0.

Noah Nikkel made the special team stop on the kickoff at the Littlefield 38. Seven plays later the Wildcat quarterback scored on a three-yard sneak with four seconds left in the first period.

Dunham made the stop on the two-point conversion to keep the game tied at 6-6.

The Wildcats tackled Jason Florez by the facemask on the ensuing kickoff. The Mules started the second period on the Mule 36.

Perez made six yards on a reverse before leaping high in a crowd to pull down a 21-yard pass over the middle from Dunham.

Dunham went up the middle for 15 yards to the Wildcat 15. Perez made the catch at the two-yard line, broke a

tackle and scored on a 15-yard pass and run.

Dunham connected with Perez a second time for the two-point conversion. The Mules led 14-6 at the half.

Neither team could score in the third period as the game turned into a defensive battle. Littlefield continued a drive they started in the third quarter and scored on a three-yard run.

Dustin Stearmer made the tackle to

prevent the two-point conversion and keep the Mules in front 14-12 with 6:10 left in the game.

The Wildcats held the Mules and forced a punt on fourth down that set up Littlefield's go ahead touchdown.

The Mules checked in their uniforms and started basketball practice. They will play their first game against the Friona Braves in Friona Thursday afternoon.

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Lady Mules 'Kick Off' 2012 Basketball Season

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules kicked off their 2012-2013 basketball season with a bang Monday night with a win over the visiting Bushland Lady Falcons 50-43. The Lady Mules hit the road on Saturday and visited the 2012 Area Champion Lady Bulldogs of Anton. Experience paid dividends for Anton as they defeated the Lady Mules 44-26.

"The girls did not panic Monday night when they trailed Bushland by two points at the half," said Lady Mule coach Jay Gorman. "They kept fighting and played some dominating defense in the second half to win the game."

"Anton humbled us Saturday and we looked like the young team that we are. But we continue to get better and until this team grows up we will see some inconsistency. Every game is a learning experience for the majority of the girls that are seeing their first varsity action."

The Lady Mules trailed Bushland 25-23 when the third period started in the new high school gymnasium. Jo Moore completed a fast break to keep the Lady Mules within two points. Bushland scored again but McKenna Dunham pulled down an offense rebound and put it back on the glass to keep the game close.

Adrienne Precure hit a four-foot jump shot

and just 28 seconds later Kaylie Morris stuck back her own shot. That shot tied the game at 31-31 with 3:25 remaining in the third quarter.

The Lady Mules extended their scoring run with Cas Moore making a free throw after being hacked on a layup attempt. C. Moore made a layup before Katelyn Gable put back an offensive rebound with 20 seconds left in the period. Bushland scored to end the period trailing the Lady Mules 36-33.

Bushland cut the lead to one point before Morris tossed Dunham the ball and broke to the basket. Dunham gave the ball back to Morris for a layup on the give-and-go. Bushland added a pair of buckets to take a 39-38 lead for the final time of the game.

Dunham hit a free throw with less than six minutes left to play. C. Moore dropped in a 3-pointer from the left wing and Morris followed suit with a trey from the right wing to extend the Lady Mule lead to 45-39 with 3:35 left in the game.

Bushland scored a pair of free throws before Precure was fouled outside the 3-point arc. She made one charity toss and Morris followed with a pair of free throws to extend the Lady Mule lead to 48-41.

Bushland hit a basket as the clock went under a minute. Morris ended

the game with a pair of free throws for the Lady Mule win.

Kaylie Morris led the Lady Mules in scoring with 15 points and pulled down four rebounds. Cas Moore added 11 points and had two rebounds. McKenna Dunham dropped in nine points and picked off 10 rebounds.

Adrienne Precure made seven points and had four rebounds. Katelyn Gable came off the bench for four points and five rebounds. Jo

Moore and Celeste Flores made two points each.

Saturday in the Anton Bulldog gym the Lady Mules did not have as much fun.

