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Air Traffic Control Needed

At one point it appeared as if air traffic control might be needed in Muleshoe on Wednesday, Jan. 4, without an airplane in sight, as a "barehand crew" from Xcel Energy worked on the 69 Kilovolt transmission line and junction pole that was damaged on West American Blvd. in early December. According to Wes Reeves of Xcel Energy, the crew — which is specially trained to work with live wires, lifted the line and de-energized it after the load was transferred to another source, so there was no interruption in service.

Photographs by Larry Thornton



Surveys Show Improvement At Park View

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor
Park View Nursing Care Center Administrator Shanna Laughton praised her staff's work following two recent complaint surveys that were substantially unfounded. Comparing an October 2011 survey by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Care with one in March, Laughton was thrilled by Park View's

improvement. In the March 2011 survey, an astonishing 20 deficiencies were noted by the state inspectors, including

They couldn't find anything wrong!

five "IJ"s that placed the nursing home in immediate jeopardy and ultimately cost the Muleshoe Area Hospital

District a reported \$10,000 in penalties. According to the October survey, only four minor "tags" were noted, Laughton pointed out, ranging from the toenails of some residents needing attention to a maintenance door that wasn't locked. "It was very, very minor stuff," Laughton said. Laughton said the issues were quickly addressed, with a new

Curfew Ordinance Goes To Committee

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor
To curfew... or not to curfew?

Such was the primary question at Monday's regular meeting of the Muleshoe City Council as they addressed the issue raised in November.

And while several of the council members were as uncertain of the need as those who spoke about it in the public hearing that preceded the meeting, in the end the council authorized Mayor Cliff Black to appoint a committee that would gather additional information about the issue and possibly present a draft ordinance to the council for its consideration.

According to City Manager David Brunson, the issue of a curfew to regulate the nighttime activities of the community's youth came from an official at Watson Junior High.

Individuals speaking in favor of such an ordinance

included Estela Duarte who suggested that enforcement of a curfew would curtail certain behavior. "I feel like it will be a safer neighborhood," she said.

While Nancy Benham said she didn't want a



**"China has no crime... but they have no rights."
— Leslie Kirby**

curfew ordinance "to be mean."

"I want to do it because we love them... to protect them from themselves," she said.

The other end of the spectrum included Leslie Kirby, who noted that such a law "affects the innocents" along

with the individuals who are actually causing the problems a curfew ordinance is intended to stop.

"China has no crime," Kirby said, "but they have no rights."

In Roper Kirby's address to the board, the high school student said he wasn't "against the idea of a curfew," but suggested that it shouldn't be set too early in the night, and suggested that the city council hire additional officers for patrol at night.

While he didn't speak during the public hearing, Precinct 4 County Commissioner Juan Chavez — who was in attendance, said something needed to be done about the problem, but added that he didn't know what the solution was.

Although Chavez had a question, after the public hearing was closed, about how the council was going to move forward on the

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County To Refinance LE Center Certificates

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners Court voted to approve a contract with Specialized Public Finance, Inc. of Lubbock to refinance the 2003 certificates of obligation used to finance the construction of the law enforcement center during Monday's regular meeting.

At the court's December meeting Vince Viaille of Specialized Public Finance, the court's

members showed interest in contracting with SPF due to its office's closer proximity, and Viaille's indication that a significant reduction in the certificates' interest rates was possible.

According to Viaille,

the reduced rate, approximately 2.45 percent compared to WN&A's 2.966 percent, for a projected savings for the county of about \$28,000 per year for the life of the certificates, or a total of about

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Practice Makes Perfect

It takes a lot of practice to get it right. Pictured above, DeShazo third grade student Riley Kettner performs during Friday's halftime.

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Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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

Teen Movie Night

The Muleshoe Area Public Library will be hosting Teen Movie Night, in its meeting room, Jan. 16 and 18, from 4-6 p.m. The event will feature the movie "Miracle Boys," and is open to junior high and high school students.

Cotton Conference

The Llano Estacado Cotton Conference is set for Jan. 26, from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., at the Bailey County Electric Cooperative, 610 E. American Blvd., Muleshoe. Contact Curtis Preston at 806-272-4583, email c-preston@tamu.edu, or turn to page 6 for additional information.

Southern Plains Conference

The 23rd annual Southern Plains Conference is set for Feb. 8-9, at the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, located on Hwy 214, south of Muleshoe, and the Bailey County Coliseum, on West American Blvd., in Muleshoe. Turn to page 6 for additional information.

Junior Livestock Show

The Bailey County Junior Livestock Show is set for Jan. 20-21 at the Bailey County Coliseum.

What Have You Learned From Your Failures?

"What have you learned from your successes and failures?"

That was the question the interviewer put to billionaire Donald Trump a few months ago during Trump's brief (and, I personally hope, never to be revived) flirtation with presidential candidacy. His answer: "I don't see myself as having failures..."

I was so surprised by the answer that I may not have heard if he later tried to pull that bit of nonsense out of the ditch.

Could any sane person fall into a failure more foolish or fatal than to claim to have no failures?

Two kinds of people draw breath in this world: those who are seriously weak and flawed and know it, and those who are seriously weak and flawed and don't know it.

We're far better off being, and spending time with, the former. The latter are uncommonly tiresome,



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

obnoxious, dangerous — and well-avoided.

Yes, we're far better off belonging to the first group and being honest about it. But I suspect the only way that priceless knowledge can be bought is with some very costly pain.

Until we've been hit "up the side of the head" pretty hard with one of the major bricks life sooner or later throws at us all, I doubt we can offer much real and condescensionless comfort to others who are also ordinary humans—which means at times con cussed, bruised, bleeding.

Until we've shot ourselves in the foot and have been forced to learn that, though God's children all dance, they also all walk with a limp, I doubt we have much valuable to offer those who want to join

'Freedom Of Scent' Raises A Stench

McGruff may have taken a bite out of crime in the past, but if the nation's high court follows the logic of Florida's top court McGruff... and law enforcement will be effectively muzzled.

For those who missed the recent news item, the US Supreme Court has reportedly agreed to hear a case involving a Florida man whose in-home marijuana farm was detected by a trained drug dog while outside the house.

Citing the greater expectation of privacy in an individual's home, the Florida Supreme Court had previously overruled an appeals court decision reinstating the charge

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against the alleged weed farmer, and in doing so causing problems for law enforcement officers in the Sunshine State and possibly throughout the nation.

We have little problem with the thought that "a man's home is his castle," but we have considerable problems when that home is being used as a haven of crime — as was the case in the 2006 when 179 marijuana plants were removed from the Florida defendant's residence after a search warrant was issued based upon a drug dog's training and response

to the odors emanating from the defendant's home.

While we are unaware of the specifics behind the Florida case, such as why the dog and handler were there in the first place, we can't help but wonder about the impact some type of restrictive ruling could have on future cases.

How should law enforcement officers respond in instances in which the odorous emanations indicate a more volatile production is under way?

Should the potential danger to others override an individual's

rights... his "freedom of scent?"

