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### 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

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 animal clinic. 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 scene braved the dense smoke horses were also lost, apparently to rescue the pets boarded at the



Front window at the vet 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 Continued on A3

### Republicans, Democrats **To Hold Joint Primary**

By Larry Thornton

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 in conjunction in 2014.

The primary election, 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 great idea," County Judge Sherri Harrison said. "It should have been done a long time ago."

Early voting in the primary is set for Feb. of county bills totaling 18-28, 2014.

The location of the joint primary elections minutes from the

 Approved payment \$383,760.94.

Approved the

### "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 announced at the county treasurer's commissioner's January report for November court, when formal for examination, and documents related to the election are set for October report. approval.

filing deadline for the FY 2013 year-end 2014 primary elections.

commissioners' court:

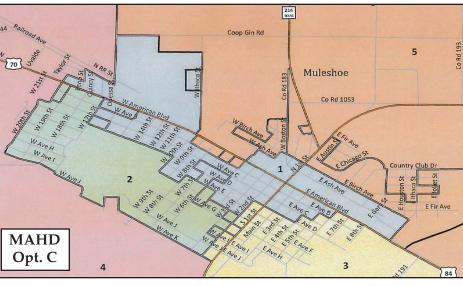
In other business, the

Received the

approved the treasurer's The court also Monday was the approved the treasurer's

report. • Set the 2014 list of

county holidays.



### **Advisory Committee To Make Redistricting Recommendation**

**By Larry Thornton** 

**Editor** 

The recommendation of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District will be meeting on Thursday, Dec. 19.

Firm of Amarillo, and of Justice was slow in presented by attorney responding to a request ofanadvisory committee Slater Elza for its for information. consideration.

following the release of the DOJ for approval. The advisory 2010 census information, the last of three process was delayed about where to vote options prepared by for the hospital district

the Underwood Law because the US Dept.

Since that request, a While the other public federal judge has ruled presented to the hospital entities in Bailey County Texas entities no longer board at it's regular completed the required have to submit their redistricting process redistricting plans to

"There always has committee approved Elza explained that the been some confusion

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### The Christmas Key

#### By Larry Thornton Part 4

Santa Claus was fit to be tied. His realization that the recent theft had in all possibility been the work of Sophia comforting thought. irritant. In fact, Santa was precautions knowing their centuries old

Actually, Santa sisters were such a thumbs as he tried to persistent problem.

While they hadn't just the recovery succeeded in the last of the key, but century — since the also what to village's protective fog do about barrier had been set in Sophia and place, in earlier days Porsha. their attempts to disrupt the elves and their work remembered and Porsha wasn't a had been a continuous the words of

Now, however, president, greatly upset that he the fog's protection Abraham Lincoln, had been going on.

no telling how long it to make him a friend," didn't know why the chair, twiddling his hadn't dealt with Sophia countless years, he

think of a solution, not

the American hadn'ttakensufficient had apparently been who said, "The best way breached, and there was to destroy an enemy is and couldn't help but Santa sat back in his think, "He obviously and Porsha."

Santa's own overtures prayer.

at friendship to the sisters had been centuries house. ago. Since that time, Santa had

would take someone more

thaw the sisters' icy

As he had for and roared.

soundly growled as she headed barn, across the

Her grandfather's advice that she needed yelled, breaking to eatmore than the toast into a run that

and jelly her mother almost turned into realize it made that morning a stampede as the came to mind. "Playing is hard increased her pace powerful than he to work," she said to herself beyond her control.

as her empty stomach stopped growling... Toby," Frank Burns,

bowed his head in east end of the pasture, caught her toe on a she saw the farm house

below, and spotted her grandfather Toby's stomach walking from the rebuffed back to the farm gravel drive toward

the house. "Grandpa!" she hillside's slope

"Watch out there, her grandfather Topping the hill at the called out when she

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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

#### **Christmas Card Project**

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

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

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

#### 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

Muleshoe area Girl Scouts will be presenting "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 620 will be picking up canned food on Saturday, Dec. 14, for the BCMA Food Pantry. To donate, place your cans in a bag on your front porch where it can be visible from the road.

Call Lisa Puckett at 806-946-9658 for additional information.

#### Food Pantry

The Bailey County Ministerial Alliance 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.

#### \*Correction Policy=

in the news stories and releases it publishes, the that errors occasionally

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### Federal Judge Ignores Sixth Amendment

"In all criminal 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 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 Amendment 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 appears to have ignored 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

Dillman 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 the song *Felix Navidad*.

The craft project for that day is Poinsettia ornaments.

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 be showing are: *Monsters* Inc., Monsters University, and Despicable Me.

High school volunteers are also needed to help build a Christmas Tree out of books during the December Break. This tree will stay up year round and will become a memorial tree for loved ones who have passed

a case involving Bailey County.

A couple of weeks ago, Judge Cummings of his testimony "to tell overruled a contempt the truth, the whole order issued by 287th truth and nothing but Dist. Judge Gordon the truth," isn't worth Green in a case that was spittle. before him in 2012.

issues leading up to to defense attorneys the contempt order, because it means an Immigration and the chances of their Customs Enforcement client being convicted officer who appeared if federal agents are at a local district court involved in the case are 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



any promise a federal law enforcement officer makes at the beginning

Obviously such Regarding the a ruling is a delight 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 federal statute under which a federal agency is apparently allowed to pick and choose what information it provides to a court also has the potential for selective enforcement or even discrimination.

The only thing we could see as being worse is if defendants are convicted without being allowed to face their accusers.

This country took a major step toward becoming a police state when the "Big Brother" NSA was allowed to gather information about and from everyone's cellphone traffic under the guise of national security, but for Judge Cummings to uphold a statute that allows a federal law enforcement officer to ignore a directive from a state court shoves this nation even further down that path.

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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

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 or joy-deficient. to avoid lest you catch their misery-virus.

And have you noticed that folks who are joyless or joy-deficient are "attractive?"



they're good-looking; they tend "not" to be

I mean that they certainly seem to attract others who are joy-less

Misery really does love company and, for with Michal? Was some twisted reason, she dour and sour, looked at him from her enjoys mutual misery.

the joy-less should be a and critical from early No, I don't mean that gal named Michal.

She was one of the King David.

It's sad but worth the day!" noting that when Saul was in love with David, the "rival" of whom us, because he thought, "She may be a snare to him."