Precure scored all 11 points in the opening quarter for the Lady Mules. She tied the game early at 2-2 with a floating jump shot for the elbow.

The Lady Bulldogs built a 7-2 lead before Precure drove, pulled up and hit from six foot. A minute later she dropped in a 3-pointer from the right wing to tie the game

at 7-7. Precure again tied the game with a six-foot jumper and then put the Lady Mules in front 11-9 with a shot from the free throw line.

The Lady Mules led 11-9 when the second period started but Anton went on a six-point run to reclaim the lead for the final time. Precure made the Lady Mules only points of the second quarter with a coast-to-coast layup with 2:55 left in the half.

Anton led 20-13 at the half and cruise to the

win in the second half.

Adrienne Precure set the scoring pace for the Lady Mules in Anton with 19 points.

Celeste Flores added four points and McKenna Dunham dropped in two. Daniel Diaz, Katelyn Gable and Kaylie Morris chipped in a point apiece.

The Lady Mules hosted Springlake-Earth Lady Wolverines on Tuesday night and then the Brownfield Lady Cubs are in town for a game Saturday at 3 p.m.

## JV Ladies Fall TO Bushland's Lady Falcons

The JV Lady Mules battled and stayed close to the Bushland Lady Falcons Monday night. But the Lady Falcons owned the final 14 minutes of the game to defeat the Lady Mules 41-24. The Lady Mules scored first against the Anton Lady Bulldogs but could only stay close after that. The Lady Mules fell to Anton 26-21.

Esmeralda Flores finished a fast break to put the Lady Mules ahead in the first period 2-1. Sasha Esparza hit a 15-foot jump shot and Franco Carolina pushed the ball ahead to Flores on a fast break to extend the Lady Mule to 6-1 with 3:50 left in the opening period.

Bushland went on a 6-0 run to take a 7-6 lead as the first period ended.

Flores gave up the ball with a cross-lane pass

to Rosas Shanice for a basket to put the Lady Mules back in front 8-7 with 6:40 remaining in the first half. Flores was fouled driving to the basket and made a free throw. Bushland pulled ahead before Franco went coast-to-coast for a layup and tied the game at 11-11 with four minutes on the clock.

Shanice hit an eight-foot turn-around jump shot to tie the game at 13-13. Bushland went on a four-point scoring run. Franco halted the run with a basket from the elbow and Flores made a free throw to end the half with Bushland leading 17-16.

Franco scored the only two points for the Lady Mules in the third period. She shot with a toe over the 3-point arc for a long two-point basket. Bushland led 29-20 to start the final

period.

Bushland went on an 8-1 scoring run to open the final period. Rosas made a free throw to briefly interrupt the run. Franco hit a free throw just before Rosas put back an offensive rebound for a basket.

Shanice Rosas led the Lady Mules in scoring with nine points. Carolina Franco added seven points, Esmeralda Florez dropped in six and Sasha Esparza chipped in two.

Flores scored the Lady Mules only two points in the first quarter in Anton. She dropped in a turn-around jump shot to open the game. Anton led at the end of the period 7-2.

The Lady Mules battled back in the second period with Flores putting back her own rebound for a basket. Rosas set a screen and rolled to the basket.

Desiree Gutierrez fed her the ball for a layup to cut the Anton lead to 7-6.

Flores made a free throw after a Lady Bulldog basket and free throw. Angelina Perez broke on an Anton inbound pass, made the steal and drove to the hoop. Esparza picked off a pass and drove to the basket with 11 seconds left in the half. Anton scored just before the buzzer to take a 15-11 lead at the half.

Flores claimed the base line for a basket to start the third quarter. Esparza passed across the lane to Flores and she finished the fast break. Jaida Gandarilla put the ball on the floor and drove to the hoop to tie the game at 17-17 with 1:16 left in the quarter. Anton hit a trey to jump in front 20-17 as the third quarter ended.

Anton increased their lead by two as the final quarter ended. Esparza hit a 12-foot base line jump shot. Franco made two free throws to end the Lady Mule scoring.

