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## MTnleshoe Jouriol



Behaving Like A Lady
Sometimes, behaving as a lady should doesn't involve tea parties and cotillions - especially when that other lady is trying to take something that belongs to your team. In other words, there are times when even the most genteel lady needs to put
up a fight. Pictured above Lady Mule DonAnne Rempe battles with a Lady Owl.

## Officers Dared Smoke For Pets

## By Larry Thornton

Edito
Fires have the potential to destroy property and lives, but just because fire victims aren't transported to a local hospital doesn't mean they don't exist.
Such was the case at the recent fire west of Muleshoe, at the Muleshoe Animal Clinic, where the lives saved... and lost, had four legs instead of two.

And, while there have been numerous stories and videos of animals being rescued, when the rescuers put their own lives in danger to save the four-legged friends of area residents, only the most miserly individual doesn't give them a "thumbs up. At the recent fire, while firefighters battled the blaze, the four Muleshoe police officers, and a county deputy, who were at the to rescue the pets boarded at the


Front window at the vet clinic
animal clinic.
Of the seven canines, four were saved, according to Muleshoe Police Lt. Benny Parker.
After they were removed from the building, Parker said the staff from Bailey County EMS were able to resuscitate them
Veterinarians with the clinic were also present at the scene. Parker also noted that two horses were also lost, apparently

## Republicans, Democrats To Hold Joint Primary

## By Larry Thornton

Editor
Republican County Chair Carroll Precure appeared at Monday's meeting of the Bailey County Commissioners Court to announce that the major party primary elections would be held elections would be held
in conjunction in 2014. The primary election set for March 4, will be set for March 4, will be
manned by officials from both the Democratic and Republican parties and will eliminate the need for eight positions Precure said.
Only one election machine would be needed, also, he said.
"Sounds like a grea
idea," County Judge Sherri Harrison said. "I should have been done a long time ago.

Early voting in the primary is set for Feb.
18-28, 2014.

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"It should have been done a long time ago."
- Judge Harrison
wasn't noted during court's Nov. 12 and 13 Monday's meeting, meetings. but will probably be - Received th commissioner's at the county treasurer court, when formal for examination, and documents related to approved the treasurer the election are set for October report


## approval.

The court al
Monday was the approved the treasurer filing deadline for the FY 2013 year-en 2014 primary elections.
In other business, the - Set the 2014 list commissioners' court: county holidays.


Advisory Committee To Make Redistricting Recommendation

## By Larry Thornton Editor Editor

The recommendation of anadvisorycommittee of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District will be presented to the hospital board at it's regular meeting on Thursday, Dec. 19.
Dec. 19
The advisory
the last approved
options prepared by
the Underwood Law because the US Dep Firm of Amarillo, and of Justice was slow in presented by attorney responding to a reques Slater Elza for its for information. consideration. Since that request,
While the other public federal judge has ruled entities in Bailey County Texas entities no longer completed the required have to submit thei redistricting process redistricting plans to following the release of the DOJ for approval 2010 census information, "There always ha Elza explained that the been some confusion process was delayed about where to vote for the hospital district

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| By Larry Thornton |  | While they hadn't just the recovery |
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| Part 4 | succeeded in the last of the key, but |  |
| Santa Claus was | century - since the also what to |  | at friendship

## OPINION



## Christmas Card Project

## View Nursing Care Center's Christma

 rd Project is underway. This years monies will for new patio furniture for the nursing home's new and enlarged patio, and for flag poles in both he front and the back of the facility.Your cards may be mailed to Christmas Card Project, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or dropped off at the same address. You may also drop off donations at Muleshoe State Bank and First Bank
Dec. 19 is the cut off date to make donations.

## SPCAA Funds

South Plains Commuity Action Association of Muleshoe, 804. W. American Blvd., has received additional funding for its low-income energy assistance program for the period ending Dec.

Priority will be given to eligible households and to households including at least one member who is elderly, disabled or under five years of age. For additional information contact Janie Posadas at the SPCAA office, or call 806-272-7537.

## Winter Wonderland

 "Winter Wonderland Around The World," on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 1-3 p.m., at First Baptist Activity Center, 219 E. Ave. B, in Muleshoe. There will be crafts, and photographs with Santa will be available for $\$ 2$. The event is open to the public

## Boy Scouts Food Drive

Boy Scout Troop 620 and Cub Scout Pack 62 be picking up canned food on Saturday, Dec. 14, for the BCMA Food Pantry. To donate, plac your cans in a bag on your Call Lisa Puckett at 806-946-9658 for addition information.

## Food Pantry

The Bailey County Ministerial Allianc Food Pantry will be open only one Saturday in December. Christmas boxes will be distributed 9-10:30 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 14.
All clients must pick up their December food at that date and time.