So what was wrong selfish and "high The patron saint of maintenance," carping

So much so that even to the God of all joy. daughters of King Saul her royal father had gets hold of her will rue

found out that Michal David is reigning as king and the sacred Ark of the Covenant finally comes he was insanely and home to Jerusalem, murderously jealous, he the scriptures tell us was glad, the Bible tells 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,

window and "despised

In so doing, she despised his worship

who became the wife of long thought, "Whoever through and through, anything that separates Michal disdained David's joy and, in the joy. Much later when process, his God.

"She remained childless all her days." Evidently, she remained joyless all her days.

When the Psalmist writes, "The joy of the Lord is my strength," I think he's implying that all true joy is God's

to manufacture apart Bethlehem? from God is counterfeit and fleeting. Is it possible to really snidely deride if they

be close to God and not wish. Their punishment feel joy? I don't see how. is self-inflicted. He "is" joy.

joy be frightening? men, the Lord.

Because it implies losing Cold and frosty our right to hang onto us from the Source of

Bitterness, anger, The Bible says sadly, resentment, pettiness, strife. There is no joy in letting such things define us. There can't

> In this wonderful season, we talk a lot about joy, and well we should. What is more

full of joy than God Any "joy" we try coming near to us at Let Michal's children (Oh, she has some!)

Just be sure you share Why would opening the joy of the angels, ourselves up to God's the shepherds, the wise

### **Changes Approved To MEDC By-Laws**

By Larry Thornton

The Muleshoe City made. Council approved council meeting.

that the MEDC was third year. "cleaning up" its current and the city.

MEDC to be co-signed by the corporation's year. treasurer, when in fact Brunson said the Brunson, the change corporation's checks would improve board follow the same continuity. procedure as the City of Muleshoe.

Brunson also noted that it was believed for the procurement of that at the time the that the corporation's professional services city contracted with AJ

filled more "uniformly" if some changes were

Prior to Monday's changes to the by- approved changes, laws of the Muleshoe within a three year Economic Development rotation three of the Corporation during five positions would Monday's regular be appointed one year, followed by two City Manager David positions the next year, Brunson explained and no positions the

According to the by-laws, which included recommendation the area that differed from council received from how business was MEDC Director Kasey customarily handled Coker, two of the by both the corporation positions would be up for appointment the He explained that first year, followed by one portion called for another two positions the checks issued by the the next, the final appointment the third

According to

Monday, the council:

\* Adopted a policy



### **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

In other business city's THCA Home

program. Brunson explained board terms could be in regards to the Howe, Inc. to provide consultant services for the program, AJ Howe was the only

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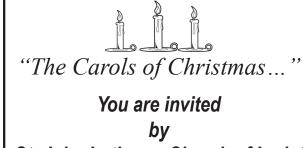
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#### Animal Rescue...

d u e t o inhalation.

Cliff Black — who was Lazbuddie volunteers. present at the veterinary the officers and EMS work," he said.

**Continued from A1** staff for their efforts company to provide the s m o k e to save the lives of the necessary Request for animals, as well as fire Qualifications. During Monday's city fighting efforts of the council meeting, Mayor Muleshoe, Farwell and

"I was amazed to see clinic's fire — praised so many do such great

### **Obituaries and Death Notices**

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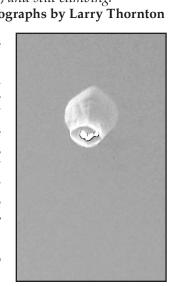
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If publication will be after said services, the time will not be included.

#### Obituaries...

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed at the rate of \$4.50 per column inch, and may contain a variety of information, including but not limited to: Date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; biographical information; names of parents, spouses or children who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors; and where memorials may be directed.

A black and white photo will be included; however, there is an additional charge of \$75 to include a color photograph.





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By Laverne Winn

Well, with the center. television weather the weekend, let's try volunteers.

the postponed fundfrom 7-11 a.m. Come and enjoy Season."

a fresh cooked meal with some bacon, sausage, various type there are activities every choir is scheduled to be of syrups and coffee, milk, orange juice for only \$5 for adults and afternoon, there are \$3 for children.

Also with the scheduled during will be Bunco games. the breakfast time,

the comfort of the all day.

this week's weather been decorated for for limited exercise. should be better toward Christmas by our great

This Saturday, Dec. Christmas and 14, the Oneida Wagnon days flying by toward Senior Center will host the special day of be the senior center's Christmas, please take Christmas Party day. raiser Pancake Breakfast some time to remember the "Reason for the special lunch that will Read the Gospel of

day at the center. Every Thursday a Christmas song fest. Bingo games.

O n Christmas Parade afternoon, Dec. 17, there time.

Also there are exercise And, don't miss equipment for various

And, you can always just walk around inside Speaking of the the center for exercise, as quite a few folks do. Tuesday, Dec. 17, will

Please notice the

be served on that day. For our special bread dressing, consisting of pancakes Luke, chapters 1 and 2. Yuletide celebration, the Please be aware that Muleshoe High School

> Come and enjoy a great meal with an even country gravy, stewed Tu e s d a y greater special music okra, seasoned corn,

at the center at noon for

On another note, you Every day at the center, might not be aware of it,

better reflect the meals we like at the center.

Be sure to check below.

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

candied sweet potatoes, pineapple tidbits, and wheat rolls. Wednesday, Dec. 18 — Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes,

and pumpkin squares. Thursday, Dec. 19 — Charbroiled hamburger, you should be able to there are Dominoes and but the menu selection tomatoes, pickles, view the parade from Eighty games that go on have been changed to onions, herbed potato

(Solutions on A5)

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reports indicating that how the center has exercises and a Wii set out the menus listed Fish or chicken strips, wheatrolls, and tropical borracho beans, green fruit mix.

fries, berry cobbler, and peas, tossed vegetable salad, low calorie Friday, Dec. 20 — French dressing, whole

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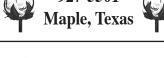
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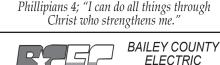


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### Superintendent Discusses Playoff Football Game In Muleshoe

This past Friday night, the Muleshoe Independent School District hosted the 2013 6-Man 1A Division 2 State Semi-Final Championship game at Benny Douglas

As far as I know, this is game. the first playoff football ever hosted.

The game featured the field. the number 1 ranked team in the state versus the number 2 ranked

The Grandfalls-Royalty Cowboys (12-#2 in the state.

Grandfalls-Royalty "home" team.

It was an exciting visitors to Muleshoe.

weather was very cold. man regulations.

Temperature at game The wind chill factor by Whitarral ISD. made it feel like it was in the single digits.

