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Photograph by Larry Thornton

Mules celebrate after the presentation of the 2A Div. 1 Quarterfinals trophy.

## Mules Take Quarterfinals



### Santa Clan Visits Again

Area residents, both young and old, braved Saturday's chilly temperatures to join the Claus couple at the annual Muleshoe Christmas parade. This year's entries included floats, vehicles and, of course, kids.



By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Muleshoe Mules were formerly known as the 'Boys of the Fall' have matured into the 'Men off December' by virtue of the fact they played in the Texas State Quarter-Finals on Dec. 2.

The Mules traveled to Odessa's famed Ratliff Stadium to meet the Eastland Mavericks.

The Mavericks were the district champions of District 4-2A, 12-0 on the season and rank number one in many football polls. Their quarterback was a highly touted D-1

college prospect.

Trent Brittain stands six feet two inches tall and weighs in at 170 pounds. He throws a tight spiral and was said to be able to hit a fly from 50 yards on a crossing route.

But the night was foggy, the kind of fog you can cut with a knife. A night much like the one that Santa Claus called on Rudolf with his shiny red nose to guide his sleigh in Gene Autrie's famous Christmas song.

Some might even say that Christmas came early for the Mules and ole Santa delivered them a 43-36 victory over the Mavericks to reach the Final Four in Class 2A Division I. It is the third time in 11 years that the Mules have reached the Texas State Semi-Finals.

"We found ourselves in very familiar territory

tonight," said Coach Wood. "This is the third playoff game in a row where it was close at the half we said in the locker room that we have to pull it out in the second half."

"We are a second half team and we pride ourselves on that fact. Eastland has a very high octane offense and we felt like we had found a way to at least slow them down. The bottom line for us was that we kept them off the score board."

"We celebrate tonight and start getting ready for Melissa early Saturday morning," concluded Wood.

The Mules were in what has become familiar territory for them in the playoff season by being the underdog according to most of the professional prognosticators. The

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## April's Christmas Doll

(As part of the Muleshoe Journal's effort to bring a bit of cheer to its readers during the Christmas season, the following serial story by Larry Thornton is being published.)

**Part 2**  
Down in west Texas, April was awakened from her nap by someone calling her name. sitting up, she rubbed her eyes and looked toward the bedroom door. It was closed.  
"Are you awake?" said a strange little

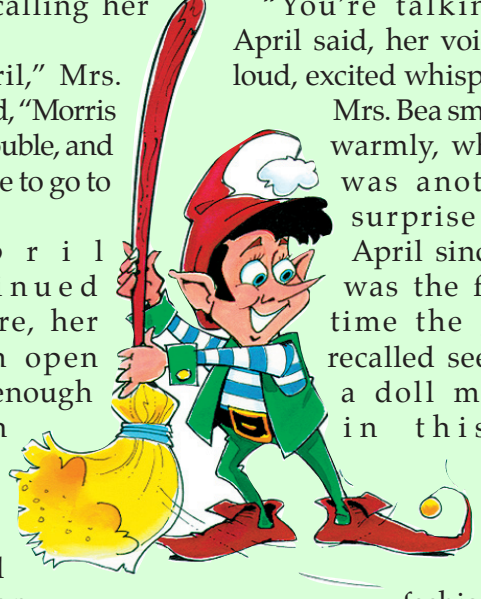
voice.  
April started and looked at the window on her left, expecting to see someone standing there. But no one was there. The afternoon sun was shining through, and thousands of dust particles were swirling through the light, dancing about Mrs. Bea, which April had placed on the bed next to her earlier when she'd laid down for her nap.  
"April, something's happened," Mrs. Bea said.  
April's heart jumped into her throat when

she realized who had been calling her name.  
"April," Mrs. Bea said, "Morris is in trouble, and we have to go to him."  
April continued to stare, her mouth open wide enough to catch a fairly large moth had it been dark outside and she out in it. Finally, she

swallowed... hard.  
"You're talking," April said, her voice a loud, excited whisper.  
Mrs. Bea smiled warmly, which was another surprise for April since it was the first time the girl recalled seeing a doll move in this fashion.  
"But we've talked before," the doll

replied.  
When April didn't say anything, Mrs. Bea continued. "Don't you remember last night's dream?"  
April thought for a moment, and suddenly her mouth dropped open again.  
"Tthh...tthh," Mrs. Bea clucked. "If you continue doing that, something could fly in there."  
April's mouth slammed shut.  
"That's better," the doll said. "We'll discuss your dream later. First, we have to help a

friend."  
"Who?" asked April.  
"An elf," said Mrs. Bea. When April's mouth dropped open again, the doll clucked at her, "Tthh... tthh... tthh."  
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It was a very nervous little girl who zipped up her school backpack, and with Mrs. Bea tucked gently in the fold her arm, tip-toed out of the bedroom and out through the back door. This wasn't the  
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# OPINION

## Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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

### Project Christmas Card

Project Christmas Card is under way at Park View Nursing Care Center. Mail donations to Joy Stancell at Park View, 1100 W. Ave. J, or drop donations off at Muleshoe State Bank or First Bank by Dec. 13.

### Scouting For Food

Muleshoe's Pack 620 cub Scouts will be picking up canned goods on Saturday, Dec. 10. Individuals wishing to donate items should place them on their front porch.

### MEDC Retirement

Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation, and the City of Muleshoe is hosting a retirement party for Janet Claborn on Friday, Dec. 16, from 2-4 p.m., in the Bailey County Electric Community Room, 610 E. American Boulevard.

## Preparing Our Hearts For Christ's Coming

Whether we'll have a White Christmas this year or not is anybody's guess, but a White Monday on the second week of Advent is now in the bag.

I love it! Nothing in all of nature is as beautiful as snow.

