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## Mules End Season With Fall To Eastland

By Delton Wilhite  
 Sportswriter

The Mules' 2012 playoff run came to a halt Friday night in the Area Round at Snyder's Tiger Stadium. The Mules broke the scoring ice first after one of the Eastland Mavericks appeared to have been hit in the head by Ray Martinez line-drive Rugby-style punt. The Mules recovered on the Maverick 31-yard line.

The Mules took advantage of the miscue and seven plays later cashed in with a seven-yard touchdown run by Caleb Wood. On the drive Wood had a run

up the middle for 12 yards and completed passes to Lupe Campos and Saul Sanchez. Campos had nine-

lasted for just over two minutes before Eastland's Brandon Allen scored on a seven-yard run. The

**"It was a tough night for our seniors. ... We went down fighting"**  
 — Coach David Wood

yard catch along the Eastland sideline and Sanchez broke over the middle for an 11-yard reception. Nacho Elizalde's PAT kick gave the Mules a 7-0 lead with 6:32 left in the first period.

drive included a 62-yard pass from Josh Moylan to Allen out of the backfield. Tyler Adams added the point after to tie the game with 4:43 remaining in the first quarter.

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Photograph by Gabby Perez  
 Mule Caleb Wood carries the ball into the end zone during Friday's game.

## Lady Mules Topple Maidens

By Delton Wilhite  
 Sportswriter

The Morton Maidens jumped out of the gate Tuesday evening and took a 12-6 lead over the Lady Mules with a six-point scoring run half way through the opening quarter.

Daniela Diaz was fouled out past the 3-point arc and made both ends of the one and one foul.

Katelyn Gable ripped down a defensive rebound and was fouled. She made both free throws to cut the Maiden lead to 12-11.

Morton drained a 3-pointer and increased their lead to 19-13 with the period drawing to a close. McKenna Dunham put back an offensive rebound to cut that lead to 19-15 to start the second period.

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Photograph by Gabby Perez  
 Lady Mule Daniela Diaz shoots during the recent game against Morton's Maidens.

## Vacant City Council Seat To Be Filled In May Election

By Larry Thornton  
 Managing Editor

The Muleshoe council seat vacated at the Sept. 10 regular meeting will remain so until the regular May 11 municipal

election, according to City Manager David Brunson. Prior to the seat, formerly held by Dist. 1 council member Richard Orozco, being declared vacant, there

was some discussion about whether the position would be filled by election or appointment.

While the city's charter says it would be filled by appointment within 10 days of the declared vacancy, state statutes require positions with a three-year term limit, such as the city has, to be filled by an election.

Normally, that would be the end of the discussion as state law supersedes a city charter.

However, prior to the *Journal's* article regarding the vacancy in the Aug. 23 issue, Brunson said a federal court decision involving Muleshoe and it's elections from several years ago included portions of the city charter that still required vacancies

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## Christmas Parade Set For Saturday

With Thanksgiving in the rearview mirror, area residents have only a few days before the start of the Christmas season, beginning Saturday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m., with the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's annual Christmas parade.

According to chamber secretary Becky Hoksbergen, parade entrants are asked to donate food items this year to the Bailey County Food Pantry.

The chamber continues to host "Christmas Around Muleshoe," which culminates on Dec. 15 with a drawing for \$1,000 in Mule Bucks.

This year's event includes a business and residential decorating contest. The decorating contest will be judged on Dec. 17, and the winners announced on Dec. 19.

Contact the chamber at 272-4248 for additional information.

## Santa's Christmas Gift

By Larry Thornton  
 Part 4

Once they were out of sight among the pines surrounding the edge of the park, Elwood fluttered his wings briefly, straightening some of the feathers in the process, and lowered himself to the ground, his webbed feet snugly underneath him.

"Well, what are you going to do now, Marvin?" he asked.

"I need to talk to somebody," Sandy said after a moment's thought. "Can you wait for me here?"

"Thhure thing," Elwood said. "But if you're not going to need it, can I take the thaddle off?"

Sandy nodded and went about the task of loosening the saddle's cinch.

"Who are you going to talk to?" asked the goose.

Sandy paused for a moment. "Children," he said. "They'll know what I need."

Elwood nodded his head slowly, knowingly... a practiced move that he thought made him appear smarter

than he actually felt when someone said something that seemed to zip over his head, just out of reach.

Leaving Elwood among the trees, Sandy started walking toward the southeast and the large shopping mall he'd noticed there just prior to landing in the park.

"Surely there's some kids there," he said as he stepped out of the tree line's concealment.

"Don't call me Thhurely," the great snow goose said from his resting place. "My name's Elwood... an amathhing name for an amathhing goothhe."

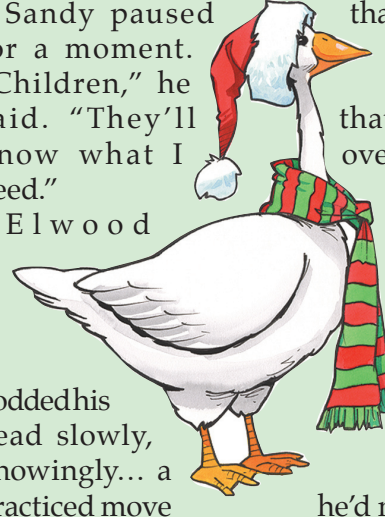
Sandy shook his head slowly from side to side and continued walking.

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 Although it was

getting late and the Christmas crowd had begun to dwindle, Sandy's arrived at the shopping mall went almost unnoticed... or rather, as unnoticed as a four and a half foot young man dressed in the bright colors of Christmas could be.

But with the wide variety of Christmas displays throughout the mall, if there

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# OPINION

## Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

To post an announcement send an email to editor@muleshoejournal.com

### 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.

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.

### Meals On Wheels

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.

Contact Shelby Carpenter at (806)272-3647 for additional information.

### 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.

### Christmas Story Time

The Muleshoe Area Public Library will be hosting Christmas Story Time on Dec, 10, beginning at 10 a.m. Participants are encouraged to wear their Santa hats.

### Bell Ringers

Salvation Army bell ringers are needed for collection efforts in Muleshoe. Contact Shelby Carpenter at (806)272-3647 for additional information.

### EMT Basic

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

### 'Rockin' Little Christmas'

The Trinity Christian Center Church will be holding a concert to benefit Bailey County Meals on Wheels on Thursday, Dec. 6, beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

# Is Secession The Answer?

To secede or not to secede... that is the question.

Whether 'tis nobler in the Lone Star State... if not just the western regions, to suffer wind, dust and mighty distances to the streets of Austin's capital, or to sign the petition crying out at the indignity of being forgotten by state legislators who tend to favor communities southeast of the panhandle.