Super news from MISD

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

With the snow and game the Muleshoe has ice that fell last week, it was difficult to prepare

Sam Whalin, David Wood, and several of the maintenance and custodial crews cleared the field of the snow.

They shoveled and 1,) ranked #1 in the swept snow and ice state verses the Follett off of the bleachers Panthers (12-1), ranked and walkways at the Grandfalls-Royalty to defeat the Follett stadium.

was designated the in the restrooms and downs. concession stand.

the Muleshoe ISD There would have maintenance staff to at the game, but the posts to match the six- wide-open game saw Muleshoe was still felt.

time was 19 degrees. loaned to the stadium

Maintenance and yard by 80 yard field. half and pulled away \$30,000.

Heaters were also put chains to mark off first

football game that from Grandfalls- teams to advance 15 inclement weather and brought in lots of Royalty worked with yards for a first down, bad road conditions. not 10 yards.

> several lead changes The goal posts were throughout the game.

> > Follett led at half-

also brought their own Panthers by a score of over six times as some

The crowd was not an economic impact to That is because six- as big as either team Maintenance crews man football requires had hoped due to the

It was an exciting economic impact of a playoff game of this been a lot more visitors put up temporary goal game to watch. The the game to the city of magnitude.

> It was estimated that the out-of-town crowd purchased meals, gas, time, but the Grandfalls- and other supplies and The crew chalked the Royalty Cowboys came products in the amount field to allow for the 40 back in the second of approximately

Superintendent Dr. R.

If that amount turns announcer for the game. The Muleshoe High suggest, that would be

School Choir recorded the City of Muleshoe of the National Anthem that was played to Muleshoe ISD is begin the game.

It was a lot of fun to However, the facilities that can attract host this playoff game.

We hope that we can host many more games like this in the the help from our athletic future so businesses in and maintenance Muleshoe can benefit department to organize from people coming to Muleshoe and seeing M u l e s h o e what our community Assistant has to offer.

Its' a great time to be L. Richards was the a Mule!

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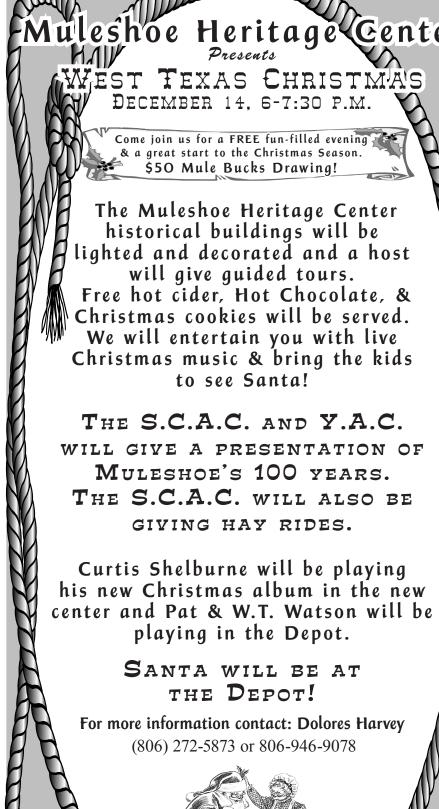
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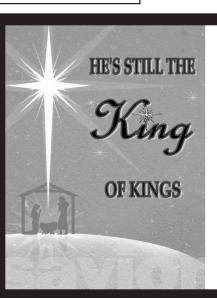
Scott and Erica Moore of Muleshoe announce the birth of their daughter, Leah Rose Moore, on Dec. 5, 2013, at 12:42 p.m., at Lamb Healthcare Center of Littlefield.

Leah was six pounds, seven ounces in weight at birth, and 19-1/2 inches in length.



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### rock and almost lost and baked beans, and at Ms. Bea, his magical your mouth."

She was breathing hard when she reached that also kept her from

whizzing past him. "Yeow," Burns shouted gleefully as he used his granddaughter's momentum to swing her up into the air before drawing her close into

"You almost lost it that time," he said with a big grin. "Dragons life." after you again?"

Toby reached up 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

gonna have to fight a '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 her grandfather's face, was teasing her, or not. "We don't want

anything that might attract them bears..."

Toby said in mock exasperation before squeezing him as tightly as she could.

Grandpa Burns was probably Toby's biggest friend and hero.

born — Frank Burns from," he said. continued farming, rarely had a gruff day, "Grandpa!" she said. especially when his "Didn't you know only granddaughter crows can talk?" was visiting.

grandmother, Toby said. couldn't really wife of 42 years. "You'll like her

cook... oh, she could she said. cook. I especially miss her mashed potatoes and gravy... and her

French toast, and cherry doll that helped him cobbler, and...

his side, clutching at his would go on and on, of communications he toothless mouth and got something I need overalls in a fierce hug until Toby realized her received annually from sticking her dentures grandfather's moment 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."

"Pigs have it pretty good. In fact, a pig only

poked her in the ticklish bacon."

pocket. "What's that?" he asked.

pulled out the key.

Burns looked at

crow stole it," he said.

"Oh, grandpa!" things," he added. "Bottle tops, colored glass... just about wishes he received from anything that'll catch the light."

"Can I keep it?"

been taken care of, but A widower for almost it isn't from any lock nine years — Toby's I know of. I guess it's grandmother had died alright until the crow shortly after she was tells you where it came

Toby rolled her eyes. 'force' behind it.

"No they can't... have. h e r they're animals," Toby

remember her. Her matter? Just because an needed to travel south, grandfather would animal hasn't talked the fastest way to do occasionally share to you doesn't mean it so would be by sleigh; stories about her, can't," he said. "When however, this intent was sometimes through we get inside, I'll get quickly set aside when mist-filled eyes as he you a piece of string he learned his sleigh remembered his high to hang it around your was still being serviced school sweetheart and neck, so you won't lose for his Christmas Eve

"It's a magic key," when you get to meet Toby said. "The key to her in heaven," her my castle. I wish I had grandfather would a gold chain to put it hour, Porsha had been say hoarsely. "And on instead of string,"

fried chicken, and the cupboard in his growled at her sister, "at

**COMPOSTED CATTLE MANURE** 

"Did you get it?" Santa asked the doll.

If Ms. Bea could have nodded her ceramic head, she would have, "And what's bad but ceramic dolls about that?" he asked. even magical ceramic a nervous habit. I've dolls — aren't capable of independent motion. has one bad day in his An argument could also be made that ceramic "When's that?" Toby dolls don't speak also, but that isn't the case Her grandfather with Ms. Bea. Of course, her lips

pig... pig... to when she was created Ms. Bea was given the As they walked unusual capability Toby's grandfather felt words in the minds something hard in her of those in her close proximity.

