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## House Dist. Candidates Visit Muleshoe

### Dist. 85 Republican Candidates Meet With Local Officials

#### King Talks With School Officials

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Ken King of Canadian, candidate for state representative, made a stop in Muleshoe Wednesday, Feb. 1, visiting with the administrative team at the Muleshoe Independent School District.

King, who is currently president of the school board at Canadian ISD, and a businessman of that community, describes himself as the "education candidate" for the House Dist. 85 seat.

"It took me a year or so of thinking I was too dumb for the school board because I didn't know anything about school finance," King said, referring to both his currently held position and his state election bid. "Then I figured out neither does anybody else."

"When I say I am the education candidate, I mean on the money side," King said. If elected to the Dist. 85 seat, King said it wouldn't be his job to tell local school district's how to educate the students



Ken King visits with school officials.

in their district, adding that his job would be to find the financial resources the school district's needed to complete their mission.

"I just want to make sure you have the funds and the tools you need

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— Ken King

without being burdened by Austin," he added.

King pointed out that public education, at 52 percent, is the largest portion of the state's budget, and that it doesn't make since for a legislator to ignore public education finances and focus on other issues because the education budget determines how other

state issues are funded.

"Not only is the education of our children paramount, it's fiscally irresponsible not to take it into consideration when

looking at other issues," he said. "It just doesn't make sense."

According to King, the state's wealth may come from

the north, but it's power resides in the south, where he said the state's five largest school districts control most of the education issues.

"They don't care about us," King said, referring to the relationship between urban and rural school districts.

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#### Landtroop Holds 'Town Meeting'

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Jim Landtroop of Plainview, candidate for state representative, made a stop in Muleshoe on Thursday, Feb. 2, visiting with Muleshoe Independent School District administrators that morning, as well as with local officials and citizens during a "town hall meeting" at Muleshoe State Bank in the afternoon.

Due to redistricting, Bailey County will most likely be moved from House Dist. 88—which has been held by State Rep. Warren Chisholm since 1989, to House Dist. 85.

Currently, six Republican candidates, including Landtroop, the incumbent, have filed for the office.

During Thursday's town hall meeting, it was pointed out that Landtroop had voted against some of the issues supported by the Texas House of Representatives because the issues went against what was best for his district and constituents.

"We had to make



Jim Landtroop visits with local officials.

some tough votes," Landtroop said. "It wasn't an easy decision."

"My basic philosophy is that government isn't the solution," he said, "government is the problem."

**"If they move to Dallas, I want it to be because they wanted to, not because they have to. And to do that we have to have the right kind of people fighting for us."**

— Jim Landtroop

"There were a lot of conservative things that were accomplished," Landtroop said, referring to the last legislative session, "but there's a lot of work yet to be done."

When asked about why he chose to run for office, Landtroop said it was because of his kids. "I want them to have the same opportunities

here," he said, "If they move to Dallas, I want it to be because they wanted to, not because they have to. And to do that we have to have the right kind of people fighting for us."

"I'm not the kind of guy that sits back and watches things happen," he added. "I want to get involved and help shape the things that happen."

"This is the least I can do to give back to my community and my state," Landtroop said.

When asked about where the money was going to come from to do the things Texas needs to accomplish, Landtroop said at

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## Filing Period is Under Way For Local Elections

This year's local elections for the City of Muleshoe, Muleshoe Independent School District and Muleshoe Area Hospital District will take place on

May 12, according to Muleshoe City Secretary, and election administrator, LeAnn Gallman.

Early voting will be held from April 30

until May 8, with all voting taking place at Muleshoe City Hall.

The one exception will be the MAHD Place 5 seat, which will include a polling place in the Lazbuddie area, unless that particular race is cancelled.

Applications for a place on the ballot may be filed with Gallman from Feb. 4 until March 5.

Places up for election this year include:

- City of Muleshoe — Mayor, currently held by Cliff Black.
- MISD — Dist. 1, currently held by Thurman Myers; Dist. 4, currently held by Sergio Leal.

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## New MEDC Director Hits Ground Running

The newest addition to the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation team has "hit the ground running."

MEDC Director Kasey Coker joined the team on Jan. 30, taking on a role that Janet Claborn left behind when she retired at the end of December 2011,

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Kasey Coker



Mule Shawn Atwood tips away a shot during the game against Littlefield.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

## Mules Suffer Third Quarter Loss

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules controlled both ends of the floor Tuesday night against Littlefield in the first half.

The Mules built a 24-17 leading to the intermission, but the Wildcats rallied to make up the difference in the third quarter taking the lead and rolling to a 54-48 win.

The Mules did not match up well with Floydada on Friday night and the Whirlwinds cruised to a 63-37 victory.

Littlefield jumped on top of the Mules 5-0 before Beau Avila made a hoop with 6:14 left in the opening period.

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# OPINION

## Remember The Beaches!

### Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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#### Calvary Baptist Cookies

Calvary Baptist Church of Muleshoe is taking orders for its annual Valentine cookie fund raiser until Friday, Feb. 10. Prices range from \$6-8. Deliveries will be made Feb. 13-14. Call Ann at 272-5914, Delores at 946-9078 or Renee 806-238-2169 for further information or to place an order.

#### LVN Informational Meeting

A South Plains College informational meeting about its vocational nursing program through interactive television is set for Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m., at the SPC Muleshoe Center, 621 West Second Street. For more information contact Connie Kenmore at 806-272-3346

#### Scholarship Applications

Applications for the Kristy M Landers Memorial Scholarship are available from Muleshoe High School counselor, Heidi Moore. The final day to apply is Feb. 27

#### Singing Valentines

The Muleshoe High School Varsity choir is selling singing valentines. Sales will end Feb. 13, and they will be delivered on Feb. 14. Contact the choir director, Lorissa Mason, or an MHS varsity choir member to place an order. The cost is \$12.

## Resolution-making Can Be Dangerous

Please forgive me for beginning here with a probably painful query, but, if I may ask, how are your New Year's resolutions coming along?

Maybe a better question at this point in the calendar is not how they're coming but if you even remember the resolutions that you made!

I very effectively resolved that problem in my own life a number of years ago: I quit making New Year's resolutions. For a number of reasons, I resolved to quit resolving at New Year's.

First, like most of the other mere mortals I know I rarely ever kept those resolutions anyway.

Second, and please forgive me for being blunt, but I long ago noticed that the very few folks I know who keep most of their New Year's resolutions most of the time always seem



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

to forget one.

They fail to tack onto the end of their list of resolutions the one that says, "I resolve not to be a condescending self-righteous twit when interacting with mere mortals who've broken most of their resolutions before Martin Luther King Day."

Third, I'm discovering that New Year's resolutions can be physically dangerous. I've been visiting in the hospital a good friend and church member who recently resolved to take a walk each evening.

(As resolutions go, that's not a bad one, especially if you enjoy taking a walk. Along the same line, I'm thinking a resolution to take more naps might be one I just

For those who are of the opinion that "less government is better government," a staple of the nation's conservatives and not necessarily a particular political party, the recent news that big government is willing to step in and help a bit here in the Bailey County seat is probably a mixed blessing.