Add to that a church at Christmas with a fire in the fireplace, four or five well-lit trees, a warm sanctuary bedecked with garland twinkling with lights, some beautiful candles, snow gently descending on the lantern in the snow-scene on the video screen (matching what's falling outside), hot coffee waiting in the fellowship hall, and what's not to like?

It was the first day of our now-annual Advent devotionals. I think this is our sixth year to offer these little 10-minute moments of worship daily at 10 a.m., during the second and third weeks of Advent.

When I hatched the idea, I didn't know if anyone would come; I was just sure I needed to — which surprised me.

The last thing I needed during the holidays was another commitment, another



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Curtis Shelburne

group of services to design and lead.

Ah, but there's that word: "Holiday." What I needed in the midst of busy-ness was a particular time, even if just a simple and short moment each day, to pause and worship and center on the "holy," to be still and drink in some beauty and be reminded of what God had done and was doing — even if that congregation was just me.

I figured that maybe a few other folks would appreciate the same kind of worship and quiet reminder. And they have.

The little group has grown a bit each year. Not today, though. The snow pretty much did us in, but that's fine. I used the time to prepare for the next few days' services.

Preparation is what Advent is about. The word means arrival or "coming." Long centuries ago many

## Who Framed Sirhan Sirhan?

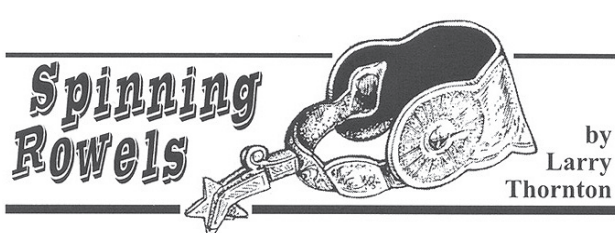
Okay, the question has arisen, again: Who framed Roger Rabbit?

Yes, it's been 23 years since the case was closed with the death of Judge Doom and his gaggle of cartoon goof-ups, but is the movie documenting the demise of Marvin Acme and the subsequent investigation acceptable evidence of the crime and Judd's presumed guilt... or is it time for the case to be heard once more?

For that matter, what about all of the other famous, infamous and cases that have gone through the courts?

At what point does truth get lost in a huge vat of cartoon-killing solvent?

Among the recent events to make the news from California is the filing of court documents seeking the re-trial, or release, of



Sirhan Sirhan, who was convicted of the 1968 assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Forget the fact that Sirhan took the witness stand and confessed in open court to shooting and killing Sen. Kennedy.

Since that time, Sirhan and his gaggle of supporters have raised a variety of claims seeking to strengthen their argument for a new trial, including claims that Sirhan was hypnotized by unknown conspirators at the time of the murder and thus has no memory of shooting Kennedy.

To be honest, this particular argument reminds me of a case

I heard about several years ago in which the defendant argued that he shouldn't serve time for driving while intoxicated because the person guilty of the offense was one of his alternate personalities.

Another reported claim is that one of the bullets recovered from a victim in the shooting — while Kennedy was a fatal victim of the shooting, several others were apparently hit also — hadn't been from Sirhan's firearm, and was switched for one that was, also suggesting that others were involved in what was alleged to be some type of government conspiracy.

While the actual documents filed in Sirhan's recent appeal have yet to hit the news,

I get the impression from the news stories that it contains both the kitchen sink and Area 51.

In fact, should this latest attempt at seeking a new trial for Sirhan, I wouldn't be surprised if it's supplemented with a re-write of an Oliver Stone movie script, or suggests a connection with Chappaquiddick.

For decades we've had to contend with the "grassy knoll" theory regarding the assassination of Robert Kennedy's brother, Pres. John F. Kennedy.

And, for a century and a half, we've had to listen to the stories, and alleged plots surrounding the death of Pres. Abraham Lincoln.

All of these conspiracy theories may foster interesting movie scripts, but it seems as if the courts ought to be able to do something when criminal appeals borrow too heavily from fiction.

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

Proverbs 3:5, NIV



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Tom Watson

### MULESHOE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 3,171,008	\$ 1,055,721	\$ 196,817	\$ 4,423,546
5800 State Program Revenues	8,447,811	809,946	152,528	9,410,285
5900 Federal Program Revenues	302,604	-	2,990,758	3,293,362
5020 Total Revenues	11,921,423	1,865,667	3,340,103	17,127,193
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	6,039,266	-	1,967,437	8,006,703
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	196,700	-	-	196,700
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	32,737	-	71,901	104,638
0021 Instructional Leadership	239,395	-	125,802	365,197
0023 School Leadership	877,568	-	-	877,568
0031 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	227,799	-	3,508	231,307
0032 Social Work Services	-	-	36,594	36,594
0033 Health Services	167,174	-	670	167,844
0034 Student Transportation	520,269	-	-	520,269
0035 Food Service	-	-	982,534	982,534
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	584,795	-	-	584,795
0041 General Administration	533,246	-	4,000	537,246
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,241,685	-	-	1,241,685
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	8,283	-	-	8,283
0053 Data Processing Services	45,629	-	-	45,629
0061 Community Services	1,509	-	15,035	16,544
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	-	920,000	-	920,000
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	-	1,110,826	-	1,110,826
0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	-	255,479	-	255,479
0081 Capital Outlay	4,029,418	-	1,140,561	5,169,979
0093 Payments to Shared Service Arrangements	128,009	-	106,370	234,379
0095 Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative	-	-	-	-
0095 Education Programs	11,060	-	-	11,060
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	89,526	-	-	89,526
6030 Total Expenditures	14,974,068	2,286,305	4,454,412	21,714,785
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)	(3,052,645)	(420,638)	(1,114,309)	(4,587,592)
1100 Expenditures				
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):				
7901 Refunding Bonds Issued	-	20,360,000	-	20,360,000
7912 Sale of Real or Personal Property	101,725	-	-	101,725
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	-	934,510	-	934,510
8940 Payment to Bond Refunding Escrow Agent	-	(20,770,000)	-	(20,770,000)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	101,725	524,510	-	626,235
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(2,950,920)	103,872	(1,114,309)	(3,961,357)
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	11,314,109	569,874	1,320,990	13,204,973
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 8,363,189	\$ 673,746	\$ 206,681	\$ 9,243,616

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# Local High School Students Are Enrolled In Body Shop

For the first time in many years, if ever, Muleshoe High School is offering an Auto Body Shop class this year.