What Santa was Toby reached in and curious about was a cat... a big, ugly cat the faint wish he'd "A key," she said. "I received from a distant saw a crow drop it in child asking for a gold the field. Can I keep necklace for her new

Most of the requests around the world, services were created Santa relied upon the children.

In such cases, Ms. "Well, it looks like it's maintain the lists of which child needed as well.

"Yes," Ms. Bea said. "but there wasn't much

"But is it our key?" If Ms. Bea could have shrugged, she would

After leaving the workshop, Santa's next "And what does that stop was the stable. If he journey.

> For the past half gnashing her teeth, and it was getting on Sophia's nerves.

"If you're going to Santa opened do that," Sophia finally her butternut squash, workshop, and smiled least put them back in

The Christmas Kev... continued From A1

Porsha gave her sister keep track of the an indignant glare The list of food items tremendous amount before opening her you wouldn't mind, I've the witches?" children around the back in. "It hurts my gums when I grind my teeth with them in my mouth," she replied.

"Then... don't... grind them," Sophia

"You know it's always ground my have any," Porsha said. "You've got bad habits, also." spoke, Sophia turned

her head to get a better spot on her side and don't move when she look at her sister, riding said, "The day they speaks, as vocal speech on the broom at her side. change his name from requires muscles. But Sophia's right eyebrow arched, while her left hut." eye began to twitched. toward the house, of being able to form Porsha, pointing her finger at her sister. "The

way your eye twitches

when you're angry." at that. "Haaachsssss! Me thinks you'd look interesting as a frog with dentures," she

threatened. As intimidating as head as she studied the key for a moment, Santa received came Sophiawouldhaveliked holding it up so its through the mail, her remark to be, Porsha trying to decide if he decorated surface could through the vast didn't feel the least bit he'd established through that she was immune "I can see why the the postal services from her sister's magic. Still she looked away, "Crows like shiny but before the postal turning her attention to the landscape over which they flew.

Bea, who helped us, Chief?" said Sandy,

elf, and the large snow before Christmas Eve." goose at his side.

for you to do."

moment, looking back he handed to Sandy. and forth between the almost inseparable since a Christmas

"As you know," teeth. That's why I don't he finally said. "The stolen..."

"...and we think it

don't think it's at their for Elwood's saddle. "Like that," said his chair and picked asked as Sandy was up a piece of paper

handing it to Sandy. Sophia hissed like but it seems to be in the trouble with the letter Burns in Ohio. That's a calling the elf "Marvin" copy of her Christmas letter from three years

ago."

the letter to Santa. "It's had bristled at being signed "Toby," the elf called something other

gleam in the noonday international network threatened, knowing nickname. She's a bit of the effort. a 'tomboy,'" said Santa.

gathered that fact from the letter, which didn't include either dolls or cottage before we take

"I already have an agent on the ground in Elwood said. "You wanted to see her home town," Santa recover the key from Santa Claus turned her. You shouldn't need what, was usually able from his desk and to do anything more to pick up the request smiled at the young than bring it home...

"Gotcha, Santa,"

"Sandy... Elwood, if Sandy replied. "And Santa turned back to

his desk and picked up Santa paused for a a leather pouch, which "If you have to deal two who had become with them, use this. It's the most powerful

weapon we have," Santa season adventure they'd said. "It may not work, taken a couple of years but we probably should have used it on them centuries ago." Sandy nodded his Christmas key has been head in agreement, but didn't bother looking

Both elf and goose inside. From Santa's "Such as?" When she nodded their heads description, he already knew what it must be. Sandy and Elwood was taken by Porsha left the office and headed

and Sophia. But we over to the goose barn "Will you need your Santa leaned back in coat, Marvin" Elwood

placing the saddle on before leaning over and his back. As do most snow "We don't know how, geese, Elwood had possession of Tabitha "S," and had taken to

instead. For the first six month's of their Sandy quickly read friendship, Sandy than his given name, "Yes, that's her eventually giving up on

Elwood was not only a Sandy had already little dim-witted, he was also a bit hardheaded.

> "We'll stop by my off," he said.

"Thhoundth great,"

Half an hour later, continued. "He will they were in the air, southbound.

The Christmas Key will conclude in next

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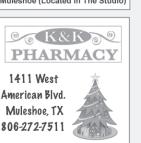
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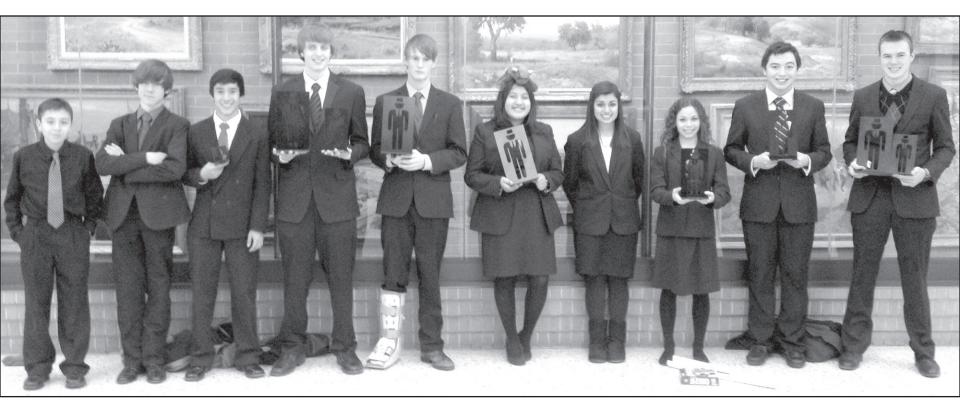






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### Speech Team Places At Amarillo

By Cheri Sain

Sudan Correspondent

School Resonance in Duet Acting. Speech team competed weekend

They walked away their efforts.

The Sudan High won the top two spots Prose.

in the annual Amarillo Jacob Markham won the two trophies for Altum and Jonathan HS "Shut-up and duetacting competition, his efforts at the Robertson. Speak-Classic" Speech and Ambrosia Nelson tournament. McCurry Tournament this past and Jose Luis Melendez placed third in Foreign weekend, but a red placing second.

The team had some interpretation. Marcos CX Debate. great successes. For Gonzales won sixth in

the first time at this Poetry while Ambrosia advancing were Anakin tournament, the team Nelson won sixth in Cantu, Chris Burrell,

Deric McCurry Kendon Drennan and walked away with coaches are Tina Extemporaneous hot performance," Two members Speaking, and he and Robertson said. with 10 trophies for of the team placed his debate partner Alex in prose and poetry Hernandez won first in all of these brilliant

and Brianna Azua.