If a trained law enforcement officer passing a residence, through the use of his own, unaided senses — whether scent, sight or hearing — detects apparent criminal activity in a private residence will this information no longer be admissible, or is it just instances in which those senses are somehow augmented that will effectively earn the disfavor of the courts?

If a criminal doesn't wish to waive his Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable searches, then maybe he shouldn't abandon his activities to the winds.

Express Appreciation To The School Board

Super news from MISD

By Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets

Texans benefit every day from the tireless work and countless hours dedicated by a group of more than 7,300 men and women in communities across the state.

These public servants are elected to serve by local constituents and

receive no compensation for their efforts. These men and women are the school board members of Texas.

January is School

Board Recognition Month and Muleshoe ISD will take this opportunity to express our appreciation to these local leaders for devoting time to support public education and serve our local schools.

As citizens who serve children and represent their communities, individual school board members face complex and demanding challenges. Yet, few people fully understand the scope and far-reaching implications of board members' responsibilities.

All Texans should recognize the vital contributions of these men and women and focus attention on the crucial role these elected leaders play in the education of our children. They truly make a difference every day.

Their job is to establish a vision for the education program, design a structure to achieve that vision, assure schools are accountable to the community, and strongly advocate continuous improvement in student learning.

That job entails an endless string of meetings and school functions to attend; reams of reports, agendas, proposals, and other information to read and study; and a host of difficult decisions to make.

School board members come from all walks of life. While they wear many hats in the workday world, school board members when they get down to the business of leading their school districts.

Board members must pull together as a team toward a common goal — helping our students achieve. While they may individually disagree on certain issues, their role as a board is to consistently strive toward excellence.

Board members contribute hundreds and hundreds of hours each year governing their districts. Whether crafting policies, hiring administrators, listening to staff and student concerns, or recognizing outstanding programs, board members always keep their eyes on the goal of student achievement.

The time spent in board meetings represents just a small fraction of the hours school board members devote to their jobs. They work hard at seminars and training sessions to keep abreast of the latest changes in state and federal regulations and learn trends in educational leadership.

They also are deeply involved in community activities, and spend many hours in the schools and at extracurricular events.

Their love of learning and concern and caring for students, staff, and the community drive board members' desire to ensure every student can succeed.

In recognition of this service, January is designated as School Board Recognition Month and countless districts across the state will take this opportunity to say thanks to our trustees for giving so much to their communities.

Members of the Muleshoe ISD Board of Trustees include Thurman Myers, president; Daniel Guzman, vice-president; Carroll Precure, secretary; Jay Cage, Board Member; Kelly Kettner, board member; Sergio Leal, Board member; and Curtis Preston, board member.

Please make a special effort to tell each school board member that his or her hard work has been noticed and is truly appreciated.

the dance.

We may talk a good game about grace, about how we're all sinners in the same boat completely dependent upon God's mercy. But until we've swallowed enough sea water to seem to be headed under for the last time, I doubt we can really open our hands to reach up for God's hand or to reach out a hand to genuinely help others.

Until we've been aghast to find ourselves down in the depths, we deep down think in our heart of hearts, even if not aloud, that we or our group are a cut above the rest. God's favorites. The blue birds in the class. At least a little bit gifted and talented morally.

We blindly think that all we really need is a little more time to try harder, get things all figured out, and

sharpen up our act.

Until we've been jolted into sanity by hitting bottom, we center on our problem with sins rather than our problem with sin, worry more about outward acts than inward putrescence, focus on specks of sawdust in other folks' eyes rather than planks in our own.

We waste time gazing through the wrong end of the telescope. Nothing clears up the picture more quickly than hitting the wall with some obvious failure and living through the pain that follows.

Then grace means something because it is real and precious.

It has always been our only hope, but now we know it.

And then if someone asks us how we've dealt with failure, the answer will be worth hearing.

Corrections



Meals Donation Made

The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe recently donated funds contributed during its Christmas Eve service to Bailey County Meals on Wheels. Pictured above, the Rev. Monty Leavell presents Shelby Carpenter of the Agency on Aging with the donation check.

In last week's issue, an error was made concerning the name of the church which made the donation. The Journal regrets the error and apologizes for any inconvenience it may have caused.

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 issue, and whether a committee was going to be formed to study the issue further, the question was answered during the council's discussion and motion. It was clear during the council's comments that they also felt something needed to be done, but also that they

were reluctant to step forward and suggest government action was the solution. Council member Eric McElroy said it wasn't the government's responsibility to raise the children and teenagers that would be targeted by a curfew ordinance. "Yes, we have 'bad

apples,'" Council member Gary Parker said when expressing his views to the other council members, "so does any place else we've ever seen."

Irene Mason, the mayor pro tem, said parents "need to step up," repeating the ideas from the rest of the council that much of the problem with teenagers wandering the streets into the early morning hours was because some parents weren't parenting.

"I would love to have a committee come together and look at this," she said.

When asked about the impact a curfew ordinance would have on his department, Police Chief Brian Frieda said there would be a train on the officers' workload at first, but that it would probably become less as time passed.

In other business, the city council:

- Reappointed Juan Sanchez to the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation, and appointed Dustin Cleavinger to his first term on the board.
- Voted to appoint Black to the seat on the Bailey County Appraisal District currently held by McElroy.
- Received the city's investment summary and financial report for the quarter ending on Dec. 31.

Commissioners Court...

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 \$342,000. The re-issuance of the certificates would not extend their debt service, Viaille said, and the related contingency fees, estimated at \$65,000, would be paid out of the sale proceeds, and wouldn't be owed in

the event the certificates weren't purchased. In other business, the court:

"There were so many amendments it was hard to follow," County Treasurer Shonda Black said.

• Met with Lehman Jacobs of the Texas Department of Transportation in Bailey County, who informed the court there would be about \$16,000 in materials available through the department's county assistance program.

Jacobs also noted that several million dollars of roadwork was to begin in the Muleshoe and Bailey County area in 2012, with the work on Hwy. 84 in Muleshoe set to start in April.

• Set the terms of court for both county and justice court.

• Took no action on enacting a burn ban, but noted that it would be on next month's agenda for consideration.

MISD Board Appoints BCAD Seats

The Muleshoe Independent School District's board of trustees appointed members Carroll Precure and Daniel Guzman to serve on the Bailey County Appraisal District during its Monday, Jan. 9, regular board meeting.

In other business, the school board voted to hire Tessa Couch as a special education instructor, replacing Kristen Caffey, whose resignation was accepted Monday.



Employee Of The Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Daniel Rey, custodian at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe as the January Employee of the Month. Pictured above are, from left to right, the Rev. Monty Leavell of the Church, Daniel Rey, and Mark Anthony of the chamber.

Park View...

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 anything wrong!" she said.

While the state inspectors can focus on just the complaint received, Laughton said both inspections covered the entire facility's operation, which she attributed to the staff's efforts.

Correction Policy

Although the Muleshoe Journal tries to be accurate in the news stories and releases it publishes, the newspaper recognizes that errors occasionally occur.

