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## Peanut Market Is Safe, Strong

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Exactly what the impact the suspension of the Sunland, Inc. peanut company plant's operation at Portales, N.M., will have on local producers isn't known, but grower James Wedel of Muleshoe appears confident the market will remain strong.

"Demand for all organic products, including peanuts, continues to be very strong. Because Sunland is such a key part of the organic peanut market, at this time I don't think anyone can accurately assess how the supply disruption may effect the market in the near

term," Wedel said, "Once Sunland resolves the FDA issues, and normal marketing channels are reopened, there should continue to be strong demand for both organically grown Valencia peanuts as well as conventionally grown Valencia peanuts," he added.

There are approximately half a dozen peanut growers in the Bailey County area with the number varying from year to year, according to Kim Hanlin of the USDA office in Muleshoe.

Ag-economist Conrad Lyford, PhD. of Texas Tech University

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## All I Want for Christmas...

Sometimes texting, telephone calls, email and writing letters just won't get the job done. Sometimes a request is so important that they have to go directly to the source to make sure your request is understood. Such

was the case for some youngsters, including the young lady pictured above, at the Muleshoe Heritage Center Saturday as they climbed into Santa's lap to share their Christmas requests.

## Mules Work To Make Up Games

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules may have gotten off to a late start on the basketball season, but they are working hard to make up for the time missed. They hosted the

Bovina Mustangs Tuesday evening and defeated their first two opponents in the Whiteface Antelope Tournament and played in the finals.

The Mules defeated Bovina on Tuesday 52-

38 after getting off to a slow start in their season opener. The Mules were entered in the Post Antelope Tournament but that tournament was cancelled.

Petersburg dropped out of the Whiteface Antelope Tournament and the Mules slipped into that slot in the bracket.

The Mules defeated New Deal 59-35 in the opening round game and on Friday the Mules fell behind by eight points to Ropes.

The Mules fought back in the final quarter to earn a spot in the championship game 48-36.

The Mules met the Crosbyton Chiefs in the finals of the Whiteface Tournament. The game was a see-saw battle with neither team able to open a comfortable lead.

The Mules owned a 26-24 lead when the final quarter began

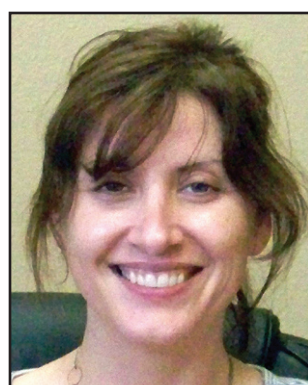
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## Park View Nursing Home Administrator Leaving

As of Thursday, Dec. 6, Park View Nursing Care Center is once more without an administrator.

Initially hired in June 2011, Interim Administrator Shanna Laughton, took over direction of the nursing home in early August, following the resignation of former administrator Maegan Chisholm.

Laughton has reportedly taken a position with a nursing home in Iowa where she had more than a dozen years experience as a nursing home



Shanna Laughton

administrator before coming to Muleshoe.

With Laughton's leaving, Park View has been under the direction of eight administrators and interim administrators during the past seven years.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

## Firefighting Princess...

The "place to be" in Muleshoe Saturday afternoon stretched out along Main Street, First and up to the Park View Nursing Care Center, where onlookers could catch a glimpse — and a bit of candy, of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's annual Christmas parade. Pictured above, a youngster greets the crowd from the window of a Muleshoe fire truck. Additional photographs are on B4.

## Santa's Christmas Gift

By Larry Thornton  
Part 5

Janus and the wolf disembarked from the Canadian Air Force plane at Winnipeg International Airport

Leaving the elf by himself for a little while, the wolf disappeared into a small section of woods located adjacent to the airport's west boundary, returning almost 30 minutes later.

"We must be on the right path," the wolf said as he dropped to the ground at Janus' side. "A flock of Starlings in the trees told of a large white goose that flew through carrying something."

"Was it Sandy?" The wolf tilted its head slightly to the side, in the manner that Janus recognized as a shrug, and said, "They didn't get close enough to see what it was, but

they remember it because of the size of the bird and the fact that they'd never seen a goose carrying

something before."

"They were still flying south," the wolf continued, referring to

the pair of travelers which he assumed to be Elwood and Sandy. "Then south it is," Janus said.

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Robbie wanted to scream, literally. Taking a deep breath, he walked over to the large restroom mirror and stared at the image it showed. Green

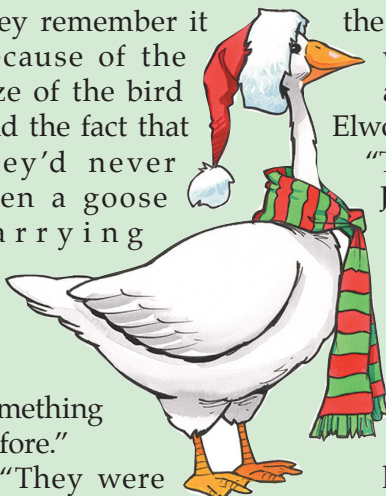
hat, white shirt, red vest and green pants... and the shoes. "Where did they find shoes like these," Robbie moaned, looking down at the long-toed slippers he had to try on.

For a moment Robbie considered crying instead of screaming. And now he had to walk out of the restroom, in front of other students... who incidentally weren't having to wear costumes today because

they already knew if their costumes fit, and show the costume to Ms. Kingsley, the third grade teacher in charge of the play.

After taking a deep breath, Robbie gritted his teeth and went through the door, into the hallway. Several of the kids, including Mike Brown, with his notoriously big mouth, were standing there.

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# OPINION

## 'Gledelig Jul Og et Godt Nytt Ar!'

### Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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

### Meals On Wheels

Bailey County Meals on Wheels is in need of several things, not the least of which are volunteers to deliver meals to the home-bound.

Both route drivers and "fill-in" drivers are needed in Muleshoe, and with the organization looking to expand its services to home-bound residents in Sudan, volunteers are needed there as well.

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

### Christmas Card Project

The annual Christmas Card Project starts Friday, Nov. 22, and ends Dec. 14. Donations can be made at both local banks or mailed to Park View Nursing Care Center, Attn. Joy Stancell, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe Texas 79347.

For more info you may call (806)272-7578.

### Christmas Story Time

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

### Cub Scout Food Drive

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

Place nonperishable food items in a bag, and set them on their front porch by 9 a.m., that Dec. 8.

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

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

### 'Rockin' Little Christmas'

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

"Gledelig jul og et godt nytt ar!"

No, my fingers are not on the wrong spot on the keyboard, nor am I typing "in tongues!" (Well, maybe the latter, but no miracle required.)

I've just wished you "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" in Norwegian.

I do not know Norwegian. That bit of Norwegian lingo was the last line in a Christmas letter we received years ago from friends serving a church in Decorah, Iowa.

They were of Norwegian descent, probably a long descent genealogically but not a very long one chronologically. They were Norwegian to the bone!