Esmeralda Flores led the Lady Mules with seven points. Shanice Rosas and Sasha Esparza added four points each. Angelina Perez, Jaida Gandarilla and Carolina Franco dropped in two points each.

The Springlake-Earth Lady Wolverines visited the Lady Mules Tuesday night.

The Brownfield Lady Cubs will play the Lady Mules in the new Muleshoe High gym Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

## Orozco Takes This Year's Grand Prize

I would like to thank everyone who played this season in the Muleshoe Journal's Football Contest.

We had a great year and many new participants. It has been fun talking football with all of you and has been fun watching all of the picks you have made up to this point.

Next week, we will begin the Muleshoe Journals Playoff Picks in which the weekly prize will be a \$25 Gift Card to McDonald's.

Playoff Picks will run as long as the playoffs do and the Muleshoe Journal Tailgate prize will be something special from me.

Last week in the Muleshoe Journal Football Contest, we had two contestants choose four out of the five games correctly: Johnny Gonzales (62) and Claire Brown (56).

The tie-breaker score Muleshoe 42 vs. Littlefield 51; (93) was used to determine the winner.

Congrats to Johnny Gonzales on winning the final Muleshoe Journal prize this week. You may come and pick up your \$25 on or after Wednesday, Nov. 14.

Here are the final results for the grand prize of \$200.

There were three contestants with a total score of 40: Sherri



### FOOTBALL CONTEST 2012

By Rhea Gonzales

Harrison, Anna Lopez and William Orozco.

So, a combined total of all tie-breaker scores was used to determine the winner.

Sherri (694), Anna (641) and William (743). The actual combined score of all tie-breaker games was 751.

Congrats to William Orozco for the Muleshoe

Journal's \$200 grand prize! You may pick up your prize on or after Wednesday, Nov. 14.

You can come by the office and drop off your Muleshoe Journal Playoff Picks entry at (201 W. Ave. C), our hours of business are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. - 12 noon.

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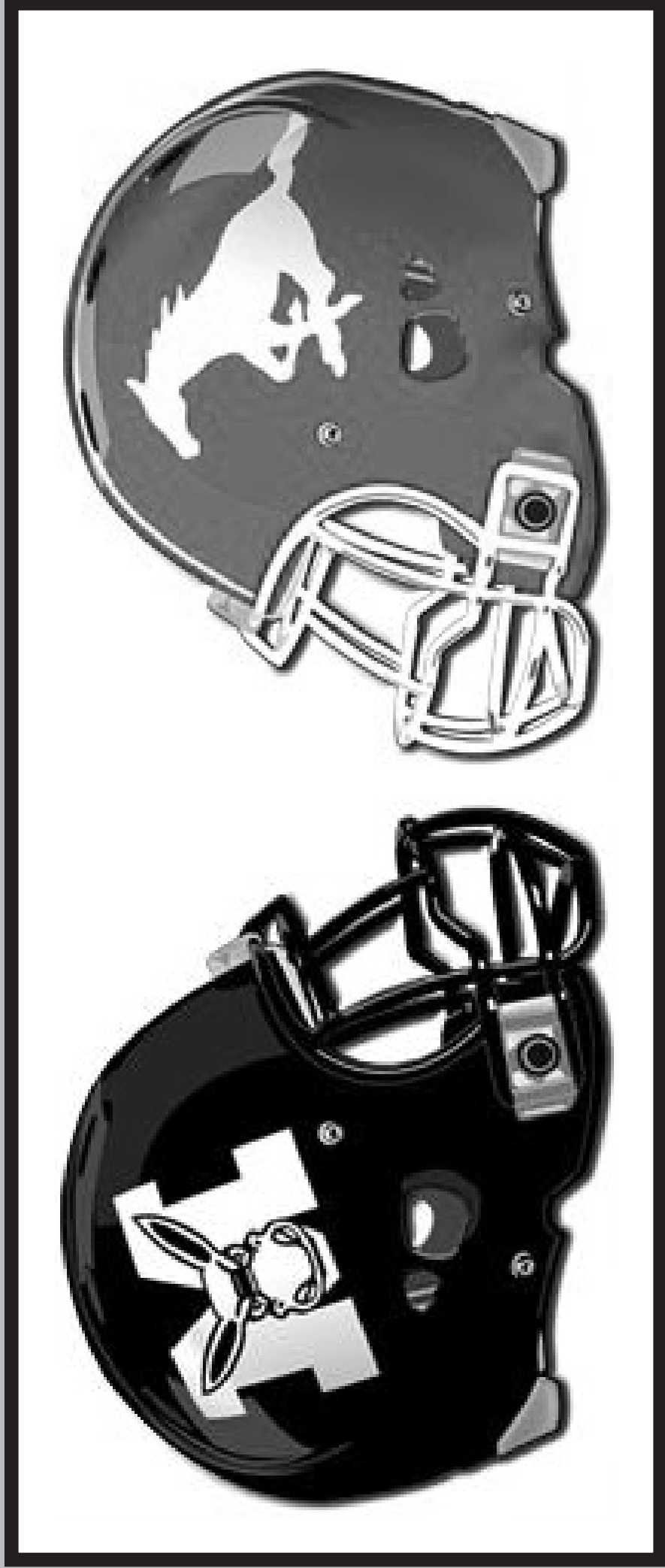
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# Beauchamp, Tate Elected As New HPWD Directors