An effort will be made to correct typographical errors, or misstatements of facts, in news stories voluntarily submitted for publication as soon as possible — if brought to the newspaper's attention in a timely manner, but will not include rerunning the news story or related photographs. Corrections necessary from inaccurate or illegible information provided to the newspaper will not be published free of charge. Paid publication items — whether advertisements, obituaries or items that don't meet the criteria for free publication — may be rerun if the original publication includes significant error.



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Senior Citizen News

By Brittany Gibbs

We hope everyone has enjoyed the spring like weather we have been having lately.

It is once again stock show time and we would like to say good luck to all of the youth who will be participating in the fairs this year, may all your hard work and dedication be paid of with blue ribbons!

The lady's have been busy little bees taking down the beautiful Christmas decorations and getting the valentines decorations up.

We are all so grateful to have these hard working galls to keep our lovely center

looking so beautiful.

So come on and stop in and enjoy all there hard work and a cup of coffee or game of dominos.

This week we will be having Bunko on Jan. 17, at 9 a.m., so grab a friend and come get in on all the fun , then stay and enjoy a tasty lunch.

On Thursday, Bingo starts at 2 p.m. We have had a lot of great new prizes donated so come on in and test your luck at getting one or more of these great new prizes.

Menu for Jan. 16-20:

• Monday, Jan. 16 — Barbecue beef brisket, ranch-style beans, cornbread, buttered

carrots, strawberries and low fat milk.

• Tuesday, Jan. 17 — Glazed meatloaf, red bliss potatoes, breadstick, mixed vegetables, country apple crisp and low fat milk.

• Wednesday, Jan. 18 — Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin square and low fat milk.

• Thursday, Jan. 19 — Rigatoni with meat sauce, garlic bread, seasoned lima beans, tossed salad with dressing mandarin oranges w/whipped toppings and low fat milk.

Friday, Jan. 20 — Breaded fish on a bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tarter sauce, potatoe wedges, coleslaw with dressing, peach chantilly and low fat milk.

Chamber Business Employee Of The Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Partain Chiropractic Center, 1106 W. American Blvd., as the January Business of the Month.

Pictured below, from left to right are Mark Anthony of the chamber presenting the certificate of recognition to Dr. Joshua Partain and his staff, Paula Blevins and Karina Jasso.



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BAILEY COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

Obituaries

Dale Rice

Memorial services for Dale Lee Wayne Rice, 79, of Sudan, were held on Friday, Jan. 6, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Roecker officiating. Dale donated his body to medical science. Dale died on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011, in Levelland. He was born on Oct. 7, 1932, to Willie Lee and Sophia Trapp Rice in Bailey County. He attended the Sudan Schools and was a veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Jaycees, and taught Sunday School at the

First Baptist Church. Dale loved to work with wood and do mechanic work, and liked to garden and fly his own airplane. Survivors include three daughters — Charla and husband Buddy Urich of Katy, Karen and husband Kent Simpson of Grapevine, and Debra and husband Hal Manuel of Katy; five grandchildren; two brothers — Douglas Rice of Alamogordo, N.M., and Norman Rice of Kentucky; two sisters — Wanda Holt and husband Jim of Muleshoe, and Kathy Gatewood and husband Gary of Sudan.

Expressing Good Will Towards All

This is the evening of the fifth day of January, 2012 and I am going back to work for this is the first opportunity I have had to do much of that for some time.

We have had company almost constantly since Thanksgiving. And the way it turned out my wife and I spent Thanksgiving Day to ourselves. And for all practical purposes Christmas Day, also.

But this is not a complaint, it is a statement of fact for which we had a consistent and pleasant time to relax. It began with a phone call from Mrs. Jack Rennels telling us that the Methodist Church was going to deliver meals, free of charge to each of us — and that they would be here pretty soon, which they were, and they were very good, we enjoyed them, as we have for many years.

I hope this will stand and be received as a true expression of love and appreciation for their kindness.

In a personal, business, public and



religious way I have a kinship with people from "the least to the greatest." And I have learned to love each of them. That, in my judgement, is what life on this planet, as taught by the scriptures, is all about.

In fact I learned about the "Good Will" that I referred to from a card I found in my papers some time ago with a title, "Good Will."

It apparently was made public by Rufus Gilbreath of the Gilbreath Seed and Grain Company. Here is a copy of it:

Good Will...
 "The most precious thing anyone can have is the good will of others. It is something as fragile as an orchid, and as beautiful. It is more precious than a gold nugget, and as hard to find. It is as powerful as a great turbine, and as hard to build. It is as wonderful as youth, and as hard to keep. It is an intangible something, this good will of others, yet more to be desired than much gold. It is the measure of a man's success and determines his usefulness in this life."

I don't know how many times I have read that, and it gets more truthful and practical every time.

It reminds me of a statement made by J.C. Penny to his employees in the early days of the J.C. Penny Company.

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Quitting smoking or chewing tobacco at any time will substantially reduce your risk of cancer going forward as your body will heal from the effects of smoking or chewing.

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Times were hard with them and he had borrowed some money from Will Rogers and they knew that their success or failure would depend on the quality of the services they rendered.

So he gathered his employees for a meeting that would determine the success or failure of the company.

And here is what he told them; "We must render efficient, courteous and unselfish service to our customers or somebody else

will." It was that simple, and as truthful. In my initial announcement as a candidate for county commissioner of Bailey County here is what I told the people.

"If you will elect me to this office I will render efficient, courteous and unselfish service to all the people." And in more than 40 years of public service in different capacities I have kept that promise.

And as a basic promise of service that is the only promise I have ever made. And the only one I will ever make.

And I hope you noticed, I said "all" people.

Purdy Appointed To Region 17 Board

Cindy Purdy of Muleshoe has been appointed to the Region 17 Education Service Center (ESC 17) Board of Directors effective Jan. 5.

She was appointed by the board to fill the unexpired term of Place 7 left by Bruce Rigler of Plainview.

Prior to this appointment, Commissioner Robert Scott appointed Purdy to the ESC 17 board of directors as an advisory member to represent charter schools.

Purdy has served as

a local school board member in Muleshoe ISD from 1987 - 2008 and was a secretary, vice-president, and president during that service.

Purdy has also been a member of the South Plains School Board Association where she also served as treasurer, secretary, vice-president, and president.

In addition to her service locally, Cindy has been involved at a statewide level with the Texas Association

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Death Notices

Francisca Guillen

Muleshoe resident Francisca Guillen, 70, died on Jan. 4, 2012, in Muleshoe. She was born on April 2, 1941, in Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Jan. 7, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with Fr. Leo Panhamtang officiating, followed by burial in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Engagement

Scott, Kennell to exchange vows

Terry and LaDonna Scott of Earth announce the engagement of their daughter, Crystal Lynn Scott, to Jason Wayne Kennell of Denver.

The prospective bride is a 2005 graduate of Johnson & Wales University in Denver, Colo.