And Decorah, they wrote, is "the home of all things Norwegian — Vesterheim Museum, the annual Nordic Fest," not to mention even "a McDonald's with authentic Norse decor!"

Barbara Mandrell used to sing, "I was country when country wasn't cool!"

Our friends, John Victor and Hazel Halvorson, were Norwegian long before Garrison Keillor and his mythical Minnesota town of Lake Wobegon peopled with good Norwegians made being Norwegian "cool."

When they wrote, the Halvorsens had two children living in Norway and grandchildren for whom English was their second language;



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Curtis Shelburne

Norwegian was their first.

In their letter, the Halvorsens wrote that their church in Decorah had given them a very special Christmas present — two plane tickets to Norway where they were able to spend a wonderful Christmas with family there.

Let me share one short but meaningful paragraph from their letter. They (probably Hazel, a longtime English teacher) wrote, "We look forward to worshiping in a Norwegian church this Christmas. Although the language and some of the traditions will be different, the message of joy and hope and peace will be the same."

That letter warmed my heart, and still does. Though this dear couple has been gone on a far longer journey for years now, I remember them with deep fondness and gratitude.

I'm honored to count John Victor, a fine professor of Old Testament and committed Lutheran pastor, as a mentor who has genuinely blessed my life and ministry. It was great to hear so many years ago that

their church in Iowa loved and appreciated them. They were easy to love.

But then and now, when I read that sweet letter, what I most treasure is the truth they expressed: When people anywhere in this world share a real love for the Savior, barriers of language and tradition don't really matter much.

Their Lord, and the joy and hope and peace that He gives, is the same. That's reason enough to rejoice in any season.

So, may I share with you and yours a wonderful Christmas wish passed to me and mine by some dear Norwegians whose letter and whose faith bless me still: "Gledelig jul og!"

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The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Tracy Torres and Robin Dickerson as the Employees of the Month for November. Pictured above, from left to right, are chamber president Gina Wilkerson, Tracy Torres and Robin Dickerson.

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### Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

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

### Blood Drive Results Reported

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center reports that 26 units of blood were donated on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at the Muleshoe Community Blood Drive.

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# Peanuts... Continued From A1

suggests that while the Portales, N.M., plant will need to update its facility, and resolve the issues leading up to the suspension, peanut products are safe and needn't be a concern for individuals without allergy-related issues. "The Portales plant closing will lead to economic losses for Sunland and the

growers affiliated with it," Prof. Lyford said. "Because the plant had a history of food safety violations they will need to make investments on improving food safety and handling practices. If they can get that ironed out then it will improve for them." "In terms of food safety for peanuts and peanut products, this

closure is the result of much stronger food safety inspection, tracking and analysis than had been historically done," he added. "These products are safer than they ever have been." While last week's decision by the FDA to suspend Sunland's operation at Portales — due to

reports of salmonella contamination linked to the peanut butter produced by the company, could have at least a temporary impact on the peanut market, it isn't the first time such issues have troubled the peanut market. In February 2009, the Peanut Corporation of America filed Chapter 7

bankruptcy, and closed the doors, including its processing plant in Plainview, as a result of civil suits

related to salmonella contamination that reportedly sickened more than 700 people across the nation.

## Superintendent Discusses Technology Improvements At Muleshoe Schools

Over the past three years, technology at the Muleshoe Independent School District has grown exponentially.

Beginning last year, the Technology Department began training teachers on various technology during the summer months.

These trainings have helped teachers gain more knowledge and become more comfortable with the technologies that they are using in the classrooms and with students.

A technology grant was created by the MISD Board of Trustees last year. This grant allows teachers the opportunity to apply for technology that they feel can be used in their classrooms.

To apply, teachers are required to fill out an MISD grant application. In the application, teachers must explain what technology they need and how it will be used in the classroom. Some of the technology items granted in classrooms throughout the district last year were iPads, clickers and laptops.

Every classroom in the district is already equipped with a projector, document camera, and teacher computer. The iPads have also been embraced by the district as a teaching tool that can be used by the teachers and students.

The iPads are currently being used with students in cooperative groups and also for individual learning.

We have also started equipping each classroom with an AppleTV so that presentations from the iPad can be displayed by both the teachers and students with ease.

An AppleTV will turn the iPads into Smartboards. The district is committed to updating all classroom computers and continuing to keep them updated in the future.

The district is also in the process of updating all network and wireless equipment. This new infrastructure will allow the district to stay on the cutting edge and provide our students with the most current technological learning environment possible.

Muleshoe ISD is increasing and improving the methods by which information is

provided to the parents and the public. We have recently updated the Muleshoe ISD website. This website is new and improved and provides the most current information for each campus.

It also provides links to resources for parents, such as access to Gradebook. Gradebook allows parents to know grades of their child, as well as what homework their child is missing.

Some teachers are beginning to create websites for their subject areas. These sites will provide additional information for students and parents from the teacher. The school district is actively using Facebook™ to provide the community with a

look at what is going on inside the district.

Finally, SchoolReach

is a communication tool that allows the district to quickly communicate with parents via a phone call or text message. The school is using SchoolReach to get messages out quickly

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By Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets

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By Laverne Winn

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We are forever grateful to our good friends in Muleshoe.

Our decorating committee has done a tremendous job on the center. You should drive by at night and see the beautiful lights.

We want to recognize all of you, and say a great big "thank you," Bob and Billie Graves, Kenneth and Darlene Henry, Fred and Joyce Clements, Betty Harrison, Nancy Wittner, Evaristo and Juanita Snachez, Gerrall Pruitt, Joe Sowder, Marcha Rasco, Melvin Griffin, Eva Nell and Cyrus Dale, and any of you that has been so good as to help make

the center so beautiful. Monday, Dec. 10, will be the regular board meeting. The meeting will be here at the center beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The advisory board will also be meeting with them.

All board meetings are open to the public and we invite anyone with good ideas to improve the center.

Remember the Bingo games on Thursday, at 1:30 p.m. This is always a good time at the center.

We want to extend our prayers and love to the seniors who are under the weather and cannot be with us. We miss you and hope you are back real soon.

**Dec. 10-14 menus:**  
**Monday, Dec. 10** — Polish sausage, red cabbage with sweet and sour sauce, German potato salad, Black Forrest parfait, and wheat roll.  
**Tuesday, Dec. 11** —

King Ranch chicken, pinto beans, sugar cookie, pineapple ring, and cornbread.


**Wednesday, Dec. 12** — Grilled steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll, and fruit cobbler.

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# Obituaries

## Billie Stevenson

Billie Mae Richter Stevenson was born on July 23, 1921, in Abernathy to William (Bill) and Jewel Richter, where she grew up and graduated from Abernathy High School before attending Texas Tech University.

Billie Mae met and married a handsome young man from New Mexico, Ralph H. Stevenson, in 1940. Billie and Ralph lived and worked in several towns in Texas where they made numerous friends and left a legacy of openhearted service everywhere they went.