Among the many emails I received this past week was a gem from the federal Environmental Protection Agency, which is set to "provide nearly \$10 million to clean up beaches across the nation."

What good fortune has come our way! When I passed Lake Muleshoe yesterday, I noticed that Mother Nature had been at work, leaving behind some trash and West Texas — or Eastern New Mexico — tumbleweed in the process. As a result, Muleshoe's only beach-front property needed a bit of attention.

And while the \$9.8 million in federal grant funds seem to target "swimming holes," and health-related conditions experienced

might be able to keep for a week or two.)

But it was one of those "resolution walks" that landed him in the hospital as he was backed into one evening by another good friend of us both. This resolution business can be dangerous.

(And I'd resolved not to mention this. See how good I am at keeping resolutions?)

Some spiritual health concerns are actually even more worrisome. I don't mean to get on your doctor's bad side here, but if you've spent much time around folks who have successfully quit smoking and also dropped 20 or 30 pounds, you might be pardoned for briefly wondering if it's better to die sooner, albeit fat and on fire, and still have folks who want to attend your funeral. Most folks shy away from the glow of self-slung haloes.

Well, you know I'm kidding. Mostly. But the Apostle Paul was serious when he taught that one of the most important functions of the "law" is to drive us to grace (Galatians 3:24).

The best thing our finest resolutions can ever do for us is to force us to realize how very weak we are and to drive us yet again to the mercy, the grace, the power of the only One who is truly strong.

#### Election...

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• MAHD — Place 1, currently held by Herb Ramage; Place 3, currently held by Bill Liles; and Place 5, currently held by Zona Gatewood.



by swimmers there, a little creative writing should be able to amply describe that brown land mass between the city's lake and the water park, where most of the swimmers congregate, as well... a beach.

To the best of my memory, there hasn't been any green grass growing between the two locations for at least a year, and combined with the blowing sand which we've encountered citywide during the same period, the entire area should qualify as "beach-front property."

While some may scoff at such an idea, it deserves as much consideration as some of the federally-funded projects that have been approved in recent years.

For example, in 2009, the Pentagon reportedly spent just under \$1 million shipping two 19-cent washers from South Carolina

to the Lone Star State and almost \$300,000 shipping an 89-cent washer from South Carolina to Florida.

And, according to Brian M. Riedl of the Thomas A. Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies at The Heritage Foundation, the EPA's

recent offer isn't the federal government's first beach-related effort.

A few years ago, according to Riedl, the federal government had already spent \$3 billion re-sanding beaches.

Granted, our sand tends to blow away rather than wash back into the ocean, but fair is fair.

I'm not suggesting that we forget the Alamo, but it wouldn't hurt for our little beach to be remembered.

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## Candidate King... Continued from A1

"No one from a rural (house) district wants on the education committee," King said, but said that he would be making such a request.

King talked about being part of a "property-rich" school district, compared to Muleshoe ISD, a property-poor district, and said the issue shouldn't be bringing

a property-rich district down, but rather a property-poor district up.

"Rural schools, rich or poor... or issues are virtually the same," he said. "We've been butting our heads over rich versus poor, when the real issue is small schools in general."

Touching on the issue of accountability in education, and

student testing, King wondered what the cost of the state's STAR testing would be, and suggested the "end of course" exams should be the ACT. "That's what you need to go to college," he said. "Nobody's going to go in there and say, 'What did you do on your STAR test...' not one time. It's not going to be on your resume."

"I believe totally in accountability," said King, replying to a question from MISD Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets, "but I think accountability should be on your desk, not in Austin."

King suggested that much of education accountability in Texas is driven by private lobbyists for company's selling their services

to the state's education industry. "It's about the dollar, not about educating our kids," he said.

He pointed out that the company that supplies the tests charges the school districts to train teachers on how to do the testing, and also charges for grading the tests. "That's just wrong," King said.

"All of the

representatives in Austin will stand up and tell you, 'We're against unfunded mandates, but you have one right here,' he said about the STAR testing.

Should the people of House Dist. 85 not elect him, King said "they need to get someone on the education committee, suggesting that otherwise the large school representatives will turn the rural area into educational wastelands.

After education issues, King said the single most important issue facing the state is the rural health issue, and especially keeping rural hospitals open.

## Incumbent Landtroop... Continued from A1

least a portion of it should come from better spending decisions by the state's leadership. He specifically mentioned the money being spent to construct a race track in Austin during the current tough economy.

"That's not where we need to be spending money, he said.

Landtroop also said the special fund used by Gov. Rick Perry to draw big businesses to Texas should be used to help

fund education because, he said, "businesses will come to Texas because we're a 'right-to-work' state."

"Look at all of these things the State of Texas is spending money on right now," Landtroop said. "Our economy is going to come back at some point."

And while there are some financial issues within the state, Landtroop said there are about 49 other states that wish they were

doing as well as Texas.

He said the state first needs to be better stewards of our money, using Medicaid as an example.

According to Landtroop, currently the state doles out Medicaid funds, after which it asks, "Should we have given them the money?" The state then asks for the money to be given back, he said, and ends up having to reimburse the federal government for the 58

percent of the funds given to undeserving recipients.

"We spend hundreds of millions of dollars that way," Landtroop said. Checking to see if someone qualifies first would save the State of Texas millions, he said.

He also said the state's welfare system, which he described as giving a hand out rather than a hand up, is another area of government waste.

Other issues addressed during

Monday's town hall meeting included border security and the state's budgeting practices, which Landtroop described as being terribly inefficient.

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# Senior Citizen News

By Brittany Gibbs

According to Mr. Groundhog it looks like we are in for six more weeks of winter. Let's hope they are not too blistery cold and bring in some much needed moisture!

This Monday is our monthly board meeting at 12:30 p.m., it is open to the public.

Tuesday is Valentines Day, so grab your sweetheart and come join us for lunch.

Wednesday the senior citizens will be holding their monthly board meeting at noon at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center.

Thursday is bingo at 1:30 p.m.

In honor of all the sweethearts out there, we would like to say, "Happy Valentines Day to you and your loved one."

Let us all show someone kindness and love, you never know when you might make someone's day a little brighter with a simple hug or hello.

We ask that you remember all of the family's in our community that have lost loved ones lately. Our thoughts and prayers are with all you and may God bless you and ease your pain.

**Menu for Feb. 13-17:**  
Monday, Feb. 13 — Home-style lasagna,

garlic bread, Brussels spouts, pears, and low fat milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 14 — Vegetable beef stew, cornbread, margarine, tossed salad with dressing, orange-pineapple cup, diet pumpkin custard, and low fat milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 15 — Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin square, and low fat milk.

Thursday, Feb. 16 — Hot dog on a bun, mustard, baked potato with sour cream, seasoned broccoli, pineapple gelatin, and low fat milk.

Friday, Feb. 14 — Breaded fish on a bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tarter sauce, potato wedges, coleslaw with dressing, peach chantilly, and low fat milk.

## HealthTip

Did you know that sunscreen rapidly loses effectiveness after one hour?

If you are going to be out for a while, plan to put on more sunscreen to avoid sunburn.

Be sure to tell someone you care about.