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## Federal Judge Ignores Sixth Amendment

prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed which district shall have been previously shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense."
For those who don't remember, the text is from the United States Bill of Rights, the Sixth Amendmen to the United State's Constitution, which was set in place to guarantee that the government of the people, by the people, and for the people - as referred to in Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, wouldn't overrun the people.
And yet, US Dist Judge Sam Cummings of Lubbock - whom we assume promised to uphold the Constitution, and its amendments, upon taking his appointed office this sound piece of judicial instruction in

## Library

To Host
Christmas

## Break

Program
The Muleshoe Area Public Library will have a December Break Program on Dec. 27, 30 and 31, from 10-11:30 a.m.

Dillman and DeShazo students are invited to this program. However, they must be accompanied by a junior high or older volunteer. On the Dec. 27, library staff will be reading the book, The Legend of the Poinsettia, and learning Poinsettia, and learning
the song Felix Navidad. the song Felix Navidad. The craft project for that day is
ornaments.
On Dec. 30, the staff On Dec. 30, the staff will be reading the book, The Legend of the Christmas Stocking, and learning the song, I'll Be Home for Christmas.
The craft project for that day is Christmas Stocking ornaments.
On Dec. 31, the staff will be reading the book, The Legend of the Candy Cane, and learning the songs, Jesus is the Reason for the Season and O Holy Night.
The craft project is a candy cane vase.
Individuals who
attend the morning program will receive a ticket to watch a movie that afternoon. The movies the library will movies the library will be showing are: Monsters and Despicable Me.
High school voluntee
Highschool volunteers
are also needed to help are also needed to help
build a Christmas Tree build a Christmas Tree out of books during the December Break. This tree will stay up year
round and will become round and will become a memorial tree for loved

which a federal agency
is apparently allowed to is apparently allowed to pick and choose what information it provides
to a court also has the
a case involving Bailey County.
A couple of week ago, Judge Cummings overruled a contempt order issued by 287th Dist. Judge Gordon Green in a case that was spittle
before him in 2012.
Regarding the Obviously such Regarding the a ruling is a delight the contempt order an Immigration and Customs Enforcement Customs Enforcement officer who appeared at a local district court hearing apparently declined to name other agents involved in the search of a residence in Muleshoe under the instructions of the federal agent's supervisor.
In other words the agents and representatives of the federal government - under some federal statute, apparently aren't required to answer any questions they don't wish to answer in court. That means


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any promise a federal law enforcement officer makes at the beginning of his testimony "to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," isn't worth Obviously such to defense attorneys because it means the chances of their
client being convicted if federal agents are involved in the case are greatly increased. If a defendant isn't allowed to face the witnesses against him or her, what choice will a state court following the principles of the Sixth Amendment have than to toss out the charges.
But a side problem that arises is that the

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## A Sad Conclusion: Some People Are Afraid Of Joy

I really didn't want to come to this conclusion But I'm afraid it's true Some folks are afraid of joy.
We've all known some folks who, for a variety of reasons, don't seem to have much joy. And, we might as well admit it, some folks, sad to say, are expert at chasing away the joy of others. They are good folks to avoid lest you cat their misery-virus. And have you noticed that folks who are joyless or joy-deficient are
"attractive?" "attractive?"
No, I don't mean that

She was one of the daughters of King Saul daughters of King Saul her royal father had
who became the wife of long thought,"Whoever King David. It's sad but worth noting that when Saul found out that Michal was in love with David, the "rival" of whom he was insanely and murderously jealous, he was glad, the Bible tells
us, because he thought, us, because he thought, him."
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So what was wrong with Michal? Was whe Michal? Was she dour and sour, maintenance," carping and critical from early on?
long thought, "Whoever gets hold!"
he day.
Much later when David is reigning as king and the sacred Ark of the Covenant finally comes home to Jerusalem, the scriptures tell us that David, the "man after God's own heart," danced before the Lord and the returning Ark with all his might."
Michal, we're told,
Michal, we're told,
ooked at him from her
window and "dem her

In so doing, she despised his worship

## Changes Approved To MEDC By-Laws

## By Larry Thornton

 Editor The Muleshoe City Council approved changes to the bylaws of the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation during Monday's regular council meeting. City Manager David Brunson explained that the MEDC was "cleaning up" its current by-laws, which included area that differed from how business was customarily handled by both the corporation and the city.He explained that one portion called for the checks issued by the MEDC to be co-signed by the corporation's treasurer, when in fact Brunson said the corporation's checks follow the same of Muleshoe
Brunson also noted that it was believed that the corporation's board terms could be

## Animal Rescue.

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$\qquad$ inhalation.
During Monday's city council meeting, Mayor Cliff Black - who was present at the veterinary clinic's fire - praised clinic's fire - praised
the officers and EMS made. year.
filled more "uniformly" if some changes were

Prior to Monday's approved changes, within a three year rotation three of the five positions would be appointed one year, followed by two year, followe by two positions the next year, and no positions the
third year. Accordin
According to the
ecommendation the council received from MEDC Director Kasey position two of the positions would be up for appointment the first year, followed by another two positions he next, the final appointment the third