This innovative class had its beginning when Todd Shipman, owner of Shipman's Body Shop, visited this summer with Carl Krug, assistant superintendent of the Muleshoe Independent School District, and Steve Myatt, principal of Muleshoe High School, about the possibility of having a body shop class for students in Muleshoe.

Shipman was very excited about the opportunity to provide a learning experience for students of Muleshoe High School.

Students enrolled in this class are able to actually work in a real body shop environment, providing them with a great opportunity to see if this type of work is something they might want to pursue in the future.

Four students — Pilar Campos, Manuel

## Super news from MISD

By Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets

Muniz, Alfredo Sanchez, and Jordan Stroud — all seniors at Muleshoe High School, are presently enrolled in this innovative class.

Shipman is a certified teacher.

His training as a teacher, combined with his experience in the body shop business, is a perfect combination to help students learn about the trade.

The class is held at the Shipman's Body Shop facilities on North First Street, and students spend the last hour of the school day at the body shop.

Their experiences range from learning basic safety rules and cleaning the shop to actual sanding, body work, and painting of vehicles.

Todd Shipman said that he enjoys working with the students, and he is excited about the

opportunity to help students learn the trade and other life lessons that will help them in whatever career they pursue.

He has a few older vehicles that he has owned for some time that the students are able to work on and learn about the different aspects of auto body work.

One student, Jordan Stroud, has been working on a personal project, and was able to continue working on it during the class.

When Jordan turned 16, his father, Scott Stroud, gave him the 1979 Chevrolet Camaro that he had driven back in the 1980s.

Jordan had been working to restore the Camaro for about two years. This class gave him the opportunity to work on it to the point that he should be finished restoring the

car before the school year is over.

Jordan completely broke down the car's engine and rebuilt it. He then began sanding and doing body work



Jordan Stroud at work on his 1979 Camaro.

on the car. He is in the process of completely repainting the 1979 Camaro a Victory Red with black racing stripes.

It really looks good! It looks like a professional

job.

In the future, we may be able to work with other trades and businesses here in Muleshoe to offer even more of these innovative courses. Currently, we offer classes in welding, ag mechanics, floral design, and certified nurse assistant.

We plan to offer auto mechanics next year. By partnering with businesses in Muleshoe like we have done with Shipman's Body Shop, we just might be able to offer more than that for our students in the future.

It's a great time to be a Mule!

## FFA Chapter Participates In Leadership Events

Members of the Muleshoe FFA chapter traveled to Hereford, on Wednesday, Nov. 9, to compete in the Littlefield FFA Leadership Development Events.

A total of 19 Muleshoe students participate in the events.

This was a qualifying event and any student that placed first or second advanced to the area contest. Any student or team that placed third were considered the alternates.

There are a total of 12 different events which reflect classroom instruction in basic leadership skills that are part of the agriculture, food and natural resources curriculum.

Muleshoe FFA members who competed at the district level, and their event; are as follows:

- Senior Creed Speaking — Bryant Torres, 11th; and China Williams, 12th.

- Junior Creed Speaking — T.J. Beckerink, fourth; and Grey Johnson, third.

- Job Interview — Baylee Bessire, fifth; and Stephanie Vasquez, ninth.

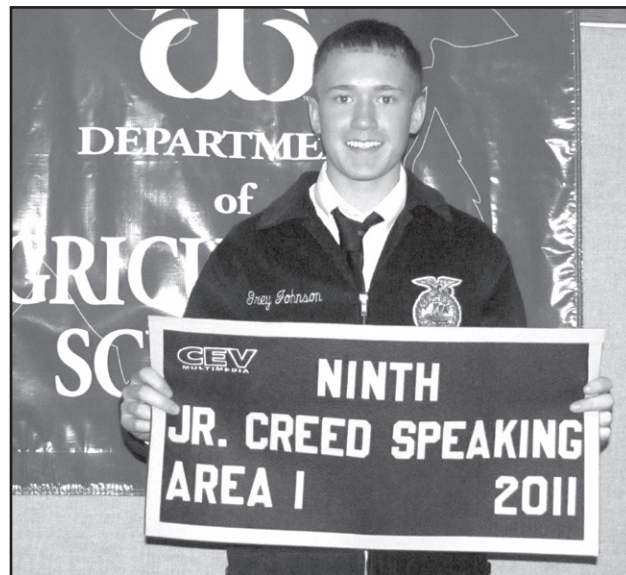
- Radio Broadcasting — David Rodriguez; Nathan Rejino, 11th; Eshya Lopez; Cristian Lopez; Bryant Torres, ninth, and Emanuel

Morales.

- Junior Quiz — T.J. Beckerink; Grey Johnson, third place team; Carlos Martinez; Braden Bessire and Nathan Rejino.

- Senior Quiz — Blake Edwards; Claudia Orozco, fifth; Alfredo Sanchez; Camilo Torres; Mateo Castillo, seventh, and Shawn Atwood.

Grey Johnson advanced to the Area I FFA Leadership Development Event and placed ninth in Creed Speaking.