During her life, Billie and Ralph raised three children, and were rewarded with 10 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Her first grandchildren nicknamed her Mama Two, and the name stuck, so we have called her Billie or Mom or Mother, but mostly Mama Two (or just "Two") for most of the last 50 years.

If you knew her, you probably cherished her and know that she loved to cook, to eat, to entertain, to play cards, and mostly, to be with her family who she loved very much.

She loved to tell jokes and was never afraid to say pretty much what was on her mind, to our endless wonder and amazement! Billie left this world peacefully on Nov. 28, 2012, at the age of 91.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister — Gertrude, husband — Ralph, and a daughter — Jana Stevenson Jones.

She is survived by



her daughter — Dianna Humphrey, and son-in-law Neal Humphrey, of Apopka, Fla.; three sons — Todd and Jennifer Humphrey of Florida, Mark and Melissa Humphrey of Florida, and Ryan Humphrey of Florida; daughter — Jana Stevenson Jones' children — Bryan and Jessica Jones of Illinois, Steve and Laura Jones of Texas, Kory and Bo Kalabus of Texas, and Michael Jones and son Scott Stevenson, and daughter-in-law Rhonda Stevenson, of Oklahoma City, Okla., and their children — Kelli and JD Epperson of Oklahoma, Gregory Stevenson of Colorado, and Christopher Stevenson of Oklahoma.

Mama Two was a wonderful person to be around, and will be missed greatly by those of us, including many nephews and nieces and their families, that enjoyed countless hours of fun and relaxation and great meals at Mama Two's house on Cedar Creek Lake.

Mama Two has been trying to get back to Texas for most of the last 10 or 15 years, and on Saturday, Dec. 1, she got her wish, as we bury her at the Mt. Sylvan Cemetery, next to Ralph and Jana.

## Martin Fabela

Church services for Martin A. Fabela, 83, of Muleshoe were held on Friday, Nov. 30, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Leo Pahamtang of Muleshoe officiating.

Rosary was said on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 28-29, at Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Burial will follow Friday's services in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery

Mr. Fabela died on Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012, in Littlefield. He was born on Nov. 17, 1929, to Santiago and Guadalupe (Arellanos) Fabela in Brady. He married Estela Flores in Muleshoe on Dec. 26, 1954.

Mr. Fabela had lived in Muleshoe since 1952, having moved from



Eden. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe.

Survivors include his wife — Estela Fabela of the home; two daughters — Rosemarie Anzaldua and husband Roy of Muleshoe, and Patricia Dial of Sudan; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Bailey County Meals On Wheels, 300 S. First, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

## Births

### Peyton Salinas

Jackilynn and Brandon Salinas of Littlefield announce the birth of their daughter, Peyton Paige Salinas on Dec. 2, 2012, at 8:55 a.m.

Peyton weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces at birth and was 21 inches in length.

Her sister is Chanel Salinas.

Peyton's grandparents are Paul Salinas Sr. and Henrietta and Reuben Mendoza.



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(Makes 1 serving)

**Thank you for Reading!**

## Junior Girl Scouts Earn Badges

Muleshoe Junior Girl Scouts were recently presented badges for their achievements in scouting. Earning badges for completion of art projects were Alexa Herrera, Sophie Reynal, Mia Reyna, Adrianna Marrufo, Abigail Reyes, Natalie Sanchez, and and Nicole Lopez Tapia and Kayleigh Russell.

service, by helping Scout Leader Nelda Merriott, operate the Jennyslipper Mule-Putt Golf course, this past summer. Also earning Art badges were Sophie Reynal, Nicole Russell, Kayliegh Russell and Mia Reyna.

Pictured above, from left to right, are Alexa Herrera; Sophie Reynal; and Nicole Lopez Tapia and Kayleigh Russell.

## Supernews...

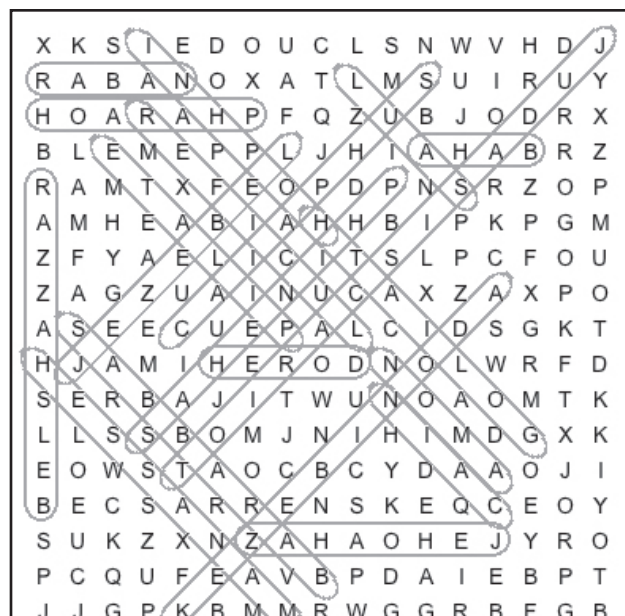
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"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding..."

Proverbs 3:5, NIV



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

"Hey, Robbie," said Mike, "cool threads." From the look on his face, and the way he glanced around as if encouraging some of the other students to join in the ridicule, it was obvious that Mike didn't really think Robbie's new outfit was cool.

"Can it, Michael," said Ms. Kingsley, who had just stepped out of her classroom.

As was his nature when confronted with any kind of authority figure, Mike Brown seemed to wilt. He glanced around again, this time looking for the closest corner in which to hide. As with most bullies, Mike was a coward... a rather large, bigmouthed coward, but still a coward.

"Come into the room, Robbie," Ms. Kingsley said.

Robbie reluctantly followed her into the classroom.

"Let me take a look at you," said Mrs. Kingsley as she leaned back against her desk.

Robbie stood there for a moment, trying not to fidget as the teacher looked on. When she made a circular motion with an index finger, he turned around slowly.

"Looks great, Robbie," she said. "Why don't you change out of it, we'll get started on the play practice."

"I really appreciate your volunteering to take Tommy's place," Ms. Kingsley said. "Fortunately you won't have very many lines to memorize."

Holding out several sheets of paper, she added, "I've highlighted your part."

Taking the manuscript, Robbie turned and walked out of the room, heading back to the restroom to change.

The hallway was now empty except for one other student, who had just entered through the doors at the end of the hall, apparently another member of the play from the colorful garb he was wearing.

As he drew closer, Robbie seemed to sense something strange about the student. For one thing, although he seemed to be the height of an elementary student his face seemed older.

For the second, Robbie was almost positive he'd never seen the kid at school before... still there was something familiar about him.

"Merry Christmas," said the new kid. "Are you an elf?"

Robbie gave a single nod. "I guess... at least for this week."

A puzzled expression crossed the new kid's face. "Where are all the other kids?" he asked.

"Most have gone home, but the ones in the play are probably in the auditorium. Are you new here?" Robbie asked.

The new kid shook his head. "No, I'm from up north. My name's Sandy."

"I'm Robbie. What

grade are you in?"

"I'm not in school... I'm an elf."