## New MEDC Director...

Continued from A1 but one of her position's greatest annual challenges is already on the horizon.

The largest annual agriculture exposition, the World Ag Expo in Tulare, Calif. is set for next week, Feb. 14-16, as Coker will be joining with other High Ground of Texas representatives working to attract agriculture-related business and industry to West Texas.

While this will be her first trip to the expo, which is celebrating its 45th year, Coker has previous experience working trade shows.

Prior to moving to Muleshoe with

her family — which includes Muleshoe graduate Barry Coker, and her daughter and son, Coker, who was an animal science major at Texas Tech University, worked in marketing in Odessa.

"I have a lot to learn," she admitted, but said she was looking forward to the upcoming trip and the possibilities of finding new business opportunities that could fit well with the area's agricultural interests, as well as her future work with the MEDC board.

"We may see if there's anything that can take us in a new direction," she added about the expo trip.

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# Obituaries

## Waymon Gordon

Funeral services commemorating the life of Waymon Gordon, 97, of Hereford, and formerly of Sudan, were conducted on Monday, Feb. 6, at the First Baptist Church in Sudan.

Burial followed in Sudan Cemetery with arrangements being entrusted to Hammons Funeral Home of Littlefield.

Waymon Gordon was born on Feb. 22, 1914, at Pottsboro, in Greyson County, to Newton Wilton and Cleva Ring Gordon. He went home to be with the Lord on Friday, Feb. 3, 2012, at King's Manor Nursing Home in Hereford.

He moved to Sudan at the age of 11 with his family in 1924, and attended Sudan schools until his graduation from Sudan High School in 1933.

In 1935, he entered West Texas State University in Canyon, where he met his wife, Letha Thomas. They were married on June 24, 1937, in her hometown of Memphis, and returned to Sudan to live. Their son Phillip was born in 1942 and son Paul was born in 1947.

A devoted member of First Baptist Church since 1930, when he accepted Christ as Lord and Savior, Waymon served the church in many capacities. Some of these included singing in the choir



for more than 65 years, teaching Sunday school, serving as Training Union director, Royal Ambassador leader, and Brotherhood president.

During World War II, Waymon joined the Navy and served as a torpedo man on the USS Flusser. He fought in four battles on the Philippine Islands.

After his discharge on Dec. 7, 1945, he returned to Sudan to resume farming.

For a number of years he drove a gasoline delivery truck and later a butane delivery truck. In 1963 he went into business at the Gulf service station in Sudan and retired in 1978.

Always a devoted husband, he cared patiently for his wife, Letha, during the final years of her life. She preceded him in death on May 23, 1987.

A new chapter of life soon opened for Waymon when he met Earlene Kropp through the Senior Citizens Center. They married on Dec. 5, 1987. A common love for travel and mission work kept them on the road serving

several churches.

In 1989 they helped build a new church on a Navajo Indian Reservation near Counselor, N.M. The church was dedicated as Living Springs Baptist Church.

For several years they returned for Vacation Bible School and a revival. One year they took the donation of a bus from First Baptist Church of Sudan and pews from Amherst to the Living Springs Baptist Church.

Waymon had a very active retirement, serving as president of the Senior Citizens Center for a time, traveling to Plains Baptist Assembly to help with repairs and attend senior campus, and worshipping at cowboy camp meetings west of Captain, N.M., and other locations. One of his favorite passions was gardening.

Survivors include his wife Earlene; two sons — Philip and Mary Ann of Sudan, and Paul and Anita of Austin; a stepdaughter — Linda and Charles Minchew of Hereford; three stepsons — Troy and Betty Waller of Amarillo, Butch and Kathy Waller of Hart, and John and Beverly Kropp of Hereford; 17 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren; and many friends.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Sudan First Baptist Church or Sudan EMS.

## Effie Hicks

Funeral services for Effie Hicks, 100, of Friona were held on Saturday, Feb. 4, at the First Baptist Church of Friona with the Rev. Brett Hoyle officiating.

Burial followed in the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery of Muleshoe under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Hicks died on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012, in Friona. She was born on Oct. 9, 1911, in Acworth, Ga., to Matt and Minnie Graves Dawson, and married James Edward "Ed" Hicks on March 28, 1937, in Roaring Springs.

She was a homemaker, and a member of The Order Of Eastern Star



and the First Baptist Church of Friona where she taught Sunday school, and cooked many meals.

Survivors include a son — Larry Hicks and wife Anne of El Paso; a sister — Wilma Davis of Lubbock; a daughter-in-law — Priscilla Hicks of Friona; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

An online register book is available at blackwellmullins.com.

## Mary D. Phipps

Mary D. Phipps, 91, passed from this life on Jan. 31, 2012, at Grace Medical Center in Lubbock.

She resided at Reeves Rhodes Terrace in Crosbyton.

She was born March 11, 1920, in Goldthwaite, to John C. and Martha Reynolds.

On Dec. 10, 1938, she married J.L. Phipps of Stegall. He preceded her in death June 26, 2010.

Her life was spent in devotion to her family. She was an accomplished seamstress, musician and singer, and author of many poems.



She is survived by four daughters — Ann Kendrick of Ft. Townson, Okla., Sue Moore of Mineral Wells, Donna Owen of Lorenzo and Gail Branaugh of Highland Village; 12 grandchildren and more than 50 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Hospice of Lubbock.

## Tanner Bertram

Funeral services for Tanner Bertram, 23, of Muleshoe, were held on Saturday, Feb. 4, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating.

Burial followed in Morton Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Ellis funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Tanner died on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012, in Crosby County. He was born on Oct. 29, 1988, to Charles Bertram and Paula Smith in Lawton, Okla.

Tanner had lived in Muleshoe since 2008, having moved from Phoenix, Ariz. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Guion, Ark. He was an avid motorcycle racer, and had raced dirt bikes for 13 years.

He enjoyed playing golf, and worked in metal fabrication.

Survivors include his father — Charles Bertram and wife Danae of Muleshoe; his mother — Paula Smith of Portales, N.M.; grandparents — Wynona Bertram of

## CK Castleberry

Funeral services for CK "Kid" Castleberry, 87, of Clovis, N.M., were held on Friday, Feb. 3, at Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Dick Ross officiating.

Burial followed at Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens in Clovis with full military honors by Cannon AFB Honor Guard.

Joe Simmons, Seth Simmons, Scott Stanfield, Randy Woodworth, Joe Sneed, and A.J. Morris served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Cody Boles, Clovis Lodge #40 AF&AM, and the Curry County Mounted Patrol.

CK died on Monday, Jan. 30, 2012, at Fairhaven Assisted Living in Clovis, N.M. He was born on Sept. 6, 1924, to John Kindrick and Velma (Brantley) Castleberry in Lufkin, and married Leora Irene Wiemers on Oct.



2, 1942, in Bandera.

CK served in the US Air Force during World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam Era.

He served from 1941 until he retired as a MSgt in 1961 from Cannon Air Force Base.

After his retirement he opened an Exxon™ Service Station and partnered in KC Muffler Manufacturing and Retail Shops in Clovis, Muleshoe and Tucumcari.

