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Council Approves Country Club Draft Agreement

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Muleshoe's city council authorized municipal representatives to continue negotiations with the local country club regarding the operation of the golf course and the possible purchase of the organizations property during Monday's regular meeting.

City Manager David Brunson — who along with Mayor Cliff Black and Councilman Eric McElroy have been meeting with representatives of the Muleshoe Country Club, the draft agreement presented to the council Monday called for the purchase of the club's property for \$141,000, the appraised value.

The city would then lease the clubhouse back to the organization — which the city manager described as a non-incorporated association of members for \$1,300 per month.

The golf course is already constructed on municipal property and wouldn't be included in the sale agreement.

Brunson said the lease amount — which could be increased later if necessary, would allow the city to recoup its investment in 10 years.

The city would also have to share in the expense of operating the golf course, which lists the initial contribution at \$85,000, but which could vary depending upon the club's membership.

"This lease does a lot of things that I hope will allow the country club to continue operating," he added.

One of the things it would do is separate the membership dues for the golf course from the country club dues, he said.

"I think it's a workable deal," Brunson said.

According to Brunson, no city or tax dollars would go to the operation or maintenance of the country club's restaurant, or its equipment, the bar, or the swimming pool.

"If the cook stove goes out, the country club will have to replace

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Photograph by Gabby Perez

Twister Gone Wrong

"Right hand... red, left foot... yellow," appears to have been the officials call immediately before the above photograph was taken during what was either a game of Twister™ gone wrong or maybe a dog pile without

football helmets. Actually, one of the varsity Lady Mules is pictured above as she fights for the ball with just about half of the Tulia bench during the Tuesday, Jan. 8, basketball game. For game details, turn to B2.



School board members Jay Cage and Sergio Leal examine one of the Ipad's used by MISD students during Monday's presentation.
Courtesy Photograph/R.L. Richards

MISD School Board Receives Ipad Technology Presentation

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The use of technology in instruction was once more the focus of presentations at the monthly meeting of the Muleshoe Independent School Board's trustee meeting Monday, as students and instructors from both Muleshoe High School and Watson Junior High demonstrated how Ipad's™ were being used.

"I simply adore having Ipad's in my classroom," said Charissa Conner, a sixth-grade reading instructor at Watson JH, "It's a great tool."

Conner demonstrated some of the apps (application programs) she had obtained for use on the Ipad's that had been purchased for her students to

Conner was joined by another WJH reading instructor, Tommie Stiles, whose ESL (English as a Second Language) students demonstrated the word

"We need to teach these students things they can use in the future"

— April Smith

learn with through the school district's technology grant, which was established by the school board at the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets last school year.

identification program for the school board members.

In his presentation to the school board, anatomy instructor Coach Joshua Woolbright,

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Littlefield Takes Top Spot In Sales Tax Allocations

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Littlefield carried the area in January's sales tax allocations, according to information received from the Texas State Comptroller's office Wednesday, Jan. 9.

With an increase of \$21,667.66, or 31.02

percent, compared to the same period in 2013, Littlefield far exceeded even Olton, which took second place in the recorded percent of increase.

Olton's 23.22 percent increase represented \$1,645.08 in additional

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Sales Tax Results

City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$40,093.93	35,762.50	12.11%
Dimmitt	\$27,813.21	27,935.56	-0.43%
Morton	\$ 8,391.93	9,616.78	-12.73%
Littlefield	\$91,505.90	69,838.24	31.02%
Earth	\$ 4,635.30	4,677.97	-0.91%
Olton	\$ 8,727.42	7,082.34	23.22%
Sudan	\$ 4,121.57	3,648.97	12.95%
Farwell	\$ 8,469.60	6,961.50	21.66%
Bovina	\$ 6,263.98	6,366.76	-1.61%
Friona	\$26,137.66	32,937.15	-20.64%

New Publisher Named

Hearst Newspapers announced Thursday, Jan. 10, that Michael Distelhorst has been named publisher of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and Plainview Daily Herald.

The announcement was made by Hearst Newspapers President Mark Aldam and



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OPINION

Weapons Ban Is Unconstitutional

Editorial

On Dec. 15, 1791, the first 10 amendments to the US Constitution — the Bill of Rights, was ratified and became part of the document by which this nation was governed.

Faced with the possibility that the original constitution would fail in its bid for ratification, the Federalists agreed to include these protections of individual rights,

which includes the Second Amendment — A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

Contrary to what many in the “anti-gun” lobby proclaim, the Second Amendment

was never intended as a protection of states’ rights. In fact, it’s absurd to argue that in the middle of the Bill of Rights’ protections for the private citizen an amendment protecting a state’s right to form a “state military force” was included.

The “militia” that rose up against the injustice of Great Britain’s rule and fired “the shots heard round the world” at Lexington and Concord were the individual citizens of what would become these United States, and not the organized military arm of the colonies.

And while our President has sworn to uphold this nation’s constitution — including the Bill of Rights, we believe his recent and purposed actions in the aftermath of the Newtown, Conn., tragedy are in direct violation of that oath.

At no time was it the intent of our founding fathers to protect the

“hunting tools” needed to provide food for the tables of this new nation. By coincidence, the same firearms used in that capacity, at that time, were similar to those used by revolutionary soldiers. But the original intent of the Second Amendment was to protect the access of this nation’s citizens to the basic “military style” weapons needed to protect themselves from the same type of oppressive government rule that forced the original colonies to seek separation from England.

Therefore, it seems to us the action of any sitting President, Congress, or even the Courts to restrict access to such weapons must be preceded by a constitutional amendment overturning the Second Amendment and allowing such an infringement.

But that raises an even bigger question. How long will the other nine amendments remain in force after the Second Amendment disappears?

If Everybody Had A Father Like I Had A Father...

I was bumping up toward my own birthday last week (Jan. 11) when I was reminded that Jan. 9 was the 13th anniversary of my father’s death.

And then our youngest brother reminded his three brothers, including me, that Tuesday, the 15th, would have been our dad’s 100th birthday!

With that in mind, I offer these words I wrote in January 2000:

It’s been just a little over twenty-four hours since I got word that the kindest, gentlest, strongest, and best man I have ever known passed away.

He was my father. Though many thoughts have been racing through my mind, I’ve realized that, if everybody had a father like I had a father, well, lots would be different in this world.

If everybody had a father like I had a father, no child would ever have to walk out the door or crawl into bed wondering if his father loved and wanted him.

If everybody had a father like I had a father, no child would ever go to bed worried that his father might not really love his mother.

If everybody had a father like I had a father, no son or daughter would ever see his father raise his hand or even his voice in anger.

If everybody had a father like I had a father, no one would have to ask how it is possible to be strong and gentle, just and loving, all at the same time.

If everybody had a father like I had a father, nations would not fight nations, families would not fight families, and Christians would never fight Christians, because we would all rather be hurt than be hurtful.

And the hurts that are part and parcel of human existence would never be hurts we inflicted upon each other.

If everybody had a father like I had a father, every child would grow up knowing that the way to real happiness is to love the Father of all and the Son who died



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

to save us.