Grey Johnson

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# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Hats off to the Muleshoe Mules again. Pat yourself on the back and know the citizens of Muleshoe are behind you all the way. May God go with you.

If you were not at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center on Saturday for the great pancakes, you missed a good time of fun and fellowship.

To all of you who were here, we appreciate your participation and support.

The ladies at the center have done a wonderful job decorating for us. We invite you to come by for coffee and see how beautiful everything is.

We greatly appreciate Joyce, Billie, Darlene, Marcha, Juanita, Gail, Betty, Nancy, and of course the men that helped, Alvin, Fred and Kenneth. Anyone who had a hand in making the center so beautiful for Christmas.

Monday, December 12, the monthly board of directors meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the center.

The meetings are open to the public. The board invites anyone with ideas to improve the center to meet with them.

We have several senior citizens who are under the weather. We miss you and hope you

are well and back with us soon.

Let us give thanks for the beautiful winter wonderland this morning. We urge everyone to be careful.

The center is open, come on in and enjoy.

**Menus for Dec. 12-16:**

Monday, Dec. 12 — Taco salad, chips, salsa and peach cobbler.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 — Rigatoni with meat sauce, lima beans, garlic bread, salad, mandarin oranges with whipped topping.

Wednesday, Dec. 14 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat rolls and

apple cobbler.

Thursday, Dec. 15 — Chicken teriyaki, rice, seasoned vegetables and strawberries and banana.

Friday, Dec. 16 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

## HealthTip

Small changes in eating will have a big impact on health. Just don't take that second helping or skip the dessert.

Share the information with someone you care about.

## MEDC Retirement Announced

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# BAILEY COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE



# Obituaries

## Harold Layton

Funeral services for Harold Layton, 80, of Seminole, were held on Monday, Dec. 5, at the First Baptist Church of Seminole with Harry Puttam and Tom Maynard officiating.

Burial followed in Enochs Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Morton.

Mr. Layton died on Friday, Dec. 2, 2011, in Seminole. He was born on April 27, 1931, to J.W. and Mary Etta (Parker) Layton in Crosbyton, and married Loretta Angel in Enochs on June 2, 1951. She preceded him in death in 1993.

He then married Norma Fain on Dec. 10, 1994, in El Paso.

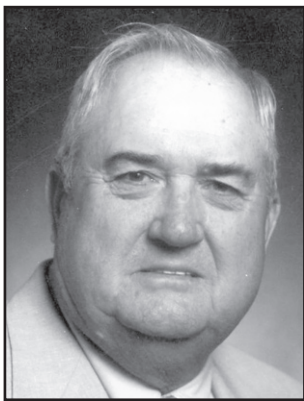
He was also preceded in death by his parents, and three sisters — Annie Lee Layton, Dora Lee Ellison and Pearl Mize; and a brother — J.W. Layton.

Mr. Layton moved to the Enochs community in 1944. He moved to Dell City in 1979 and then to Seminole in 2004.

Mr. Layton was a 1949 graduate of Bula High School.

He was a farmer and rancher in the Enochs and Dell City communities. He was also a member of First Baptist Church in Seminole and was ordained as a deacon in the First Baptist Church in Enochs.

He was a board



member of Rio Grand Electric Co-Op at Dell City, and a member of Bula Lions club. He had served in the US Air Force.

Survivors include his wife — Norma Layton of Seminole; a son — Robert Layton and wife Stacy of Seminole; three daughters — Pamela McDaniel of Georgetown, Freda Maynard and husband Tom of Florence, and Suzanne Nichols and husband Jerry of Muleshoe; a stepson — Steven Fain and wife Lynn of Columbus, Mo.; two stepdaughters — Karen Snodgrass and husband Brian of Seminole, and Cathy Arndt and husband Dan of Dodge City, Kan.; a brother — J.E. Layton and wife Wanda of Enochs; 19 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Enochs Cemetery Assn., c/o Wanda Layton, 3140 Cr 184, Morton, Texas, 79346, or the First Baptist Church Mission Fund, 202 SW Ave. B, Seminole, Texas 79360.

# Club News

# SCAC

The November Student Community Action Club meeting took place at the home Sarah Witworth's, where the organization's members discussed decorating the Christmas tree at the Jane's Ranch House.

It was agreed to

decorate the tree on Wednesday, Nov. 30, followed by a little Christmas get-together with snacks and drinks.

The members also discussed the food pantry Christmas boxes and their preparation for Saturday Dec. 3, that the SCAC members will help with.

Volunteering for the Salvation Army's Christmas collection was discussed, and it was agreed that the SCAC would participate in the fund-raising effort sometime in December at United Supermarkets.

The Citizen of the Month for January was chosen, as well.



**Citizen of the Month welcomed** — Beau Avila, Ryan Johnson and Matthew Ambriz welcome the SCAC's November Citizen of the Month, Dr. Leah Cole.

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## Baby Showers

### Norrod Feted



Candace Norrod

Candace Hutto Norrod was honored with a baby shower in the parlor of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe on Nov. 20.

Hostesses for the event included Mindy Locker Ash, Pam Atwood, Cindy Barrett, Brenda Black, Vicki Black, Annette Bonds, Nikki Bonds, Debbie Conner, Jo Ellen Cowart, Jo Jinks, Kay Lepard, Rebecca Linke, Ruth Locker, Megan Barrett Medina, Diane Saylor, Pam Thomason and Liz Tipps

Special guests included Debbi Hutto of Muleshoe, Nancy Vaughn of Tulia and Kaley Hutto of Lubbock.