He was a member of the Central Baptist Church of Clovis, Masonic Lodge #40 AF&AM, the Curry

County Mounted Patrol, and a former member of the Rotary.

Survivors include his wife Leora Castleberry of the home; two daughters — Kay Arvizu and husband Ruben of Clovis, and Linda Sanders and husband Steve of Payette, Idaho; and a son — Duane Castleberry and wife Cheryl of Clovis; 29 grandchildren and 76 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents — John and Velma; a brother — John H. Castleberry; a sister — Rena Johnson; and an infant son — Royce Alton Castleberry.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Cal Farleys Boys Ranch, PO Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174.

Arrangements were entrusted to Muffley Funeral Home of Clovis.

## ET Ford

A memorial service for ET Ford, 91, of Muleshoe, was held on Friday, Feb. 3, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Monty Leavell officiating.

ET went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012. He was born in Boyd, on Jan. 2, 1921, and married Margaret Christine Bewley on Feb. 18, 1943, in the chapel at Naval Air Station, Grand Prairie.

He graduated from



Boyd High School in 1938 and served in the US Navy from 1942 to 1945. ET graduated from the University of Texas in Austin in 1949 with a degree in Architectural Engineering.

Following graduation, he began his career with an El Paso construction firm. ET and Chris engaged in farming in Lazbuddie from 1951 to 1965.

In 1965, they moved to Muleshoe to begin ET Ford Construction.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Chris.

He is survived by a son — Trevor and wife Susan of Celina; a daughter — Christy Vela

and husband, Danny Vela of Grand Prairie; three grandsons — Ben Vela of Grand Prairie, Taylor Ford, deployed in Afghanistan, and Brian Ford of Las Cruces, N.M.; four granddaughters — Valerie Vela of Irving, Glori Vela and husband Josh Cunningham of Arlington, and Elizabeth Vela, also of Arlington, and Meg Ford, deployed in Afghanistan; three step-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren; two nephews — Mark Bewley and wife Zulima, Gary Bewley; and a niece — Brenda Heist and her husband Bob.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe or a favorite charity.

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# AGRICULTURAL NEWS

## USDA Announces CRP General Sign-up

Acting Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (FFAS) Michael Scuse announced recently that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a four-week Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general signup, beginning on March 12 and ending on April 6.

CRP has a 25-year legacy of successfully protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits

to rural communities across the United States.

"It is USDA's goal to ensure that we use CRP to address our most critical resource issues," said Scuse. "CRP is an important program for protecting our most environmentally sensitive lands from erosion and sedimentation, and for ensuring the sustainability of our groundwater, lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. As always, we expect strong competition to enroll acres into CRP, and we urge interested

producers to maximize their environmental benefits and to make cost-effective offers."

CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them use environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits.

Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and develop wildlife habitat. In return, USDA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration

is between 10 and 15 years.

Producers with expiring contracts and producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP. Producers also are encouraged to look into CRP's other enrollment opportunities offered on a continuous, non-competitive, signup basis.

Currently, about 30 million acres are enrolled in CRP; and contracts on an estimated 6.5 million acres will expire on Sept. 30, 2012.

Offers for CRP contracts are ranked according to the

Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) collects data for each of the EBI factors based on the relative environmental benefits for the land offered. Each eligible offer is

ranked in comparison to all other offers and selections made from that ranking.

For more information on CRP and other FSA programs, visit a local FSA service center or [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## Hockley County to offer pesticide applicator training

By Steve Byrns  
Tamu.edu

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Hockley County will conduct two pesticide applicator-related trainings beginning in February.

One training will be their annual "Last Minute CEUs" training, set from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Feb. 25 in the South Plains College Founders Room in the student center located on CM Sanders Drive, Levelland.

That training for all Texas Department of Agriculture license holders including private, commercial and non-commercial applicators, will offer five Texas Department of

Agriculture continuing education units — two integrated pest management, two laws and regulations and one drift minimization.

The other training opportunity is only for private applicators needing to obtain their license.

Those one-day trainings are repeated at 1 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month beginning in February, except those that fall on a holiday. The instruction will take place at the AgriLife Extension office in Hockley County located at 1212 Houston St., Levelland.

"Both of these trainings are only for private pesticide

applicators," said

Kerry Siders, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent in Hockley and Cochran counties. "A private pesticide applicator license is only for a person who uses or supervises the use of a restricted-use or state-limited use pesticide or a regulated herbicide for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity and not for those receiving monetary compensation for pesticide application."

Siders said prospective participants wanting to participate in the training to obtain a license must call 806-894-3159 by 3 p.m. the day before the training to reserve a spot.

Individual registration for both the Last Minute CEUs training and the training necessary to obtain a license is \$50 each. Lunch will be provided at the Last Minute CEU's training only.

For more information, contact Siders at 806-894-3150, [k-siders@tamu.edu](mailto:k-siders@tamu.edu).

## County AgriLife Extension To Conduct Grains Conference

By Steve Byrns  
Tamu.edu

The Feed Grains Conference conducted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service is set from 8:30 a.m. until noon on Friday, Feb. 10, in the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 West American Blvd.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available for those with a private applicators license.

"The conference will target feed grain and silage producers on the High Plains," said Curtis Preston, AgriLife Extension agent in Bailey County. "Our aim is to provide them

with timely information on feed grain and silage cropping systems and current industry issues."

Topics will include: hybrid variety selection, corn and sorghum silage production issues, weed management and irrigation management.

"We'll also have a number of commodity group representatives on hand to discuss the latest industry news unique to their particular field of expertise," Preston said.

Individual registration will be \$10 due upon arrival.

For more information, call Preston at 806-272-4583.

## County Crop Conference Set

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the Hale/Swisher Counties Crops Conference beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 10 at the Ollie Liner Center, 2000 S. Columbia St. in Plainview.

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# Letter to the Editor

## Reader Responds To Burglary Sentence

**To the editor:**  
It was shocking to read of the 15 years sentence handed down to the two young men on a burglary charge. I understand that they deserve to be punished, but also should the sentence not be according to the type of crime that was done? Fifteen years for a burglary seems extremely harsh. Seems like this sentence went way beyond the extreme. Lets compare this sentence to a sentence handed down for a murder that was committed almost two years ago. That sentence for the

murder of a young man went way beyond the extreme, too, but only in the opposite direction. One of the defendants was sentenced to eight years and the other one got even less. So the message that we're putting out there is that "if you steal from one of our citizens, you'll be punished severely," but on the other hand "if you kill one of our citizens you'll get a slap on the hand that pulled the trigger," and that the life of a human being does not have the value of material things.  
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## Business of the Month Announced

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Ellis Funeral Home as the February Business of the Month. Pictured above are: Debbie Walters, Gina Wilkerson,

Terry Edward, Dusty Clayton, Colt Ellis, Starla Ellis, Todd Ellis, Robert Hunt, Loyce Metcalf, Josh Mullins, Scott Simmons and Brandon Thomason.



# The Sudan Buzz

## Sudan Students Capture UIL, Debate Honors

**By Cheri Sain**  
*Sudan Correspondent*  
At the Idalou UIL Academic Meet on Saturday, Feb. 4, the Sudan high school UIL Academic Team competed against 30 other area schools and finished third overall behind Cooper and Idalou. Sudan finished first among 1A schools.