If everybody had a father like I had a father, every child would grow up knowing that, even with all the church’s imperfections, the Bride of Christ is still the finest family of all, and that in her warmth is found spiritual nourishment and fine fellowship and genuine love.

If everybody had a father like I had a father, good times would be even better and bad times would be more bearable, because of the unfailing love of our fathers.

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Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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A free will donation will be taken at the door. Take out plates will be available. There will also be an auction held during the dinner, beginning at 12:30 p.m., followed by entertainment.

St. Ann’s Annual Dinner

St. Ann’s Catholic Church of Bovina will be hosting its annual German sausage dinner on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at St. Ann’s Parish Hall on Third Street in Bovina.

The menu will include German sausage, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, a relish plate, bread and desserts.

Donations will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under six. Takeout plates will be available at no additional charge. Sausage will also be available to purchase the day of the dinner or by contact of any St. Ann’s member prior to the dinner.

MAHD Filing Period

The filing period for a place on the Muleshoe Area Hospital District’s general election is from Jan. 30 until March 1.

Individuals wishing to file may do so at the Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 215 S. First, between a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

YAC Benefit Lunch

The City of Muleshoe’s Youth Advisory Council will be hosting a benefit lunch on Sunday, Jan. 20, from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church.

The brisket dinner, which also includes potato salad, beans, a roll and desert, is \$8. Advance tickets are available from YAC members.

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City Council... Continued From A1

the cook stove," the city manager said.

As for the swimming pool, Brunson said Muleshoe already has a municipal swimming pool and would not be paying for the operation of the pool at the country club.

One thing the city would have to keep up

would be the clubhouse's infrastructure. Brunson said he expected that would require the city — as the future owner of the building to replace the heat and air unit should it go out.

Among the questions raised by council members regarding the course was maintenance

of the golf carts.

"They're kind of a different animal," Brunson said.

The city manager explained that the carts — which are currently located either on club property or on an adjacent public right of way, would remain the responsibility of the

individual cart owners.

Concerning her own evaluation of the proposed agreement, Mayor Pro Tem Irene Mason said she wasn't satisfied with the existing proposal, and said there were some issues she'd prefer to be more clearly documented.

"I don't have a problem spelling everything out," she said.

In regards to her remark, the city's legal counsel said the council would have to adopt an "exclusive mind set" regarding the agreement. In other words, if an issue isn't listed, it's not included.

It was also noted that the club's membership to approve the changes listed in the agreement, it would require both a vote by the club's membership, but also changes in the

organization's by-laws.

"Some of the by-laws are kind of archaic," the city manager said, adding that some portions of it might have been able to accomplish what the organization intended in the 1950s, but that up-dating was needed.

Brunson also said for the city to operate the golf course without the country club's participation would be even more expensive, about \$150,000 a year.

"This is a good beginning," said Mason.



MHS art students presented some of their work to the school board in appreciation of their efforts during Monday's board meeting. The board members received gifts from the school districts other campuses also.

School Board... Continued From A1

showed how a program allowed students to work with three-dimensional images.

"They can learn medical terminology as they learn anatomy," he said, also noting that the program was being used by his athletic trainers.

"They can demonstrate their comprehension," Woolbright added.

Woolbright also noted that students who have to be away from class due to other class requirements — such as the students who were helping prepare for the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show, didn't have to miss classroom instruction because of the school district's technology.

"The teachers can record their lectures for the students to watch at a later time on the Ipads or their iPhones™," he said.

MHS instructor April Smith, who coordinated Monday's presentation, told the school board that the district's technology greatly benefitted the students, and not just students who were preparing for college.

"We need to teach these students things they can use in the future," she said.

In a similar vein, Valerie McCamish, whose home economics course specializes in "life lessons," said the programs students use in her class provides

"practical skills they can use their whole life."

She said that the internet was a great tool for her students to learn about early childhood development, noting also that the majority of students were going to be involved with children to some degree in the future, either in a child care situation or as a parent.

Ipads and computer technology was even being used in the school district's agriculture programs — which MHS Principal Steve Myatt noted had grown in both the number of students involved in the ag program and the variety of classes offered since the district hired a second ag instructor.

Local FFA students demonstrated how they used a program that according to Myatt allowed them to build a "high school resume" using the information they documented during high school.

According to Myatt, the program made it easier for the students, which he said was a good thing.

"Some things need to be easier," Myatt said, "because we're competing for their time with Xbox™ and television."

"You are absolutely right," board member Daniel Guzman said.

Other software demonstrated allowed the high school students to build the yearbooks.

"It's very impressive," board member Sergio Leal said.

In other business during Monday's board meeting:

- Students from the MISD campuses expressed their appreciation to the members of the school board.

"It really is community service," Superintendent Sheets said about the roles filled by the school board members, "and we appreciate you very much."

- This year's band trip was approved after a presentation by band director John Gibson.

Gibson explained that instead of traveling to participate in a band festival this year, the local students were being asked "to do something for the band community as a whole."

He explained that the band would be traveling to area schools that either didn't have an existing band program, or had recently started a band program, to encourage their students to get involved in music.

A second part in this year's band trip will be a trip to San Antonio and Sea World™, and attending a San Antonio Spurs' basketball game.

While the bus needed for the San Antonio trip will be provided by the Fine Arts Boosters, Gibson said

the individual cost per student would be \$200.

Individuals, companies and organizations wishing to provide scholarships for students should contact the high school.

- Board member Jay Cage was reappointed to the Bailey County Appraisal Board.

- The school board also went into closed session to discuss the district's emergency operation procedures and to evaluate the superintendent.



MISD students demonstrate their use of Ipads to the Muleshoe school board during Monday's meeting. (Courtesy photographs / R.L. Richards)

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

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hope all you senior citizens with birthdays in January will come and let us honor you on this day. Have lunch and stay for Bingo at 1:30 p.m. Brady with IntegraCare is our fun caller. We appreciate him taking

the time to come and visit with us. We will be open on Monday. For some it will be a holiday, but the center will be open for fun and games as usual. Audrey McCool, the sponsor of the cancer risk program that was in the center last week wanted to thank everyone for coming out and participating. They met their goal of 200 and she was very pleased. Our prayers and love go to our senior citizens who are having to make changes due to illness or for more trained care. We miss you .

Jan. 21- 25 menus:
Monday, Jan. 21 — Salisbury steak, with mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes,

spinach, pea salad, whole wheat dinner roll, and fruit cocktail.
Tuesday, Jan. 22 — Salmon patties, scalloped potatoes, green peas, tossed vegetable salad, whole wheat roll, and peach-apple crisp.
Wednesday, Jan. 23 — Grilled steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, wheat roll and tropical fruit salad.
Thursday, Jan. 24 — Chicken teriyaki, fried rice, seasoned vegetable blend, strawberries and bananas.
Friday, Jan. 25 — Fish or chicken strips, beans, coleslaw, gravy, cornbread, and fruit salad.
All meals are served with your choice of tea, coffee, milk, or water.

Focus On Faith...