She is currently employed at Newfield Exploration as a materials analyst in Denver.

The prospective groom is the son of Sue Snowdy of Blackhawk, Colo., and Doug Kennell of Cape Coral, Fla.

He is a 2004 graduate of Baylor University. He is employed with Hein & Associates, LLP, as a manager of state & local tax.

The wedding has been set for April 29, 2012, at 4:30 p.m., at The Pines of Genesee in Golden, Colo.



Crystal Lynn Scott and Jason Wayne Kennell

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Obituaries and Death notices

Death notices will be published free of charge in the Muleshoe Journal. There is a fee of \$30 for the publication of "basic obituaries." "Non-basic obituaries" will be published at the rate of \$4.50 per column inch. In all cases, the obituary information should be submitted by the funeral home for verification purposed.

The guidelines that will be used to determine if, and how much the publication will cost is as follows:

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Basic obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed at the basic rate of \$30, and may contain the following information: date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of parents, spouses or children who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors, including the spouse, parents, brothers, sisters and children. Only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren will be included; and where memorials may be directed. We will run a one column black and white photo at no charge.

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AGRICULTURAL NEWS

Annual Southern Plains Conference To Be Held

Compared to their grandparents, contemporary Americans have much less contact with plants, animals, and soils — yet, they are still greatly impacted by what happens on the land.

On Feb. 8-9, the general public can increase their knowledge of the natural world at the 23rd annual Southern Plains Conference, with its theme, "Beyond the Windshield: Dwelling

in the Natural World." The conference, presented by Ogallala Commons, will be held at the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, located south of Muleshoe on Hwy. 214, and at the Bailey County Coliseum, located on West America Blvd., in Muleshoe.

"Our conference will be held over two days, starting with a field day at Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge (NWR),

which was created in 1935," said Darryl Birkenfeld, director of Ogallala Commons.

"Though most people in our region have never visited it, the refuge highlights some of the wonders of our natural world: sandhill cranes, grasslands, saline playas, and caprock escarpment," he said.

"On the second day, we will have excellent presentations and discussions at the Bailey

County Coliseum to further increase our understanding of how humans and nature are constantly shaping the Southern Plains," he added.

The field day on Feb. 8 begins at 11 a.m., with a lunch and opening presentations at the Bailey County Coliseum, before moving out to Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge for afternoon workshops on springs,

prairie chickens, playas, amphibians, birds, controlled burning and prairie restoration.

After the workshops conclude at 5:30 p.m., an "evening soiree" will be held at St. Philip Neri Church Hall in Pep, featuring locally-prepared foods, music, and a performance art piece by Laura Zak entitled, "Wind Turbines and Transmission Lines."

Dr. Bonnie Lynn-Sherow, a professor at Kansas State University, will also give a presentation on "An Agricultural Revolution: Causes, Effects, and Aftermaths."

The Feb. 9 session begins at the Bailey County Coliseum at 8:15 a.m., with opening remarks, followed by a presentation on the Ogallala Aquifer and Evolution of Landscape

by Texas Tech professor, Dr. Kevin Mulligan.

Other speakers include Dr. David Haukos, Tish McDaniel, Jude Smith, Nita Pahdopony of the Comanche University, and stockman-grass farmer Kim Barker of Waynoka, Okla.

Those who wish to attend the field day, evening soiree or conference can register online or by mail. An "early bird discount" is available until Jan. 20.

It is also possible to register at the door for \$40 per person.

To see a complete brochure or to register online, visit <http://www.ogallalacommons.org/southernplainsconference.html>.

For more information, contact Darryl Birkenfeld, Director, Ogallala Commons, at 806-945-2255 or darrylb@amaonline.com.

Llano Estacado Cotton Conference Is Set For Jan. 26 In Muleshoe

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Bailey County will conduct the Llano Estacado Cotton Conference from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Bailey County Electric Cooperative, 610 E. American Blvd., in Muleshoe.

"The conference is meant for cotton producers in the High Plains," said Curtis Preston, AgriLife Extension agent in Bailey County.

"Our goal with this program is to bring producers up to date with timely

information about cotton management and industry issues," he said.

Topics will include updates on crop diseases and markets, integrated pest management issues and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication program.

Preston said commercial booth exhibitors will be present to introduce the latest technology and equipment their companies have to offer.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered — three integrated pest management, one laws and regulations and one general.

Certified Crop Advisor continuing education units also will be available.

Individual registration is \$25 payable at the door. A sponsored lunch will be provided.

For more information call the AgriLife Extension office in Bailey County at 806-272-4583.

FSA Reminds Producers Of Program Deadlines

Bailey County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director Kim Hanlin reminds eligible ranchers and livestock producers who had livestock losses or grazing losses during the 2011 crop year that the deadline for applying for benefits under the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) is Jan. 30.

"It is imperative that producers meet the deadline for disaster assistance as there are no late file provisions for LFP and ELAP," said Hanlin.

"To ensure a smooth application process, producers should have all required supporting documentation with them at the time they apply for benefits," he said.

LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers who

have suffered livestock grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire that occurred before Oct. 1, 2011.

Fire losses apply only to federally managed rangeland. Eligible livestock under LFP include beef cattle, alpacas, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine.

During the 2011 crop year, all Texas counties met the LFP trigger requirements for a three-month payment for native pasture, improved pasture and forage sorghum.

Eligible ranchers and livestock producers have until Jan. 30, 2012, to apply for LFP benefits.

ELAP provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish who have losses due to disease, adverse weather or other conditions, including losses due to blizzards and wildfires

that occurred before Oct. 1, 2011.

ELAP assistance is for losses not covered under other disaster assistance programs established by the 2008 Farm Bill.

Producers who experienced livestock death losses must file a notice of loss 30 days after the loss is apparent, but no later than Dec. 29, 2011.

Producers who suffered livestock grazing and feed losses must have filed a notice of loss no later than Oct. 31, 2011 and have until Jan. 30, 2012, to submit an application for payment for livestock death losses and livestock grazing and feed losses.

In order to qualify for LFP and ELAP, the applicant must have purchased insurance coverage through FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

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Program Applications Are Being Accepted At NCRS

Applications for funding opportunities with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Quality Incentive Program and Conservation Stewardship Program are currently being accepted at all NCRS offices across Texas.

NCRS in Texas has received its initial allocation of program funding recently and will begin obligating CSP contracts after Jan. 13 and EQIP contracts after Feb. 3.

EQIP is a "working lands" conservation program that assists private landowners with conservation measures that address priority resource concerns as


identified by local farmers and ranchers.

CSP rewards farmers and ranchers for current conservation management and encourages additional practices and enhancements to further benefit the environment and reduce priority resource concerns.


All of NCRS farm bill programs are voluntary and have a continuous sign-up with periodic ranking cut off periods. NCRS encourages any person interested in participating in their programs to contact their local field office.

The NCRS administrates all of these programs and provides technical assistance to

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The Sudan Buzz

Lady Nettes Start District Play With 78-14 Win

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Nettes started district play with a huge win over Springlake Earth Lady Wolverines Friday night, Jan. 6, at Sudan High School with a final score of 78-14.