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"It was a bitter cold

"Congratulations to students and their Competing and not families," he added.

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### Sudan Players Scattered Across South Plains

Bv Cheri Sain

By Cheri Sain Sudan Correspondent

of this month.

The

Sudan Correspondent

basketball players were scattered around to play. the South Plains in over the weekend.

The Hornets finished win 52-48. up in second place at the

**Service Projects** 

Sudan's Student

Council, FCCLA, and

SUDS are sponsoring

several community

teaming up to organize

fund raiser called

"Anchor for India,"

where community

will raise funds in a

On the night of the

baseketball games, Dec.

17, the organizations will

raise funds by having a

holiday bake sale, sell

variety of ways.

Sudan HS Organizations

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service projects the rest hosting their annual

members and students and boxed or packaged

Seagraves/Brownfield FCCLA members will

organizations are families in Sudan

Meadow Tournament.

Several Hornet boystrailed Plains by 10 never lead again. point with five minutes

way back to take the Meadow.

during the halftime of

the varsity boys game.

Prizes will be awarded

continue through Dec.

items are accepted and

And, SUDS and

be making stockings for the children involved

in Women's Protective Services, Child

encouraged.

Canned food items

to the target.

Bovina with a score of 43-They continued to 30. In the championship basketball tournaments fight, fighting all the game, Sudan played Nazareth on Friday.

The second round at the half but cut that turned it around for lead back to three points three great quarters,' late in the game.

The game ended with Lockhart said. Sudan 53 and Meadow

"The boys are getting better each game," Head Coach Dean Edwards

"What a joy the boys Smyer 55-45. for the airplanes closest are to coach. They Sudan FCCLA is coach added.

The next varsity canned food drive. They will play Hale Dimmitt tourney. Collections began Center in the first round atwoweekinternational this week and will at 10:30 a.m.

> Tourney this weekend the second round and and posted a 3-1

Thursday had many

was with Bovina. cancellations, but the In the first round, the Bovina scored first then Nettes were able to play their game and posted The Hornets beat a 58-22 win over Hale

The girls played

"The Nettes came The boys trailed by 13 out a bit slow, but then Head Coach Benny

> "We just put ourselves in to big a hole at the start, losing 58-44," he

Saturday was a good day for the girls beating

The Nettes then refuse to give up," the played Hale Center

again and won 48-29. The Nettes will be game will be Dec. 12 in back in action Thursday, three All proceeds benefit the Valley Tournament. Dec. 19, at 11 a.m. in the

> The JV Boys lost to Friona JV in the first The Sudan Nettes round. They then beat played in the Nazareth Friona freshmen in lost to Bovina JV in a close game for the consolation.

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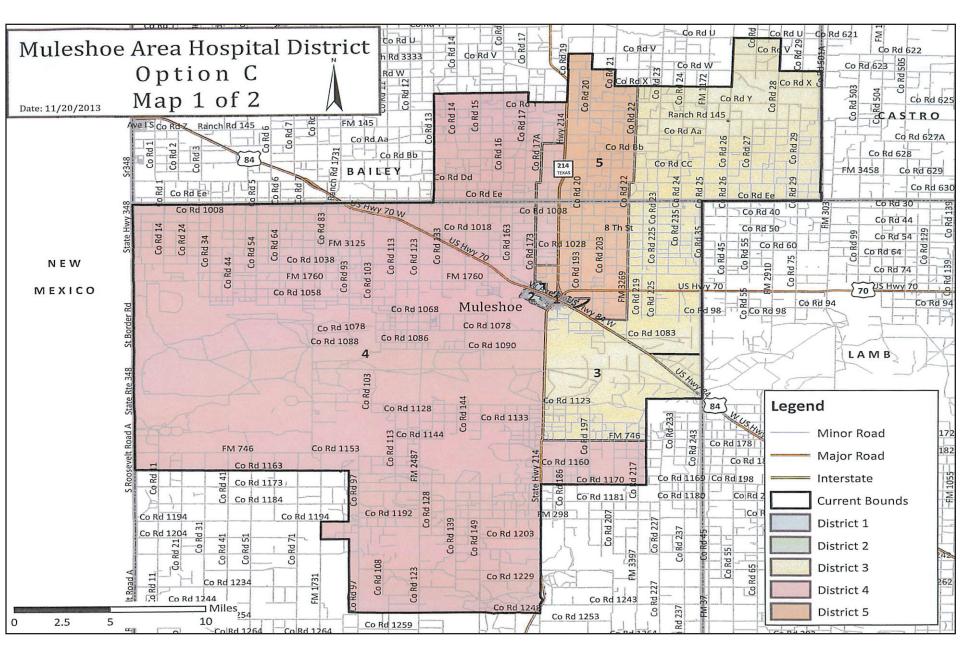
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Proverbs 3:9-10, NIV



### Advisor Committee To Recommend Option For MAHD Redistricting

Continued from A1 in the district," Elza with 1,480 people. said at the beginning certain points.

current population of variance. the MAHD, Elza said

The current districts of the Dec. 5 meeting, have an 18 percent that the Hispanic committee were from a in three "Anglo safe" 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 Justice requirement was explanation of the task community." Regarding the for a 10 percent or less

He noted that each the task before the of the three options avoid law suits, so you Elza's recommendation he added. redistricting committee prepared by the can spend your money of Option C, totally was to divide the demographers at in the community for disregarding the Option Benny Parker, who the Area Hospital District. district as closely as Underwood Law Firm health care and not B map, which Elza said

possible into five areas showed a variance of lawyers." less than five percent.

59 percent.

During before the advisory

Elza also noted the members of the would have resulted population across the broad spectrum of the hospital district was at community instead of of three "Hispanic safe" h is have to pander to the matched the hospital

The six members

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was "just looking for appointed to represent He also noted that trouble" because it it at the Dec. 19 MAHD voting districts instead elected officials "who districts which better said. district's population.

committee, Elza said, of the committee your safest bet, because it was noted that the "We need to redistrict to eventually approved that is where you are,"

advisory committee

board meeting agreed

with Elza. "Option C looks like its the best bet," Elza

After the advisory committee voted to "Option C is probably recommend Option C, option maps would be on display for public Committee member viewing at the Muleshoe











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### Sports News

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

By Delton Wilhite Sportswriter

Independent School District hosted the Sixfinal game between the number one rated Follett Panthers and number two ranked Grandfalls-Royalty Cowboys Friday night.