The Sudan accounting team won first place. Team members include Joaquin Azua, Adam Harper, Jade Goen, Ashlee Koontz and Marie Carrizales. Azua won first place and Harper placed sixth. In computer applications Harlee Koontz won sixth place overall. The computer science team was the first place winners. Team members include Adam Harper, Joaquin Azua, Ashley Bolen and J.C. Rodriguez. Harper placed first overall and Azua placed fourth. Deric McCurry was

the silver medalist in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, while Kendon Drennan placed fourth. In informative speaking, Deric McCurry placed fourth and Kendon Drennan placed sixth. Adam Harper placed first among 10th graders in mathematics and fourth place overall. In number sense, Adam Harper won third place among 10th graders. And, sophomore Madi Edwards placed sixth in the final round in poetry. In science, Mitch Edwards placed third among 12th graders and was the top scorer in chemistry. In other Sudan High School news, at the Tascosa High Speech Tournament this past weekend, the CX Debate team of Brianna Azua and Doug Ames won third place out of 22 teams and are now TFA State qualified.



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## Sudan Students Compete In STAR Events

Sudan FCCLA attended the FCCLA Region I Meeting Friday and Saturday, Feb. 3-4. Twenty students competed in STAR Events. STAR stands for Students Taking Action for Recognition. In FCCLA Region I, students compete against 1A through 5A classifications. There are 72 counties in Region I, and there are 26 STAR Events. Out of the seven teams from Sudan that competed at the regional competition, five teams have qualified for state. The Advocacy team placed fifth. Team members include Janelle Vanderlei, Ryan Fred and Stormi Peck. The Chapter

Showcase Manual team placed 1st. Team members are Maribel Centeno, Nancy Delgado and Ivan Trillo. The Chapter Service Display team placed fourth. Team members include Yaneth Solis, Marie Carrizales and Hailee Gonzales. The Focus on Children team placed

third. Team members include Ashton Sawyer, Allison Black and Brittney Cabrera. The Entrepreneurship placed second. Team members include Alex Hernandez and Mariah Martinez. Sudan FCCLA also won the 1A award out of 72 counties who had the most membership

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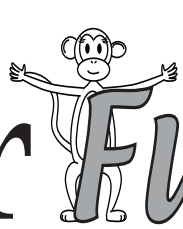
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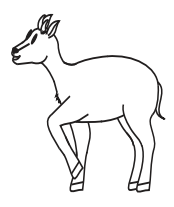
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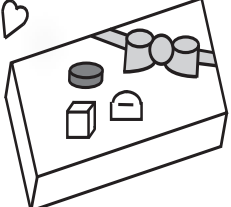
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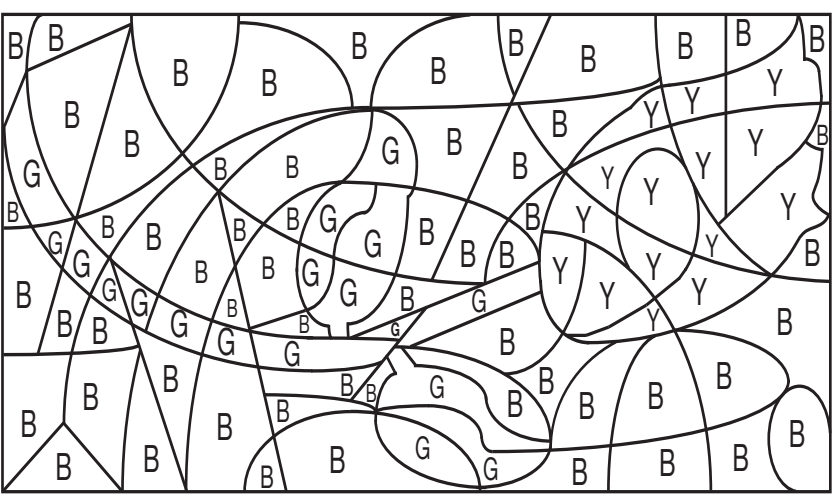
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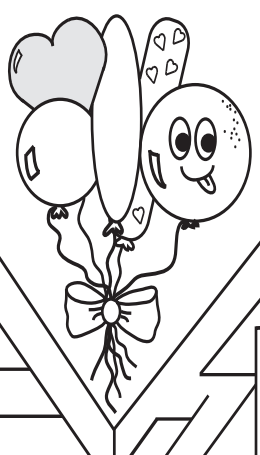
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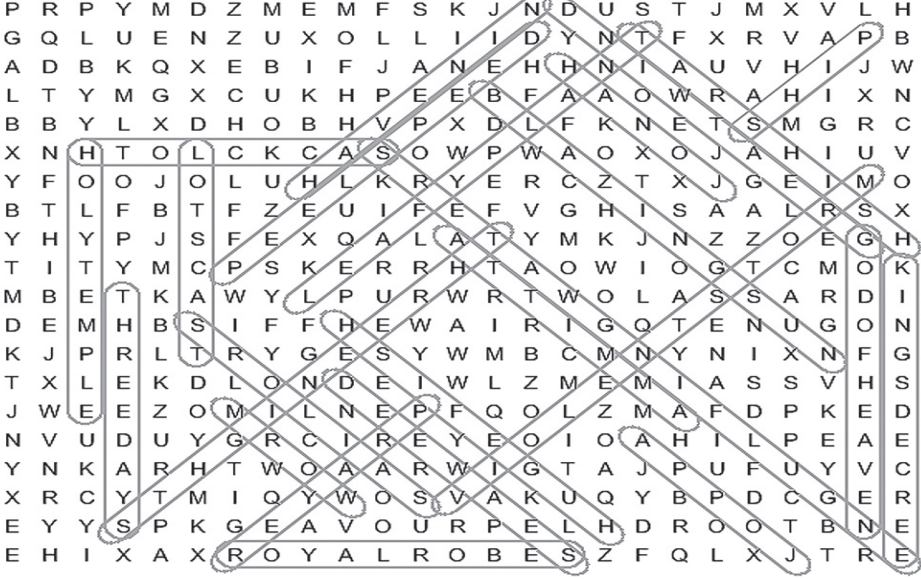


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## SPORTS NEWS

## Lady Mules Split Games For the Week

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules hit the floor running Tuesday night and raced out to an 4-0 lead over the Littlefield Lady Cats in the first four minutes of the game. A time out by the Lady Cats seemed to get them back on track and held Muleshoe to five points in the next 12 minutes.

Littlefield led the Lady Mules 29-15 with one period left to play. The Lady Mules made 11-of-14 free throws and rallied for 21 points in the final quarter. Littlefield held on to defeat the Lady Mules 50-36.

The Lady Mules were back on the road Friday night in Floydada. They seemed to trip coming out of the gate in the opening period while the Lady Winds built a 16-5 lead.

But Muleshoe seemed to build steam in the second period and made a strong run at Floydada in the second half. The final 16 minutes of the game may have been the best the Lady Mules have played.