The Nettes took control of the game early in the first quarter.

The Nettes finished the first quarter with a score of 23-3 going in to the second quarter.

The Nettes continued to score as Sudan racked up another 22 points.

The Lady Wolverines struggled to points on

the board the entire first half.

The Lady Wolverines would score only four points before heading in to the locker room, and the Nettes led with a score of 45-4.

The third quarter was a little slow for both teams. Coach Logan

took a time-out and fired up her team to play hustle defense, and the team responded.

Within a few minutes, the Nettes stole the ball a half dozen times and scored 12 unanswered points. Springlake Earth would score once in the quarter.

The third quarter ended when Nette Victoria Williams stole the ball near the half court line and put up a layup.

The quarter ended with a score of 58-6.

The Nettes continued to dominate on defense as the Nettes' first and second string players divided up the playing time and added 20 more points to the total.

The Lady Wolverines had some success putting points on the board as they doubled their total score during the fourth quarter.

The final score had the Nettes win their first district game.

Danielle Logan led all scorers with a total of 26 points.

Other Nette scorers included Bailee Black with 13 points, Jasmine Weaver with 12 points, Victoria Williams with 10 points, Jade Goen

with 10 points, KyLee Shultz with three points, and Harlee Koontz with five points.

The turnovers were the key to the game for the Lady Wolverines. Springlake Earth had 37 turnovers.

Sudan had 15 turnovers. Neither team had foul troubles.

Defensively, Sudan's post players had good numbers for the night.

Jasmine Weaver and Bailee Black each had nine rebounds while Jade Goen racked up six rebounds.

JV girls and boys will play the Lubbock Titans on Tuesday at Sudan High School.

The JV boys will begin the night's games when they play the Levelland freshmen game at 4 p.m. All teams will all play district games on Friday when they travel to Olton.

Nettes Take Littlefield Top Trophy

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Nettes did not slow down over the Christmas holidays as they took the Wildcat Classic Basketball Championship trophy.

It was a tough road for the Nettes, but they secured their place in the finals after beating some tough teams.

The first match paired them against Friona. The Nettes came out swarming on offense as they beat Friona with a score of 87-29.

The Nettes next game was against Roosevelt. The girls handed another 2A team a loss with a score of 56-31.

The Nettes played for the championship against the always-

tough Whitharral. The Nettes fell behind but pressed on.

The girls won the game with a final score of 43-38.

The Sudan Hornets also played in the tournament.

The boys won their first match against Anton with a final score of 68-33.

Then Sudan played 2A Friona and lost that very close game with a score of 41-48.

The Hornets played for fifth place in the tournament on Friday when they played Bushland.

Bushland was a tough opponent and out-scored the Hornets with a final score of 12-46.



Courtesy photo / Stephanie Williamson

Sudan UIL Places At Texas Tech Meet

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan High School UIL Team competed at the 2012 Texas Tech UIL Invitational Meet this past Saturday, Jan. 7.

Adam Harper had a big day once again as he placed in four events. Harper placed second in Mathematics in the 10th grade division.

He also placed sixth in number sense overall and was fourth in the 10th grade division.

Harper also placed first in computer

science, and sixth in accounting.

Other students who placed at the invitational were Harlee Koontz with a sixth place in computer application, and Denise Salazar who placed eighth in computer application.

The coaches for these events are DJ Provence, who coaches accounting and computer application, Jonathan Robertson, who coaches computer science, and Jana Synatchk, who coaches the mathematics events.

Powerlifters Place At Friona Meet

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan High School Boy's Powerlifting Team participated in the Friona Powerlifting Meet on Jan. 7.

The team placed fifth overall out of 19 schools.

Alex Figueroa finished ninth in the 114 weight class. Jorge Guitron finished first in the 123 weight class while Nike Clarkson finished right behind Guitron with a third place finish.

Adam Martin finished fifth in the 132 weight class, and Xavier Trillo finished 16th in the same class.

Cesar Medrano

finished 11th and Ubaldo Ramon finished 18th in the 148 weight class division. This division had 24 contestants.

Jose Trejo finished 13th and Edwin Delgado finished 16th in the 181 weight class.

Damion Montes finished seventh in the 198 weight class, and Ivan Trillo finished fourth in the SHW division.

"Our boys did an excellent job in competing and representing Sudan High School," said Coach Patrick Odom.

The teams next meet is in Plainview with both boys and girls competing in various events.

FCCLA Collects, Delivers Food

The Sudan FCCLA collected and delivered canned foods and non-perishable items before the Christmas break.

Sudan FCCLA members along with SUDS helped collect over 700 cans of food and enough money to buy 14 families a turkey each.

"It is always a moving experience when high school students of all races and socio-economic backgrounds can come together and help those families in need," said Neal Kleman, advisor to SUDS.

Along with Cheri Sain, the advisor to FCCLA, they helped the students organize a contest for the elementary students to collect cans, divided

up the canned goods, and delivered the food to all 14 families on the last day of school before break.

"I believe that it is important to deliver on that day because so many families may not have the extra funds to feed their families during the long two week break," Sain said.

"It makes the students appreciate what they have when they help someone in need," she added.

Along with delivering food items, the FCCLA and SUDS members made picture frames for the senior citizens at the Harmonee House.

They delivered the frames that afternoon.

Speech Team Performs At Friona Tournament

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Speech Team for their performance this past Saturday at the Friona Speech Tournament.

Three CX Debate teams competed at the tournament. Mariah Martinez and Kendon Drennan were sixth in Novice CX Debate. Andrew Ames and Alex Hernandez finished 6th in CX Debate, and Doug Ames and Jacob Drennan finished fifth overall.

Deric McCurry won third place in L-D

Debate, and Kristina Thorn won third place in Novice Informative.

Friona also hosts some fun events for the students to participate in that are not a TFA contest.

The students from Sudan placed 3rd overall in the Lip Sync competition, and Madi Edwards and Janelle Vanderlei won second place in Radio Broadcasting.

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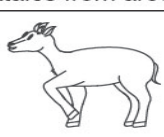
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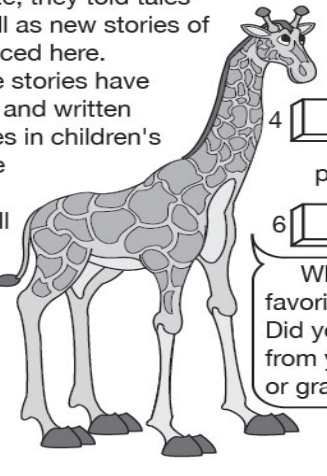
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African and American Folktales

In America, we are lucky to have folktales from around the world. As people come here to live, they bring stories they have heard and shared before. These stories tell about life and nature.

African Americans have a wealth of folklore from Africa to share with their families and others. Some also share stories from their history as slaves and free people in America. As most slaves could not read or write, they told tales of Africa as well as new stories of life as experienced here.