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If everybody had a father like I had a father, well, there would still be problems in this fallen world because we would all still be sons and daughters of our father Adam, too.
But if everyone had a father like I had a father, then everyone would grow up knowing a lot more what their Father God looks like and acts like and loves like.
If everyone had a father like I had a father, then everyone would know the Father's love largely because of their father's love.
If everyone had a father like I had a father, this world and life itself would be much, much better.
But if everyone had a father like I had a father, I might not know what a fine father I had. And, not knowing that, I might not know what a Father I have, and that the best Father of all is your Father, too.

"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."
Proverbs 3:9-10, NIV



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Engagement



Stephaine Marlow and Aaron Perkins

Marlow, Perkins To Wed

Johnette Marlow and the late Randy Marlow announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephaine Marlow of Weatherford, Okla., to Aaron Perkins, also of Weatherford.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and Lubbock Christian University.

She is currently employed as a discharge coordinator at Red Rock Behavioral Health

The prospective groom of the son of Clyde and Blanca Perkins. He is a graduate of Weatherford High School, and Oklahoma State University.

He is currently employed as an engineer with Cased Hole Solutions.

The wedding has been set for April 6, 2013, at 2 p.m., at the Weatherford Church Of Christ, in Weatherford, Okla.

Obituaries

Billy Turnbow

Billy Len Turnbow of Henderson, Ky., formally of Muleshoe, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013, at the age of 82.

Turnbow was born in Taylor County on Oct. 21, 1930. He was preceded in death by his parents — Lenard Forest and Willie Mae Turnbow.

He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years — Joyce Marie Turnbow of Henderson, Ky.; two sons — James Turnbow and wife Shelly of Muleshoe, and Rodney Turnbow and wife Cammie of Lubbock; a daughter, — Tina Madden of Henderson, Ky.; six grandchildren, who were pallbearers — Steven Turnbow, Bryan Turnbow, Trevor Turnbow, Tyson Turnbow, Cody Atwood and Ashley Atwood; and three great-grandchildren — Tralee, Tabry and Weston.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, Jan. 5, in Resthaven's



Abbey Chapel with burial following at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions can be made to American Heart Association.

Naomi Owen

Funeral services for Naomi Owen, 84, of Muleshoe, were held on Monday, Jan. 14, at the First Assembly of God Church of Muleshoe with Janice Middaugh and Ryan Pate officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Mrs. Owen died on Friday, Jan. 11, 2013, in Muleshoe. She was born on Jan. 18, 1928, to Oren Thomas and Edna Gertrude (Morton) Howard in Bridgeport, and married Elmo Owen in Clovis, N.M., on May 30, 1942.

He preceded her in death on Feb. 28, 2002. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Mrs. Owen had lived in Muleshoe since 1940, having moved from Clovis, N.M. She was a homemaker and a



member of the First Assembly of God Church in Muleshoe.

Survivors include a son — Albert Owen of Houston; a daughter Leavell Parker of Muleshoe; a sister — Janelle Singletary of Lake Elsinore, Calif.; and a brother — Thomas Howard of Muleshoe; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be sent to Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, PO Box 373, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

News about your college student

If your college student is graduating or has made the Dean's or President's List, in order for that information to appear in the *Muleshoe Journal*, we must receive notice from the respective educational institution.

Your son or daughter must sign a release so the information can be sent to us.

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

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

Thank you for reading the Journal!



H&R Block likes to celebrate the last baby of a tax year because they become a new tax deduction for their parents for that year.

Our last baby of the year for 2012 is Nathan Paul Howard born on Dec. 30, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. to Megan Greene and Jason Howard of Lazbuddie. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

In 2012 we also had a Thanksgiving basket worth over \$50, that was won by Ramiro Martinez and a Christmas basket worth over \$50. It was won by Amador Olvera.

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Club News

ZETA RHO



Nancy Purcell of Bistro and Basket leads the demonstration of Super Bowl recipes.

Zeta Rho Chapter Holds January Meeting

Zeta Rho chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority met at the Bailey County Electric meeting room on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

The business meeting was conducted by chapter president Cindy Purdy.

One order of business

was making a \$200 donation to the Bailey County Meals on Wheels program.

After the business meeting, a program of "Cooking with Nancy" was enjoyed by the members, led by Nancy Purcell, sister-in-law of

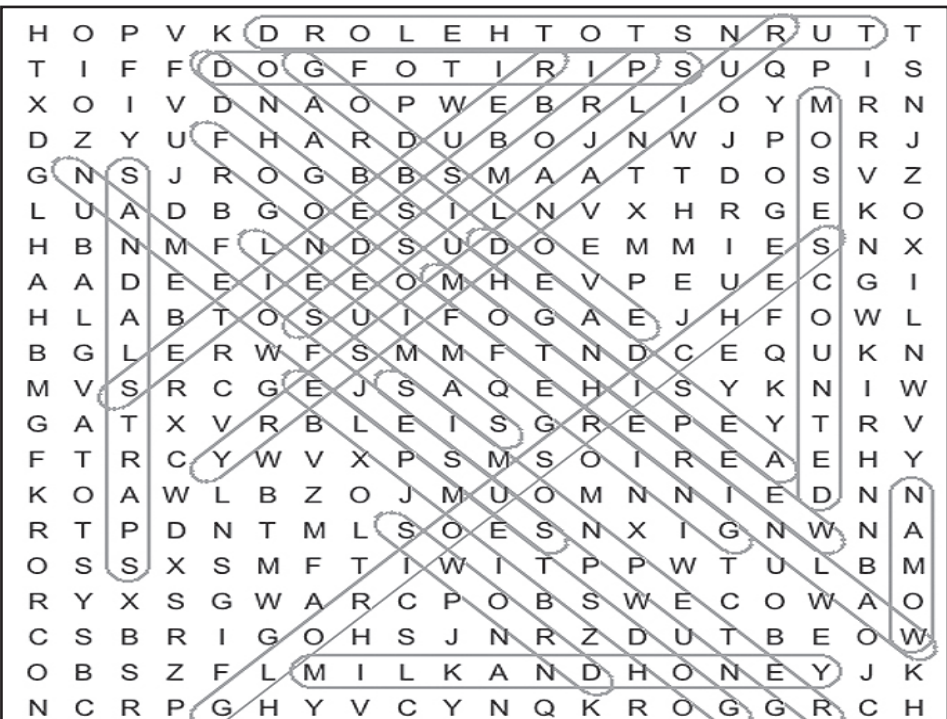
Cindy Barrett.

Nancy, owner and head chef of Bistro and Basket in Hereford, shared and prepared recipes that would be good for upcoming Super Bowl parties, which everyone then enjoyed sampling.



Preparing to taste the Super Bowl snacks are, from left to right: Front row — Nancy Purcell, Pat Young, Sheila Stevenson, Sherri Shipman and Sandi Chitwood; Back row — Cindy Barrett, Vicki Black, Rickie Warren, Cindy Purdy, Donna Glover, Annette Bonds and Debbi Hutto. Not pictured; Alice Liles.

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New Publisher... Continued From A1

Hearst Community Newspapers Group Publisher Lucy Talley. Distelhorst will have responsibility for the business and operating performance of Hearst's West Texas Community Newspapers, including the *Muleshoe Journal*,

Midland Reporter-Telegram, *Plainview Daily Herald* and *Canyon News*.