Floydada was able to



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Lady Mule McKenna Dunham prepares to pass the ball during the recent game against Littlefield.

hang on for the 55-47 win. The Lady Mules out scored the Lady Winds 31-23 and cut their 16-point half time deficit in half.

Kaylie Morris opened the game in Littlefield with the Lady Mules first basket from 12 feet. Full court pressure by the Lady Mules created a pair of Lady Cat

turnovers that turned into two hoops by Adrienne Precure.

Alyssa Leal made a free throw to end the first quarter. Littlefield's first basket did not come until the 3:22 mark of the first period. The Lady Mules led 7-4 going into the second period.

Leal made a short

jumper for the Lady Mules only basket of the second quarter. Littlefield had taken over the game on both ends of the floor and rolled to an 18-9 lead at the half.

Littlefield kept up the pressure in the third period and poured in 11 points. Carly Krug hit from the elbow for the

Lady Mules first basket of the second half.

DonAnn Rempe cleaned up the backside with a put back and Ivana Agundis raced coast-to-coast for a lay up to end the third period. The Lady Mules trailed 29-15 with one quarter left to play.

Leal made a pair of free throws to open the final quarter. Precure added a pair from the charity line and Krug went four-for-four from the line. McKenna Dunham made one from the free throw line and scored a pair of hoops from the blocks.

Rempe chipped in one from the line as did Morris before she made back-to-back 3-pointers.

Morris led the Lady Mules with nine points and Precure and Krug dropped in six points each. Dunham and Leal finished with five points each. Rempe added three points and Agundis chipped in two.

Dunham opened the game for the Lady Mules in Floydada with a free throw and she turned into the lane for a short jumper from the blocks. Morris added a hoop. The Lady Mules trailed 16-5 after one quarter.

The Lady Mules only made three of nine from the charity line in the second quarter. Leal got the Lady Mules started with a baseline jumper. She added a second hoop in the later in the period.

Linda Sanchez

finished a fast break and Dominique Mata hit a turn-around jumper and added a free throw. Agundis and Krug chipped in a free throw each. The Lady Mules had scored 11 points to 16 by Floydada and trailed 32-16 at the half.

The Lady Mules were on fire in the second half and poured in 17 points in the third quarter. Leal drove the baseline and hit a short jumper to open the second half. Precure sandwiched a pair of free threes between two baskets for six points in the quarter.

Morris drained a 3-pointer from the wing and added a hoop. Dunham and Mata chipped in a hoop each. The Lady Mules had cut the margin to 43-33 by holding Floydada to 11 in the quarter.

The Lady Mules kept up the heat in the final frame and cut the Floydada to just two points once during the final eight minutes but could not hold the Lady Winds down.

Dunham scored in the paint to open the final frame and added a second hoop later in the quarter.

Leal made a pair of hoops and Krug made a pair of free throws and hoop. Agundis dropped in a hoop as the Lady Mules out scored Floydada 14-11.

Leal was the only Lady Mule in double digits with 10 points but eight players scored in the game.

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## Varsity Mules Have A Tough Week

Continued from A1

Saul Elizalde drained a 3-pointer to knot the score at 5-5.

Eli Leal dropped in a pair from the free throw line. Eric Orozco and Hector Flores made a hoop each. The Mules led Littlefield 11-9 after one quarter.

Juan Guerrero stuck back and offensive rebound to crank the Mules in the second period. Leal added a pair of free throws before Flores and Elizalde dropped in a 3-pointer each.

Leal put up a trey that was in the air as the buzzer began to sound. The ball knocked the bottom out of the net but Leal did not get to see it fall threw as he was being hammered to the floor. The apparent foul was no-called.

Leal did not start the second half and the Cats took advantage and took the lead. Guerrero had scored 28 seconds into the second half and the Mules did not score again until Leal checked in sporting a brace. He made a trey with 3:13 on the clock and added a deuce.

The Mules trailed 35-31 with one quarter left to play.

Orozco open the final frame with a hoop and added three more before the game ended. Leal was five-of-five from the line and added a basket. Avila dropped in a pair of free throws.

Leal set the scoring pace for the Mules with 19 points that included two treys and he was nine-of-10 from the line. Orozco finished with 10 points and Elizalde dropped in six. Flores added five points and

Avila and Guerrero made four points each.

Orozco broke the scoring ice for the Mules five minutes into the game in Floydada with an old-fashion three-point play. He added two more from the charity line before the quarter ended. Flores nailed a 3-pointer and Guerrero added a hoop. The Mules trailed 17-10 going into the second quarter.

Elizalde made two free throws in the second quarter and Orozco drilled a trey. The Mules had fallen behind 38-15.

The Mules came out stronger in the second half with Avila knocking down a 3-pointer and free throw. Leal found the range from behind the arc for a trey.

Flores and Guerrero made a hoop each and Elizalde went coast-to-coast for a lay up.

The Mules out scored

the Winds 16-11 to trail 49-31 with eight minutes to go in the game.

Floydada owned the final quarter and Leal finally got the Mule offense started with a trey with two and half minutes gone in the quarter.

Christian Rocha put back an offensive rebound for the Mules only deuce and Avila chipped in a free throw.

Orozco and Flores led the Mules with eight points each and Leal dropped in two treys for six points. Avila added five points and

Elizalde and Guerrero made four points each and Rocha chipped in two.

The Mules celebrated Senior Night Tuesday against the Friona Chieftains. Beau Avila, Louie Guzman, Eric Orozco, Hector Flores, Saul Elizalde, Christian Rocha and Juan Guerrero will be honored.

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# SPORTS NEWS

## JV Ladies Pull Off 'Heart-Stopping' Wins

**By Delton Wilhite**  
*Sportswriter*

The JV Lady Mules all but stopped the heart of their fans not once but twice this past week. Daniela Diaz nailed a 3-pointer to give Muleshoe a one-point lead with just 25 seconds left in the game in Littlefield. Katelyn Gable dropped in a trey at the buzzer for the insurance points and the Lady Mules notched a 32-28 win over Littlefield. Friday night the Lady Mules traveled to Floydada and trailed the Lady Winds for most of the game. Celeste Flores scored at the buzzer to force an overtime. She and Diaz added a hoop each in the extra period to

power the Lady Mules to a 43-42 victory. Flores made a short jumper to start the Lady Mule offense in Littlefield. Shanice Rosas heated up after making a free throw and she made two hoops. The Lady Mules led 7-4 after one quarter. Rosas' streak continued into the second period with Muleshoe's first basket. Mandy Scolley and Diaz added a hoop each. Flores made a free shot and Carolina Franco popped the net from behind the arc. The Lady Mule defense had held the Lady Cats to just four points for the second consecutive quarter. Muleshoe led Littlefield 17-8 at the half.