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The arrival of Janus and the wolf in the United States probably would have been uneventful a decade earlier, but with the recent world events and increased airport security, the discovery of the pair in the hold of the Canadian cargo plane drew more than a little attention.

Within seconds, airport police with guns drawn had them surrounded.

"Get down on the ground!" one of the officers ordered loudly.

Not knowing what else he could do, Janus followed the man's instructions, stretching out on the cold concrete while the wolf crouched growling at his side.

"Cuff him," the officer who seemed to be in charge, a sergeant by the stripes on his sleeves, said to the one at his side.

"What about the dog?"

The sergeant paused for a second, thinking, before yelling at Janus again. "Move away from the dog!"

"Stay where you are," Janus whispered to the animal at his side, as he climbed to his feet again, his arms raised high, and stepped away from the wolf several paces.

This time, before the elf could get back down, another of the officers moved forward quickly and bringing Janus' little arms down behind his back handcuffed them.

A new problem arose, however, when the cuffs proved too large for him and slipped off, falling to the concrete with a clatter.

"They're too big!" the officer behind Janus yelled at the sergeant.

The sergeant looked from Janus over to the wolf and back again before answering.

"Okay, kid. You're in a lot of trouble," he said. "We're going to put you in the back of patrol car without any cuffs on, so don't get any bright ideas."

Janus nodded his head slowly.

"Check him for weapons," the sergeant told the officer next to Janus.

"What about the dog?"

"Have the kid put him in the back of a unit with a cage," said the sergeant. "Can you do that, Kid?"

Janus nodded again.

It just took a few minutes before the travelers from the North Pole were secured in the back of separate patrol cars, and en route to the airport security office.

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Robbie stood there in the hallway with an incredulous look on his face. "Yeah, right," he said finally.

The news that this person standing in front of him was an elf just didn't seem believable. Sure, the guy was short,

but the elementary was full of "short people."

Sure the guy was dressed in the type of clothing the stories described elves as wearing, but so was Robbie.

And sure, the guy had pointed ears, but... well, that was something Robbie was going to have to give some more thought.

A hurt expression covered Sandy's face.

"You don't believe in elves?" he asked Robbie.

"Well, no, not really."

"And you probable don't believe in Santa Claus either," he added.

Robbie shook his head.

"Robbie, shouldn't you be in the auditorium with the other kids?" asked Mr. Angleton as he walked down the hall.

"We were just talking for a moment," Robbie said.

"We?" asked the principal.

"Yeah, Sandy and me."

"Sandy who?"

Robbie gestured toward Sandy, or rather where Sandy was just a moment earlier.

"Sandy... Sandy... there is no Sandy," Robbie mumbled in a bewildered tone.

"Apparently," Mr. Angleton said, an expression of concern on his face. "Are you feeling okay?"

Robbie nodded slowly as he looked around for the elf. "I guess I'd better get changed and get into the auditorium," he said softly.

"Yes, that's probably best," said the principal as he continued down the hall toward his office.

As Robbie turned and walked the rest of the way to the restroom, he glanced into the classrooms he passed but didn't see anyone, or anything indicating Sandy had fled inside.

When he reached the restroom, he slowly peeked around the corner, expecting... no, hoping to see the "elf," and have the assurance that this new acquaintance had somehow been able to dart inside unseen by the principal.

Nothing. The restroom, and the stalls, were empty except for Robbie's backpack. What was even worse, his clothes and shoes were missing also.

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At the airport, the police escorted Janus from the patrol car through a side door, but left the wolf secured in the back of the other vehicle.

"Stand right there, and empty your pockets," the officer behind Janus said.

Not knowing what else to do, Janus complied with the instructions, dragging the normal assortment of "elf gadgets and gizmos" from his pockets: A multi-function pocket tool

that would make the owner of a Swiss Army knife envious; a Swiss Army knife that would make the owner of the multi-functional pocket tool envious; a ball of heavy twine for tying; a neck scarf for cold days up north; a roll of red and green Christmas ribbon, and a large bow made from the same ribbon; a foot tall doll in a pink dress that needed the eyebrow over its left eye repainted; a train car that needed a wheel replaced before it could be approved for packaging; a small puppy collar... the pile of items on the desk kept growing and growing, and the eyes of the officer kept getting bigger and bigger.

"I thought you searched him before you put him in the patrol car," the sergeant said as he watched Janus lay a little-league baseball bat on top of the other items that had already been placed on the desk.

"I thought I did also," said the officer. "I patted him down and didn't feel a thing."

As Janus pulled the last object out of his left pocket — a small golden Christmas ornament, he gave a sigh of relief. "Finally," he said.

"How did you get all this stuff in your pockets?" the sergeant asked the prisoner.

"Like this," Janus said, closing his fist

tighter around the Christmas ornament he suddenly disappeared.

"Where'd he go!" the officer and his sergeant shouted, almost in unison.

Distracted as they looked around, and under the desk, the police officers didn't see the door open and then close.

Out in the hall, Janus kept the magical ornament clutched tightly in his fist as he hurried toward the exit door.

Just before he reached the door, it opened, allowing two other police officers deep in discussion to enter and pass the elf without seeing him.

Janus darted through the door before it could swing shut.

Once more in the cold sunshine of the afternoon, Janus looked around and was about to flee, when he suddenly stopped and turned around. There, parked just behind the car which brought the elf to the security office was the patrol car with the wolf locked in the back seat.

For a moment, Janus considered turning again and running, but for what may have been the first time ever, he thought about someone else other than himself.


"He's just a wolf," he said to himself, "He can get away." But down deep inside, Janus knew this wasn't so. He knew one of the humans' dog pounds would be the best the wolf could hope for, and Janus couldn't even imagine what would happen to the wolf if the humans learned he could talk.


Slowly, at first and then with increased speed because he wasn't certain how much longer the magic from the charmed Christmas ornament would keep him invisible, Janus ran toward the patrol car imprisoning the wolf.

When he opened the door, the wolf turned his head toward the opening and sniffed. Even though he couldn't see the elf, he could smell his presence.

"Thanks," the wolf said as he leaped from the car.

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# The Sudan Buzz



## Sudan Takes Regional Title

**By Cheri Sain**  
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Hornets are advancing to the State Quarterfinals after a decisive win over the Booker Kiowas Friday night at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

Their regional championship came with a Hornet offense display of both rushes and passes to end the night with a score of 54-26.



Hornet Dayton Fisher catches in the end zone.

After Booker went three and out on their first possession, it only took Sudan four plays for the Hornets to score with 9:21 on the first quarter clock. BJ Johnson ran 29 yards for the touchdown and Cesar Medrano finished it off with a PAT.

Sudan scored two minutes later when Jake Chester found Dayton Fisher on a tall floater in the corner. The PAT was good giving Sudan the 14 point lead early in the game.

Booker came back fighting. Quarterback Hunter Lile passed to Jared Reagan for the 36-yard touchdown. The PAT was no good.