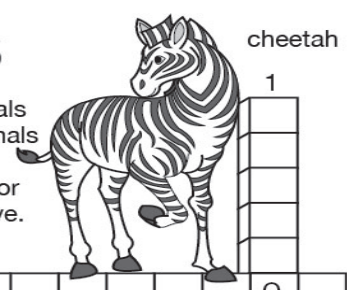
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by Robert Sans Souci

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Purdy Appointed... Continued from A5

of School Boards (TASB). She was elected by ESC 17 districts to serve as a member of the TASB Board of Trustees for a number of years.

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SPORTS NEWS

Mules Fall To Dimmitt After Tough First Half

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules came out of the gate firing Tuesday night in Dimmitt. The Mules had fallen behind by a single point by the end of the opening quarter.

Dimmitt raced away from the Mules in the second period and the Mules trailed 32-18 at the half.

The Mules battled to a near dead heat in the second half but could not make up the ground lost in the second quarter. They lost to Dimmitt 61-46.

Littlefield manhandled the Mules in the first and third quarters on Friday and defeated the Mules 65-37.

Matthew Barron drained a 3-pointer to crank the Mules in Dimmitt. Eric Orozco, Hector Flores, Saul Elizalde and Juan Guerrero added a hoop each in the opening quarter.

The Mules trailed 12-11 after one quarter.

Dimmitt exploded for 20 points in the second quarter to take a 32-18 lead at the intermission. Elizalde nailed a 3-pointer and added a free throw to



Mule Juan Guerreo defends the ball during the recent game against Littlefield.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

lead the Mules in the second period. Beau Avila made the Mules only other hoop of the period and Eli Leal made one from the free throw line.

Flores and Barron hit a trey each in the third

period. Guerrero and Elizalde made a hoop each and Orozco made two from the charity stripe. The Mules had scored 12 in the third frame and the Bobcats had put up 15.

Leal sandwiched a

pair of charity tosses between a couple of treys. Elizalde dropped in a pair of buckets and a free throw, Flores added a bucket and Orozco chipped in a free throw. The Mules

out scored Dimmitt 16-14 in the final frame. Elizalde led the Mules in scoring with 13 points. Leal finished with nine points, Flores made seven and Barron dropped in six. Orozco added five points and Avila and Guerrero

chipped in two each.

Littlefield tripled up on the Mules in the opening period and led 15-5 after the first eight minutes. Guerrero made the first and second hoop of the game to give the Mules a 4-0 in the opening period. That was the only lead of the game for the Mules. Flores chipped in a free throw before the period ended.

Littlefield added two points to their lead by the end of the first half. Guerrero broke the scoring ice in the second period with two minutes gone. He added a free throw before the half ended.

Leal made a hoop and added a free throw, Avila sank a bucket and Elizalde chipped in a free throw. The Mules trailed 26-14 at the intermission.

Littlefield had their biggest quarter in the third period and put up 22 points. The Mules could only find the hoop for five points. Flores drained a 3-pointer and Louie Guzman added a basket. The Mules trailed 48-19 with eight minutes left to play.

The Mules finally heated up in the final

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Lady Mule Baylee Bessire encounters a Lady Wildcat's paw during Friday's game.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

Lady Mules Have Rough Week

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules set the hook hard into the Bobbies of Dimmitt Tuesday night and began to reel them in during the second half.

The Lady Mules had fallen behind 31-12 in the first half.

The line snapped before the Lady Mules could net the Bobbies and fell 48-43. The Lady Mules never threatened the Littlefield Lady Cats on Friday night and the Lady Cats left town with a 44-23 win.

The Lady Mule defense only allowed the Bobbies to make two baskets and free throw in the third period. Alyssa Leal knocked down the first bucket of the second half for the Lady Mules.

She added a second hoop and a pair of free

throws to ignite the come-back attempt.

Carly Krug hit a hoop from the left elbow and Kaylie Morris added a hoop and a charity toss. The Lady Mules had cut five off the Bobbie lead and trailed 36-23 with eight minutes left to play.

Adrienne Precure picked a Bobbie's pocket, drove the floor and kissed the ball off the glass for the Lady Mules first hoop just 30 seconds into the final frame. Precure added a second hoop, three-of-four free throws and drained a 3-pointer as the Lady Mules continued to twist the crank and draw the Bobbies closer.

Leal added a pair of free throws and Krug dropped her second hoop and a charity toss. McKenna Dunham

went to work inside with a pair of hoops and a free throw. The Lady Mules cut the Bobbie lead to two points with just 45 seconds left in the game.

But the line snapped and the Bobbies swam away with a 48-43 win over the Lady Mules.

Precure led the Lady Mules with 13 points with 10 coming in the final quarter. Leal finished with 10 points and Dunham and Morris made seven points each. Krug added five points.

The Lady Mules struggled Friday night to get their engine started when the Littlefield Lady Cats visited Muleshoe. Only seven points were on the board for the Lady Mules at half time and Littlefield led 30-7 with 16 minutes left to play.

The Lady Mule defense held the Lady Cats to fourteen points in the second half and made up a little ground on Littlefield. Morris and Precure both hit 3-pointers in the third period.

The Lady Mules had their best period of offense and scored 12 points to gain two on the Cats.

Precure finished with six points to set the scoring pace for the Lady Mules. Morris and Dominique Mata dropped in five points each and Krug added four. Ivanna Agundis made one hoop for two points and Linda Sanchez chipped in one.

The Lady Mules faced Floydada Tuesday night and will travel to Friona on Friday night to battle the Squaws.

Mules Take Third

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Carlos Sosa led the Mule Powerlifting team to a third place finish in the Mules' first meet of the season.

Sosa competed in the 132 pound class and finished third as an individual with a total of 840 pounds.

Sosa had a squat lift of 330 pounds, benched 160 and a dead lift of 350 pounds.

The other Mules on the team are all freshman and lifted well for their first tournament according to their coach, Kirk Byrd.

Noah Del Toro competed in the 123 pound class and had a total weight of 480 pounds. He squatted 135 pounds, benched 95 and had a dead lift of 200 pounds.

Tyler Strader lifted in the 132 pound class

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SPORTS NEWS

Varsity Mules...

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period for 18 points. Avila led the Mules with three hoops and free throw for seven points.

Leal made a pair of buckets and Elizalde made a free throw and a hoop. Shaun Atwood and Barron dropped in a hoop each.

Avila led the Mules with nine points, Leal and Guerrero added seven points each and Flores dropped in six. Elizalde made four points, Barron and Guzman chipped in a basket each.

The Mules hosted the Floydada Whirlwinds Tuesday night and travel to Friona on Friday night to battle the Chieftains.



Mule Eli Leal stretches for two during the game against Littlefield.
Photograph by Stacy Conner

Freshmen Mules defeated by Friona, 35-32

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The freshmen Mules battled back from being down 6-1 after one period to trail 10-11 at the half.

The Mules continued to fire away at the Friona Braves and took a 23-21 lead after three quarters.