Distelhorst replaces David Wedel, who has assumed new responsibilities as director of accounting for Hearst Newspapers,

based in San Antonio. "Mike's experience transforming traditional newspaper environments into profitable print and digital sales organizations will bring exciting opportunities for our West Texas

papers," Aldam said. "His sales and marketing experience will greatly help us boost digital advertising revenue and improve customers' experience with the *Reporter-Telegram* and *Daily Herald*."

Distelhorst joins

Hearst from the *Amarillo Globe-News*, where he has served as vice president of advertising and revenue development since 2008.

Prior to that, he was the general manager of Southwest Marketing Partners from 2007 to 2008, and the publisher of Swift Communications' niche publications from 2006 to 2007.

Earlier in his career, he served as associate

publisher/advertising director of the *Greeley Tribune* and advertising director at *The Hutchinson News*.

"Mike has great energy and plenty of hands-on media leadership that will be a strong asset at Hearst," Talley said.

"I look forward to working with him to secure the future success of our West Texas outlets — in print and across digital platforms," Talley added.

Junior Livestock Show Begins Friday

This Friday is a school holiday in Muleshoe, but many of our students will be up early Friday morning working to get their animals ready for the annual Bailey County Junior Livestock Show, which will be held this Friday and Saturday at the Bailey County Coliseum.

This event always involves hundreds of our students, as well as many of our faculty, staff, parents, and community members.

Junior livestock show involves students from third grade through 12th grade.

Students learn responsibility, hard work, and leadership while taking care of their animals.

After feeding his or her animal every day and brushing it and walking it and getting it ready for the county show, a student develops a great sense of pride and responsibility.

The students have been working for months preparing for this show. Some of the

students began last spring purchasing their animals and working with them to get them ready for this weekend's show.

Raising a project for the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show usually involves the whole family, bringing together parents and children working on a common goal. That is one of the great benefits of participating in an FFA or 4-H project.

The livestock show board of directors always does a good job of organizing and hosting the event. Many businesses and individuals in our community support the livestock show with contributions that help pay for the premiums and prizes won by the students.

Several of the animals in the county show will be taken to a major livestock show

Super news from MSD

By Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets



A stock show participant prepares his exhibit for the 2012 Dairy Cattle Show.

in the next few weeks. Many of the students would not be able to take their projects to the major shows without this support from the community.

I want to encourage everyone to go out to the Bailey County Coliseum this Friday and Saturday morning and support our students as they compete in this year's Bailey County Junior Livestock Show.

Come back Saturday afternoon at about 1 p.m. and participate in the auction and premium sale.

All kinds of valuable items will be auctioned at that time, and all of the proceeds will go toward premiums and prizes for our youth in Bailey County.

Good luck to all the participants in this year's Bailey County Junior Livestock Show!

Commissioners' Court Approves Easements

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

A question about the responsibility of maintaining buried pipelines in county easements arose during Monday's relatively brief regular meeting of the Bailey County Commissioners' Court.

During discussion related to the eventual approval of two easements for J&S Dairy to bury a six-inch pipeline at the intersection of CR 1760 and CR 133, and at CR 1038 and CR 133, Precinct 4 Commissioner Juan

Chavez asked about the responsibility of moving a buried pipeline that has become exposed due to erosion.

Precinct 2 Commissioner CE Grant explained that pipelines are required to be at least 36 inches below the bottom of the adjacent ditch, and the requesting company was responsible to rebury or lower the pipeline should that depth decrease.

In other business, the commissioners' court:

- Approved payment of county bills totaling about \$292,174.

Prior to a motion to approve the bill, Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver noted that he was probably going to need to replace a road maintainer next year, adding that one of his precinct's current machines had more than 15,000 hours on it.

According to Vandiver, this will only be the second maintainer he's purchased during his years in office.

- Received the precinct's daily equipment reports for December.

- Postponed appointments to the Bailey County Historical Commission until additional candidates are named.

- Appointed the precinct commissioners as the road overseer in each individual precinct.

- Set court terms for both the justice and county courts.

- Approved a soil conservation worksheet for Jim Pat Claunch at \$250.

- Received a report from Bailey County EMS that noted \$36,118.40 had been billed for December, and \$17,079.31 had been collected.

According to the report, the EMS had responded to 64 calls during the month, and transported a total of 50 patients, with the majority going to the Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

- Approved November's county treasurer's report.

- Approved bonds for County Clerk Robin Dickerson and Dep. Clerk Yolanda Vasquez.

Area Sales Tax...

Continued from A1
sales tax revenue for this period.

Of the 10 area communities monitored by the Muleshoe Journal, the City of Muleshoe placed fifth, with a 12.11 percent increase, representing \$4,331.43.

Friona was at the bottom of this month's sales tax allocations, with a \$6,799.49 drop in sales tax — representing a 20.64 percent drop, compared to the amount received in January 2012.

Morton fared a little better than Friona, with a 12.73 percent drop, representing \$1,224.85 less than this period last year.

This month's allocation represents sales tax collected by local merchants in November, and reported

to the comptroller's office in December.

According to the information released by the office of Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, state sales tax revenue in December was \$2.17 billion, up 9.4 percent compared to December 2011.

"Strong sales tax collections continue in most major economic sectors in Texas," said Combs.

"The strongest growth was from business spending-driven sectors including oil and natural gas, manufacturing and construction," she said.

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their January local sales tax allocations totaling \$530.8 million, up 7.3 percent compared to January 2012.



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Death notices will be published free of charge in the Muleshoe Journal. There is a fee of \$30 for the publication of "basic obituaries." "Non-basic obituaries" will be published at the rate of \$4.50 per column inch. In all cases, the obituary information should be submitted by the funeral home for verification purposes.

The guidelines that will be used to determine if, and how much the publication will cost is as follows:

Death Notices...

Death notices may include the deceased's name, city of residence, age, date and place of birth, date and place of death. If the notice is to be published prior to any services, the time, date and location of services, and location of burial may be included. If publication will be after said services, the time will not be included. An example is as follows:

Basic obituary...

Basic obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed at the basic rate of \$30, and may contain the following information: date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of parents, spouses or children who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors, including the spouse, parents, brothers, sisters and children. Only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren will be included; and where memorials may be directed. We will run a one column black and white photo at no charge.



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The Sudan Buzzy

Employees Honored For Decades With The District

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

On Friday, the Sudan Independent School District hosted a retirement reception for three employees who have dedicated decades to the betterment of the school district.

Susan Baker, Maria Montez, and Charls Ann Williams celebrated their retirement with dozens of family, friends, and coworkers present.

Williams has been known to step in to

many roles to serve the school, and the staff knew that Williams did her job with hundred percent effort.

"When the students would ask who was substituting for a particular teacher, and they found out it was CA, the students would groan," Sudan Elementary Principal Deann Wilson said.

"That usually meant that CA was respected for being firm with the students, but very loved as well. All the kids love CA."

Maria Montez has served in a custodial capacity for the school district for 30 years.

Montez began working for the school when the school was brand new. Wilson said

that Montez is more than a custodian for this school.

She has been known to step in to help when needed including reading to the students, helping with projects, and providing another set of hands.

When the elementary teachers needed her, she is always there for them.