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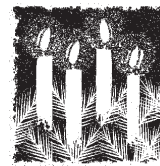
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## Death Notices

### Viola Hadaway

Earth resident Viola Hadaway, 95, died on Friday, Dec. 2, 2011, in Muleshoe. She was born on Aug. 23, 1916, to Walter and Maude Stout in Cillicothe. Funeral services were held on Sunday, Dec. 4, at the First Baptist Church of Earth.

### Addresses for charitable giving suggested

- Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Center, P.O. Box 201, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, (806) 272-5873.
- MOST Scholarship (given to all graduating MISD seniors yearly), c/o Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets, 514 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
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- Hope Chest, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347
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- Bailey County Food Pantry, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Meals on Wheels, 300 1st St., Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department, c/o Muleshoe City Hall, 215 S. First, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-4528.
- Lazbuddie EMS and Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 125, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.
- Park View Nursing Care Center, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Inc., 104 E. Ave. C, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-5727.
- Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 62, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, 115 E. American Blvd., Muleshoe 79347.
- Bailey County Child Welfare Board, P.O. Box 243, Muleshoe TX 79346, or call 272-3204.
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# AGRICULTURAL NEWS

## Whitefly, Tomato Growers Find Truce In New Variety

By Kathleen Phillips  
abd Rod Santa Ana  
Tamu.edu

The whitefly in Texas may be sending up a surrender flag to tomato processors in the state thanks to a Texas AgriLife Research scientist developing a new variety that resists the virus spread by this pesky insect.

A 10-year battle against the insect all but wiped out the tomato industry in Texas, but the new tomato already is encouraging small processors to stay in business, according to Dr. Kevin Crosby, AgriLife Research vegetable breeder.

"We first saw this new virus around 2002 or so," Crosby said.

"There were strains of this virus complex always in the Rio Grande Valley, but they weren't nearly as easily spread by the whitefly as this new strain

that originated in the Middle East and then went from Florida to Mexico and then came to Texas," he added.

"It spreads like wildfire. I've seen a 50-acre field just plowed under because they couldn't get a single tomato out of them. There are so many whiteflies down there in that subtropical region, you really can never completely eliminate whiteflies. You can't do it."

The researcher said tomato plants as young as three weeks old can be infected by the whiteflies, causing leaves to curl and turn yellow, ultimately killing the entire plant.

Tomato processing in the Rio Grande Valley pulled the plug rather than fight the prolific fly, industry officials said.

"Whiteflies just devastated the tomato

industry here," said Buddy Ault, owner of Rio Valley Canning Co. in Donna. "At one time the Rio Grande Valley was producing about 40,000 acres of tomatoes until the whitefly came along. Acreage plunged. Then, about five years ago we noticed that plants were dying just when the fruit was about to mature. The leaves turned yellow and cut off nutrients to the fruit, causing tomatoes to stay green on the inside."

Growers first blamed the whitefly, then realized a virus carried by whitefly was to blame, Ault said.

"So, we asked Texas AgriLife Research about the possibility of developing an open-pollinated, virus-resistant variety," he said.

Help came from previous research conducted in Texas,

aided by national and international vegetable breeding networks, Crosby said.

"Dr. Paul Leeper, who was a scientist at (AgriLife Research in) Weslaco for decades, did a lot of the early work on hot climate, processing tomatoes. As a result, he built a lot of very good varieties for the industry. In fact, his tomatoes at one point were the most popular tomatoes in tropical places because they could tolerate the heat," Crosby noted. "But we found out that they could not tolerate the new viruses that have been brought in by the whitefly."

Crosby called upon colleagues in Florida and Taiwan, who had identified tomato genes that provide resistance to the viral disease, in seeking plants to cross with the Texas varieties.

He got a supply to test from Dr. Peter Hansen at the World Vegetable Research and Development Center in Taiwan, as well as from Dr. Jay Scott, a world-famous tomato breeder at the University of Florida.

"We were able to cross those lines with our Weslaco lines and generate material that was adapted to Texas and that had good processing qualities," Crosby said.

For now, the new variety called T-5 is being tested by some producers in the Rio Grande Valley and Crosby said the results are promising.

"Because it combines two distinct virus-resistance genes, resistance has been outstanding," he said.

"The new variety is impressive," said Ault, whose company cans a mixture of diced tomatoes and green peppers for H-E-B's Hill Country Fare label.

"We like the T-5 very

much," he said. "It is highly productive, has good flavor, good color and is virus resistant. What we don't like about it is that it is an indeterminate variety, meaning not all the fruit sets and matures on the plant at the same time. As a processor, we prefer one that set fruit all at the same time. But considering we had little to work with prior to the T-5, we're optimistic Dr. Crosby's good work will prevail."

Crosby plans to continue the virus-resistance research for the fresh tomato types and to develop varieties suited for growing in the different climate across the state.

"Growers of fresh market tomatoes are interested in our work because there's little to nothing in the vine-ripe class or heirloom-type cultivars, which are well-adapted to the heat and have the virus resistance," Crosby said.

## Distinguished Texan In Agriculture Award Presented To Cattle Feeder Association Leader

By Kay Ledbetter

Ross Wilson, president of Texas Cattle Feeders Association, was honored with the Texas A&M AgriLife Distinguished Texan in Agriculture Award Dec. 1.

"As president and CEO of Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Ross is a visionary leader who actively takes advantage of opportunities to not only expand the membership and services of the association, but also improve the fed cattle industry and the general state of all Texas agriculture," said Dr. Mark Hussey, vice chancellor and dean for Agriculture and Life Sciences with the Texas A&M University System.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Distinguished Texan in Agriculture Award was established in 1993 to recognize the efforts of individuals who have gained unique distinction for their outstanding leadership and achievements on behalf of the Texas agricultural industry, the state and beyond.