Mike Beauchamp of Friona was elected as the precinct 3 district director and Lynn Tate of Amarillo was elected as the precinct 4 district director of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, according to unofficial results from the Nov. 6 general election.

agricultural producer, defeated incumbent Carroll Cook of Friona, 3,265 to 1,216 votes. Beauchamp will serve a four-year term as precinct three district director representing all of Bailey County, the portion of Castro County within the district, and all of Parmer County. Cook has served on


the HPWD Board of Directors since August 2003. Tate, an agricultural producer and lawyer, defeated incumbent Robert Meyer of Canyon, 14,023 to 12,653 votes. Tate will serve a four-year term (2012-2016) as precinct four district director representing the portions of

Armstrong, Deaf Smith, Potter, and Randall Counties within the HPWD service area. Meyer has served on the HPWD Board of Directors since September 1993. The district's board of directors will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15. at the HPWD office to canvass the election returns and declare

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Seventh Grade Mules End Season With Loss To Littlefield

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules hosted the Littlefield Wildcats Thursday in their final game of the season.

It was four-quarter battle that the Wildcats won 62-40.

Arnulfo Hernandez returned the opening kick from the Mule 22 yard line to the 46. It took the Mules 10 plays to move 54 yards for a touchdowns.

A screen pass from Marco Sanchez to Hernandez gained 23 yards for a first down on the Littlefield 36.

Hernandez went up the middle for 10 yards and Sanchez added eight more with a keep

wide.

A facemask penalty gave the Mules a first down and goal to go from the five yard line. Sanchez kept for three yards and on the next play tossed to Sergio Solano in the end zone with 2:07 left in the first quarter.

Michael Lozano added the two-point conversion on the Hammer play.

The Mules led 8-0. Littlefield scored on the first play of the second quarter with a 53-yard pass.

The Wildcats tied the game at 8-8 with the two-point conversion.

The Mules only needed three plays to retake the lead.

Hernandez went through a hole the offensive line had knocked in the defensive line.

He broke a tackle at the Littlefield 40 and was finally dragged down at the one-yard line.

Sanchez scored on a one-yard run. The two-point conversion failed and the Mules led 14-8 with seven minutes left in the half.

The Wildcats scored on a six-play 75-yard drive. The drive was capped off by a 25-yard run and the two-point conversion was good to give Littlefield a 16-14 lead with 4:27 remaining in the half. Solano returned the

ensuing kick to the Mule 33. Hernandez took over as quarterback and gained 11 yards on first down.