Susan Baker has worked for Sudan Schools for 40 years. Baker has been an elementary teacher the entire time, and she expanded her role in the elementary by becoming one of the technology directors for the school.

Baker not only has served Sudan Schools for 40 years, but she



Susan Baker, Charls Ann Williams and Maria Montez.

also is a Sudan High School graduate.

In fact, Superintendent Bo Lance and Baker attended school together and have worked together almost the entire time.

Baker also works with her daughter Breann

Carter who began working for Sudan Schools within the last few years.

Baker said one of the greatest joys of working at Sudan Schools was to teach some of her former students' children and to work with former students who are now employees of the school district.

"It is remarkable when someone works 40 years in teaching, but it is more remarkable

when they have been at the same school for the entire 40 years," Lance said.

Lance also commented on the service that these three ladies have given to Sudan Schools.

"When I was trying to describe you three ladies, the word that I found as iconic. You have definitely been a wonderful representative Sudan Schools," he said.

Sudan Powerlifters Place At Bovina Meet

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Power Lifting Team competed at the Bovina Power Lifting Meet last Saturday.

Power Lifting Coach Patrick Odom said that

this is one of the best showing he has had at Sudan.

The boys finished the meet in fourth place out of 20 teams. The girls finished seventh out of 15 teams. Teams from 1A through 4A

competed at the event.

Some of the winners included: Xavier Baker finished 11th out of 22 lifters in the 148-weight class with a total of 745.

Adam Martin finished first in the 132-weight

class with a total of 905, and he was second place in his division totaled 725.

Edwin Delgado finished ninth in the 181 weight class with a total of 865, and Ross Steadman finished 18th in the 198 weight class with a total of 650.

Damion Montes finished fourth in the 198 weight class with a total of 905, and Matt Olivarez finished second in the SHW with a total of 1345.

In the girls' division, Araseli Cornejo finished fifth in the 132 weight class with a total of 475. Sara Carrizales finished fifth in the 148 weight class with a total of 490.

Arial Porras finished seventh in the 181 weight class with a total of 420, and Kenzie Conley finished third in the 181 weight class with a total of 555.

The team will compete at the Plainview Power Lifting Meet this Saturday.



The Varsity Hornets

Luke Tiller, Reece Harper, Tanner Fisher, Stephen Schovajsa, Dayton Fisher, BJ Johnson, Dakota Rogers, Ajay Barron and Ty Shaw.

Steinbock Named To McMurry Dean's List

Mariah Steinbock, a junior all level physical education major from Sudan, has been named to the Fall 2012 Dean's List at McMurry University.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours.

Offering a diverse academic curriculum to more than 1,400 students, McMurry University is a small Christian liberal arts school in Abilene. Students choose from 41 majors; education and business are popular

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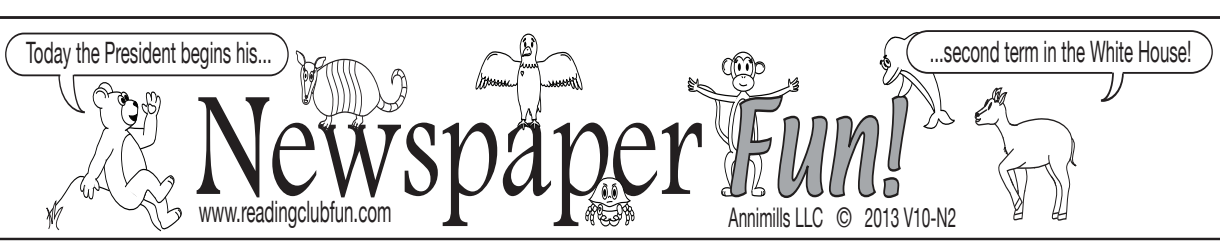
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Inauguration Day 2013

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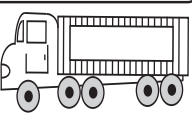


Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with some fun things to know about President Obama.

President Obama (s):

- still has his _____ collection from childhood, (his favorite was reported to be Spider-Man)
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- family has a Portuguese water _____ named 'Bo'
- father was from the African country of _____

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5. loves the wordy board game _____

6. works out daily - plays _____ and likes to run

7. is able to speak some _____

8. is going to be the _____ of the U.S. for a second term

9. has two _____, Malia (14) and Sasha (11)

10. mother grew up in a small town in _____

11. loves to eat _____ and cooks it for his family (he even has his own family recipe)

12. _____ is named Michelle

13. was born in _____; first President from this state

14. and leaders are protected by the _____ Service

Scrabble® crossword puzzle with clues: basketball, Kenya, Secret, Spanish, Moby Dick, dog, Hawaii, wife, chili, comic book, daughters, Kansas, President.

Lazbuddie Schools Releases Honor Rolls

The Lazbuddie Independent School District has released its honor rolls for the third six-week period of the 2012-13 school year.

Among the students honored are:

Elementary "A"
 Cornelius Martens, David Martens, Ryelan Mason, Fabiola Nunez, Isaias Reza, Skout Russell, Jaime Salazar, Lluvia Alba, Karime Cruz, Lacey Quintana, Trail Townsend, Halley Wales, Trudy Fehr, Maribel Gomez, Anita Martens and Michael Wales.

Elementary "AB"
 Dalton Copley, Jackson Gable, Phoebe Hawkins, Mia Nickels, Danny Coltrane, Noemi Garcia, Iliana Lopez, Erin Martinez, Peyton Martinez, Bianca Morales, Jazmine Teran, Landen Baird, TJ Chavez, Ashlyn Doshier, Marshall Holman, Julia Ibarra, Ethan Martinez, Natalee Nelson, Wyatt Rainey, Isabella Salazar, Maggie Vazquez, Olivia McQuigg, Jaegan Nickels,

Hanna Quintana, Jr Vallejo, Joshua Cox, Nancy Fehr, Shelton Gable, Gunner Russell, Miranda Salazar and Avery Timms.

Junior High "A"
 Devon Pacheco, Andres Solano, TJ Ballard, Bernardo Lopez, Mattison Hester and Ashley Scott.

Junior High "AB"
 Jesus Arreola, Matthew Beavers, Guus Crujisen, Marisol Gomez, Vanessa Marquez, Cheyenne McQuigg, Lani Ruthardt, Jelle Crujisen, Rossy Diaz and Georgia Taylor.

High School "A"
 Lacey Jesko, Haley Beasley, Ashton Mason, Shyann Rainey, Jessica Estrada, Karina Galaviz and Shea Scott.

High School "AB"
 Tamera Anderson, Gabriel Beckerink, Iridian Fernandez, Micah Vera, Lariat Adams, Anais Andrade, TJ Beckerink, Femke Crujisen, Maysun Hester, Mercedes Morin, Autumn Townsend, Allison Weaver, Keena Diaz, Victor Godinez and Ross Steinbock.

A Packed First Day!