On Sudan's next possession, the Hornets answered back. Chester found Bill Nolte in the middle of the end zone on a quick two-yard pass. The Hornets drove 59 yards in four plays and took a minute off the clock. The PAT was good giving the Hornets

night with a Booker score. Chester drove the Hornets down the field one more time and scored on a one-yard run. The PAT was no good giving the final score of 54-26.

Even though Booker lost the game, quarterback Hunter Lile had much to celebrate. He became the 1A All Time Leading Passer with over 3,600 yards passing for the season. It is a great accomplishment given that Lile is just a sophomore.

The game was an offense dream as Sudan racked up 632 yards of offense in 61 plays while Booker ended the night with 434 yards in 76 plays.

Chester ended the night with 274 yards passing while Lile ended the night with 356 yards passing.

Leading rushers for the Hornets were Montes with 178 yards in 21 carries, Johnson with 105 yards in five carries, and Bill Nolte with 78 yards rushing.

Leading receivers for the Hornets were Osmar Diaz with four catches for 65 yards, Nolte with four catches for 60 yards, Tanner Fisher with two catches for 50 yards, and Dayton Fisher with three catches for 46 yards.

Sudan will travel to Kimbrough Stadium for the State Quarterfinal game in Canyon.

The game will begin at 7 p.m. against Wellington. Wellington defeated Springlake Earth last weekend at their regional championship game.

On the second score, Chester passed to Richard Montes on a 12-yard pass. That PAT was also good.

Booker scored on a hand off before half, and the 2-point conversion was good. The Hornets went in to the locker room with the lead of 35-14.

The Hornets had a slower start to the third quarter after Sudan fumbled the ball on their first possession of the second half. Booker had a chance to score after recovering the ball on their 25 yard line.

However, the Hornet defense stopped them within the five yard

line. The Hornets then took over on downs. BJ Johnson ran in another touchdown on a huge 78-yard run. The PAT was good.

Sudan got the ball back after the defense came up with the ball on Booker's next possession. Richard Montes ran more than 35 yards to get the Hornets within two yards of the end zone.

On the next possession, Montes ran it in for another touchdown. The PAT was no good giving the Hornets a 48-14 lead.

Before the end of the third quarter, Lile would run it in for a touchdown. The PAT was no good. The Hornets went in to the fourth quarter with a score of 48-20.

Booker scored one more time when Lile passed to Tristian Guzman on a 42-yard pass. The 2-point conversion was no good.

Sudan didn't end the

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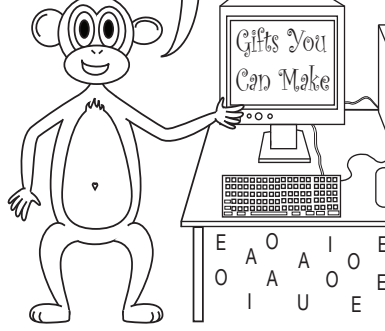


We have just enough time before... ...the holidays to make our presents.

# Newspaper Fun!

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Chatter and I are making all of our holiday gifts this year. I'm using my computer to help. I will write stories and recipes, and draw pictures, then print out my work. Next, I will decorate my work and bind it into books or make other fun items. I can't wait to start!



- Gifts to make - by computer or by hand:**
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  2. think of a theme (like "winter fun"), make a crossword or word search \_\_\_\_\_; roll it up and tie it with a ribbon
  3. make \_\_\_\_\_ for photos, drawings, scrapbook
  4. tie together some pieces of cardboard or buy a \_\_\_\_\_ in which to put photos, school papers
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Fill in the missing vowels to name items that you can use to decorate or make your gifts:

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10. draw "outline" pictures to make a \_\_\_\_\_ book for younger brother or sister - add markers or crayons to this gift

stationery      scrapbook  
stories      coloring  
journal      puzzle  
frames      bookmarks  
calendar

I make wrapping paper by decorating paper bags!

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Some items you might need:  
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ruler  
string  
pencils  
photos  
scissors

## Kinds of Gifts

Gifts show joy and caring. Thinking about gifts and making, buying and wrapping them takes time. A present tells people that they are important to you. It also makes you feel good when the people receiving your gifts smile as they open them!

- There are many kinds of gifts! Read the clues to fill the puzzle:**
1. ask a new classmate to an event
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  4. listen, talk, put groceries away, have tea
  5. sing or play an instrument
  6. water plants, help with pets
  7. thoughtful gifts that people need or use
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time  
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# SPORTS NEWS

## Mules Defeat Bovina; First Tourney Opponents



A Mule looks for assistance during the game against Bovina.

Photograph by Gabby Perez

Continued from A1 but the Chiefs tied the game 22 seconds into the quarter.

Matt Barron sank a 3-pointer from the corner to put the Mules in front 31-30 with just under five minutes to play in the game. Crosbyton scored but Blaine Hurtado lobbed the ball over the top to Shawn Atwood in the paint.

Atwood scored to put the Mules in front 33-32 with just over three minutes left to play.

The Mule defense held the Chiefs down for two minutes but could not add to the Mule lead.

Crosbyton scored with just over a minute to play.

The Mules missed four free throws and a layup and fell to Crosbyton 34-33.

The Mules came home with the second place trophy.

"What we need now is some practice time," said Mule coach Clay White. "We have played more games than we have had practices. The boys are trying hard and having to learn on the fly. We are competitive and getting better as we go through the games." It took the Mules and Bovina a while to pry off the football pads and began to play basketball.

Grey Johnson hit a 3-pointer from the left wing to give the Mules

a 13-10 lead after one quarter.

Bovina battled back to take a 20-17 lead over the Mules with time ticking away in the first half.

Eli Leal spotted up on the left wing and launched a 3-point shot to tie the game at the intermission.

The Mules began to open a lead in the third quarter and led 30-25 on a put back by Saul Sanchez.

The Mules scored 22 points in the final quarter for the win.

Leal paced the Mules in scoring with 23 points. He only had seven points in the first half and exploded for 16 in the second half. Johnson finished with nine points and Hurtado dropped in seven.

Barron added five

points, Sanchez and Austin Ross made three points each and Atwood chipped in two.

The New Deal Lions and Mules tipped off at 1:30 Thursday afternoon in the Whiteface Tournament.

The Mules jumped out to an early lead and hung on for a 20-17 lead at the intermission.

The Mules exploded for 23 points in the third quarter while holding the Lions to seven points.

Barron led the Mules in scoring against the Lions with 18 points. Leal was just a bucket behind him with 16 points and Hurtado added seven.

The Mules traveled to Hale Center on Tuesday to put their 3-1 record on the line against the Owls and are searching for a game for Friday.

## Lady Mules 'Double Up' On Bovina's Fillies

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules doubled up on the Bovina Fillies Tuesday evening and ran out to a 14-7 first period lead and continued to roll to a 71-40 victory.

were scheduled to play in the Post Antelope Tournament, but it was cancelled.

The Lady Mules found an opening in the Shallowater Shootout.

The Lubbock Roosevelt Lady Eagles gave the Lady Mules a

battle in the opening game of the Shootout. But the Lady Mules prevailed with a 47-46 win.