Hernandez took the snap and headed left. Solano was set wide left and went racing back toward Hernandez.

Solano took the reverse handoff and went wide right, made the corner and scampered 56 yards for a touchdown.

The two-point conversion failed but the Mules led 20-16 with 2:33 left in the half.

The Wildcats answered with a 67-yard drive in seven plays that was finished with a five-yard run.

The two-point conversion was good and Littlefield led 24-20 at the half.

The Mules kicked off to start the second half the Wildcats increased their lead to 32-20 with a 61-yard drive. The two point conversion was good.

It only took the Mules two plays to drive 83 yards. Lozano hit Solano on a slant over the middle. He broke a tackle at the Littlefield 20 and scampered into the end zone on an 83-yard pass and run.

The two-point conversion failed and the Mules trailed 26-32.

The Mules could not stop the Wildcats and they returned the kickoff from the Littlefield 10 to the 46.

In just four plays the Wildcats were in the Mule end zone.

The two-point conversion was stopped by Justin Carrion. Littlefield led 38-26 with 2:34 left in the third quarter.

The Mules went three and out and forced to punt. The snap was high and Hernandez had to hurry the punt that went high but short.

Littlefield scored on one play with a 20-yard run. The two-point

conversion was good for a 46-26 lead.

The Wildcats intercepted a Mule pass and returned it 70 yards for a touchdown. The two-point conversion increased the Littlefield lead to 54-26.

Coleman Preston returned the ensuing kickoff to the Mule 39. Hernandez tossed to Zackery Atwood for 13 yards. Hernandez went up the middle for 13 yards.

Lozano scored from 27-yards out and the Mules cut the Littlefield lead to 54-36.

The Mules kicked off and Littlefield covered the ball on the Wildcat 17. It was one-play-all-the-way with an 83-yard touchdown run.

The two-point conversion was good for a 62-32 Littlefield lead.

The Mules started their final drive on the Mule 28.

Lozano rolled wide around the left side and scooted 72 yards for a touchdown for the final points of the game.

The Mules turned in there football uniforms and started practicing basketball.

The Mules opened their season Monday in Friona against the Braves.

## MHS Cross-Country Competes At Lubbock

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The Lady Mules and Mules cross-country competed in the Region I Class 2A Cross-Country Meet Saturday on the Mae Simmons Park course in Lubbock.

The Lady Mules finished 17th with a total of 435 points. Bushland, Comanche and Ballinger will represent Region I at the Texas State Meet.

Adrienne Precure led the Lady Mules around the two-mile course with a time

of 13 minutes 37.05 seconds. Celeste Flores ran a 13:46.96 for 88th and Carolina Franco finished 100th with a time of 13:59.13. Placing 102nd was Andrea Corkin with a 14:00.63 and in 106th was Ruby Andrade with a time of 14:04.19.

Aimee Rosas finished in 120th and Brooklyn Beall was 140th with a 14:50.90.

The Mule took 12th with a total of 335 points. Boys Ranch, Kermit and Bushland will represent Region I at the State Meet in

Round Rock.

Noah Del Toro paced the Mules with a 65th place finish on the three-mile course with a time of 18:39.43. Luis Ruvalcaba was steps behind in 67th with a time of 18:41.22 and Christian Paez finished 79th with an 18:57.37.

Eli Leal was 101st with a 19:33.46 and Jorge Martinez took 104th with a 19:38.00. Aaryn Ross was 137th with a 20:25.93.

"I could not be more pleased with how hard our cross-country teams trained and ran this

year," said Muleshoe cross-country coach Jay Gorman. "They would come and run early in the morning before school or would stay after school to practice. "We saw improvement as the season went along and then the girls won the district title and the boys placed third. Having both teams run at the Region I Meet was a great success."

Team members will change their shoes and move on to the winter sports after a successful cross-country season.

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