The big lead may have dampened the Lady Mules intensity and they were out scored 17-3 in the third period. Liliana Vasquez made Muleshoe's only basket with five minutes left in the quarter. Flores added a free throw and the Lady Mules fell behind 25-20. Flores got the ball rolling with a hoop for the Lady Mules with seven minutes to go in the game. She added a second basket before the period ended. Gable got the Lady Mules close with a hoop before Diaz' hit the trey for the win. Flores led the Lady Mules with eight points and Rosas dropped in

seven. Diaz and Gable added five points each. Franco finished with three points and Scolley and L. Vasquez chipped in two points each. The Lady Mules got off to a slow start in Floydada. S. Vasquez made the Lady Mules first basket of the game at the six minute mark of the opening period. Scolley hit from behind the arc and Rosas added a basket on a put back. The Lady Mules trailed the Lady Winds 8-7. Flores hit the Lady Mules first bucket of the second quarter just 30 seconds into the period. S. Vasquez and Scolley added a hoop each. The Lady Mules had given up six points to Floydada and the Lady

Winds were clinging to a 14-13 lead at the half. Flores again opened the scoring for the Lady Mules with a hoop with a minute and half gone in the period. Diaz added a pair of baskets. Scolley and Rosas made a hoop each. The Winds had increased their lead to 25-23 by out scoring Muleshoe 11-10. It all came down to the final period and Flores scored the first basket for the Lady Mules with six minutes left in regulation. Flores made three hoops in the first seven minutes and 59 seconds. Franco drilled a trey L. Vasquez added a pair of hoops and Diaz made a free

throw. But the Lady Mules were still down by a basket and Diaz had the ball in her hands. The ball left her hands before the buzzer sounded and swished the net to tie the game. Flores set the scoring pace with 12 points for the Lady Mules. Scolley and Diaz dropped in seven points each and Franco added five. Rosas, L. Vasquez and S. Vasquez made four points each. Eight of the nine Lady Mules scored in the game. The Lady Mules played their final game of the season Tuesday night against the Friona Squaws.

## Freshmen Ladies Defeat The Bobbies

**By Delton Wilhite**  
*Sportswriter*

The freshmen Lady Mules over came a 4-1 deficit after the first quarter to defeat the Bobbies of Dimmitt 28-23. The Lady Mules took over in the second period to take a 10-8 lead to the dressing room at the half. Angelina Perez made the Lady Mules only point in the opening period. Miranda DeBruin kicked off the Lady Mule offense in the second period. Magen Cantrell picked a Bobbie's pocket and drove the floor for a lay up.

Roxanne Mata made a hoop and Jada Gandarilla knocked down a free throw and stuck back an offensive rebound. The Lady Mules nine point quarter vaulted them to a 10-8 lead at the half. Cantrell made four hoops in the third period for all eight of the Lady Mules' points. The full court pressure

defense held Dimmitt to four points. Muleshoe led 18-12 after three quarters. Cantrell continued to score in the final period and made two hoops. DeBruin got open for an easy hoop on an inbound play. Gandarilla made a pair of free throws and Adriana Loya and Perez chipped in a charity toss each.

Cantrell led the Lady Mules with 14 points. Gandarilla dropped in five points and DeBruin added four. Mata and Perez finished with two points each and Loya chipped in one. The Lady Mules traveled to Littlefield Monday and wrapped up their season against the Lady Cats. The Lady Mules will then start their spring sports.

## Varsity Ladies...

**Continued from B1**

Dunham finished with nine points, Morris dropped in seven and Precure added six. Mata and Krug made five points each, Agundis had three and Sanchez chipped in two points. The Lady Mules wrapped up their season when the Friona Squaws came to town for Senior Night. Baylee Bessire, Alyssa Leal, Carly Krug and Dominique Mata played their final game in a Lady Mule uniform Tuesday night.

## Eighth Grade Ladies Fall To Dimmitt's Bobbies

**By Delton Wilhite**  
*Sportswriter*

Jo Moore's free throw in the first period was the eighth grade Lady Mules point during the quarter. The Dimmitt Bobbies opened a 4-1 lead after one quarter. The Lady Mules waged a closer battle after that and out scored Dimmitt 12-11 in the final frame. But the Bobbies held on to defeat the Lady Mules

31-26. J. Moore also hit a pair of free throws to open the second period and then added two hoops from inside the paint. Cas Moore chipped in a free throw. The Lady Mules trailed 13-8 at the half. Jasmine Garza made two from the line to open the second half. C. Moore and Lindsey Burris added a basket each. Dimmitt had

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By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

Two Mules sign to play football at the next level on National Signing Day, Feb. 1.

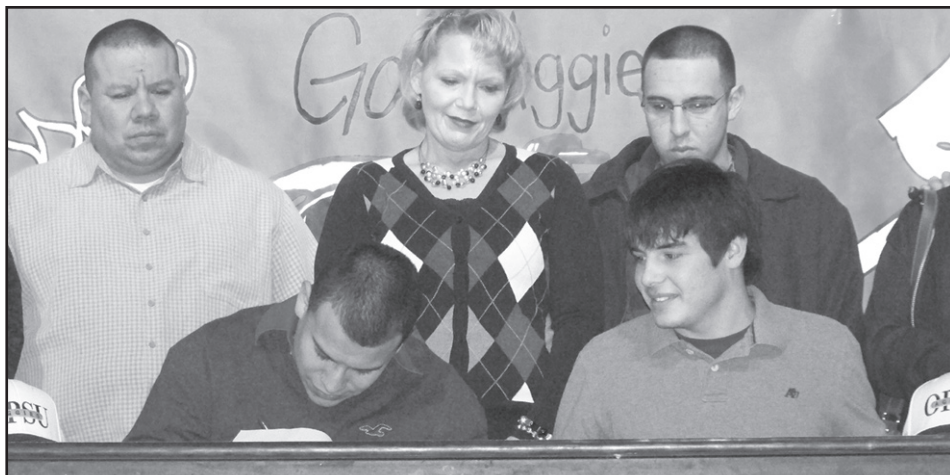
Isaac Baca and Beau Avila signed letters of intent to play college football for Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

The two had visited the OPSU campus in Goodwell, Okla., the weekend before and returned with letters of intent to play football in hand.

"We liked the coach, the campus and all the people we met on our visit," said Baca. "It is a small campus and town and we should feel at home. The best part is our folks can easily make the trip to watch us play."

Muleshoe High School Principal Steve Myatt served as the master of ceremonies in the Kerry Moore Auditorium on the campus of MHS. In his opening remarks he said, "This is a very special day in the lives of these two young men as well as their families and loved ones."

"It is always good when our athletes and their talents are recognized by college coaches," said Mule Coach David Wood. "These two guys were at



Friends and family of Muleshoe High School students Beau Avila and Isaac Baca look on as the local athletes sign their letters of intent. Photograph by Larry Thornton

the heart of our offense and made it go."

"I cannot say enough about their abilities, desire, leadership and most of all their character. The main goal as coaches in Muleshoe is to build character in our athletes and that was very easy with Beau and Isaac."

"The Mules will miss these two but we are very proud of them and certainly want to wish them the best at OPSU," concluded Wood

"These are two truly fine young men, leaders and great examples of what a Mule should be. These are what I like to call "high character" young men. They do things the right way, they are not perfect, but they try to do things the right way," continued Myatt.

"They have earned their scholarships

through commitment, hard work, and classroom discipline, making their grades and dedication to their team."