Wilson has been with Texas Cattle Feeders Association since 1985, serving 13 years as government affairs director, eight years as vice president and the past five years as president. Prior to that, he served as a legislative assistant to former U.S. Rep. Jack Hightower of Texas.

The association represents more than 200 cattle feedyards in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, and 4,500 feeder members in several states producing almost 30 percent of the nation's fed beef supply.

"Trained initially as an agricultural economist, Ross is keenly aware that if

agriculture struggles, Texas will struggle," Hussey said. "Therefore, he has done everything in his power to create an environment where agriculture can flourish. He has been involved at the state and federal level in nearly every issue important to agriculture: environment, estate taxes, trade policy, renewable fuels and just about everything in between."

In addition, Wilson has successfully garnered support and funding for research programs in agriculture, and has served on several search committees for Texas AgriLife Research and Texas AgriLife Extension Service leadership, Hussey said.

"Mr. Ross Wilson's influence has benefited producers and consumers alike in the fed cattle industry and beyond, to make Texas a better place in which to live and conduct business," he said. "So for his skill and tenacity in fighting for Texas agriculture, we are pleased to present him the Distinguished Texan in Agriculture Award."

In accepting the award, Wilson said it was "undeserved but deeply appreciated."

Anything I have accomplished in my career has been because of partnerships with other groups, whether it be the leadership and staff at Texas Cattle Feeders Association, the leadership and scientists within the Texas A&M System, West Texas A&M University and other universities, our elected leaders and many others.

"I have been fortunate to work with a lot of talented and dedicated people in the Texas A&M System, which has provided the scientific

and educational basis for the cattle feeding industry to flourish in the Southern Great Plains,"

Wilson said. "I look forward to many more years of productive partnerships. I am truly humbled and honored to receive this award."

In receiving the award, Wilson joins 21 other individuals who have been named "Distinguished Texans," including retired state Rep. David Swinford, humanitarian and Nobel laureate Norman Borlaug, ranchers Mary Nan West and Tobin and John Armstrong, former Gov. Dolph Briscoe, poultry magnate Bo Pilgrim, longtime Texas Farm Bureau leader S.M. True, and Ed and Howard Kruse of Blue Bell Creameries.

Wilson has chaired and served on several

national cattle industry projects, is a member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association executive committee, has served as chair of the Texas Agricultural Council, the agricultural advisory committee to the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission.

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# Club News Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts enjoyed making decorations (paper chains, cut out mule shoes and other items) and pinning letters to the burlap skirt of their winning float in Muleshoe's Christmas Parade.

float featured a huge Christmas tree made of three tumbleweeds. The Daisys and Brownies sat on bales of hay. They all enjoyed being a part of the parade. Junior Girl Scouts, leaders and moms dashed about giving out candy canes and wishing everyone "Merry Christmas,"

pizza party they have earned. The Diva Mules will begin their cheerleading classes after the first of the year. Many activities are planned for the Girl Scouts and they enjoy meeting at the Calvary Baptist Church on Thursday afternoons at 4 p.m.

The Girl Scouts are looking forward to the

All girls are invited to come and join Girl Scouts.

# Cannon Commander Nominated For Promotion

Col. Albert "Buck" Elton II, commander of the 27th Special Operations Wing at Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., is among 40 colonels Pres. Barack Obama has nominated for promotion to the rank of brigadier general.

of brigadier general," said Colonel Elton. "This would not be possible without the support of my wonderful wife Karen, my family and the remarkable Airmen I am privileged to serve with," he added.

hard-work, and professionalism every day as they grow our base and deliver specialized airpower capabilities worldwide," Elton said. "I want to thank the incredible communities of Clovis, Portales and Melrose for their unyielding support of our Airmen and their families; our partnership is critical to our mission's success," he said.

"I am honored to be nominated for promotion to the rank

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## Varsity Hornets

Back row — Jasmine Weaver, Kaylie Miller, Danielle Logan, Bailee Black, KyLee Shultz, Jade Goen; front row — Caitlyn Netherland, Ashlee Koontz, Victoria Williams, Harlee Koontz, and Keela Chester.



## Varsity Hornets

Back row — BJ Johnson, Elijah Ramon, Reece Harper, Ty Shaw, Mitch Edwards, Dayton Fisher, Tanner Fisher, Andrew Ramon, Ethan Herrera, Jake Chester; front row — Managers Audrey Binion and Ryan Fred, Coach Warren Swarb, Coach Doug Tipton, Dakota Rogers, Managers Kelbi Harris and Julie Gonzales.



## JV Hornets

Front row — Nik Clarkson, Gabriel Zamora, Ajay Barron, and Luis Briseno; back row — Tommy Whitehurst, Kort Hill, Noah Lance, Case Vanderlei, Chris Richards, Luke Tiller; Coach Doug Tipton.

# Hornets Listed Among Dist. 3-1a Honorees

Springlake-Earth's Nathan Garcia was selected as the District 3-1A Division II District MVP for the 2011 football season, and the Springlake-Earth coaching staff was awarded staff of the year by their fellow coaches in the district.

running backs selected were Richard Montes from Sudan, Trey Farris from Nazareth, and Andy Garcia from Springlake-Earth.

from Sudan, Jacob Drennan from Sudan, Ubaldo Trevizo from Farwell, Anthony Ortiz from Bovina, Aaron Castaneda from Bovina, and Shane Roberson from Springlake-Earth.

Farwell, and Ryan Fred from Sudan. Second team defensive line included Garret Presnell from Farwell, Jacob Drennan from Sudan, and David Anstead from Springlake-Earth.

Springlake-Earth was well represented in the selections as well as Farwell. Farwell's Collin Christian was named the Offensive District MVP, and Farwell's Edgar Cuevas was named the Defensive MVP.