The Braves out scored the Mules 14-9 to take a 35-32 lead with 10 seconds left in the game.

The Mules got the ball to Blaine Shipman just as he crossed mid court. He took two dribbles and fired the ball at the hoop.

His shot was flat but hit the backboard and went through the hoop. The 3-point hoop would have tied the game but an official waved off the hoop and called traveling on Shipman.

The Mules fell 35-32 to the Friona Braves.

Grey Johnson made the Mules' only point in the first period with a free throw. Friona led 6-1 after one period.

The Mules heated up in the second period with Wes Clarkson nailing a 3-pointer from the corner and he added a hoop at the four minute mark that briefly gave the Mules an 8-7 lead.

Gerald Torres stuck back a rebound and Braden Bessire made a pair of free throws with two minutes left to give the Mules a 10-9 advantage. The Braves scored to lead 11-10 at the intermission.

Torres made the Mules first points of the second half with a hoop.

Shipman added a

bucket and Eshoya Lopez added a free throw. Chamel Regalado tied the game at 17-17 with a hoop.

JJ Gandara knotted the game at 19-19 with a basket and added a hoop later in the quarter. Roman Franco's hoop retied the game at 21-21 with 20 seconds left in the quarter.

Gandara put the Mules in front 23-21 with a pair of free throws in the final seconds.

Gandara made the Mules first points of the fourth quarter. Bessire finished a fast break and Shipman made a free throw. Lopez put the Mules on top 30-29 with 3:15 left in the game.

Jubilation was short lived after for the Mules

after the official waved off Shipman's 3-point shot and was replaced with despair.

Gandara scored all eight of his points in the second half to lead the Mules. Clarkson finished with five points, Bessire and Torres dropped in four and Shipman and Lopez added three points each. Regalado and Franco made two points each and Johnson chipped in one point.

The Mules hosted Abernathy Monday evening and will travel to Idalou on Jan. 16.

Third Period Effort Not Enough For Eighth Grade

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules had fallen behind the Friona Braves 18-8 by the intermission. Danny Campos led the Mules as they came charging back in the third period with three baskets.

The Mules cut two points from the Friona lead during the third quarter.

Friona put the Mules away by out scoring them 15-7 in the final quarter to leave the Junior High gym with a 39-23 defeat of the Mules.

Campos scored the Mules first hoop of the game and Jaxon Lee cleaned up an offensive rebound and put it back in as the first period came to a close. The Mules trailed 10-4 after one quarter.

Josh Lopez made a basket and added two free throws for all of the Mules' second quarter points. The Mules trailed 18-4 at the half.

Lopez added his second hoop of the game in the third quarter

to go with the three that Campos scored. Friona led the Mules 24-16 with one quarter left to play.

Kevin Pope, Brandon Chavez and Triston Boehning made a hoop each in the fourth period and Lopez dropped in a free throw.

Campos set the scoring pace for the Mules with eight points. Lopez added seven points. Pope, Chavez, Boehning and Lee chipped in two points each.

The Mules hosted the Abernathy Antelopes Monday and then travel to Idalou to face the Wildcats on Jan. 16.

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Seventh Grade Mules Defeat Friona, 39-9

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh Mules scored as many points in the opening period as the Friona Braves did in four quarters Thursday evening.

The Mules rolled to a 39-9 win over the Braves.

Jason Flores cranked the Mules offensive engine with two baskets in the opening period. Tre Villa had a free throw and a bucket for three points and Donovan Guterrez added a hoop.

The Mules had held Friona to two points and led the Braves 9-2

after one quarter.

Jesse Leal made back-to-back buckets in the second frame as the Mules kept their foot on the scoring accelerator. J. Flores and Villa added a hoop each while Guterrez and Mario Flores each dropped in a free throw.

The Mules had increased their lead to 19-5.

Friona could not find the hoop in the third period. Beto Diaz made a hoop and a pair of free throws to lead the Mules in scoring in the third quarter.

Leal, J. Flores, M. Flores and Dagen

Dunham added a hoop each. The Mules led 31-5 with one quarter left to play.

Noah Miller broke into the scoring column in the final frame with a basket. M. Flores, Dunham and J. Flores made a hoop each. The Braves had their best period with four points.

J. Flores set the scoring pace for the Mules with 10 points. Leal finished with six points, Villa and M. Flores made five points each. Diaz and Dunham added four points each, Guterrez dropped in three and Miller chipped in two.

The Mules hosted Abernathy Monday to wrap up their first round of district Monday evening.

The Mules will travel to Idalou on Jan. 16.

Junior Livestock Show Set

The Bailey County Junior Livestock Show is set for Jan. 20-21 at the Bailey County Coliseum, on West American Blvd.

Muleshoe Powerlifting...

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with Sosa. He squatted 200 pounds, benched 100 and finished with a dead lift of 205 pounds for a total of 505 pounds.

Carlos Martinez competed in the 220 pound class and had a total of 695 pounds. He started with a squat lift of 275 pounds.

He raised 170 pounds in the bench press and

finished with a dead lift of 250.

Jordan Russell lifted in the 275 pound class and finished with a total of 560 pounds.

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• 157 acre irrigated farm with 2 irrigation wells, circle sprinkler, nice 3 BR, 2 bath, brick 2,000+- s.f. country home with basement, ch/ref A/C, fireplace, dom. well, and barns/corrals. Call for more details.

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- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, approx. 2271' lv. area, basement, 26' x 30' metal insulated bldg., fence yd.!! **\$155K!!**

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- 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, 2 carport, Cent A&H, Dishwasher, WB Stove, approx. 2156' lv. area, 217 E. Elm. **\$60K!!**
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- 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 spkrl, 5 wire barbwire fence, 36' x 48' metal insulated bldg w/2 12' doors!! MUCH MORE!!
- 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, built-ins, 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, built-ins, DW, approx. 2253' lv. area, fenced, horse barn w/corrals, hay & tack room!! **\$105K!!!!**
- Remodeled 3-2 Home on 20 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, basement, nice yard, auto. spkrl., wkshp., stor. bldg. approx. 2145' lv. area!! **\$150K!!**