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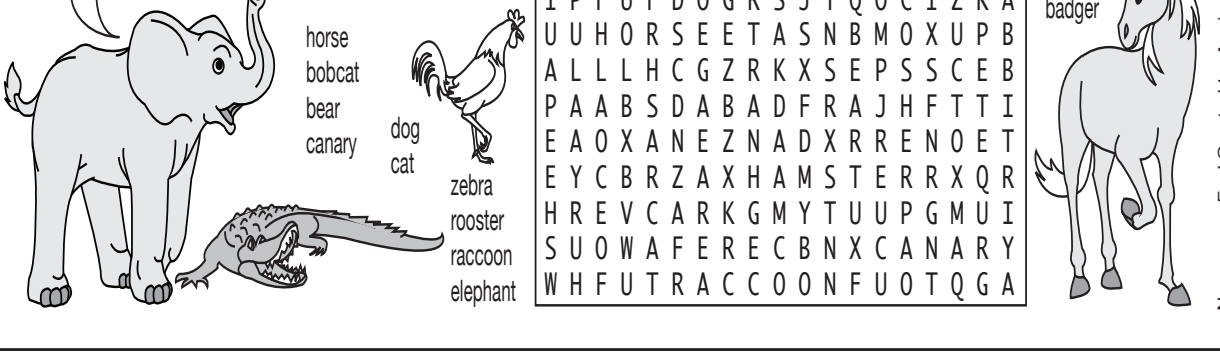
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Here is a schedule of what usually happens on **Inauguration Day** for a President-elect and his family. Match each event to its description:

1. Morning worship service	A. The new President and new First Lady escort the former President and former First Lady from the Capitol.
2. Procession to Capitol	B. The President-elect gives an oath pledging to do his best for the American people and becomes President.
3. Vice President's swearing-in ceremony	C. The Vice President-elect gives his own oath to uphold American values (before the President-elect does).
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SPORTS NEWS

Mules Take The Sting Out Of Tulia's Hornets

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules played a very stingy brand of defense against Tulia Tuesday night and held the Hornets to 44 points.

The Mules poured in 53 points for the win. The Mules traveled to Abernathy Friday but the Antelopes proved to be too quick and tall for the Mules.

"I told the team after the Tulia game that this was their best game in terms of offensive execution," said Mule coach Clay White.

"Good ball handling and selfless play led to a team victory," he added.

Austin Ross made the Mules first two points of the 2013 season. Matt Barron and Shawn Atwood made a hoop each and Eli Leal made a pair from the charity line and drove the lane to tie the game at 10-10 after one quarter.

The Mules exploded for 17 points in the second period while holding Tulia to nine points.

Leal opened the period with a driving lay up and added a second hoop. He hit from outside the arc

and chipped in a charity toss for eight points in the period.

Barron made a pair of short jumpers and Atwood finished a fast break.

The Mules led 27-19 at the half.

Tulia took back three points in the third period. Barron opened the second half with a

throws. Leal led the Mules with 23 points that included two treys. Barron finished with 11 points and Atwood scored six.

Hurtado dropped in five points, Johnson dropped in four and Ross and Lopez chipped in two points each.

Abernathy had three

"Good ball handling and selfless play led to a team victory..."
— Coach White

short jumper.

Grey Johnson made a pair of hoops and Leal hit a trey and added a basket.

The Mules led 38-33 with one quarter left to play.

Barron opened the final period with a 3-pointer. Josh Lopez drove the base line for a basket.

Atwood put back an offensive rebound and Hurtado made a short jumper.

Leal drove the lane for a hoop and on the next trip down the floor stopped a hit from the elbow.

He finished the game with a pair of free

players that stood six feet four inches and taller.

The Mules did not match up well against that size players.

The Mules hung close in the opening period. Leal hit a trey to get the Mules started. He added a basket and a pair of free throws.

Barron completed an old-fashion three-point play after fighting through a foul for a hoop.

The Mule trailed 12-10 after one quarter.

Abernathy blew the Mules out in the second period with a 25-point quarter. Leal made a pair from the



Photographs by Gabby Perez

A varsity Mule grabs some air time during the game against the Tulia Hornets.

charity line and added a basket.

Barron made the Mules second and last hoop of the quarter.

Abernathy led 37-16 at the half.

The Antelopes out scored the Mules by eight points in the third period to increase their lead to 54-25 with one quarter left to play.

Leal scored three hoops after Lopez opened the final quarter with a free throw. Lopez drove the baseline for a basket.

Ross drove coast-to-coast on a fast break and Johnson chipped in a free throw.

Leal led the Mules with 19 points and Barron scored seven. Hurtado and Lopez finished with three points each.

Atwood and Ross dropped in two points apiece and Johnson chipped in one.

The Mules played the Whitharral Panthers, Tuesday, during their open night and will finish up their first round of district against the Friona Chieftains Friday.

Sudan's Nettes Begin District Play

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Nettes began district play against Morton, Bovina, and Springlake Earth.

The Sudan Nettes have had two tough district road games against Springlake Earth and Morton both resulting in two losses, but both losses were less than five points each.

Sudan's one district win was against Bovina at home.

Sudan traveled to Morton for their first district game on the road.

The Nettes came up short in that game with a loss of 45-41. Leading scorer for the Nettes were Nolte with 18 points.

The girls returned home to play Bovina Tuesday night. The Nettes beat Bovina 82 to 36.

Leading scorers for that game were Ashton Sawyer with 23 points,

Faith Nolte with 17 points, Allison Black with 10 points, and Jade Goen with 10 points.

During the Springlake Earth game, high point player for the Nettes was Faith Nolte with 10 points.

Keela Chester had six points for the night, and Ashton Sawyer had five points.

The deciding factor for the game came down to fouls.

Sudan was called for 32 fouls for the night. Two starting players fouled out in the third quarter.

Springlake Earth had 15 fouls called against them.

The Nettes are now 1-2 in district play. Their next game will be against Farwell at home.

Varsity will play at 6:30 p.m., with both JV teams playing before the game followed by the varsity boys who are now 1-0 in district play.



A varsity Mule shoots during the game against recent game against the Tulia Hornets.

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SPORTS NEWS

Ladies Mules Fall In Final Period Against Lady Hornets

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules came back from an eight point deficit in the first period to tie the Tulia Lady Hornets at the end of the third quarter.

Tulia controlled the final period and made nine of 13 free throw opportunities to defeat the Lady Mules 63-53 Tuesday night.

The Lady Mules traveled to Abernathy Friday night and just squeezed past the Lady Lopes 38-35.

Adrienne Precure broke the scoring ice for the Lady Mules with a pair of free throws almost two minutes into the game against Tulia.

McKenna Dunham finished back-to-back fast breaks and DonAnn Rempe cleaned the backboard and put the ball back in the hoop.

The Lady Mules trailed 16-8 after one quarter.

Cas Moore drained a trey just 30 seconds into the second period. She added a hoop and a pair of charity tosses before the half ended. Jo Moore hit a 3-pointer and Rempe scored twice in the paint.

Dunham hit from the blocks and Mandy

Scolley dropped in a 3-pointer from the top of the key just three seconds before the half.

The Lady Mules had cut the Hornet lead to 30-27.

Kaylie Morris kicked of the second half with a deep trey to tie the game a 30-30 just 20 seconds into the second half. She floated down the lane for a lay up later in the quarter. Scolley finished a fast break.