The Shallowater Fillies defeated the Lady Mules 59-30 in the second round of the tournament.

The Lady Mules went against the Wall Lady Hawks on Saturday in the third place game. The lady Hawks shot out of the gate to take a 19-3 lead in the opening period.

The Lady Hawks flew to a 55-24 win. "We are young and are still learning," said Lady Mule coach Jay Gorman.


"We played some of the better teams in the area this weekend and found out some things about ourselves. We will be working hard on Monday and getting ready for our next test," he added.

Adrienne Precure  
Continued on B2



A Lady Mule moves past the Bovina defense.

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Varsity Lady Mules... Continued From B1

led the Lady Mules against Wall with 10 points. She made a 3-pointer in each of the final two quarters.

Cas Moore and McKenna Dunham added three points each. DonAnn Rempe, Jo Moore and Katelyn Gable dropped in two points each.

Mandy Scolley and Daniela Diaz chipped in a point each.

Dunham drove the baseline for a layup to open the Bovina game. Kalie Morris banked in a six-foot jump shot and Diaz cleaned up the back side and put the ball back on the glass.

The Lady Mules led 6-2 three and half minutes into the game.

Bovina went on a scoring run early in the second period and cut the Lady Mule lead to 14-12 almost

three minutes into the quarter.

C. Moore interrupted the scoring run with a pair of free throws.

The Fillies took the lead with a five-point run four and half minutes into the second period.

Morris lined up a 3-point shot from the top of the key and let the ball go.

When the ball slipped through the net the Lady Mules led 19-17.

The Lady Mules led 24-21 at the half, but the Bovina Fillies briefly took a 29-27 lead over the Lady Mules with six minutes remaining in the third period.

The Lady Mules exploded for a 49-30 lead at the end of the third quarter.

During the 20-1 scoring run by the Lady Mules the Fillies

became confused on an inbound play and scored for the Lady Mules.

Morris sank a trey from the corner. The Lady Mules continued to roll in the final period. Morris made three 3-pointers and scored 19 points to lead the Lady Mules in scoring.

Precure was right behind with 18 points. She made 10 of 14 free throws. C. Moore added six points and J. Moore, Diaz and Dunham dropped in five points each.

Rempe scored four points and Brandy Castorena made three. Celeste Flores, Scolley and Gable chipped in two points each.

The Lady Mules traveled to Hale Center Tuesday to play the Lady Owls and then



Photograph by Gabby Perez

The Lady Mule defense at work.

## JV Mules Defeat The Mustangs

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

Neither team scored much in the opening period Tuesday evening when the JV Mules hosted the Bovina Mustangs.

Bovina scored first, but Issac Luebanos put the Mules ahead to stay with a 3-pointer from the top of the key.

The Mules led 3-2

after one quarter.

The Mules continued to add to that lead as the periods clicked by and defeated the Mustangs 28-19 in their home opener.

Reyes Sanchez spotted up on the right wing and dropped in the Mules' second 3-pointer.

Marco Daniel put back an offensive

rebound for a hoop to give the Mules a 9-4 lead.

Chamel Regalado made a 17-foot jump shot from the corner to give the Mules an 11-8 lead at the end of the first half.

Gerald Torres opened the third period with an offensive rebound that he put back on the glass for a hoop. Torres added a second bucket on a put back to open a 16-9 Mule lead.

The Mustangs went on a scoring run and cut the Mule lead to 16-15 before Eshoya Lopez drove the lane for a basket.

JJ Gandara went coast-to-coast for a layup and a 20-15 Mule lead after three quarters.

Torres picked a Mustangs' pocket at mid-court and drove to the hoop for a basket. Torres scored on an inbound play with

two minutes left in the game.

Gandara was two steps outside the arc when he let the ball fly for a trey and a 27-19 Mule lead.

Roman Franco was fouled out front with one second left on the clock. He made one free throw.

Torres led the Mules with eight points all coming in the second half and Gandara added six points. Luebanos and Sanchez made three points each.

Lopez, Franco, Regalado and Daniel chipped in two points each.

The Mules traveled to Hale Center to play the Owls Tuesday afternoon and will play in the Tulia Hornet Tournament Dec. 6-8.

The Mules stay on the road and travel to Floydada to play the Whirlwinds on Dec. 11.

## Eighth Grade Ladies

### 'Squeak By' For The Win

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Lady Mules squeaked past the Dimmitt Bobbies Monday evening. The Lady mules led 15-14 at the half and managed to hang on for a 24-22 win over Dimmitt Bobbies.

"Dimmitt has a good team that has beaten this group of girls several times," said Lady Mule coach Jalissa King. "Winning tonight means much more than just adding another W to the record book."

Emily Precure opened the scoring for the Lady Mules with a basket. Sydney Sudduth made her first of three 3-pointers.

The Lady Mules trailed 6-5 after one quarter.

Sadie Sudduth hit from behind the arc to open the second period and she made a pair of charity tosses.

Sy. Sudduth scored in the paint and then popped outside the arc for her second trey.

The Lady Mules eased

in front of the Bobbies 10-8 by the intermission.

Precure took the ball inside and then tossed it outside the arc to Sy. Sudduth for her third 3-pointer.

Reagan Reynolds went to work in the paint and scored twice. The Lady Mules led 22-19 with one quarter left to play.

Brittney Mendoza scored the Lady Mules only two points in the final period but the Lady Mules hung on for the win.

Sy. Sudduth led the Lady Mules in scoring with 11 points and Sa. Sudduth added five points.

Reynolds made four points and Precure and Mendoza chipped in two points each.

The Lady Mule B team fell to Dimmitt 29-12. Paolett Perchez led the Lady Mules in scoring with eight points.

Mireya Ruvalcaba, Perlita Marrufo and Desirae Sanchez chipped in two points each.

Lady Mule coach Edie Niblett. "We are doing a better job of looking up and seeing the floor on offense. These girls are very supportive of each other on and off the court."

The Bobbies finally put a total of 10 points on the board while the Lady Mules poured in 41 points for the win. Conley Niblett scored off the tip to put the Lady Mules in front to stay just eight seconds into

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Sherri Harrison  
Bailey County Judge

### MULESHOE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 3,035,299	\$ 1,060,872	\$ 4,096,171
State Program Revenues	8,496,495	796,609	9,293,104
Federal Program Revenues	269,371	2,979,986	3,249,357
Total Revenues	11,801,165	4,837,467	16,638,632
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
<b>Current:</b>			
Instruction	6,147,115	1,519,491	7,666,606
Instructional Resources and Media Services	168,514	--	168,514
Curriculum and Staff Development	51,553	84,252	135,805
Instructional Leadership	212,116	115,057	327,173
School Leadership	841,339	--	841,339
Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	225,926	461	226,387
Social Work Services	--	50,259	50,259
Health Services	163,953	20	163,973
Student Transportation	530,964	--	530,964
Food Service	41	975,440	975,481
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	602,842	--	602,842
General Administration	549,605	4,000	553,605
Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,219,937	416,622	1,636,559
Security and Monitoring Services	7,654	--	7,654
Data Processing Services	32,544	--	32,544
Community Services	455	15,506	15,961
Principal on Long-term Debt	--	655,000	655,000
Interest on Long-term Debt	--	858,786	858,786
Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	--	1,000	1,000
Capital Outlay	198,236	--	198,236
Payments to Shared Service Arrangements	112,037	56,526	168,563
Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative			
Education Programs	8,523	--	8,523
Other Intergovernmental Charges	87,911	--	87,911
Total Expenditures	11,161,265	4,752,420	15,913,685
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)			
Expenditures	639,900	85,047	724,947
Net Change in Fund Balances	639,900	85,047	724,947
Fund Balances - Beginning	8,363,189	880,429	9,243,618
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 9,003,089	\$ 965,476	\$ 9,968,565