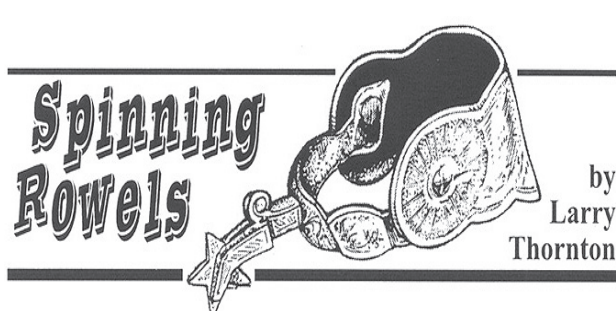
And by opposing them, to seek... to dream... to...

Oh, forget it. Paraphrasing the Bard of Avon in regards to the recent plethora of secessionist rhetoric makes about as much sense as the weekly antics of the SS Minnow's crew.

How did that one scene go? "Be not a borrower, nor a lender be... Do not forget... stay out of debt..."

Anyway...

The first time I heard about a group of West Texas secessionists was about a quarter of a



century ago, when it was suggested that since the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles had so little in common with their respective state capitals they should secede and form their own separate and independent state.

Needless to say their efforts fell flatter than an Amarillo mountain.

For the most part, the most recent barrage petitions seem to be related to the latest failed attempts to ship the liberals out of the White House.

The fact that I'm able to recognize a group of liberals even when they're trying to model moderate garb a couple of week's after Halloween ought to give at least a small hint about my leanings in the most recent election, but that's actually a

different topic.

Obviously, the right to secede doesn't exist in the United States. It's interesting that the original leaders of this nation which came into existence through the violent secession we refer to as the American Revolution, recognized they needed to stop the process they initiated in order for their new nation to continue.

And, even though the State of Texas, formerly the Republic of Texas, came into existence under the umbrella of what some would describe as the "right of secession," for the most part secession hasn't been a viable tool for righting the wrongs of government.

What's even more interesting about the argument over secession and revolution — two actions that though related in intent have arguably different meanings, is that to my understanding while secession has been ruled unlawful by this nation's high court, revolution apparently has not.

From my understanding, the first amounts to "taking your ball home rather than

finishing the game," while the latter can be compared to forcing a rule change mid-game.

Fortunately, most of the secessionist ideas floating out there aren't accompanied by thoughts of revolution, as have recently thrashed many of the governments in the Middle East. However, over the recent holidays I did encounter some Texans who said they're preparing for just that.

Over all, it speaks to the great amount of political division present within these United States, and the need for the current administration to take steps toward healing the rift.

At the beginning of his first term of office, Pres. Barack Obama cried out for a bipartisan effort to heal the problems facing the nation, only to show that his true intent was to push his liberal agenda through with an "or else" attitude.

To be perfectly honest, I expect more of the same with the upcoming term, just as I expect the number who suggest a more forceful response is needed to increase.

Where will it end? I don't know, but the only way to avoid the problems ahead is probably to join the Minnow's seven stranded castaways on an uncharted desert isle.

## A Rose Is A Rose, But Man's Flower Is A Pansy

If you don't mind, let's begin here with a little general vocabulary drill; specifically, some synonyms for "tough."

How about... durable, hardened, hardy, resilient, robust, rugged, stalwart, steeled, stout, sturdy, strong, tenacious, unyielding, vigorous... for a few?

And with just a little more time spent with my thesaurus, I could continue resolutely reciting a litany of toughness terms.

But here's a noun you won't find lurking among the flinty descriptors above: pansy.

Along this line, a couple of pansy-based adjectives are available. Pansified. Pansied. I even wondered about coining another term or two. Pansy-ish. Pansitious. Nope.

But I'm beginning to think that the word "pansy," which has come to be associated with the weak and "sissified," has been much maligned.

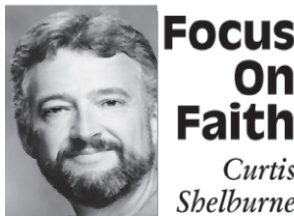
The term may, in fact, deserve a place of honor right alongside the toughest toughness terms we might dredge up.

It's my actual pansies, the little blue and yellow flowers occupying flowerpots strategically located in our yard, that have made me reconsider my position on the term.

I like flowers. I inherited my mother's love for green and growing things, but not her green thumb.

For years now, I've been torturing a pot of ivy in my study, my care evidently subjecting that poor plant to a long and lingering but inevitable death.

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**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

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# Muleshoe Student Recognized As 'Comeback Athlete'

Muleshoe High School is very proud to announce that Morgan Burris will be featured in Training & Conditioning Magazine's February edition as the Comeback Athlete award winner.

This magazine is a national publication that reaches thousands of sports medicine professionals (athletic trainers, doctors, etc.).

Morgan is a senior student athletic trainer at Muleshoe High School and has been active within athletics since she was in seventh grade. Morgan was diagnosed early in life with severe acute asthma.

By  
Superintendent  
Dr. Gene Sheets

Super news from MISD

During Morgan's life, she has had surgery to remove a fungus in her sinus cavities and has been hospitalized numerous times for asthma related issues. Amazingly though, this has never stopped her from wanting to be a part of athletics here at Muleshoe.



Morgan Burris

During her ninth grade year (2009-2010), she could hardly run a lap without needing a breathing treatment. She was on so many medications to try and

improve her condition that it almost made it impossible for her to even attend school, but still she was here every day and tried her best to be a part of the basketball team and throw shot-put and discus during track season.

At this point in Morgan's life, her disease was beginning to win. Morgan knew that athletics were



Athletic trainer Morgan Burris demonstrates her taping skills.

Photograph by Larry Thornton

## Focus On Faith...

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Anyone who can kill ivy has no business attempting to grow more complicated plants, but I try.

Every year, just before our first freeze, or, more often, just after the first freeze coupled with my procrastination has wiped out my least hardy plants, I move the survivors into the shed/greenhouse I built in the back yard. And that's when I set out some pansies.

When the weather's getting colder. When most other flowers give up and die. When fancy bloomers frost up and melt away. When other plants go in, that's when the pansies come out.

A rose may be "a rose by any other name," but a pansy? Tough as nails even by its misappropriated name.

This year those little flowers have not only stood up to frost, they've endured what our local weather-folks call spring-like conditions. If that term conjures up in your mind birdies and butterflies, you don't live here.

Think instead about parching wind, choking dust, and nary a drop of rain. Couple "spring-like" with a few serious

freezes, and still my pansies soldier on. Those cute little flowers are slandered by their very name.