Precure nailed a trey and C. Moore squared up outside the arc for a 3-pointer to tie the game at 40-40 with a minute left in the quarter.

The Hornets made a free throw to retake the lead but Rempe made one charity toss to knot the score at 41-41 with one period left to play.

C. Moore made a short jumper and Scolley tied the game at 45-45 with a hoop. Precure added three free throws and J. Moore nailed a trey. Dunham put back a rebound for a hoop.

C. Moore led the Lady Mules in scoring with 12 points. Precure and Dunham added eight points each. Rempe and Scolley made seven points each and J. Moore dropped

in six points.

Morris made all five of her points in the third quarter.

Morris drove the lane to answer and Abernathy hoop to open the game on the Lady Lopes home court. Dunham finished a pair of fast breaks and Precure hit a short jumper before the first quarter ended with the Lady Mules trailing 9-8.

Rempe scored in the paint to open the second quarter and Dunham scored from the blocks. Morris drove the lane for a basket and then popped outside the arc for a 3-pointer.

C. Moore added a hoop and Precure completed an old-fashion three-point play. She then went coast-to-coast for a lay up.

The Lady Mules owned a 24-20 lead at the half.

Precure opened the second half with a hoop and added two more baskets before the period ended.

J. Moore finished the quarter with a short jumper.

The Lady Mules had managed to hang on to the four point advantage and led the lady Hornets 33-29 with



Photograph by Gabby Perez

A varsity Lady Mule shoots during the game against Tulia's Lady Hornets.

one quarter left to play. Precure made all five of the Lady Mules points in the final period.

Precure paced the Lady Mules with 18 points. Morris and

Dunham dropped in seven points each. C. Moore, Rempe and J. Moore chipped in two points each.

The Lady Mules filled their Tuesday by

night with the state ranked Whitharral Pantherettes.

The Lady Mules will travel to Friona Friday night to start the second round district.

Seventh Grade Lady Mules 'Ease Back Into Action

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Lady Mules eased back into action on the first day back in school following the Christmas break.

They quickly ran away from the Hale Center Lady Owls in the opening period.

"We had a great game coming off the Christmas break," said Lady Mule coach Edie Niblett.

"We did not press much and played zone defense to save our energy. Even with the two week break our girls played very hard and pushed them selves the entire game."

Yvonne Diaz got the Lady Mules cranked with a basket just 18 seconds into the contest.

She added four more hoops in the first quarter for a total of 10 points. Valarie Ambriz and Conley Niblett a hoop each in the opening period.

Niblett popped outside the ark and nailed a 3-pointer before the quarter ended.

The Lady Mules led 17-2 after one quarter and cruised to a 41-11 win.

Cassidy Cage drove the floor for a lay up to start the second period. Diaz and Hallie Myatt added a basket each and Niblett scored twice. The Lady Mules had pushed their lead to 27-6 at the intermission.

It took Myatt 14 seconds to score the opening points of the second half. She later took the ball coast-

to-coast for a bucket. Niblett scored on a short jumper before Diaz found the hoop for her final time.

Lily Barrera scored early in the quarter and then went end-to-end for a hoop. The Lady Mules led 39-9 with one period left to play.

Barrera ended all Lady Mule scoring with a basket early in the final period.

Diaz set the scoring pace for the Lady Mules with 14 points. Niblett dropped in 11 points and Barrera and Myatt scored six points each. Cage and Ambriz chipped in two points each.

The seventh and eighth grade Lady Mule B teams combined for the first time to play the Hale Center Lady Owl

B team.

"This was the first time these two teams had combined but they played really well together," said Lady Mule coach Jalissa King. "They did great."

The Lady Mules out scored Hale Center 10-2 in the opening period. The Lady Owls made a run at the Lady Mules in the second period and trimmed two from

the Lady Mule lead. The Lady Mules led 16-10 at the intermission.

The Lady Mules scored 14 points in both the third and fourth periods and held Hale Center to a total of five.

The Lady Mules defeated Hale Center 44-15.

Mireya Ruvalcaba led the Lady Mules with 12 points. Paolett

Landeros-Perchez and Marki Stearmer made eight points each.

The Lady Mules traveled to Levelland for the Lobo Tournament over the weekend and stayed on the road Monday to play the Maidens of Friona.

The Lady Mules return home Jan. 21 to host the Olton Fillies. No B team games will be played on the 21st.

Eighth Grade Shuts Down Hale Center

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Lady Mule defense completely shut down the Hale Center Lady Owls Monday night.

It was the first day back to school after the Christmas break for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules posted a 49-12 win.

"This was a great way to come back after the Christmas break," said the Lady Mule coach Jalissa King. "Every girl who played scored a bucket and made things happen on the court."

"We had a great defensive game as well with Gabby Gonzalez grabbing

seven rebounds. Reagan Reynolds and Marilyn Melendez also pulled down five rebounds each. Sydnie Sudduth and Emily Precure had four assists apiece."

The Lady Mules jumped in front with Precure breaking the scoring ice with a free throw 18 seconds into the game. Reynolds scored twice in the lane and Sydnie Sudduth chipped in a free throw.

Brittney Mendoza made a short jumper and Sadie Sudduth scored two hoops and beat the buzzer with a trey to put the Lady Mules in front 15-0.

Sa. Sudduth hit from

the elbow to open the second period and added two more hoops before the half ended. Gabby Gonzales scored twice and Reynolds turned and scored from near the blocks.

Kyan Garner scored just prior to the buzzer to finish the half with the Lady Mules leading 29-7.

Reynolds opened the second half with a hoop and Sa. Sudduth and Sy. Sudduth added a basket each. Precure drove the length of the floor for a lay up. The Lady Mules had increased their lead to 37-10.

Reynolds opened the period with a basket.

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Eighth Grade Ladies...


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 Melendez scored twice before the game ended. Precure, Mendoza and Sa. Sudduth added a basket each.
 Sa. Sudduth led the Lady Mules in scoring with 17 points. Reynolds scored 10 points and Precure dropped in five. Mendoza, Gonzales and Melendez added four points each and Sy. Sudduth made three. Garner chipped in two points.
 The Lady Mule played in the Levelland Lobo tournament over the weekend and traveled to Friona Monday to kick of the 2013 portion of the season.
 The Lady Mules will return home Jan. 21 to host the Fillies of Olton.