## Business Of The Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Lowes Supermarket as the chamber's Business of the Month for November. Pictured above, from left to right, are Bridget Reyna, Rhonda Toscano, James Gowing, Gloria Salazar, Gina Wilkerson, Richard Ring, Rene Valle, Stephanie Paez and Louis Kessler.

**Thank you for reading the Muleshoe Journal!**

## Seventh Grade Ladies... Continued From B2

the game. Niblett added four more baskets and a free throw in the first quarter. Yvonne Diaz made two free throws and three buckets as the Lady Mules ran out to their 19-0 lead after one quarter. Lily Barrera, Valarie Ambriz, Hallie Myatt and Niblett scored two points each in the second quarter. The Bobbies scored a single hoop to trail the Lady Mules 27-2

at the half. Barrera was just inside the arc when she hit a basket from the right wing. Niblett picked off a pass and drove to the hoop. The Lady Mules led 31-4 after three quarters. Barrera made a hoop and a free throw in the final quarter. Diaz made the reverse with a free throw and a basket. Noa Rojas scored on a fast break and Niblett put back a rebound for a hoop.

Niblett led the Lady Mules with 17 points and Diaz dropped in 11. Barrera added seven points and Ambriz, Myatt and Rojas chipped in two points each. The seventh grade B team battled to the final buzzer but came out on the short end of a 15-14 final score. Brenda Martinez, Rheanne Martinez and Marki Stearmer scored four points each to lead the Lady Mules.

# AUCTION

Saturday, December 15, 2012 — Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATED: Olton, Texas (15th Street & Avenue A) From Highway 70 & Avenue A: 1 Mile South on Avenue A

JIMMY BROOKS & J.L. SNIDER ESTATE - OWNERS

For Information Telephone: Jimmy Brooks (806) 638-2182 or Joe Snider (806) \_\_\_\_\_  
or 5 Star Auctioneers: Jimmy Reeves (806) 864-3362 or Jim Summers (806) 864-3611.

*Jimmy is quitting farming and due to the death of J.L. Snider, the following will be sold at public auction:*

**TRACTORS, FORKLIFT, GUIDANCE SYSTEM, COTTON EQUIPMENT, COMBINE, CORNHEAD, GRAIN**

**CART, TRUCKS, GRAIN TRAILERS, EQUIPMENT, HAY EQUIPMENT, SPRAY EQUIPMENT,**

**TRAILERS, TANKS, IRRIGATION, SHOP EQUIPMENT**

Note: Any Announcement Sale Day Takes Precedence

## Five Star Auctioneers

OFFICE: (806) 296-0379 — P. O. BOX 1030 — PLAINVIEW, TEXAS 79073-1030  
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All Accounts Settled Day of Sale — Lunch Will Be Available*

NOTE: Please Bring Your Own Check Book. If You Have Not Established Yourself With Our Company, Please Bring Bank Letter.  
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# CLASSIFIEDS

Deadline is Monday at noon to place a classified ad. Call 272-4536.

### HELP WANTED

Lamb Healthcare Center is accepting applications for a full time OB/RN. Application may be picked up at 1500 S. Sunset, Littlefield. For more information, call 806-385-6411, ext. 214. LHC is an EEOC employer.

Cargill Cattle Feeders, Bovina Texas - positions available in the cattle department. Cattle department responsibilities include processing cattle, doctoring, shipping, riding pens, and other

duties as assigned. Applicants must be willing to perform all of these responsibilities. Work schedule will include 1&1/2 days off on most weeks and hours will average 50-60 straight wage no overtime. Position includes full benefits package including 401K and Health Insurance. Interested applicants should apply in person at Cargill Cattle Feeders 600 US Highway 60, (806)225-4400.

**FOR RENT**  
516 W. Ave E  
2 Bdr / 1 Bath,

no appliances, \$450mo., \$375 dep. required. Tenant pays water/elec./gas. Call 272-5144 or 210-867-8911.

Apartment for rent. Washer and dryer hookup. Central heat and air. Utilities provided. References required. \$400 per month, \$400 deposit. Inquire at 201 W. Ave. C, Muleshoe during business hours.

**HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER**

1825 W. Ave D- 2 bedroom, 2 bath, builtins, Fireplace, Central ht/air,

### HELP WANTED

**FARM MANAGER/FOREMAN Position**

Must be experienced farm operator, full understanding of RTK, minor tractor repair & welding skills, references required. Contact

**Jimmy Wedel**  
**806-272-5901**

sprinkler system, storage building & patio. Call 806-927-5182 or 806-272-4588.

**MOVING SALE**

1710 W. Ave. C. December 7th - 9th. Additional items added.

### REAL ESTATE

**TRIANGLE REALTY**  
Triangle Realty, LLC  
(806) 367-8334  
info@trianglererealtyllc.com

**Excellent Farmland**  
Located East of Springlake, TX. 120 acres under circle sprinkler system; two 10 acre dry-land corners. Circle is currently in cotton. Call Phyllis at 806-685-1543

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**Vic Coker Land Co.**  
Agricultural Real Estate

**Farmland/Investment**  
**Western Bailey County - Irrigated** - 174 acres, 2 irrigation wells, Valley Sprinkler, 1 domestic well, on pavement, corners in grass.

**Bailey County**- 1140 acres of recreational property with an income stream. 767 acres in C.R.P. 9 Years remaining on contract. Mule Deer, Dove, Pheasant and Quail. Some improvements.