One more time Heaven smiles as we're confounded, our "wisdom" turned upside down. Little flowers out-last and out-perform far showier varieties. Little children become guides sent by God to lead stodgy adults back to what is truly precious in His kingdom.

Little faith-filled ladies on walkers humble us with the power of their prayers. Over and over again, God uses "the weak to confound the strong."

## Council Seat...

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to be filled by appointment.

Since that time, it has been decided that the seat will be filled by election.

Muleshoe's council members do not have to live within the districts they represent. In fact, according to the city manager, Orozco was the only member residing within his district.

Both Dist. 1, and Dist. 2 — currently held by Mayor Pro Tem Irene Mason, will be up for reelection this year.

According Brunson, the council will order the election either in January or February, and according to the Texas Secretary of State's election website, the last day to file for a place on the ballot in the local general election will be Friday, March 1.

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By Laverne Winn

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Congratulations to our football boys and coaches. They represent Muleshoe every year with pride. Pat yourself on the back and know how much we appreciate you.

Tuesday, Dec. 4, will be Bunco day. Call a friend and come enjoy the morning. Games begin at 10 a.m. Then stay and have lunch.

Remember! Saturday, Dec. 1, is our pancake breakfast morning at the Oneita Wagon

Senior Center. We will begin serving at 7 a.m., and serve until 11 a.m. The menu will be our regular one of pancakes, a variety of syrups, sausage, bacon, coffee, milk, an orange juice. The fee is \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children 10 and under.

The Christmas parade will be at 2 p.m., this Saturday, so the center will stay open until after the parade for any of you that would like to come have breakfast and just stay to watch the parade.

The center has a big screen television you can watch, a library with large print books to enjoy, always a game of dominoes, eighty, or computers to use.

We invite you to come and enjoy the day with us.

Menu for Dec. 3-7:  
Monday, Dec. 3 — Taco salad, beans, Spanish rice, broccoli and cauliflower salad, tortilla, and apricot halves.

Tuesday, Dec. 4 — Pork chops, black eyed peas, spinach, cornbread, and baked apples.

Wednesday, Dec. 5 — Grilled steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, wheat roll, and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Dec. 6 — Meatloaf with sauce, smothered potatoes, beans, wheat roll, chocolate pudding.

Friday, Dec. 7 — Fish or chicken strips, country gravy, beans, coleslaw, and fruit salad.

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# Obituaries

## Clara Flores

Funeral services for Clara SM Flores, 79, of Muleshoe, were held on Saturday, Nov. 24, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Leo Pahamtang of Muleshoe officiating.

A vigil was held on Friday, Nov. 23.

Burial followed Saturday's services in Earth Memorial Cemetery of Earth under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Clara died on Nov. 21, 2012, in Lubbock. She was born on Aug. 12, 1933, in Brackettville to Luisa Rodriguez and Thomas San Miguel, and married Armando Flores in Lamesa on Nov. 4, 1951.

Clara was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe.

She was also a member of the Guadalupanas Society within the church. Clara enjoyed giving back to her community by being a volunteer for Bailey County Meals on Wheels.

She is survived by one



sister — Dolores Ruiz of Dimmitt; four brothers — Robert San Miguel of Fresno, Calif., Paul San Miguel and wife Ana of Lubbock, Henry San Miguel of Earth, and Thomas San Miguel Jr. and wife Mary of New Braunfels; a son-in-law — Bruce Goke of Las Vegas, N.M.; and many nieces and nephews.

Clara is preceded in death by her parents — Thomas and Luisa San Miguel; her husband — Armando Flores; a daughter — Lori Celeste Goke; and a sister — Belia Zamora.

Memorials may be sent to the Bailey County Meal on Wheels, 300 S. First Muleshoe, Tx 79347; or Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 805 E. Hickory Muleshoe, TX 79347.

## Edith Colson

Graveside services for Comedith "Edith" Colson, 92, of Wellington were held on Monday, Nov. 26, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with Bob Colson of Tulia officiating.

Edith died on Nov. 21, 2012, in Wellington. She was born on May 29, 1920, to John Commodore and Vera (Hogan) Martin in Clay County, Tenn., and married Charlie "Buster" Colson in Clovis, N.M., on Feb. 19, 1951.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1990. Edith was also preceded in death by three brothers and a sister — Esker Colson, Junior Martin, J.B. Martin and Nina Colson.

Edith graduated from high school in Willow Grove, Tenn. She moved to Muleshoe



in 1949 where she lived until 2011, moving to Wellington. She was a homemaker and a member of the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

Survivors include three brothers — Chester Colson of Bowling Green, Ky., Clark Colson of Portales, N.M., and Eldon Colson of Broken Bow, Okla. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

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### Jo Mimms

Former Lazbuddie resident Jo Mimms, 88, of Hereford died on Nov. 20, 2012. She was born on June 16, 1924 to William and Sarah Webb in Ralls. Graveside services were held on Saturday, Nov. 24, at Ralls Cemetery.

By Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets

Super news from MISD

Continued from A3 Coach Woolbright knew she would try her best at whatever she was doing.

From sophomore year (2010) till now, she has tried multiple different combinations of medications, but still no real improvement. Until this past spring, the doctors began to try this new injectable serum that, "puts the asthma to sleep," is how she described it to me.

She is doing so well now with her asthma, that I bet she could rejoin athletics, if she wanted to. However, she has found a calling as a student athletic trainer.

She has helped handle serious medical emergencies over the past few years (two ankle dislocations, a compound ankle dislocation, multiple fractures, just to name a few examples), and she has dealt with those with more maturity and bravery than I could

ever imagine a person of her age doing. That same courage that she displayed in fighting her asthma, has translated over to what may be her profession.

She wants to now help athletes by becoming a professional athletic trainer.

The biggest "comeback" I suppose for Morgan is that she is actually going to get to live out her dreams now of going to college and study to be an athletic trainer.

For a long time, everyone thought it would never be feasible due to her conditions, but now she is applying to colleges such as Kansas State University, Angelo State University and Stephen F. Austin University.

We are extremely excited for Morgan and proud of what she has been able to accomplish during her time here at Muleshoe High School.

It's a great time to be a Mule!

## Cub Scout Food Drive Scheduled For Dec. 8

Muleshoe's Cub Scout Pack 620 will be participating in "Scouting for Food," a community-wide food drive, on Saturday, Dec. 8.

Local residents wishing to assist the cub scouts in their food drive should place nonperishable food items in a bag, and set them on their front porch by 9 a.m., that Dec. 8.