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- 2 Nicely Remodeled Duplex Units & 1 NEW Duplex Unit!! **Price Reduced!!! \$350K!!!!**
- Nicely Remodeled 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP w/wood pellet insert, corner lot, fenced yd., auto. splkr., + lot w/stor. bldg.!! 2159' lv. area!! **\$150K!! REDUCED!**
- VERY NICE 3-2.5-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2749' lv. area, lots of storage, nice courtyard & landscaping, workshop/storage/fenced yd., Much More!! **Reduced-\$170K!**
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home on corner lot, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, remodeled bathrooms, nice carpet & tile, sunroom, fenced yd., auto. splkr., approx. 2216' lv. area!! **\$125K!!**
- BEAUTIFUL 3-2-2 Brick Home, (2007), approx. 1575' lv. area, built-ins, ceiling fans, auto splkr., fenced yd.!! **\$139,500!! PRICE REDUCED!!**
- 2-1 Home, wall furnace heat, window evap. air!! **\$30,000!!!**
- NICELY REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick Home, Approx. 2474' lv. area, Geothermal Cent. A&H, Built-ins, FP, cov. porch & patio, auto. splkr., fenced yd!! **MUCH MORE!! \$170,000!!!**

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- 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, 2 carport, Cent A&H, Dishwasher, WB Stove, approx. 2156' lv. area, **\$60K!!**

RURAL

- VERY NICE CUSTOM BUILT 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 car garage home, at edge of town on 80 acres!! Geothermal heat & air, built-ins, FP, ash cabinets, approx. 2544' main lv. area plus 625' finished basement w/safe & storage, splkr system, beautiful trees and landscaping, circle sprlkr, 5 wire barbwire fence, 36' x 48' metal insulated bldg w/2 12' doors!! **MUCH MORE!!!**
- 3-1 1/2-1 Home on 8 acres, approx. 1664' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, sunroom, storm shelter, stor. room, 2 CP, RV port, 1440' metal bldg.!! **MORE!! \$135K!!!**
- NICE 4.8 acre homesites, deed restricted!! **\$17,500!!!**
- 3-2-2 HOME ON 2 AC. (2860 FM 303)- APPROX. 2146' lv. area, DW, ceiling fans, thermal windows, lg. conc. patio, workshop/storage!! **\$89,000!! \$80 K!!!**
- West of Sudan 3-2-2 Brick Home on 5.57 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, approx. 2688' lv. area, fenced yd., 40' x 80' quonset barn!! **MUCH MORE!! \$135K!!!**
- NICE 3-2-2 Home on 11 acres at edge of town, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, freshly painted interior, thermal windows & doors, plus 1 bdrm house, workshop, storage, greenhouse, plus 3 garages, barns & outbuildings!! **\$455,000!! \$135,000!!!**
- FM 1760 @ edge of town, nice 3-2-2 carport home on 3 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2253' lv. area, fenced, horse barn w/corrals, hay & tack room!! **\$105K!!!!**
- LARIAT AREA - 3-1 Home, Cent. heat, 5 acres, 1989' lv. area, 2 1/2 carport, 2880' wood barn, out bldgs., **Reduced \$39K!! POSSIBLE OWNER FINANCE!!**
- VERY NICE 4-3 doublewide (2006) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., 25' x 40' metal bldg., septic system, domestic well, on pavement close to town!! **PRICE REDUCED!! \$130,000!!!**
- FM 303-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Det. Garage, 2 acre tract, Par. Cent. A&H, Dw, disposal, thermal windows, storm doors, fans, stor. bldg.!! **\$80!! \$74,000!!!**

LAND & COMMERCIAL

- Building w/approx. 3300' plus 1040' upstairs, Cent. A&H, 2 restrooms, MORE! **\$39,500!! MAKE OFFER!!**
- Approx. 1080' metal bldg. w/off. & 3 bay garage/workshop area plus chain link fenced area!! **\$39,500!!!**
- GREAT BUSINESS LOCATION - 13000' Bldg., 7000' paved parking, corner lot, Hwy. 84 & Main. A&H, \$100,000!!! **Price Reduced \$80,000!!!**
- 101.8 acres, edge of town, pasture & farm land, 1 irrig. well! **\$122,244!!**
- FOR LEASE - 2100' office space + 20,500' warehouse area!!
- 308 W. 2nd - 2856' bldg. - former Odd Fellows Lodge, **PRICED TO SELL!! \$31,500**

Conservation Programs Applications Are Being Accepted

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Kayla Creek announces applications for funding opportunities with the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) are currently being accepted at the NRCS offices located at 105 East Avenue D, Muleshoe.

NRCS in Texas has received its initial allocation of EQIP funding in 2013 and will begin ranking and obligating EQIP contracts after February 15. All agriculture producers interested in submitting a contract application for 2013 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 Kayla Creek.

EQIP is a continuous sign-up program that allows landowners or operators to apply for financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices; but the deadline for the first 2013 funding is

Feb. 15. 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.

Each county in the state is funded yearly to assist producers

financially with these land management practices.

Last year, NRCS in Texas funded over 4,000 EQIP contracts with \$76 million to accomplish conservation practices such as irrigation efficiency, minimum tillage, brush management and more on 2.1 million acres across the entire state.

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.

For more information, including eligibility requirements, call the USDA Service Center office in Muleshoe at

(806) 272-4538. 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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RANDY'S ROUNDUP

UPDATE BY CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER

Debt Ceiling Debate

Sometime next month, Congress will be faced with another decision to raise the debt ceiling. Before I would even consider voting to increase the debt ceiling, I must see significant and immediate spending cuts that put us on the path toward fiscal solvency.

We must make the tough decisions to cut government spending. Our debt is already larger than the entire U.S. economy and it continues to grow every second.

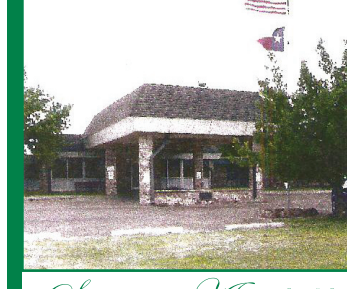
Cutting spending is the only way to stop the cycle of taxing, spending and borrowing, which will severely limit the opportunities for future generations.

Earlier today, President Obama said that we must raise the debt ceiling so that the government can continue to pay its bills.

However, these "bills" that he is referring to are the direct result of runaway stimulus and entitlement spending that he signed into law.

It's time President Obama and Senate Democrats realize that the only way to get out of our debt problem is by dramatically changing the spending attitude in Washington and reducing our debt so our children and grandchildren do not have to worry about their future in this country.

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Soon you began to occupy a very special place in our hearts. A place of high honor! Perhaps I shall call you an angel. Angel of compassion and love.

You are a caregiver friend. You gave us strength when our hearts were so strained. You nourished us with gifts of love and compassion. You listened to our cares and concerns.

Did I ever really thank all of you? Can you ever really know how much the nursing home in our little town of Friona, Texas meant to both me and my mother.

I guess it is never too late to say thank you but those words seem too inadequate. I would really like to tell you what a difference you made in my life. Most probably all of you don't often receive the praise and recognition you deserve.

And so today I am writing this letter. It comes with the utmost respect for the nursing home we have in our little town and the highest regard for the difficult tasks you perform each day.

It has taken quite a while for me to process the death of my mother. I see it as a perfect plan to bring me to where I am in my life now. As a caregiver I have first hand knowledge of the kind of nursing home we really have in Friona.

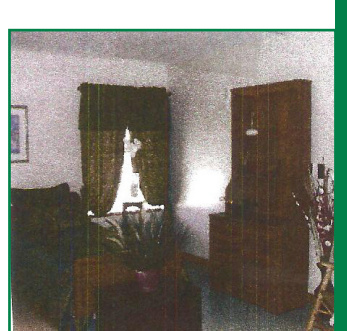
Our nursing home brings sunlight into the lives of the elderly and their families. What an incredible contribution you make in the sacred cycle of living and dying.
Elvanda Campbell
Daughter of Grace Opal Strickland



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