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- Building w/approx. 3300' plus 1040' upstairs, Cent. A&H, 2 restrooms, MORE! **\$39,500!! MAKE OFFER!!**
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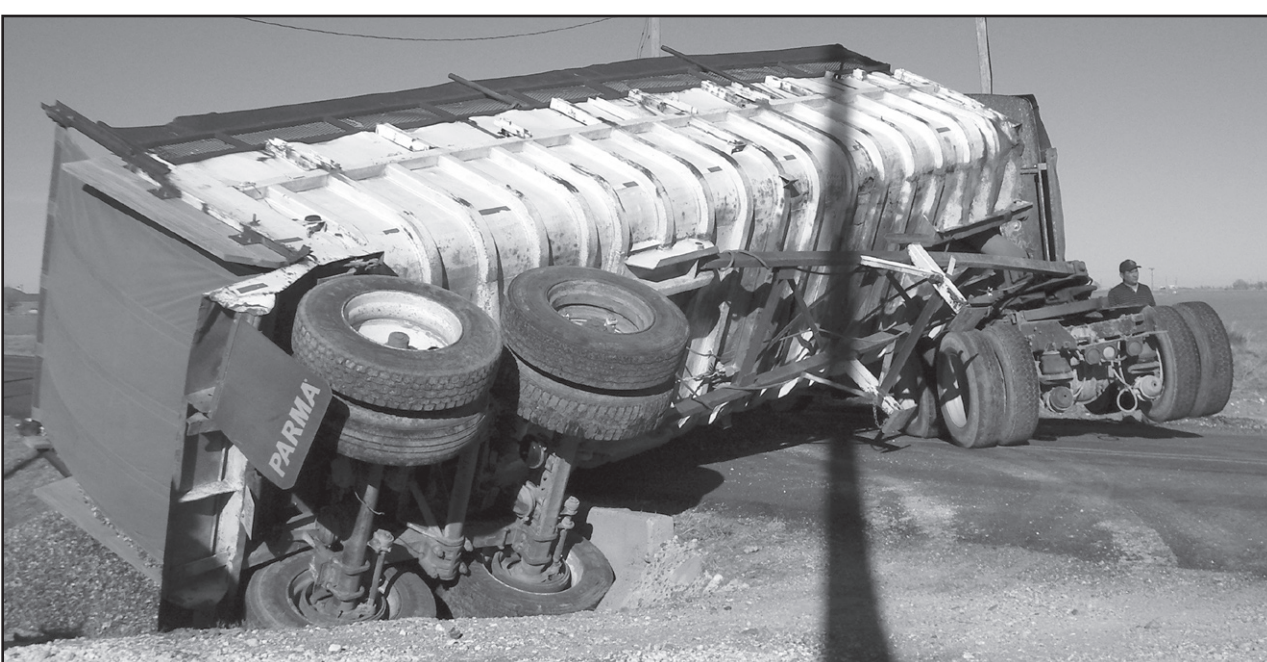


Burrs Overboard

A trucker experienced a bit of a burr problem Thursday, Jan. 5, when his trailer loaded with

cotton burrs toppled over on Hwy. 84 west of Muleshoe.

Photographs by Rhea Gonzales



Lazbuddied ISD Honor Rolls Released

The Lazbuddie Independent School District has released its most recent honor rolls.

Among the students included are:

Elementary "A"

Lluvia Alba, Noemi Garcia, Iliana Lopez, Peyton Martinez, Jayden Morris, Jacy Carpenter, Aidan McDonald, Wyatt Rainey, Trail Townsend, John Henry Schacher, Devon Pacheco and Andres Solano.

Elementary "AB"

Kinley Coker, Erin Martinez, Melany Vidales, Stephan Villasenor, Aubrey Admire, TJ Chavez, Julia Ibarra, Ethan Martinez, Carlos Perea, Aidan Ruiz, Maggie Vazquez, Presley Agee, Renske Crujisen, Maribel Gomez, Jr Vallejo, Miranda Salazar, Avery Timms, Jesus Arreola, Guus Crujisen, Marisol Gomez, Sidney Urbantke and Laura Ortiz.

Junior High "A"

TJ Ballard, Mattisun Hester and Ashley Scott.

Junior High "AB"

Triston Bomer, Julie Chavez, Jelle Crujisen, Bernardo Lopez, Ginsyn McGehee, Priscilla Salazar, Kenton Parish, Tamera Anderson, Iridian Fernandez, Juan Samarron, Austyn Steinbock and Micah Vera.

High School "A"

Lacey Jesko, Shyann Rainey, Jessica Estrada, Karina Galaviz, Shea Scott, Jarrod Jesko, Jordan Mason and Kylie McGehee.

High School "AB"

Femke Crujisen, Haley Beasley, Keena Diaz, Ashton Mason, Mercedes Morin, Autumn Townsend, Allison Weaver, Denise Sanchez, Ross Steinbock, Paola Estrada, Trevor Hill, Summer Lowe, Todd Nichols, Kenton Randolph and Justin Schacher,

Muleshoe Student Earns Position On All State Choir

On Saturday, Jan. 7, Muleshoe High School Junior Ryan Johnson earned a position in the Texas All State Choir.

He is the son of Chris and Adena Johnson.

The All State Choir audition process began on Saturday, Oct. 1, with the TMEA Region 16 Honor Choir auditions.

TMEA Region 16 includes all Lubbock and Abilene schools, as well as Plainview, Frenship, Snyder, Muleshoe, Brownfield, Levelland, Clyde, and Lubbock Cooper.

At this audition, 12 students from the region are selected on each voice part. These students come together in the following month to form the Region 16 Honor Choir, comprised of 96 singers.

Ryan was selected as one of the 12 members of the Tenor 1 Section. When students make this honor choir, they proceed to the next level of auditions.

The second level of auditions is called Pre-Area, and at this time the selected 12 in each

section compete for the top five positions to proceed on to Area.

On Nov. 11, these auditions were held in Abilene. Ryan was awarded second chair, which allowed him to move on to the Area auditions.

This level of audition is very competitive, and most of the selected students come from 4A and 5A high schools.

The Area round of auditions is the final round leading to membership in the Texas All State Choir.

Muleshoe's Area is composed of four regions. Students from Amarillo, Borger, Canyon, Dumas, Friona, Hereford, Pampa, Perryton, Denton, Springtown, Keller, Fort Worth, Decatur, Gainesville, Mineral Wells, Burkburnett,

Wichita Falls, Iowa Park, Southlake Carroll, Frisco, Colleyville, Carrollton, Flower Mound, Grapevine and Lewisville met together for the Area A auditions on Jan. 7.

Of the students competing at this level for the All State Choir positions, only eight were chosen in the men's sections and 10 in the women's sections. Ryan Johnson of Muleshoe was selected into the Texas All State Men's Choir.

Reportedly, only two percent of the students selected are from small schools (1A, 2A, 3A). Approximately six percent selected attend 4A high schools. The remaining 92 percent of the Texas All State Choir membership comes from 5A high schools across the state.

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or the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance-Rainfall Index for Grazing (PRF-RI) program offered through the Risk Management Agency (RMA).

Producers who meet the requirements of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmer or rancher do not have to meet the Risk Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR).

Program applicants should note that certain payment limitation and adjusted gross income eligibility requirements must be met in order to qualify for LFP and ELAP.

For more information on FSA's livestock disaster assistance programs, contact the Bailey County USDA Service Center at 806 272 4538. Information can also be obtained on line at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

News about your college student

If your college student is graduating or has made the Dean's or President's List, in order for that information to appear in the *Muleshoe Journal*, we must receive notice from the respective educational institution.

Your son or daughter must sign a release so the information can be sent to us.

Have them visit their bursar's office to sign a form indicating they wish to share their good news!

Once permission has been granted, the college or university should send the info via email to: editor@muleshoejournal.com.

Who are they?



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