The Cowboys had to over come a 12-point half time deficit to defeat Follett 67-58.

Benny Douglas Stadium had to be retro fitted to accommodate the contest.

The sidelines were move in five yards and marked with chalk.

Temporary goalposts, borrowed from Whitharral ISD, were place with 55-gallon drums of water.

became the goal lines for the game as a sixlong and 40-yards

takes 15 yards to make a first down. Touchdowns The Muleshoe count six points but an extra point kick amounts to two points while a Man Division II semi- 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 frigid weather and enjoy the game.

The game lived up the hype as Follett us to the punch early dominated the first half and I felt like I needed and owned a 34-22 lead an ace in the hole." at the intermission.

possessions.

Dakota Woods to put second half. the Panthers ahead in The 10-yard lines the first period.

The kick failed.

man field is 80-yards some chances with the quarter. better teams," said

Photograph by Gabby Perez

Corey Peil went 15 to score on their first time," Helms said. erected and held in yards on a pass from two possessions of the

> at the time with just less than four minutes

Helms seemed Grandfalls-Royalty to know it was time

Oops!

advantage.

"(Follett) was bringing all six up on Grandfalls-Royalty kick return and I had Follett had scored on received the ball to seen it early in the game all five of its first half start the second half but did not feel like it and bounced back was the appropriate

The coach gave his Follett still led 42-38 became the turning point in the game.

"I told him (Thomas "You have got to take remaining in the third Burns) 'Don't kick it in the end zone, but kick it deep and let's see if we can go down there and get it,"" Helms said.

and deep into Follett back in front 50-46. territory and the returner chased down were not to be denied the kick.

slipped down at the Follett could answer. one-vard line.

kicker instructions that the next play and Luis 291 being on the ground in the end zone for a air. Grandfalls-Royalty the Cowboys their first a total of 396 yards. lead of the night 46-42.

> That play seemed in rushing with 10 the Panthers.

"It felt to me like it 15 times for 102. was just a difference in play-making," said rushers with 18 tries Follett head coach for 221 yards for the Harley Etheridge. "(Grandfalls-Royalty) was making plays left half."

"It seems like when Burns led the Cowboys we get down, and we with seven-of-seven did it against Water passes for 129 yards. Valley, we just don't adversity."

Follett took the lead for 39 yards. one more time before good to put the Panthers game in school history.

But the Cowboys and they scored When he attempted three consecutive to reverse his field he touchdowns before

The Cowboys gained Follett fumbled on a total of 437 yards with Morales recovered and 146 through the

Follett rushed for 232 touchdown that gave yards, passed for 164 for Bechthold led Follett

to both inspire the carries for 126 yards and Cowboys and deflate caught eight passes for 129 yards. Wood rushed Marquez led all

Cowboys and Burns ran five times for 70 yards. Wood completed and right in the second 13 of 18 passes for 164 yards for the Panthers.

Nieves Rodriguez have what it takes to caught two passes for 78 come back from that yards and Julian Helms made three receptions

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

#### The quarters are coach Joe Helms. to make his move 10-minutes long and it "(Follett) was beating and Cowboys took The ball sailed high **Mules Pluck Victory From Owls**

By Delton Wilhite

Sportswriter

scoring spree Tuesday night when the Mules hosted the Hale Center Owls that is rarely

He made 19 of 23 free 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-toback baskets.

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.

shooting the third time dished to Dunham to he drove the paint. He made both charity

Dagen Dunham put back a pair of offensive called for offensive goal left on the clock. The

rebounds to push the Mules to a six-point Eli Leal went on a 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.

the Mules' 21 points. He added 16 in the second guarter to finish the first half with 31 points.

Leal drove the lane fight in the third period it ahead to Leal running with a 13-3 run in the on a break. He made the first five minutes to lay up. take a 48-41 lead over the Mules.

from the wing and Leal was fouled Barron drove and lead to 57-52 with eight game. minutes left to play.

tending when a player Owls went on a 9-1 run Leal had scored 15 of 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 The Owls put up a a loose ball and pushed

Leal sank a 3-pointer drove to the other end point each. of the floor on a break to give the Mules a 62-52 lead with six and again extend the Mule half minutes left in the

Hale Center was with a minute and half first game of pool play

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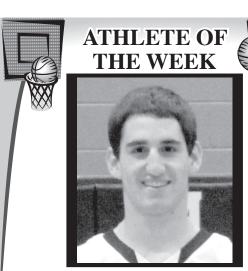
In addition to Leal's 51 points Dunham added 10 points. Barron finished with six points, Grey Johnson and Ross made two each.

JJ Gandara, Blaine Barron took a long Hurtado and Danny carom off the rim and Campos chipped in one

> The Mules traveled to Nazareth for the Swifts tournament.

The Mules defeated the Highland Park The Mules led 75-66 Hornets 68-50 in the

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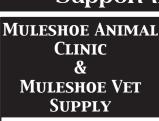
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### Varsity Ladies Cruise To Win

By Delton Wilhire Sportswriter

The Lady Mules scored the opening basket Tuesday night in Shallowater. when they hosted the Hale Center Lady Owls.

The Owls scored to take the lead and the Lady Mules had to battle back and finally four-point run to briefly passed down the lane retook the lead for good take the lead. with five seconds left in the period.

over the Owls.

The Lady Mules point play. Tournament was

Coach Jay Gorman in front 7-6.

found a spot open in the but it had to be cancelled Don Ann Rempe in because of icy conditions a crowd in the paint. Mules with 21 points

to McKenna Dunham on Lady Mule lead to 9-6. the baseline. Dunham

Hale Center went on a

own rebound, battle to end the period with The Lady Mules through a foul and never trailed again and scored. She added the 11-9. cruised to a 47-28 win free throw to complete

cancelled because to but Dunham again put many teams dropped back her own rebound an 8-2 run in the final Dimmitt to play in the to put the Mules back two and half minutes of Bobbies' tournament

Shallowater Shootout some how found intermission. Rempe hit the short Daniela Diaz passed jump shot to extend the

The Owls came back scored with a six-foot to tie the game with back-to-back baskets jump shot to open the 23 seconds left in the five of her six free period.

> Reagan Reynolds to Dunham on the Dunham grabbed her blocks and she scored the Lady Mules leading

the old-fashion three- on an 8-0 run in the first The Owls answered second period.

the half to cut the Lady Dec. 12-14.

Adrienne Precure Mule lead to 23-19 at the

Dunham led the Lady against the Owls.