Among the recommended items are: Cereal, macaroni and cheese, rice, pinto beans, canned soup,

peanut butter, and canned meat items.

Items donated will be distributed through the Bailey County Food Pantry.

For additional information, contact Lisa Pucket at 806-946-9658.

## Texas Cattle On Feed Numbers Are Down

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.67 million head on Nov. 1, down 11 percent from a year ago.

According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down slightly from the Oct. 1 level. Producers placed 450,000 head in commercial feedlots during October, down 20 percent from a year ago and down six percent from last month.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 440,000 head during October, down five percent from 2011 but up 10 percent from last month.

On Nov. 1, there were 2.31 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 87 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was down nine percent from last year and down slightly from the Oct. 1 total.

October placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 394,000 head, down six percent from the September total. Marketings were up 10 percent from last month to 388,000 head.

Cattle and calves

on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 11.3 million head on Nov. 1. This inventory was down five percent from Nov. 1, 2011.

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

was ever a time that an actual elf could go unnoticed this was it.

As he pushed open one of the large glass entrance doors, some of the youngsters in the vicinity turned to gaze at Sandy with eyes of excitement and anticipation.

One tired little girl, who had obviously been worn down by her parent's mall walking, was being carried by her father, her blonde curls gently laid against her father's shoulder, lifted her head long enough to wave sheepishly at the Sandy.

"Mommy, there's an elf," said another youngster, tugging at his mother's coat with one hand and pointing at Sandy with the other.

"Hush, Tommy," the mother said, not bothering to even glance in the direction her son was pointing, before returning to her cell phone conversation.

Sandy smiled and waved back, but continued walking until he arrived at the entrance to a large toy store. Once inside, it wasn't long before he found what he was looking for... unattended children.

For some reason, parents who would normally keep close contact with their children in most stores think nothing at all about leaving their children unattended in a toy store or arcade, ignoring the fact that such an attitude can easily be used by unsavory individuals who wish children harm.

As it was, this particular toy store had trained its employees to watch out for their young customers, even if their parents weren't, and had mounted cameras throughout the store in an effort to monitor such things. So, by the time Sandy had approached the second child an employee had already noted the elf's activities. By the time Sandy had talked to the third child, mall security had already been contacted.

"Hello," Sandy said to the fourth unattended child he'd encountered in the toy store, "I'm Sandy. What's your name?"

The six-year-old youngster was on the verge of answering when the sudden appearance of two adults dressed in black slacks, white shirts and carrying hand-held radios caused him to pause.

"Can we talk to you a moment?" the man on the left asked Sandy.

Sandy looked up at the man and glanced briefly at his partner. "Uh, sure," he said.

The wolf accompanying Janus raised his head and looked around briefly before lowering it and resting it on his paws. Since they had climbed into the cargo hold of the plane at the Alert Airport, some 450 miles south of the North Pole, the wolf hadn't said a single word. Occasionally, his ears would twitch as they tracked some noise outside the airplane, but had remained silent.

Finally, unable to stand the silence any more, even if it drew

unwanted attention to their position, Janus spoke. "Why don't the wolves use names?" the elf asked in a whisper, thinking about something that had always puzzled him.

The wolf's eyes turned toward Janus. "We do," said the wolf.

"But when I was sent to get you, I was told to call you 'wolf'," he said.

"That's because you're not a 'pack brother,'" said the wolf. "We only share our names with our pack brothers," he went on to explain.

"But I've heard Santa call a wolf by name," Janus said.

"That's because he's a member of all the packs around the village," said the wolf.

Janus nodded his head as if he understood, and considered asking a second question when he was interrupted by the sound of the plane's engines as they roared to life.

"Finally," the wolf muttered before falling once more into silence.

A few minutes later, after the engines had warmed up, the cargo plane taxied over to the runway, and took off, headed south.

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While one of the security guards spoke to Sandy, the other spoke to a couple of the children to whom the elf

had briefly spoken only minutes before.

"What did he say to them?" the guard standing with Sandy asked when his partner returned.

"All they said was he asked them if they believed in Santa Claus."

The guard towering over Sandy glanced at his partner, and then back at Sandy, looking him up and down slowly for a moment.

"Why did you want to know that?" asked the guard Sandy.

"I needed to know," said the elf with a shrug.

"Why's that... are you working for one of the other stores?"

Sandy shook his head slowly.

The guard looked him up and down again before turning to the other guard. "I don't know what he's doing, but there's not much we can do about it. Just escort him off the premises and tell him not to come back," he said.

The other, obviously younger, security guard nodded and looking over at Sandy said, "Come with me."

With a sigh, Sandy accompanied him to the mall entrance.

When he returned to Elwood's resting place among the trees at the park the goose was snoring peaceably, his head tucked under his left wing.

For a moment, he considered awakening the goose, only to decide that morning was early enough. With nothing else to be done, Sandy stretched out next to the goose and closed his eyes.

Monday morning came much earlier than Robbie wanted, and along with it came the return to school.

Robbie followed

his normal school day routine, getting dressed, grabbing a quick bite of breakfast, and arguing briefly with Marge over which cereal box character was the best before grabbing up his backpack and heading out the door.

There was a chill in the air to go along with the light snow that still covered the ground, along with an occasional stretch of ice that allowed him pretend he was ice skating.

Normally, when he came to Sixth Street, he'd encounter one or two of his classmates. The fact that he didn't probably meant either he was late, or they were early. And with Robbie's recent track record, the possibility of Johnny getting to school early was very slim.

"Oh, brother, tardy again" Robbie muttered to himself as he hiked the backpack further up on his shoulder and started running toward the school campus in the distance.

When he arrived at Wapaknucka Elementary the playground there wasn't another kid in sight, which meant the last bell had rang when he was too far away to hear it.

Inside the building, Robbie walked past his classroom. The door was open, and Johnny, whose assigned seat was toward the front of the class noticed him walking past.

With a big grin, Johnny made a "T" signal with his hands... it wasn't for "time out."

Robbie grinned sheepishly, shrugged and walked on, headed to the principal's office to pick up another tardy slip.

"Hello, Robbie," Ms. Cranshaw, the receptionist said as he opened the door and stepped into the administration office.

"Good morning, Ms.

Cranshaw," said Robbie. "I need another tardy slip."

Ms. Cranshaw clucked her disapproval. "Honey, you've got to pick up the speed," she said. "Isn't this your third one?"

Robbie nodded.

"Well, you know the rules," she said. "You'll have to talk with Principal Angleton before I can give you an admit for class."

Robbie sighed heavily.

"Just have a seat," Mrs. Cranshaw said. "He's already talking with someone. You'll have to wait a moment."