First team receivers were Jose Lara from Bovina, Seth Meeks from Farwell, Will Green from Springlake-Earth, and Dayton Fisher from Sudan. Second team receivers selected were Kristian Antillon from Bovina, Joseph Casas from Bovina, and Curt Langford from Farwell.

On the defensive side, first team linebackers included Andrew Marrufo from Bovina, Kolton Morris from Farwell, Jeremy Glover from Springlake-Earth, and Richard Montes from Sudan. Second team linebackers included Alejandro Guevara from Bovina, Eric Graxiola from Farwell, Daniel Kern from Nazareth, Uriel Delgado from Sudan, and Andy Garcia from Springlake-Earth.

First team secondary selections were Jose Lara from Bovina, Seth Meeks from Farwell, Elder Rojas from Springlake-Earth, and Bill Nolte from Sudan. Second team secondary selections went to Gael Vela from Bovina, Keenan Albracht from Nazareth, Will Green from Springlake-Earth, and Dayton Fisher from Sudan.

Springlake-Earth was well represented in the selections as well as Farwell. Farwell's Collin Christian was named the Offensive District MVP, and Farwell's Edgar Cuevas was named the Defensive MVP.

First team tight ends selected were Gael Vela from Bovina and Jesse Alair from Springlake-Earth. Second team tight ends were Ty Shaw from Sudan and Alex Mejia from Bovina.

First team defensive ends included Kory Jenning from Farwell, Abdiel Ramos from Bovina, Jesse Alair from Springlake-Earth, and Andrew Ramon from Sudan. Second team defensive ends included Ty Shaw from Sudan and Ubaldo Trevizo from Farwell.

Special teams selections were first team punters Gael Vela from Bovina and Jeremy Glover from Springlake-Earth. First team kicker went to Jesse Alair, and second team kicker went to Cesar Medrano from Sudan.

First team running backs selected were Marcos Terrones from Bovina, Kolton Morris from Farwell, Keenan Albrach from Nazareth, and Bill Nolte from Sudan. Second team

First team offensive line selections were John Wilhelm from Nazareth, Ryan Fred from Sudan, David Martinez from Bovina, Garrett Presnell from Farwell, Colby Conner from Springlake-Earth, Jeremy Glover from Springlake-Earth, and Naz Maldonado from Springlake-Earth. Second team selections included Mitch Edwards

First team defensive line included Aaron Castaneda from Bovina, Ryder Ledbetter from

Special team players selected were Logan Robb from Nazareth, Curt Langford from Farwell, Jorge Luna from Bovina, Bill Nolte from Sudan, and Jesse Alair from Springlake-Earth.

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# April's Christmas Doll

**Continued from A1**  
 first time April had gotten up from a nap without permission, but this was the first time she'd gone outside rather than play quietly in her room.

Although she knew what she was doing wasn't right, April didn't know what else she could do. Mrs. Bea's friend, Morris, was in trouble and there didn't appear to be anyone else who could help the elf.

As she ran across her yard and dodged the bush in the northeast corner, April considered turning back. Daddy would help Mrs. Bea, April thought to herself as she ran down the sidewalk. He didn't believe in Santa Claus, or even the Easter Bunny for that matter, but he'd help Mrs. Bea... she just knew he would.

Still, she continued running, a new tear falling from her now damp cheek with each step she took. Her father hadn't told her otherwise, but April had been told by kids slightly older than she was that parents weren't allowed to believe in Santa Claus.

April's efforts to tell herself that her father was different didn't sound convincing even to her. It wasn't long before April was inhaling sharply due to her exertions and her crying.

"There, there, little one," Mrs. Bea said,

apparently unmindful of the fact that the doll was being carried by April instead of the other way around. "You'll wear yourself out. We've a long way to go yet."

April sniffled slightly as she slowed to a walk. "I'm okay. Where is Chicago?"

"It's a long way from here," the doll said.

"Farther than school or the park?" asked April, looking down at the doll tucked in her arm. "I'm not supposed to go past the school in this direction."

"Chicago is much farther than that," the doll said. "Would you like me to tell you a story as you walk?"

April nodded her head, thankful for anything that would distract her from the uncertainty she was feeling.

"Once upon a time," Mrs. Bea began.

Morris sat in the corner of a small room, his head down, his chin resting on both of his fists. He'd lost track of the time he'd been sitting there.

Although Morris had answered all the questions the security officer Harry Lipton asked, Morris could tell the answers hadn't been well received. Other elves had told him about the humans, and especially adult humans, disbelief in elves and even more surprising the existence

of Santa Claus, but this was the first time he'd personally encountered it.

"Of course there's a Santa," Morris had told Lipton, "Where do you think children get their Christmas presents?"

Lipton smiled and said, "From here, or rather stores like this one, which sell them."

Morris slowly shook his head, saddened by the security officer's lack of belief. "But haven't you ever gotten a present no one you knew put under the tree?"