Diaz made one trey and added eight

Sadie Sudduth made throws for five points and A. Precure made one trey and scored five points.

Rempe made four points, Shanice Rosas dropped in three points and Sydnie Sudduth The Lady Mules went chipped in one point.

The Lady Mules three minutes of the hosted the Floydada Lady Winds Tuesday Hale Center went on and will travel to



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### JV Mules Defeat Hale Center JV Owls

By Delton Wilhire

Sportswriter The JV Mules fell

behind the Hale Center at 27-27. Owls Tuesday night in the first half 27-21.

The Mules came roaring back after the intermission to lead 42-32 with one period left.

The Owls made a run at the Mules in the final minute and a half but it was to little to late. defense had powered The Mules took the win the Mules to make an

Tony Castillo passed to Triston Boehning as he crossed the lane to start the third period. Boehning made the on the board in the reverse lay up to cut the Owl lead to 27-23.

Kevin Mendoza hit a 15-foot jump shot to cut the lead to two points. Mendoza saw Castillo breaking down the

baseline and fed him the ball.

Castillo tied the game

Antonio Vasquez drained a 3-pointer from the wing to give the Mules the lead for good. Castillo drove in the lane and hit a jump shot from just inside the free throw line.

The Mule tight 11-0 run to lead 32-27 with four minutes remaining in the third period.

The Owls finally got second half with an old-fashion three-point

Pepe Mendoza drove to the hoop for a basket before Vasquez made a

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### Varsity Mules... Continued From B1

points.

Leal added 18 points and Barron dropped in 14. Ross scored five points, Wes Clarkson had four and Keagan both. Gonzales made three. Nacho Elizalde and Campos chipped in Panthers 56-49. It was one point each.

fair as well in the second game against the host the game with some each. Nazareth Swifts as the questionable fouls. Mules dropped the game 59-33.

points. Dunham added nine. six points, Barron made

on Thursday. Dunham Gandara and Hurtado Clarkson chipped in led the Mules with 20 chipped in two points two each.

each. the Mules had to play almost back-to-back JV. Leal set the scoring games and lost them pace with 14 points.

game to the Panhandle nip and tuck until one made three points, The Mules did not official took both Leal and Dunham out of chipped in two points

with 23 points. Dunham Tuesday night and Leal and Ross led added 10 points and then will travel to the Mules with seven Barron dropped in Dimmitt to play in

four and Elizalde, points, Elizalde and 14.

The leg weary Saturday morning Mules then took on the Amarillo Sandies

Campos added eight The Mules lost the first points, Dunham and Barron dropped in four points each. Clarkson Gonzales and Ross

The Mules hosted the Leal led the Mules Floydada Whirlwinds the Bobcat Invitational Gonzales made three Tournament Dec. 12-



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### JV2 Lady Mules Fall To Lady Cats, 40-27

By Delton Wilhite Sportswriter

fell to the Littlefield with the win. Lady Cats Monday

The Cats scored the evening 40-27. The Lady opening bucket but throw to complete the putthe ball back to give Lady Mules led 9-8 with Orozca made two points Mules stayed close in the Lady Mules cam the opening period and back to take the lead.

trailed by a single point. Victoria Villalobos hoop. Littlefield took over cleared the backboard, The JV2 Lady Mules after that to go home fought through a foul later Paolet Landeros Imelda Salcido and and scored.

She added the free old fashion three-point the Lady Mules a 7-2 time running out. play to put the Lady lead with three and half Mules in front.

The next trip down period. the floor Kyan Garner

pulled down an Villalobos also added a offensive rebound and free throw each and the three points, Kennedy minutes left in the first 3-pointer as the buzzer

Littlefield scored and lead for good. passed to Villalobos on then fouled Ahtziri

The Cats drained a

the blocks for another Elizalde while she was Mules in scoring with Lopes Dec. 16.

shooting. Elizalde made nine points. Landeros A couple of minutes one of her free throws. and Villalobos added six points each.

Elizalde dropped in and Salcido chipped in

The Lady Mules sounded to take the travel to Shallowater Monday and then host Garner led the Lady the Abernathy Lady

### **Eighth Grade Ladies Defeat Littlefield**

**By Delton Wilhite** Sportswriter

Lady Mules ran away from the Littlefield Lady Cats Monday evening

only made four points the coach added. in the first half.

The eighth grade our game in gear," said ball ahead to Yvonne Lady Mule coach Edie Diaz for a lay up. Niblett.

"In the third quarter allow the Lady Cats to Full court pressure by and our decline in they gave up the ball. the Lady Mules all but turnovers contributed to shut out Littlefield in a much better game on ball to Diaz for her the first half. Littlefield both ends of the court,"

Conley Niblett won

us a little while to get Barrera then pushed the the Lady Mules on top The defense did not period.

Hallie Myatt got the

game.

second basket of the

"Once again it took the opening tip. Lili lane for a hoop to put 6-0 with three minutes remaining in the first

Full-court pressure we played great defense cross mid court before kept the Lady Cats bottle up in the back court for a 10-second count.

Brianna Barron scored on the ensuing Niblett drove the in bound play from the side line.

Valerie Ambriz got Niblett the ball on the blocks for a basket and a 10-0 lead. Littlefield scored before the quarter ended and the Lady Mules led 10-2.

Niblett led the Lady Mules with 12 points. Diaz added eight points and Barron made six.

Cassidy Cage Barrera, Myatt and Brianna Velasquez chipped in two points each.

The Lady Mules traveled to Tulia Monday and will host the Abernathy Lady Lopes Dec. 16 prior to Continued on B6 the Christmas break.



#### JV Mules Defeat JV Owls...

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lay up 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

Castillo led the Mules in scoring with 18 points. Boehning added 12 points, Vasquez dropped in 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.

The Mules hosted the Floydada Whirlwinds Tuesday night and will play in the Abernathy Antelope Tournament Dec. 12-14.

Seventh Grade Ladies Win In Overtime

By Delton Wilhite Sportswriter

grade Lady Mules three extra minutes to dispose Cats Monday.

opened a five-point quarter but Littlefield battled back to tie the game at 19-19 at the end of regulation.

owned the overtime Lady Cats 24-21.

Lady Mule coach Jalissa on the blocks and Miller King. "The teams were It took the seventh neck and neck for the majority of the game.

of the Littlefield Lady amazing game with 10 the Lady Mules on top. rebounds, seven steals The Lady Mules and eight points.

Reina Regalado and advantage in the third Keely Dunham also had two minutes left in the strong games with six game. rebounds each."