According to would continuity
In other business Monday, the council:

Adopted a policy for the procurement of professional services in regards to the


Youth Council Sky Lanterns Demonstrated
Pictured above, Police Chief Roy Rice, Public Works Director Ramon Sanchez and Mayor Pro Tem Irene Mason demonstrate the "sky lanterns" - which the Muleshoe Youth Council will be launching at a future date, following Monday's city council meeting.
According to Mason, the lanterns which are biodegradable, are being sold as a fund raiser four the youth council, will be $\$ 5$ each.
Pictured below, the sky lantern is photographed hundreds of feet in the air, and still climbing. Photographs by Larry Thornton
city's THCA Home program.
Brunson explained that at the time the city contracted with AJ Howe, Inc. to provide consultant services for the program, AJ Howe was the only company to provide the necessary Request for Qualifications.

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the God of all joy. Cold and frosty
ecause it implies losing through and through, our right to hang onto Michal disdained us from that separates David's joy and, in the joy

## process, his God.

The Bible says sadterness, anger "She remained childless strife. There is no joy all her days." Evidently, in letting such things she remained joyless all define us. There can't her days.
When the Psalmist writes, "The joy of the In this wonderfu ord is The joy of the season, we talk a lo think my strength, about joy, and well we think he's implying should. hat all true joy is God's joy.

Any "joy" we try to manufacture apart from God is counterfeit and fleeting.
Is it possible to really be close to God and not feel joy? I don't see how He "is" joy.
Why would opening ourselves up to Gods the joy of the angels, joy be frightening? men, the Lord

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Obituaries will be published at the rate of $\$ 4.50$ per column inch
In all cases, the death notice and 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.
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A black and white photo will be included; however, there is an additional charge of $\$ 75$ to include a color photograph.

## Senior citizen Newa

By Laverne Winn

## Well, with the center.

television weather And, don't miss equipment for various reports indicating that how the center has exercises and a Wii set should be better toward Christmas by our great the we again. This Saturday, Dec. 14, the Oneida Wagnon Senior Center will host the postponed fund-
raiser Pancake Breakfast raiser Pancake
from 7-11 a.m. Come and enjoy a fresh cooked meal consisting of pancakes with some bacon, sausage, various type of syrups and coffee, only $\$ 5$ for adults for $\$ 3$ for children. Also with the Christmas Parade scheduled during the breakfast time, you should be able to

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better reflect the meals fries, berry cobbler, and we like at the center.
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Dec. 16-20 menus: Monday, Dec. 16 Beef or chicken fajitas, refried beans, white rice, tossed vegetable salad, low calorie French dressing, whole wheat tortilla, and ambrosia. Tuesday, Dec. $17-$ Roast turkey, savory bread dressing, candied sweet potatoes, pineapple tidbits, and wheat rolls.
Wednesday, Dec. Wednesday, Dec. steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, and pumpkin squares. Thursday, Dec. 19 Charbroiled hamburger, omatoes, pickles onions, herbed pota ions, herbed potato
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the "Reason for the special lunch that will Season." be served on that day.

## Read the Gospel of

 e, chapters 1 and 2. Yuletide celebration, the Please be aware that Muleshoe High School here are activities every choir is scheduled to beat the center at noon for Every Thursday a Christmas song fest. Eternoon, Thursday a Christmas song fest. Bingo games. O Tuesday greater special mur

Speaking of the the walk aroundinside greater special music On another note, you but the menu selection
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## Superintendent Discusses Playoff Football Game In Muleshoe

This past Friday Independent School Independent Schoo District hosted the 2013 State Semi-Final Championship game at Benny Douglas Stadium.
As far as I know, this is the first playoff football game the Muleshoe has ever hosted.
The game featured the number 1 ranked team in the state versus the number 2 ranked team.
The Grandfalls Royalty Cowboys (12 1,) ranked \#1 in th state verses the Follett Panthers (12-1), ranked \#2 in the state. Grandfalls-Royalty was designated the "home" team.
It was an exciting football game that brought in lots
visitors to Muleshoe. There would have been a lot more visitors at the game, but the weather was very cold. Temperature at game time was 19 degrees. The wind chill factor made it feel like it w in the single digits. Maintenance and

## Super news from MISD By Superintendent Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets

Pictured below, from left to right, are Freddy Castillo and Ruben Campos as they clear the bleachers in preparation for the playoff game held in Benny Douglas Stadium on Friday, Dec. 6.
custodial personnel at Muleshoe ISD worked very hard to prepare the football field for the game.
With the snow and ice that fell last week, it was difficult to prepare the field.
Sam Whaling, David Wood, and several of the maintenance and custodial crews cleared the field of the snow.
They shoveled and swept snow and ice and walkways stadium.

Heaters were also put in the restrooms and concession stand.
Maintenance crews
from GrandfallsRoyalty worked with the Muleshoe ISD maintenance staff to put up temporary goal posts to match the sixman regulations.
The goal posts were loaned to the stadium by Whitarral ISD.
The crew chalked the field to allow for the 40


Grandfalls-Royalty to defeat the Follett also brought their own Panthers by a score of chains to mark off first 67-58.