**Parmer County**- Lazbuddie area. 313 acres. Lays perfect, excellent soil. Valley sprinklers, 3 wells. On pavement. **SOLD**

**Lynn & Terry Counties** - CRP - 270 acres in CRP, 50 acres in native pasture for a total of 320 deeded acres.

**Bailey and Parmer Counties** - 960 acres, 9 wells, 5 center pivot sprinklers, Brick house w/ improvements.

Vic Coker, Broker Call 806-946-7242  
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316 Main Street • Muleshoe, Texas  
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LOOKING for Something FIND it, in the Muleshoe Journal

### REAL ESTATE

**Medwards REALTORS**  
FARM & RANCH RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL

**LAND**  
360 acres - 1440 acres - 360 acres

**Sudan** - Texas 192 acres, Lateral 1995 Valley Sprinkler Five wells, currently in alfalfa.

**Sudan** - Texas 180 acres, 1982 Valley Sprinkler, Three wells, currently in alfalfa.

**Sudan Texas** - 177 acres, Valley sprinkler. 3 wells, 1/2 currently in cotton.

**Sudan Texas** - 174 acres, Valley sprinkler. 3 wells, 1/4 currently in peanuts.

**RESIDENTIAL**  
**Sudan** - 539 fm 298. Beautiful 4/3/2. 2959 sf. Two Story Home just outside of town. Built in 2007 this is a must see home. By appointment only. \$350,000.00

**Sudan** - 201 Ormand, 4 BR, 2 bath, 3 Car Garage and large family room with fireplace, New updates and tile. \$110,000.00

**Sudan** - Country Home, 3BR,2B, Carport and Sun Room. All on four acres, one mile north of Sudan. Asking \$75,000.00

**COMMERCIAL**  
**Littlefield** - 701 West 3rd. Laguna Market: 40x40 metal building, combination Deli and convenience store. Money Maker, Large Lot close to school. Frisbee course brings in a lot of customers. \$130,000

Monty Edwards Broker (806) 227-2465  
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• **New Country Home on Highway**-Extremely nice 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath brick home on 46.61 acres, heat pump, all electric, two living areas, large utility/office, sprinkler system, septic system, city water, 2 car garage, approx. 1200 sq.ft. shop, out buildings, fenced backyard, patio, this house is a must see!!

• **ONLY \$45,000.00** - Great Investment Property- 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, central air and heat, carport, fenced backyard.

• **ONLY \$69,900.00** - Nice large 3 or 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home, central air and heat, electric fireplace, appliances, large living room, utility, all electric, covered patio, carport, fenced backyard, storage building, great home on corner lot, Priced to sell!!!!

• **ONLY \$45,000** - Nice 2 or 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home, hard wood floors, fireplace, single car garage, fenced backyard, patio, would make a great starter or investment property.

• Nice 4 bedroom, 2 bath home, central air and heat, two living areas, utility, dining room, sprinkler system, fenced backyard all on large corner lot.

• **PRICE REDUCED In Country on 10 acres**, Nice 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath brick home, fireplace, utility, built-ins, new windows, roof and air, large storage, 2 car garage. Call for more details.

**228 Main Street, Muleshoe, Texas**  
**Check all of our listings at**  
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Thanks for reading!

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**HIGH SCHOOL AREA**

- NICE 3-2-2 Home, corner lot, built-ins, Cent. A&H, workshop/storage plus storage building!! 1974' livg. area!! **\$96K!! PRICE REDUCED \$79,500**
- Remodeled 3-2-1 Det. Garage Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, hdwood & tile floors, 4 fans, fenced yd., approx. 1520' lv. area!! **\$80K!!! Price Reduced \$74K**
- 3-1.5-1 carport Home, Cent. A&H, stove thermal windows, "AS IS", MAKE OFFER!! **\$47K!!!**
- 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 2 Car garage, Approx. 3883' lv. area, 150' x 40' corner lot, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fans w/lights, lg closets & storage, auto.spkrl., fenced yd.!! **MUCH MORE!! \$145,000!!**
- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage Home on corner lot, wall furnace heat, win. refrig. air, stove, refrigerator, ceiling fans w/lights, large wkshop in garage, fenced yd., stor. bldg., includes 1 bdrm. rental unit!! **\$83,450!!**

**RURAL**

- VERY NICE CUSTOM BUILT 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 car garage home, at edge of town on 80 acres!! Geothermal heat & air, built-ins, FP, ash cabinets, approx. 2544' main lv. area plus 625' finished basement w/safe & storage, spkrl system, beautiful trees and landscaping. circle sprklr, 5 wire barwire fence, 36' x 48' metal insulated bldg w/2 12' doors!! **MUCH MORE!!**
- 3-1 1/2-1 Home on 8 acres, approx. 1664' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, sunroom, storm shelter, stor. room, 2 CP, RV port, 1440' metal bldg.!! **MORE!! \$110K!!!**
- NICE 4.8 acre homesites, deed restricted!! **\$17,500!!**
- 3-2-2 HOME ON 2 AC. (2860 FM 303)- APPROX. 2146' lv. area, DW, ceiling fans, thermal windows, lg. conc. patio, workshop/storage!! **\$89,000!! \$80 K!!**
- West of Sudan 3-2-2 Brick Home on 5.57 acres, Cent. A&H, builtins, approx. 2688' lv. area, fenced yd., 40' x 80' quonset barn!! **MUCH MORE!! \$135K!!**
- NICE 3-2-2 Home on 11 acres at edge of town, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, freshly painted interior, thermal windows & doors, plus 1 bdrm house, workshop, storage, greenhouse, plus 3 garages, barns & outbuildings!! **\$155,000!!**
- FM 1760 @ edge of town, nice 3-2-2 carport home on 3 acres, cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2253' lv. area, fenced, horse barn w/corrals, hay & tack room!! **\$105K!!!!**
- LARIAT AREA - 3-1 Home, Cent. heat, 5 acres, 1989' lv. area (2 story), 2880' quonset barn, out bldgs., **Reduced \$39K!! POSSIBLE OWNER FINANCE!!**
- VERY NICE 4-3 DOUBBLE (2006) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., 25' x 40' metal bldg., septic system, domestic well, on pavement close to town!! **PRICE REDUCED!! \$130,000!!!**

**LAND & COMMERCIAL**

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

**LENAU • COUNTRY CLUB**

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

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# Muleshoe Christmas Parade 2012



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**First Place**



## SILVER SCREEN

**RECENTLY AT PARK VIEW NURSING CARE CENTER,**  
 Tammy Black, Linda Erdman and Joy Stancell decorated the activity room in an "Old Silver Screen" theme.

A portion of the 2011 Christmas Card Project monies was used to fund the project.

*"When you make somebody's day God will make yours."*

Parkview is now beautifully ready for the Christmas season

THANKS TO THE AMAZING volunteer decorators and undecorators.

Kristi Whitt, Joy Stancell, Linda Erdman, Judy Wilbanks, Marilyn Riley, Helen Cook, Danny May, Lynn Campbell, Jeri Flowers. Not pictured is Cheryl Lewis and Kristi Wilson

*"Thanks be to God for his undescrivable gift(s)."*

*~ II Corinthians 9:15 NIV*



**Childrens Christmas Program**  
 12/9/12 • 11am  
 Theme "Broadcasting Christmas"

**Christmas Cantata**  
 12/16/12 • 11am

Do You Hear What I Hear?  
 Listening to the Spirit of Christmas

**Song List**

Do you hear what I hear?  
 And the Prophets spoke...  
 ...And Mary listened  
 And they heard from the Heavens  
 Sounds from a lowly Manger  
 O Come all ye Faithful  
 The message heard 'round the World  
 Joy to the World!

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 507 W 2nd Street  
 Muleshoe, TX  
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