Kyndal Miller won grabbed a long defensive the tip to start the The Lady Mules overtime period.

The Lady Mules set Mules on top to stay. period and downed the up their offense with Miller at the high post. fouled while shooting "This was a close and She found Abigail and made a free throw exciting game," said Boehning posting up

passed Boehning the ball.

Boehning kissed the Kyndal Miller had an ball off the glass to put The Lady Cats scored

> to tie the game for the final time with just over Natalie Elizalde

> floor to put the Lady Reina Regalado was

> rebound and drove the



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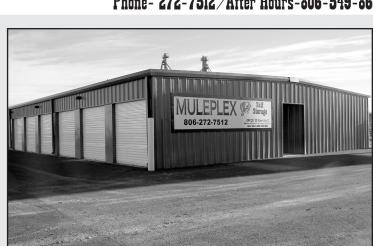
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•FM 1760 @ edge of town, nice 3-2-2 carport home on 3 acres, cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2253' lv

area, fenced, horse barn w/corrals, hay & tack room!! \$105K!!!! FM 303-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Det. Garage, 2 acre tract,

Par. Cent. A&H, Dw, disposal, thermal windows, storm doors, fans, stor. bldg.!! \$80!! \$69,500!! • 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Mobile Home (1998 Skyline), approx.

2280' lv. area, Cent. air&heat, built-ins, FP, metal roof, auto spklr., 40' x 80' 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 Stone Home on 3.67 acres

Cent. A&H, built-ins, gas log FP, approx. 3064' living area workshop/storage, 24'x36' metal shed, MORE!! \$125K!! MAPLE - 3-2.5-2 Brick Home on 2.48 acres, Cent A&H, built-ins, gas log FP, approx. 2557' lv. area, (garage enclosed), storage unit!! MORE!! \$65K!!

### LAND & COMMERCIAL

nice courtyard & landscaping, workshop area plus chain link fenced area!! \$35,000...
• 3-2 BDRM. DUPLEX UNITS, TOTAL ELECTRIC!!
• GREAT BUSINESS LOCATION - 13000' Bldg.,
7000' paved parking, corner lot, Hwy. 84 & Main. A&H, \$100,000!!! Price Reduced \$80,000!!

 101.8 acres, edge of town, pasture & farm land, 1 irrig. well! \$122,244!! lot, 2608' lv. area, built-ins, FP, covered patio w/ •FOR LEASE - 2100' office space + 20,500' warehouse

308 W. 2nd - 2856' bldg. - former Odd Fellows Lodge,

PRICED TO SELL!! \$31,500 1020 S. Main - 200' x 104' tract w/ 1000' Bldg.!!

\$20K!! • 2.95 acre tract with 2140' office + 17000' & 3465' ware houses 4 miles east on U.S. 70 - \$130K!!! \$99K!!

 CASTRO CO. / FM 303 - Approx. 440 acres, 6 subs, 1 turbine, 2 valley & 1 Zimmatic circle!! \$1750 per acre!! NICE OFFICE/SHOP/WAREHOUSE on approx. .7 acre tract, metal bldg. one 1/2 bath & one 3/4 bath, cent. A&H, city water, insulated \$85K REDUCED - \$50K!! 2007 W. American Blvd. - 100' x 140' tract - \$12750!!



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### Candidates File For County Offices

As of Monday, Dec. positions on the March and Justice of the Peace 4 primary ballot.

Chair Carroll Precure, Precure. Mike Slayden has

Current the position for several years, did not re-file.

Also, incumbent County Treasurer Shonda Black has refiled for her position, and Precinct 3 Chair.

Previously, District tree points each. Clerk Elaine Parker Chavez had filed with part 13-7. Democratic County Chair Don Dyer.

**Continued from A3** 

policy in place.

Cliff Black asked.

followed all of the

steps in the policy, we

just didn't adopt the

Received an

Hot or Will

ALLSUP'S

administration report in

City Council...

one applicant?" Mayor said.

When a recent state said Southwestern "desk review" was Public Service had

conducted, Brunson provided notice to cities,

said it was noted that including Muleshoe,

the city didn't have a expressing its intent to

"Is that policy see more rate increases

Brunson said it from Mayor Black in

was, and added, "We which he expressed

necessary if there is only through SPS," Brunson

formal procurement file a base rate case.

9, a few additional SherriHarrison,County between July 19 and the peace and county candidates have filed for Clerk Robin Dickerson, Debra Redwine had 4primary, the successful According to filed with Republican candidates will face off has re-filed for the Republican County County Chair Carroll in the general election

Candidates for filed for County various county offices up for election in Bailey Commissioner Precinct have until 6 p.m. on County in 2014 are Monday, Dec. 9, to file.

Commissioner C.E. is set for March 4, 2014, county commissioners other county positions. Grant, who has held and write-in candidates in precinct 2 and 4,

Aug. 18, 2014.

Following the March on Nov. 4, 2014.

Among the positions The primary election clerk, county treasurer, chairs are the same as for

And, County Judge must file their notice district clerk, justice of constable.

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

The filing period for county judge, county the county and precinct

### Seventh Grade Basketball Ladies...

Continued from B3 to end all scoring.

Boehning added six Monti Vandiver has points, Elizalde made filed for the Republican four, Regalado and Dunham chipped in

The B team Lady and Precinct 4 Mules were defeated by Commissioner Juan their Lady Cat counter

"These girls worked very hard but

which the city manager

Received comments

his appreciation to

philanthropists Ray

and Donna West for a

donation to the City of

Muleshoe which will be

used to purchase a new

really took a toll on us," continued Coach King.

"We had several coach added.

the B team in scoring

Thanksgiving break with five points and Elizabet Villareal chipped in two points.

The Lady Mules shot opportunities but traveled to Tulia on they would not fall. Monday and they will These girls hustled from host the Abernathy beginning to end," the Lady Lopes Dec. 16 before they take the Kimberly Lopez led Christmas break.

### UNIVERSIT

### Weather Whys: Is It Sleet Or Freezing Rain?

and freezing rain?

that freezes when it freezing rain. comes into contact with says. "Freezing rain is or cars."

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 it hits is 32 degrees or A: The only real lower, it will quickly "I think we're going to difference is that they are freeze on contact, and formed a bit differently, if the ice accumulates, it explains Brent McRoberts can shut down an entire of Texas A&M University. city very quickly. Sleet Freezing rain is rain is often confused 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

### **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,
- 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
- Muleshoe Boy Scouts, 609 W. Seventh, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-946-
- 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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