The crowd was not
That is because six- as big as either team man football requires had hoped due to the teams to advance 15 inclement weather and yards for a first down, bad road conditions. not 10 yards.
It was an exciting economic impact of game to watch. The the game to the city of wide-open game saw Muleshoe was still felt. several lead changes It was estimated that throughout the game - the out-of-town crowd Follett led at half purchased meals, gas time but the Grandfalls- purchased meals, gas, Royalty Cowboys came products in the and and back in the second of approximately half and pulled away $\$ 30,000$.

If that amount turns over six times as some game. suggest, that would be suggest, that would be

The Muleshoe High an economic impact to School Choir recorded the City of Muleshoe of the National Anthem just under $\$ 200,000$. that was played Muleshoe ISD is begin the game.
proud to have the It was a lot of fun facilities that can attract host this playoff game. a playoff game of this We hope that w magnitude. can host many more
We appreciate all of games like this in the thehelpfromourathletic future so businesses in and maintenance Muleshoe can benefit department to organize from people coming to and staff the game. Muleshoe and seeing Mule s ho e what our community ISD Assistant has to offer. Superintendent Dr. R. Its' a great time to be L. Richards was the a Mule

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## rock an balance. She was breathin

 hard when she reached his side, clutching at his overalls in a fierce hug whizzing past him whizzing past him. Yeow," Burnsshouted gleefully shouted gleefully
as he used his granddaughter's momentum to swing her up into the air before drawing her close into his arms.
"You almost lost it that time," he said with a big grin. "Dragons life. after you again?' Toby reached up asked and kissed him on the cheek. "Nope, it was a bear this time," she said. "A big one.' "Do tell." "Uh huh, a whole army of them, in fact." "Well, if we're 'whole army of bears,' I guess we'd better go get some lunch, her grandfather said, playfully taking part in his granddaughter's fantasy.
"What's for lunch?" Probably brown beans and oatmeal. Toby tilted her head as she studied trying to decide if he was teasing her, or not. "We don't want
anything that might anything that might he said.

Oh, grandpa! Toby said in mock exasperation before squeezing hii
Grandpa Burns was Grandpa Burns was
probably Toby's biggest probably Toby's
friend and hero. A widower for almost nine years - Toby's grandmother had died shortly after she was born - Frank Burns continued farming rarely had a gruff day, especially when his only granddaughter was visiting. Arandmother her couldn't really remember her. Her grandfather would stories about her sometimes through mist-filled eyes as he remembered his high school sweetheart and wife of 42 years
"You'll like her when you get to meet her in heaven," her grandfather would say hoarsely. "And cook... oh, she could her mashed potatoes and gravy... and her fried chicken, and her butternut squash,

The list of food items would go on and on, until Toby realized her of sadness had passed and he was once again "pulling her leg."

Grandpa, if you eat all of that, you're going to be fatter than a pig." And what's bad about that?" he asked. "Pigs have it pretty
good. In fact, a pig only has one bad day in his
"When's that?" Toby ked.
Her grandfather poked her in the ticklish spot on her side and said, "The day they change his name from pig... pig... pig... to
As they walked toward the house, Toby's grandfather felt something hard in her pocket. "What's that?"
asked.
Toby reached in and pulled out the key.
"A key," she said. "I saw a crow drop it in the field. Can I keep

Burns looked at he key for a moment holding it up so its decorated surface could gleam in the noonday sun.
"I can see why the crow stole it," he said. "Crows like shiny things," he added. Bottle tops, colored glass... just about the light."

Can I keep it?"
"Well, it looks like it's been taken care of, but it isn't from any lock I know of. I guess it's alright until the crow from," from," he said.
Toby rolled her eyes. "Didn't you know crows can talk?"
"No they can't.
they're animals," Toby said.
"And what does that matter? Just because an animal hasn't talked to you doesn't mean it can't," he said. "When we get inside, I'll get you a piece of string to hang it around your neck, so you won't lose
"t." It's a magic key," Toby said. "The key to my castle. I wish I had a gold chain to put it on instead of string," she said.
doll that helped him keep track of the tremendous amount of communications he received annually from hildren around the " ${ }^{\text {Did }}$

Did you get it? Santa asked the doll.
If Ms. Bea could have odded her ceramic head, she would have, said
but ceramic dolls even magical ceramic dolls - aren't capable of independent motion. An argument could also be made that ceramic dolls don't speak also, but that isn't the case with Ms. Bea.
Of course, her lips don't move when she speaks, as vocal speech requires muscles. But when she was created Ms. Bea was given the unusual capability of being able to form words in the minds of those in her close proximity.
What Santa was curious about was the faint wish he'd received from a distant child asking for a gold necklace for her new

Most of the requests Santa received came through the mail, through the vast international network he'd established through the postal services around the world, but before the postal services were created Santa relied upon the wishes he received from children.
In such cases, Ms. Bea, who helped maintain the lists of which child needed what, was usually able to pick up the request as well.
"but there Ms. Bea said. but there wasn't much force' behind it.
But is it our key?" If Ms. Bea could have shrugged, she would shrug
have.