Robbie looked at the clock against the far wall before dropping his backpack next to one of the chairs by the office door and sitting down.

Almost five minutes passed before the principal's office door opened and an adult, probably the parent of one of the students exited followed by Mr. Angleton.

After the parent left, the principal turned his attention to Robbie Jeffers. "Hello, Robbie, did you need to see me about something?"

"His third tardy slip," offered Ms. Cranshaw.

"Well, that's not good," said Mr. Angleton, shaking his head slowly. "Come into my office."

With the door closed, the principal walked around the desk to his chair. "Have a seat," he said.

"You know, Robbie, we've got to get a handle on this problem before it affects your grades."

"Yes, sir," was all Robbie said.

Mr. Angleton looked at the large calendar hanging on the wall to his right. "Do you think you can make it through the rest of the month without another tardy slip?" he asked.

"Sure, I can," Robbie said, trying to sound confident.

The principal looked

down at Robbie over the top of his wire-rimmed glasses but didn't say anything.

"I mean... I think I can... I'll do my best," Robbie said.

"Okay, I'll take your word on that," Mr. Angleton said, leaning forward.

Think he was being dismissed, Robbie stood up and was about to turn toward the door when the principal continued speaking.

"But there's another thing you can do for me," said Mr. Angleton.

"What's that?" asked Robbie.

The principal paused for a couple of moments before continuing. "You can volunteer for a part in Ms. Kingsley's Christmas play," he said. "I think she said something about needing another elf."

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If Robbie hadn't been so shocked, he would have groaned. It was fast becoming the Christmas to end all Christmases. Not only did he have to help restore his little sister's belief in Christmas, but now he was having to "volunteer" to be an elf in the school's Christmas play.

"Couldn't I do some extra homework, or something?" Robbie asked. "Or stay in from recess?"

Mr. Angleton smiled. "I appreciate your willingness to study harder," said the principal, "but it would really help us if you could be the elf."

"Tommy Benson was signed up for the part, but he's been very sick, and can't continue," he explained. "You're about the same size, so they shouldn't have to alter the costume."

"Costume?" groaned Robbie. "With bells and stuff?"

Mr. Angleton smiled even bigger. "Of course, you'll love it."

The phone at the

principal's left hand buzzed, and he answered it. "Sure. I'm just finishing here."

"Thanks again, Robbie," said Mr. Angleton as he hung up the phone "You'd better head on to class before you miss any more. I'll call your mother and tell her you'll be staying after school today for play practice."

Before he could think of anything else to say, Robbie was ushered out of the principal's and found himself headed by to class, his tardy slip in hand.

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Sandy wandered through the city's business district alone. Considering Elwood's large size, the elf had sent him to an area lake where he could swim out to the center and not stand out so much next to the much smaller Canadian geese that populated it.

As he passed people on the street, the majority merely smiled at his colorful garb before continuing on their way, while a few fixed their gaze straight ahead as if determined not to exchange a greeting with him.

By the time he had walked a few blocks, Sandy had figured out that this wasn't the place to be looking for children.

So he approached an elderly gentleman with a cane standing at a street corner, waiting for the light to change, and asked, "Are there any schools near here?"

The elderly man looked down at Sandy and grinned. "My... you're a little fellow," the man said. "Are you getting things in line for Santa's visit?"

Sandy smiled back at him. "Do you believe in Santa?"

"Why, sure... what's not to believe?"

"A lot of people don't anymore," said Sandy

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Rick C. Love  
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# Friona, Olton Fall To Eighth Grade Mules

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules traveled to Friona on Thursday to open their basketball season against the Braves.

The Mules held Friona to just three points in the game while the Mules piled up 45 for the win.

Dagen Dunham paced the Mules with 10 points. Javy Perez and Beto Diaz dropped in eight each and Jason Florez added six points.

The eighth grade B-team Mules defeated Friona 22-1. Blake Parker led the Mules with eight points and Lane Coffman dropped in six.

The Mules improved to 2-0 on Monday by defeating the Olton

Colts 54-7. Dunham broke the ice with a shot in the paint.

Florez completed an old-fashion three-point play by fighting through a foul while completing a break and then added the free throw.

Dunham stuck back and offensive rebound for his second basket of the quarter.

J. Perez put back an offensive rebound with four minutes left in the first period. Tre Villa finished back-to-back fast breaks for a pair of baskets.

Tim Perez made the Mules final two baskets of the quarter. The Mules led 17-2 at the end of the first quarter.

T. Perez opened the second period with a basket.

Boo Flores dropped in a hoop on a fast break. T. Perez added a pair of free throws and J. Perez finished a break.

Diaz hit a 15-foot jump shot to warm up

for a 3-pointer from the top of the key.

J. Perez and Jessie Leal made back-to-back shots with time running down. Noah Nikkel dropped in a point blank shot just prior to the half. The Mules led 36-3 at the intermission.

Dunham stuck back a rebound early in the third quarter and T. Perez added back-to-back shots.

Olton scored four points in the quarter and trailed the Mules 42-7 going into the final quarter.

Florez opened the final quarter with a hoop and Dunham added a basket in the paint. Diaz hit from 15

feet and Leal finished a break.

Flores finished up the game for the Mules with a pair of buckets.

Perez set the scoring pace for the Mules with 12 points.

Dunham dropped in eight points, Diaz added seven and Flores and J. Perez scored six points each. Florez made five points, Villa and Leal had four points each and Nikkel chipped in two points.

The eighth grade B team did not get to play against Olton.

The Mules traveled to Dimmitt on Monday to play the Bobcats and return home Dec. 3 to host the Littlefield Wildcats.

Pictured on the right, a Mule Shoots in game against Olton.

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### We Can't Afford to Go Over the Fiscal Cliff

You can't turn on the news these days without hearing about the looming "fiscal cliff."

The stock market goes up and down daily as some small bit of good or bad news is reported about avoiding the economically catastrophic tax increases and automatic spending reductions that are set to occur at year's end.

I believe Congress and the White House can come together and reach the necessary bipartisan agreements that are needed to avoid the fiscal cliff and put America's economic house in order again.

The stakes for our economy and our future are enormous. According to the Congressional Budget Office, the impending tax hikes and across-the-board spending reductions in most programs (known as sequestration) would drag America back into recession and push unemployment back above nine percent.

Going over the fiscal cliff would also mean higher interest rates on credit cards, personal debts, and new mortgages.

Fewer of our children would be able to find work, and hopes for rejuvenating our economy would be dashed.

The underlying problem is out-of-control deficits. For the fourth consecutive year, our budget deficit is over \$1 trillion.