"Beau Avila was the Mules quarterback and to be the quarterback in Muleshoe you have to know the offense. You have to be a good passer, you do not have to be a good runner, but being a good runner helps, you have to know where all the other players on your team are and what they are doing."

"Beau (Avila) is the epitome of a Mule quarterback. He is tough, in fact he is one of the toughest quarterbacks I have ever seen play. The number one thing is that he is a clutch player. He performed at his best when the best was called for in the toughest games against the toughest

opponents."

"Isaac Baca put together a season of runs on offense. In every game he would have two or three runs that were highlight reel quality. There were games when he would have four or five of those type runs."

"Isaac (Baca) reminds of watching Walter Payton run for the Chicago Bears and he played linebacker like Ray Lewis of the Baltimore Ravens."

"The best way to be a leader is to lead by doing it and Isaac (Baca) is a leader by example. It

would fire up the team as well as the fans when he would make one of his improbable runs with one, two or three guys taking a ride on his back before he would go down after 10 or 15 yards. At times he would even break free and race to the end zone."

Myatt concluded by reading a list of players that had just appeared in the Lubbock Avalanche Journal on the Class 2A All South Plains Team. Avila was chosen as the

offensive player of the year and Baca was picked to the first team defense as a linebacker. Coach David Wood was named as Class 2A Coach of the Year by the AJ.

Both athletes signed the paperwork in front of their parents, families, teammates, fans and coaches.

Baca and Avila put down their pens and donned OPSU Aggie caps indicating they were ready for the transition to college level.

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## Bobbies Defeat Seventh Grade Ladies

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Lady Mules could not find the hoop in the opening period Monday evening and spotted Dimmitt 10 points.

Dimmitt went on to defeat the Lady Mules 29-13.

Sadie Sudduth made a bucket from near the elbow in the second period.

Regan Reynolds dropped in a free throw for the first point of the game for the Lady Mules one minute into the second quarter. She added a second before

the half and Muleshoe trailed Dimmitt 17-4.

Emily Precure made the first and last basket of the third period. Reynolds added a charity toss.

Dimmitt led the Lady Mules 23-9 with one quarter left to play.

Kennedy Orozco stuck back and offensive rebound with 40 seconds gone in the final period. Precure added a hoop to end the Lady Mule's scoring.

Precure led the Lady Mules in scoring with six points. Reynolds dropped in three points and Orozco and Sa. Sudduth added a hoop each.

The Lady Mules traveled to Littlefield to meet the Lady Cats in their final game of the season. They will then don their track togs.

## Eighth Grade

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increased their lead to 20-14.

Kennedi Nickels made two from the charity line to start the final quarter. C. Moore made a hoop and two free throws.

Yasmine Sandoval stuck back an offensive rebound for a hoop and added another hoop. Sasha Esparza dropped in a basket.

Cas and Jo Moore led the Lady Mules with seven points each. Sandoval finished with four points. Burris, Esparza, Nickels and Garza made two points each.

The Lady Mules traveled to Littlefield and wrapped up their regular season against the Lady Cats. The Lady Mules will put the basketballs away and start to practice their track and field skills.

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The Chamber of Commerce met Monday January 30th with 4 new members. We also welcomed Casey Coker the new MEDC.

The board members are:  
Gina Wilkerson-President, Terry Brewster-V President, Brennan Broyles-Treasurer, Scott Simmons, Brandon Thomason, Chris Weaver, Todd Shipman, Debbie Walters, Dustin Cleavinger and Josh Mullins.

We are gearing up for the 2012 year of events and we are starting off with our annual chamber banquet. It will be held on March 31st at the coliseum and the theme will be The 50's, so dig out your clothes and old pictures and come listen to the music and help us have a great turnout!

Next will be our Mule Days Ranch Rodeo/parade and that will be on June 30th. Since July 4th is on a Wednesday we decided to have the parade on the 30th and hope that we can have other events on the 4th such as vendors, kids games, music at the park and hopefully fireworks.

Then we have our Christmas parade which will be on Dec 1st and our annual Christmas Around Muleshoe with dates in November and December.

We hope everyone will be participating in the parades this year with businesses, groups, churches, etc and have a great turnout for the town of Muleshoe.

We would also like to have nominees for Man of the Year, Woman of the Year and Farm Family of the year. We encourage everyone in the community to help us vote for the right person.

Please have these names into the office by Feb. 29th.

We encourage the community to nominate Employee of the month and Business of the month and present these names to the office before the end of the month.

If you have any suggestions for the chamber please contact one of the members or by calling:  
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- West of Sudan 3-2-2 Brick Home on 5.57 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, approx. 2688' lv. area, fenced yd., 40' x 80' quonset barn!! MUCH MORE!! **\$135K!!**
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# Local Resident Receives Degree At Texas State

Rhett H. Green of Muleshoe was among the degree candidates at the 2011 fall commencement

ceremonies at Texas State University.

Green received a bachelor's degree in political science.

Texas State is an emerging research university located in the Austin-San Antonio corridor on the edge

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With an enrollment of 34,113, it is the largest campus in the Texas State University System and has been named one of America's Best Value Colleges by the Princeton Review.

Texas State is a diverse campus community with minority students comprising more than 28 percent of total enrollment.

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## MHS Choir Offers Singing Valentines

The Muleshoe High School Varsity choir is offering singing valentines to local residents wishing to impress the ones they love.

Sales will end Feb. 13, and the valentines will be delivered on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

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## Employee of the Month Honored

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Paulette Foster as the January Employee of the Month. Pictured above are: Scott Simmons, Debbie Walters, Josh Mullins, Gina Wilkerson, and honoree Paulette Foster.

# More Classifieds

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Duties: drive, plant, harvest, store grain, repair operate tractor, rock picker, plow, disc, drill, harvest equip, sprayer, grain truck, read and speak sufficient English. Welstad Farms, Glenburn, ND, Interested? **Apply at ND Workforce Solutions office job # 265376.**

2 Temp positions: Farm work, 3/12/12 to 12/31/12 @ 11.61 p/hr. Housing provided, 48 hrs p/wk. 3/4 guarantee, transportation and subsistence expenses to worksite paid after 50% completion of contract. Tools, equipment provided at no cost. Min. 3 months experience. Duties: drive, plant, harvest, store grain, repair operate tractor, rock picker, plow, disc, drill, harvest equip, sprayer, grain truck. PRH Farms, Inc, Gettysburg, SD. **Apply at nearest SD Dept of Labor office use job listing # SD1548847.**

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no cost. Min. 3 months experience. Duties: drive, plant, harvest, store grain, repair operate tractor, rock picker, plow, disc, drill, harvest equip, sprayer, grain truck, basic literacy math skills required. Whitehall Plantation, Jena, LA. **Apply at nearest LA Dept of Workforce Services office use job listing # 405380.**

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Welder Needed - Experience required. Apply in person or call Cattleman's Feedlot (896) 285-2616.

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3 months experience. Duties: drive, plant, harvest, store grain, repair operate tractor, rock picker, plow, disc, drill, harvest equip, sprayer, grain truck, read and speak sufficient English. Cameron Bina, Lankin, ND, Interested? **Apply at ND Workforce Solutions office job # 265816.**

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