After leaving the workshop, Santa's next stop was the stable. If he needed to travel south, the fastest way to do so would be by sleigh; however, this intent was quickly set aside when he learned his sleigh was still being serviced for his Christmas Eve journey.

For the past half hour, Porsha had been gnashing her teeth, and it was getting on Sophia's nerves.
"If you're going to Santa opened do that," Sophia finally he cupboard in his growled at her sister, "at workshop, and smiled least put them back in

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elf, and the large snow before Christmas Eve Porsha gave her sister goose at his side. "Gore Christmas Eve
an indignant glare before opening her toothless mouth and sticking her dentures back in. "It hurts my gums when I grind my teeth with them in my mouth," she replied.
"Then... don't. grind them," Sophia said.
"You know it's nervous habit. I've always ground my teeth. That's why I don't have any," Porsha said. "You've got bad habits, also."
"Such as?" When she spoke, Sophia turned spoke, Sophia turned
her head to get a better look at her sister, riding on the broom at her side. Sophia's right eyebrow arched, while her left eye began to twitched.
"Like that," said Porsha, pointing her finger at her sister. "The way your eye twitch when you're angry
Sophia hissed like
a cat... a big, ugly cat at that. "Haaachsssss! Me thinks you'd look interesting as a frog with dentures," she threatened.
As intimidating as Sophia would have liked her remark to be Porsh didn't feel the least bit didn't feel the least bit that she was immune from her sister's magic. Still she looked away, turning her attention to the landscape over which they flew.
"You wanted to see You wanted to see us, Chief?" said Sandy,
the elf. he elf.
Santa Claus turned from his desk and smiled at the young
"Sandy... Elwood, if Sandy replied. "An, you wouldn't mind, I've the witches?"
got something I need Santa turned back to for you to do." his desk and picked up Santa paused for a a leather pouch, which moment, looking back he handed to Sandy. and forth between the "If you have to deal two who had become with them, use this almost inseparable It's the most powerful since a Christmas weaponwehave," Santa season adventure they'd said. "It may not work, taken a couple of years but we probably should
earlier.
"As you know," Christmaskey has been stolen
Both elf and goose
Bodded their hoose
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..and we think it was taken by Porsha and Sophia. But we don't think it's at their hut."
Santa leaned back in his chair and picked up a piece of paper handing it to Sandy.
"We don't know how, but it seems to be in the possession of Tabitha Burns in Ohio. That's a copy of her Christmas letter from three years ago."
Sandy quickly read he letter to Santa. "It's signed "Toby," the elf
"Yes, that's her nickname She's bit 'tomboy',' said Santa.
Sandy had already gathered that fact from the letter, which didn't include either dolls or dresses.
"I already have an agent on the ground in her home town" Santa continued. "He will recover the key from her. You shouldn't need to do anything more have used it on them centuries ago.
Sandy nodded his head in agreement, bu didn't bother looking inside. From Santa's description, he already knew what it must be Sandy and Elwoo left the office and headed over to the goose barn for Elwood's saddle.
"Will you need your coat, Marvin" Elwood


Advisor Committee To Recommend Option For MAHD Redistricting

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in the district," Elza with 1,480 people. said at the beginning The current districts of the Dec. 5 meeting, have an 18 percent further explaining that population variance, the confusion was the which Elza said was result of two district unacceptable, adding maps that varied at that the Department of certain points. Justice requirement was Regarding the for a 10 percent or less current population of variance
the MAHD, Elza said He noted that each dask before the of the three option redistricting committee prepared by th was to divide the demographers a
district as closely as Underwood Law Firn district as closely as Underwood Law Firm
showed a variance of lawyers" less than five percent. He also noted that Elza also noted the members of the would have resulted population across the broad spectrum of the voting districts instead "Opza. 59 percent During his have to pander to the explanation of the task community." before the advisory The six members committee, Elza said "We need to Redistrict, avoid law suits, so y to can spend your money


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## Sports News

## Grandfalls-Royalty Captures Six-Man Semi-Final Trophy

## By Delton Wilhit

 portswriter Independent Schoe District hosted the SixMan Division II semifinal game between the number one rated Follett Panthers and number two ranked Grand falls-Royalty The Cowboys had to over come a 12-point half time deficitdefeat Follett 67-58. Benny Douglas Stadium had to be retro fitted to accommodate e contest. The sidelines were
move in five yards marked with chalk. Temporary goalposts, Whitharral ISD, were Whitharral ISD, were
erected and held in place with 55-gallon drums of water. The 10 -yard lines became the goal lines for the game as a sixman field is 80-yards long and 40 -yards The quarters ar 10 -minutes long and it
takes 15 yards to make a first down. Touchdowns count six points but an extra point kick amounts pass or a run only adds a single point.
The 50 -yard line becomes the 40 and is the center of the field. Mule fans as well as football fans from the surrounding area joined those from both schools to brave the schools to brave the
frigid weather and enjoy the game
The game lived up the hype as Follett dominated the first half and owned a 34-22 lead at the intermission.
Follett had scored on all five of its first half possessions.
Corey Peil went 15 yards on a pass from Dakota Woods to put the Panthers ahead in the first period.
The kick failed "You have got to take some chances with the better teams," said Grandfalls-Royalty