Total debt now exceeds \$16 trillion, and our country will be financially crippled if we don't deal with deficits.

Several bipartisan solutions have been put forward, including a plan from the President's Simpson-Bowles Commission.

The President has said

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repeatedly that taxes must be raised on those who make more than \$200,000. But if every millionaire in America were taxed at 100 percent, it would put only a small dent in our enormous budget deficits.

Although going over the fiscal cliff would raise taxes on everyone, the big threat is to middle class families. If action isn't taken by year's end, middle class families, small business owners, and retirees are going to take it on the chin in their 2013 taxes.

More than 31 million middle class taxpayers will face something called the "alternative minimum tax" for the first time.

The AMT was enacted years ago to assure that the wealthiest people paid a certain amount of tax. Thanks to inflation and bracket creep, the AMT is about to affect married couples whose joint taxable income is \$45,000.

Uncertainty about taxes has small businesses stuck in neutral. Three-quarters of small businesses pay taxes at individual rates. Until they know what

their tax rates for 2013 will be, the businesses that account for almost two-thirds of new job creation are standing still — and more than 20 million Americans who are looking for work will be on hold, too.

Senior citizens who saved for retirement are at financial risk, too. Taxes on dividends are set for huge increases on January 1 — to as much as 40 percent. Retirement planning and financial security will go out the window for millions who did all the right things throughout their working lives.

Also at risk if we don't avoid the fiscal cliff are my two top tax priorities.

First, in states like Texas, which don't have an income tax, the deductibility of sales taxes for federal income taxes assures fairness with other states.

If state sales tax deductibility isn't renewed by year's end, millions of Texas taxpayers will see their federal income tax bills swell by an average of \$500 next year.

My second priority is renewing tax relief for

middle class married couples. Before my amendment was made law in 2001, 25 million married couples were forced into higher income brackets and paid an average of \$1,400 more than they would have as single people.

This marriage penalty is, well, un-American, and my fix must be renewed.

There is still time for Congress and the White House to come together on a comprehensive long-range fiscal plan — to avoid punishing tax increases that will kill our weak economy, assure long-term Social Security and Medicare solvency (without cutting current benefits), and lock in prudent spending limits that will pare back deficits.

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Wow! You're doing a great job of collecting presents for people in our community!

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We're gathering gifts for kids!

Read these clues to fill in the puzzle with activities that families are doing together:

- \_\_\_\_\_ with family, friends to celebrate your holiday traditions
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- \_\_\_\_\_ events and selling items to raise money
- \_\_\_\_\_ coats, hats and gloves to keep others warm
- \_\_\_\_\_ gifts for friends and family
- \_\_\_\_\_ and decorating cookies
- \_\_\_\_\_ holiday stories together
- \_\_\_\_\_ latkes for Hanukkah
- \_\_\_\_\_ candles on the Kinara (a special candleholder) for Kwanzaa
- \_\_\_\_\_ stories and teaching their holiday traditions
- \_\_\_\_\_ joyous songs
- \_\_\_\_\_ the elderly or ill to bring small gifts and cheer
- \_\_\_\_\_ their homes with lights, greens, flowers, fruits
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- includes the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the year
- is the \_\_\_\_\_ month of the year
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# SPORTS NEWS

## Muleshoe Changes Too Late For Area Victory

Continued from A1  
Mavericks 26-14 at the intermission but made a run in the third period to take the lead 27-26. The final period belonged to the Mavericks and they defeated the Mules 48-34.

"It was a tough night for our seniors," said Mule coach David Wood. "We went down fighting. We came out in the second half, made some adjustments and caught fire. We just could not sustain it."

"After we had made some adjustments then they made some adjustments to counter what we had done. We were in the process of making more changes but we ran out of time. It was a great high school football game."

"These guys fought through a lot of adversity here at the end of the season. Hopefully they can take that with them through the rest of their lives and understand that it is not what the scoreboard shows at the end of the game. But what really matters is the amount of fight they had with in them."

The Mules kicked off to start the second half and the Maverick return plus a facemask penalty gave Eastland a first down on the Mule



Target Acquired...

Photograph by Gabby Perez

Like a missile ready to launch, a Mule squares off against an Eastland player during Friday's game.

47. A holding penalty on first down sent Eastland back to their 43.

Allen broke loose for a 20-yard run to the Mule 37 and a first down.

Maverick running back, Caleb Honea started left and then reversed his field. Sanchez raced across the field and blasted Honea from behind separating him from the ball. Shawn Atwood covered the ball on the Mule 39.

Wood found Barron over the middle for 10 yards. Then Wood kept the ball for 21 yards and a first down on the Maverick 35. Junior Baca took a pitch left for nine yards. Wood made back-to-back runs of four and five yards.

Barron ran a slant over the middle and Wood tossed him the ball for a nine-yard gain. Wood kept up the middle for another nine yards. Wood then faked the pitch to Baca and scooted up the middle on an eight-yard TD run. Elizalde's kick cut the Eastland lead to 26-21 with 7:11 left in the third quarter.

A holding penalty and an Atwood tackle for a negative one yard forced the Mavericks to punt. The punt took a Mule bounce and was killed on the Mule 45. The Mules picked up one first down and were forced to punt back to Eastland.

Martinez' low line drive Rugby-style punt that hit at the Eastland 20 and took a long Mule roll. Baca and Ross raced down field and watched as the ball rolled to the Maverick one-yard line. Baca killed the roll on the Eastland one-yard line.

A motion penalty may have cost the Mavericks a first down

and had to punt back to the Mules. The ensuing Mule drive began at the 50. Wood banged up the middle for 15 yards. Barron ran the slant over the middle and made a leaping catch for a 14-yard gain for a first and goal at the Maverick 10.

Wood gained four yards up the middle on first down. He then started to his right on the option play on second down, took a stutter step to allow the offensive line time opened a hole. He dashed six yards for a score to put the Mules in front 27-26 with no time remaining in the third quarter.

The Mavericks reclaimed the lead with an eight-play 63-yard interference-aided drive. Moylan tossed 21-yards to Matt Majors in the end zone for the only non-Allen TD for the Mavericks. The two-point conversion was good for a 34-27 lead with 8:59 remaining in the game.

The Mavericks

intercepted a Mule pass on the Mule 35. Allen scored five plays later on a five-yard run. The PAT kick increased the Maverick lead to 41-27 with 5:18 left on the clock.

Eastland kickoff to the Mule end zone and the Mules took the ball at their 25. Wood called a wide-receiver screen out of the double-twin set. He tossed the ball to Austin Ross one-yard down field on the Mule sideline. Barron made the block the corner back and Ross lit the jets. He ran past the safety for a 75-yard pass and run just 11 seconds after the Mavericks had scored. Elizalde's kick was good and the Mules cut the lead to 41-34.

Allen scored for Eastland from 13-yards out and point after kick was good to end all scoring. The Mavericks will advance to meet Bangs in the Regional Round next week.

There were only four yards difference in total offense between the Mules and the Mavericks. The Mules rushed for 194 yards, passed for 205 yards for a total of 399 yards. Eastland rushed 231 yards, passed for 172 yards for a total of 403 yards.

Caleb Wood completed 11 of 14 pass attempts and had three intercepted. Wood carried the ball 29 times for 173 yards and had touchdown runs of seven, one, seven, and six yards. He threw one touchdown pass of 75 yards to Austin Ross.

Junior Baca made 13 carries for 26 yards. Austin Ross made five receptions for 131 yards, Matt Barron had three catches for 50 yards and Saul Sanchez and Lupe Campos made one catch each for nine yards apiece.

Brandon Allen led the Mavericks with 26 rushing attempts for 172 yards and TD runs of seven, four, two, 17, five and 13 yards. Matt Flores led the Mule defense with 12 tackles with two being on special teams. Shawn Atwood made 11 tackles with three being for losses, had on quarterback hurry, recovered a fumble and made a big hit.

Ryan Johnson had 10 tackles, Xavier Reyes recorded seven stops and Lupe Campos also made seven tackles with one being on special teams. Ramon Mendoza and Christian Lucio made six tackles each.

Saul Sanchez had five tackles with one on special teams, two for losses and caused a fumble. Junior Baca made five tackles.

"I want to thank our fans for making the long trip with us today," continued Wood. "They were with us the whole ballgame and inspired the kids. The noise they made was incredible and it was great."

"Mule fans are the best and we as coaches do appreciate what they bring to the game each week. We would not play the same with out them."

## JV Lady Mules Roll Over Morton's Maidens

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules screwed down the defensive pressure in Morton against the Maidens. The Lady Mules held Morton scoreless 12 minutes in the first half while building and 11-0 lead.

Morton trailed 23-4 at the half and the Lady Mules rolled for a 44-8 win.

Shanice Rosas broke the scoring ice with a shot in the paint. Esmeralda Flores pushed the ball ahead to Desiree Gutierrez running on a fast break. Gutierrez laid the ball up and in for a 4-0 Lady Mule lead. Angelina Perez lined up her 3-point shot from the right wing and drained the trey.

Perez made a half-

court pass to Rosas for a fast break and an 11-0 Lady Mule lead to start the second period. Carolina Franco pulled down a defensive rebound and went coast-to-coast for a layup. Sasha Esparza took a bounce pass from Franco and scored from the block.

After the intermission the Lady Mules hit the cruise control to finish the game.

The Lady Mules used a very balanced scoring attack against the Maidens. Franco, Perez, Flores and Rosas scored eight points each. Gutierrez and Esparza made six points apiece.

The Lady Mules hosted the Bovina Lady Mustangs Tuesday afternoon and will travel to Hale Center on Dec. 7.

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Lady Mules Dominate Morton's Maidens, 73-44

**Continued from A1**  
The Lady Mules began to hit from behind the arc with Kaylie Morris, Adrienne Precure and Cas Moore all making a treys to put the Lady Mules in front 27-24.

Morris hit her second trey of the period to extend the Lady Mule lead to 30-24 with four minutes left in the first half.

The Lady Mules cranked up the pressure on both ends of the floor to take a 37-26 lead by the intermission.

The Lady Mules continued to press the Maidens and then run the floor on fast breaks to cruise to a 73-44 win over Morton.

C. Moore opened the second half with a 3-pointer from the left wing and Diaz nailed

a trey from the corner to extend the Lady Mule lead to 43-26 fifty seconds into the second half.

Mandy Scolley pushed the ball ahead to Morris on a fast break and on the next trip down the floor Scolley put back an offensive rebound for two points.

Dunham picked off a Morton pass and fired the ball down the floor to Precure for a layup. Precure hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key on the Lady Mules' next trip down the floor. C. Moore made a free throw to end the third quarter with the Lady Mules leading 56-34.

Morris opened the final quarter with a trey from the left wing and Precure drove to the

hoop after the Lady Mules had forced a Maiden turnover.

Diaz made a free throw 10 seconds before Celeste Flores hit an eight-foot jump shot.

Jo Moore cleaned up a backside offensive rebound and put it up and in to extend the Lady Mule lead to 66-40 with just over three minutes left in the game.

J. Moore got open on the blocks for a pass from Precure and kissed the ball off the glass for two points. Precure drove, stopped and popped the net from six foot to push the Lady Mule lead to 70-42.

DonAnn Rempe put back and offensive rebound for a hoop and Flores made a free throw

to end all scoring. Precure set the scoring pace for the Lady Mules with 18 points. She made two 3-pointers and was four-of-six from the charity line.

Morris finished with 13 points and three treys. C. Moore made two 3-pointers and three free throws for nine points.

Diaz made five free throws and a trey for eight points. J. Moore and Dunham added six points each. Flores dropped in five points, Gable made four and Rempe and Scolley chipped in two points each.

The Lady Mules defended their home floor Tuesday evening when the Bovina Lady Mustangs visited the



Photograph by Gabby Perez

Lady Mule Jo Moore prepares to pass the ball during the game against Morton.

Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules had to make a last minute change after Post cancelled the Antelope Tournament.

They are now entered in the Shallowater Shootout and with go against the Lubbock Roosevelt Lady Eagles Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

## Seventh Grade Defeats Olton's Mustangs

**By Delton Wilhite**  
Sports writer

The seventh grade Mules opened the 2012-2013 basketball season by hosting the Olton Colts.

The Mules held Olton scoreless in the opening period to jump in front 4-0.

The Mule offense came alive in the second quarter with 11 points

to lead the Colts 15-4.

The Mules added 11 more points in the second half to defeat the Colts 26-21. The Mules hung on for the win despite a 17-point scoring explosion by Olton in the final period.

Jacob Kettner broke the scoring ice for the Mules with a shot in paint at the 3:02 mark of

the first period. Joe Zack Reyes made the Mules second basket with 33 seconds left in the first period.

Michael Lozano opened and closed the second period with a hoop 30 seconds into the second quarter and just beat the buzzer for his second basket.

Brendon Rodriguez was fouled shooting and made one-of-two free throws. Sergio Solano came alive in the final three minutes with three baskets. The Mules led 15-4 at the half.