## Mules Pluck Victory From Owls

## By Delton Wilhite

 portswriter scoring spree Tuesday night when the Mule hosted the Hale Center Owls that is rarel seen.He made 19 of 23 fre throw attempts and finished the game with a total of 51 points. The Mules defeated the Owls 76-72.
Hand checks were the call of the night by the officials and both teams were at home on the foul line
Matt Barron scored on a delayed break to start the game. Leal finished a fast break to extend the Mule lead to $4-0$ in the first minute of play.
The Owls quickly tied the game with back-to back baskets. Leal drove the lan and sank a tear drop from six foot. Leal was again driving the paint less than a minute later to again give the Mules a four-point lead. Leal was fouled he drove the pain He made both charity

Dagen Dunham put back a pair of offensive
rebounds to push the Mules to a six-point advantage.
Blayne Shipman took a charge at the twominute mark of the first period. Leal was fouled away from the hoop and went to the line and made both ends of the one-and-bonus free throws.
Leal was fouled driving to the hoop and made both charity tosses with 28 seconds left in the period. Just before the first quarter ended Leal put up a half-court shot that swished the net and the Mules led 21-14 after one quarter.
Leal had scored 15 of the Mules' 21 points. He added 16 in the second quarter to finish the first half with 31 points. The Owls put up a fight in the third up a fight in the third period with a 13-3 run in the first five minutes to take a 48-41 lead over the Mules.
Leal sank a 3-pointer from the wing and Barron drove and dished to Dunham to again extend the Mule lead to 57-52 with eight minutes left to play. Hale Center w

tending when a player Owls went on a 9-1 run slapped the backboard but could not over come when a shot was in the the deficit.
air to start the final period.
Austin Ross grabbed points Dunham loose ball and pushed added 10 points. Barron loose ball and pushed finished with six points, ahead to Leal running Grey Johnson and Ross on a break. He made the ap.
Barron JJ Gandara, Blaine Barron took a long Hurtado and Danny carom off the rim and Camposchipped in one drove to the other end point each.
of the floor on a break to give the Mules a 6252 lead with six and half minutes left in the game.
the Mules led $75-66$ Highland Park The Mules led 75-66 Hornets 68-50 in the Hornets 68-50 in the

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and deep into Follett back in front 50-46. erritory and the But the Cowboy returner chased down ere not to be denie returner
When he attempted to reverse his field he o reverse his field he three consecutive slipped down at the Follett could befor one-yard line one-yard line. The Cowboys gained Follett fumbled on a total of 437 yards with
the next play and Luis 291 being on the ground the next play and Luis 291 being on the ground
Morales recovered and 146 through the in the end zone for a air.
Grandfalls-Royalty Follett rushed for 232 touchdown that gave yards, passed for 164 fo the Cowboys their first a total of 396 yards.
lead of the night 46-42. Bechthold led Follett That play seemed in rushing with 10 to both inspire the carries for 126 yards and Cowboys and deflate caught eight passes fo the Panthers. 129 yards. Wood ru "It felt to me like it 15 times for 102. was just a difference Marquez led all in play-making," said rushers with 18 tries
Follett head coach for 221 yards for the Follett head coach for 221 yards for the Harley Etheridge. Cowboys and Burns ran "(Grandfalls-Royalty) five times for 70 yards. and right in the second 13 of 18 passes for 164 half." yards for the Panthers. half." "It seems like when Burns led the Cowboys we get down, and we with seven-of-seve did it against Water passes for 129 yards. Valley, we just don't Nieves Rodriguez have what it takes to caught two passes for 78 back from that yards and Julian Helm Follett took the lead for 39 yards
one more time before Grandfalls-Royalty going down to defeat. will play the Milford Woods just broke the Bulldogs at AT\&T plain on a fourth-down Stadium in the Cowboys play and the kick was first state championship good to put the Panthers game in school history.


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from the left wing
P. Mendoza pushed the ball ahead on a fast break for an easy hoop. Boehning scored in the paint and Vasquez hit from the elbow as the period ended. The Mules had out scored the owls 21-5.
信 eight and Roman Franco made six
P. Mendoza scored all four of his points in the third period, K. Mendoza and Dustin Smith chipped in two points each.
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$5-3-2+2$
－5－3－2＋2 carport home，Cent．Air \＆Heat，
approx． $3124^{\prime}$ Iv．area，FP in den，WB stove in Iv． area， 2 large workshops，stor．bldgs．，+1 bdrom
aptmt．，corner lot，MUCH MORE！！$\$ 140,000!+$ aptmt．，corner lot，MUCH MORE！！$\$ 140,000!$ ．
$\$ 120 \mathrm{~K}!!$
－VERY NICE－3－2 Brick Home，Cent．A\＆H，
built－ins，WB stove，nice flooring，utility，thermal win．\＆doors，fans，fence yd．，stor．bldg．！ $\$ 99 \mathrm{~K}!!$
$3-2{ }^{1 / 2}$
$-3-2^{112}-2$ carport HOME，corner lot， $2301^{\prime}$ living
areall $\$ 80 K I I I T E D U C E D \$ 72 K \| I$ －4－2 Brick Home，Cent．A\＆H，DW，fans wllights， Ig．util．，fenced yd．，auto．sprklr．approx． 1962

－VERY NICE 3－2．5－2 Brick Home，Cent．A\＆H built－ins，FP，approx． $2749^{\prime}$＇v．area，lots of storage， nice courtyard \＆landscaping，workshop／stora fenced yd．，Much More！！Reduced－\＄170K！
$\cdot 3-2$ BDRMM．DUPLEX UNITS，TOTAL ELECTRIC！ \＄180K！！！
$\$ 30,000!!!$
s30，000！！！，wall furnace heat，window evap．air！！
－CUSTOM BUIL
a ＇ $608^{\prime}$ Iv are area built－ins FP FP Home on corner grill，fenced yd．，auto spklr．，numerous amenities！！ －VERY NICE 3－2－2 Brick Home，Cent．A\＆H，Built－ins， FP，thermal windows \＆doors，approx． 1876 ＇Iv．area， workshp／storage，fenced yd．！！$\$ 119,500!!$
NICE 3－2－2＋2 carport Home，corner lot，Cent．A\＆H， windows，covered patio，tile block fence，auto．spklr．， workshop／storage．MUCH MORE！！$\$ 135 \mathrm{~K}!$
LENAU $\cdot$ COUNTRY CLUB


NICE 4.8 acre homesites，deed restricted！！ $\$ 17,500!1$ NICE 3 －2－2 Home on 11 acres at edge of town，Cent． A\＆H，built－ins，FP，freshly painted interior，therma
windows \＆doors，plus 1 bdrm house worskshop storage，greenhouse，plus 3 garages，barns \＆ outbuildings！！\＄155，000！$\$ 135.000$ ！！『FM 1760 ＠edge of town，nice $3-2-2$ carport home
on 3 acres，cent．A\＆H，built－ins，FP on 3 acres，cent．A\＆H，buili－ins，FP，approx． $2253^{\prime}$ I area，fenced， FM 303－4 Bedroom， 2 Bath， 2 Det．Garage， 2 acre tract Par．Cent．A\＆H，Dw，disposal，thermal windows，stom doors，fans，stor．bldg．！！\＄804 \＄69，500！！ 2280＇ 1 v．area Cent．airdheat，built－ins．FP mital），approx spklr．， $40^{\prime} \times 80^{\prime}$＇insulated metal building，w／office， $1 / 2$ bath workshop，loft storage， 220 electric， 14.68 acres on Hwy． 84 Close to town！！MUCH MORE！！$\$ 157,900!!$
STEGALL 3 －2－2 Austin Ston Hom STEGALL 3－2－2 Austin Stone Home on 3.67 acres workshop／storage，24 $2436^{\prime}$ metal shed，MORE！！$\$ 125 K!!$ M\＆HPL built－1ins，gas log FP，approx． $2557^{\prime}$＇lv．area，（garas enclosed），storage unit！MORE！！\＄65K

Approx． $1080^{\prime}$ metal bldg．w／off．\＆ 3 bay garage GREAT BUSINESS LOCATION－13000＇Bldg $7000^{\prime}$＇paved parking，corner lot，Hwy． 84
$\$ 100,000!!$ Price Reduced $\$ 80,000!$ ！
101.8 acres，edge of town，pasture \＆farm land， Irig．well！\＄122，244！！
area！！ 308 W .2 2nd－ $2855^{\prime}$ bldg．－former Odd Fellows Lodge，
PRICED TO SLLII $\$ 3.1 .500$ PRICED TO SELL！！$\$ 31,500$
.1020 S．Main－ $200^{\prime} \times 104^{\prime}$ tract w／ $1000^{\prime}$ Bldg．！ $\mid$ 2.95 acre tract with $2140^{\prime}$ office $+17000^{\prime} \& 3465^{\prime}$ war houses 4 miles east on U．S． 70 －$\$ 130 \%$ K＂$\$ 99 k!!$
CASTRO CO．I FM 303 －Approx． 440 acres， 6 subs， furbine， 2 valley \＆ 1 Zimmatic circle！！$\$ 1750$ per acre！！
－NICE OFFICESHOPNAREHOUSE on approx． acree tract，metal bldg．one $1 / 2$ bath $\&$ one $3 / 4 / 4$ bath，cent． A\＆H，city water，insulated \＄85K REDUCED－\＄50K！
-2007 W．American Blvd．－ $100 \times 140$＇tract－$\$ 12750!!$

## Candidates File For County Offices

## As of Monday, Dec. And, County Judge must file their notice district clerk, justice or

 a few additional Sherri Harrison, County between July 19 and the peace and countycandidates have filed for Clerk Robin Dickerson, positions on the March 4 primary ballot.