Lozano repeated his trick of scoring the first and last basket for the Mules in the third quarter. Coleman Preston made one free throw after being hacked shooting.

The Mule defense again held the Colts

scoreless and increased their lead to 20-4 with one period left to play.

Kettner opened the final period with a basket just 15 seconds into the quarter. Juan Sanchez added a basket near the midpoint of the quarter.

Jo-Jo Rejino chipped in a free throw after being fouled on a fast break. Kettner dropped in a free throw to finish the game.

Lozano led the Mules with eight points, Solano added six and Kettner dropped in five points. Sanchez and Reyes scored two points each. Preston, Rejino and Rodriguez chipped in one point each.

The Mules will travel to Dimmitt Monday to play the Bobcats and will return home Dec. 3 to host the Littlefield Wildcats.



Photograph by Gabby Perez

A Mule rebounds during the Olton game.

## FOOTBALL CONTEST 2012

By Rhea Gonzales

I would like to give our Muleshoe Mules a big pat on the back for playing a great season, you all have made us proud!

This year's contest has come to a close and I would like to thank everyone who played in the Muleshoe Journal's Playoff Picks contest. I am already looking forward to next year's contest and I hope you all have enjoyed playing this year.

We had two contestants choose four out of the five games correctly. John Paul Garza; 80 and Josh

Garza; 45.

The tie-breaker score Muleshoe 34 vs. Eastland 48; 82, was used to determine the winner.

Congrat's to John Paul Garza, you are the winner for the \$25 McDonald's® Gift Card, you may pick up your prize on or after Nov. 28.

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with a slow shake of his head, "especially adults, and I've been told that fewer and fewer children believe." "It's a sign of the times," said the elderly gentleman. "I remember when most people went to church on Sunday also. I think they're connected."

## Library Holds 'Forgiveness' Month

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"Santa and church?" asked Sandy. The elderly man nodded his head. "Sure... they're both about God."

"Yes, they are!" said Sandy, surprised that this man had a grasp on reality that so many humans didn't... that Santa Claus love children because he loved God, and that his yearly trips around the world were meant to honor God, and celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. As Sandy stood there on the corner, talking with the man, he was thrilled by the sincerity

in the man's words. In many ways he reminded the elf in many ways of Santa himself, although smaller in stature and without a beard. When they eventually parted, Sandy couldn't help but think that his entire morning had become brighter. As he reached the end of the next block, en route to the school he'd been given directions to, Sandy turned and looked back, hoping to give a final wave to his new friend, but the old gentleman must have crossed the street and disappeared into a nearby building for he was no longer in sight. With a shrug, Sandy turned and continued on his way. **Continued next week**

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## LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICE

**CAUSE NO. 9105 IN THE INTEREST OF LUCEROLOPEZ-CASTILLO A CHILD IN THE 287TH DISTRICT COURT OF BAILEY COUNTY, TEXAS TO: LUCIA CASTILLO, Respondent, GREETING: NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 AM on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."** The petition of ORIGINAL PETITION IN SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP, Petition was filed in the 287th District Court of Bailey County, Texas on the 5th day of November 2012 against LUCIA CASTILLO, respondent in the above entitled cause. The suit request for designation of custody of the child as is more fully shown by Petition on file in this suit. The date and place of birth of the child/children who is/are the subject of the suit is/are: LUCEROLOPEZ-CASTILLO July 26, 2003 The court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's/children's interest that will be binding on you, including the term of the Parent-child Relationship, the term of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's/children's adoption. ISSUED and given under my hand and seal of said Court at

Muleshoe, Texas this the 5th day of November 2012. Attorney for Petitioner: Charles Mais 1708 15th Street Lubbock, TX 79401 806-762-0177 Clerk of the Court Elaine Parker Bailey County, Texas By Ysenia Chacon Deputy *Published in the Muleshoe Journal November 29, 2012.*

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** Notice is hereby given that original Letter Testamentary for the Estate of JOHNNY MONROE FLOWERS aka J.M. FLOWERS, Deceased, were issued on November 20, 2012, in Cause No. 2584, pending in the County Court of Bailey County, Texas, to: DEBBIE NICKELS AND KENNETH ALLEN

**FLOWERS** All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: **JEFF W. ACTKINSON Attorney at Law P.O. Box 286 Farwell, Texas 79325** Dated the 21 day of November, 2012. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal November 29, 2012.*

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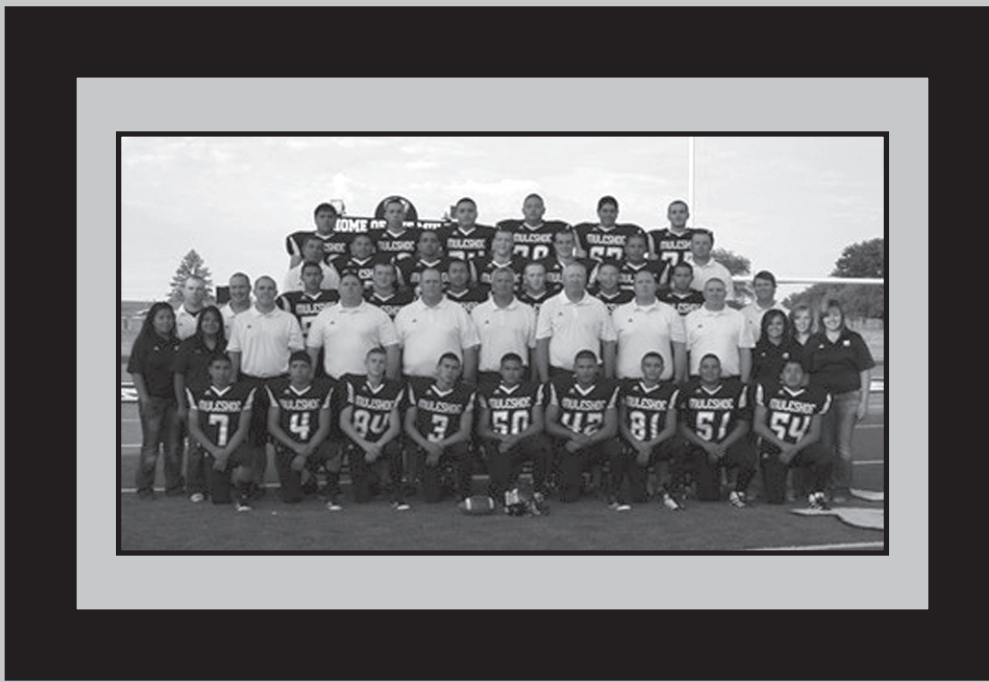
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