According Republican Count Chair Carroll Precure Mike Slayden has filed for County Commissioner Precinc

e u r r e n t The primary election clerk, county treasurer, chairs are the same as for Commissioner C.E. is set for March 4, 2014, county commissioners other county positions. Grant, who has held and write-in candidates the position for several years, did not re-file. Also, incumbent Shonda Black has refiled for her position, and Monti Vandiver has filed for the Republican Precinct 3 Chair. Previously, District Clerk Elaine Parke and Precinct 4 Mules were defeated by
Commissioner Juan their Lady Cat counter Commissioner Juan their Lady Cat counter Chavez had filed with part 13-7. Democratic County Chair Don Dyer. worked very hard but

## City Council...

Continued from A3 which the city manager When a recent state said Southwesterr "desk review" was Public Service had said it was noted that including Muleshoe, the city didn't have a expressing its intent to formal procurement file a base rate case. policy in place. "I think we're going to "Is that policy see more rate increases necessary if there is only thro
one applicant?" Mayor said one applicant?"
Cliff Black asked. Cliff Black asked. • Received comments Brunson said it from Mayor Black in was, and added, "We which he expressed
followed all of the his appreciation to steps in the policy, we philanthropists Ray just didn't adopt the and Donna West for a policy."

- Received an Muleshoe which will be administration report in used to purchase a new


## Aug. 18, 2014.

Following the March Debra Redwine had 4 primary, the successful Chair Carroll Precure

Republican County filed with Republican candidates will face off has re-filed for the County Chair Carroll in the general election county Republican $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Precure. } & \text { on Nov. 4, } 2014 . & \text { chair, and Mark Morton }\end{array}$ Candidates for Among the positions has filed for the Precinct various county offices up for election in Bailey 2 Republican chair. have until 6 p.m. on County in 2014 are The filing period for Monday, Dec. 9 , to file. county judge, county the county and precinct set for March 4, 2014, county commissioners other county positions.

## Seventh Grade Basketball Ladies...

fire truck.
Continued from B3 to end all scoring.
Boehning added six points, Elizalde made four, Regalado and Dunham chipped in ree points each.
The B team Lady


Weather Whys: Is It Sleet Or Freezing Rain?
Q: Sleet is in the very dangerous because forecast. Is there any it tends to coat roads with difference between sleet ice first. If the surface and freezing rain? it hits is 32 degrees or A: The only real lower, it will quickly difference is that they are freeze on contact, and formed a bit differently, if the ice accumulates, it explainsBrentMcRoberts can shut down an entire of Texas A\&MUniversity. city very quickly. Sleet Freezing rain is rain is often confused with that freezes when it freezing rain.
comes into contact with Sleet falls to the other surfaces, such ground frozen, often as pavement or cars. forming in advance of Freezing rain forms a warm front. Sleet falls when warm, moist air as ice pellets that make a moves over cold air near familiar crackle sound as the surface," McRoberts they hit the ground, trees says. "Freezing rain is or cars."

## Addresses For Charitable

## Giving Suggested

- Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Center, PO Box 201, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, (806) 272-5873.
- MOST Scholarship (given to all graduating MISD seniors yearly), c/o Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets, 514 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, PO Box 292, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Hope Chest, PO Box 175, Muleshoe TX 79347
- Muleshoe Hospital Auxiliary, c/o Muleshoe Area Medical Center.
- Bailey County Food Pantry, PO Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Meals on Wheels, 300 First St. Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department c/o Muleshoe City Hall, 215 S. First, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-4528.
- Lazbuddie EMS and Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 125, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.
- Park View Nursing Care Center, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Inc., 104 E. Ave. C, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-5727.
- Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation, PO Box 62, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce \& Agriculture, 115 E. American Blvd., Muleshoe 79347.
- Bailey County Child Welfare Board, PO Box 243, Muleshoe TX 79346, or call 272-3204.
- Muleshoe Boy Scouts, 609 W. Seventh, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-9469908.
- Muleshoe Girl Scouts, 346 State Highway 214, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.
- Bailey County Historical Commission, c/o Sammie Simpson, 812 FM 54, Sudan, TX 79371, or call 806-927-5191


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## $\qquad$ <br> Jack Link's Jerky



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$\left.\begin{array}{ll}\text { Mtn Dew, Diet Dew, } \\ \text { or Code Red }\end{array} \quad 2 \$\right\}$


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