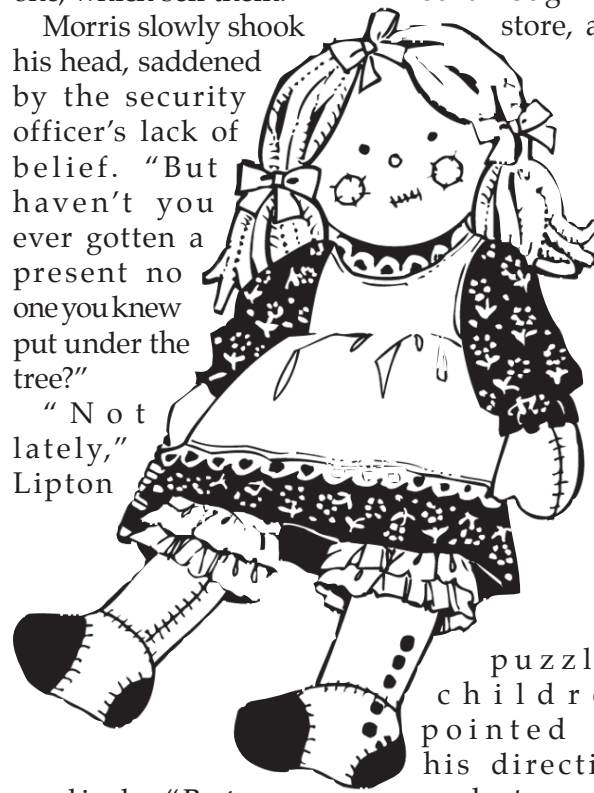
"Not lately," Lipton

replied. "But when you were just a child..." the elf said before the officer suddenly cut him off. "Listen, I don't care how you dress or whether you believe in Ole St. Nick," Lipton said. "You just can't go around the store talking to the toys and asking about a magical doll."

"But..." Morris said. Lipton held up his hand. "Just hold it," he said. "We've called the police. You can tell them your story again... I've got other work to do."

With that he gave some final instructions to the uniformed security officer seated behind a desk and left the room.

A few minutes later, a pair of Chicago police officers arrived, handcuffed Morris and led him down to their patrol car. Heads turned as the elf was led through the store, and



puzzled children pointed in his direction and tugged insistently on their mothers' coats.

"Mommy, isn't that one of Santa's elves," Morris heard a small blond-haired boy ask as he was led by.

"Of course not, Honey," the mother said, patting the child on his head. "Santa's elves don't get rouble with the police."

When Morris tried to give the child a reassuring smile, the child scooted to safety behind his mother.

Morris sighed

heavily, and wondered how he'd get out of the predicament in which he'd found himself. A little while later, Morris was ushered from the patrol car and into the small room with its small square window far above the elf's head.

The young elf had few doubts about the psychiatrist the police said would come by to speak with Morris. Since few children passed medical school, the chances of the psychiatrist believing Morris' story were so slim he didn't want to think about it.

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Exactly how far April had walked while she listened to Mrs. Bea's story she didn't know, but a quick glance around told the ten-year-old girl that she was in a section of town she'd never seen before. "Is it much farther to Chicago?" she asked.

"Yes," the doll said with a tiny nod of her head, "but you can rest in a few minutes."

Just as Mrs. Bea predicted, April was able to rest a short time later. Rounding a corner, they found themselves at the local bus station.

"Get on that one," Mrs. Bea urged, indicating a bus which a line of passengers were boarding. Over the windshield of the bus was the word "Chicago."

"But I don't have a ticket," April

protested.

"Couldn't you try?" asked Mrs. Bea. "Something has upset Morris terribly... I can feel it."

April stood there, watching the line as it grew shorter, and chewing on her lip. Finally, when there were just a few more passengers waiting to board, she ran forward and pushed herself into the middle of the line.

"Hey," said the elderly gentleman she'd crowded in front of.

"I'm sorry. My... my mother's already on board waiting," April lied, the words almost catching in her throat.

The gentleman frowned down at her, but when his eyes took in Mrs. Bea, his eyes suddenly sparkled and the corners of his mouth turned upward.

April glanced down at the doll also, and caught a quick wink from Mrs. Bea before the doll resumed the "normal" expression she had maintained for everyone, including April, until earlier that day.

As the line moved by the bus driver collecting boarding passes, the driver glanced briefly down at April before turning toward the man behind her. "Rules say if the child doesn't have a ticket she's supposed to ride in your lap."

"But..." the elderly gentleman started to say.

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Mavericks take a loss for the season

**Continued from A1**  
Mules were picked to lose by a margin of three to seven points.

But the Mules have an intangible that the prognosticators can not seem to get a handle on and that is heart. They may be small in stature, not have the speediest player on the field but that they have heart. Along with that huge heart they seem to be more like brothers than team mates and only want to speak of the accomplishment of the team rather than any personal numbers.

The high flying and extremely talented Eastland Mavericks soon found themselves in a fight for their playoff lives and no one better served notice than Ryan DeLeon when he continued to stay with his receiver when it was obvious to everyone that the Mavericks were running a reverse.

Caleb Hullum, a wide receiver, had taken the handoff on the reverse from running back, Brandon Allen. Allen suddenly stopped and launched a left handed rainbow pass up into the fog. The ball reappeared some 40 yards down the field and DeLeon was there to pick it off at the Mule's 17.

The first quarter was a defensive battle that went back and forth mostly between the 20 yard lines. The only points in the first 12 minutes of the game came when Beau Avila was trapped in the Mule end zone and tackled for a safety giving the Mavericks two points.

The Mules were forced to kickoff from their own 20 after the safety and Eastland returned the ball to the Maverick 42. The Mule defense stiffened after Brittain completed a five-yard swing pass. Brittain kept the ball on second down as was greeted by Shaun Atwood and Joel Regalado and made one yard.

Brittain faked the dive to his running back but probably wished he had handed it off because Atwood, Ryan Johnson and Issac Baca were crashing through the line and made the stop for a five-yard loss. Saul Elizalde returned the punt to the Mule 23.

The second period began with the Mules trailing 2-0 and facing a second down and 10. I. Baca blew through a hole in the middle of the line



Mules prepare to "team rope" a Maverick during Friday's game.

Photograph by Larry Thornton

for seven yards. Avila ran a quarterback sneak from the shotgun that netted a Mule first down with a yard to spare.

Elizalde made a sliding catch at the near mid field for a first down. Elizalde also caught a 14-yard toss from Avila at the Eastland 37. A penalty set the Mules back 15 yards following a 17-yard gain on the option play by I. Baca.

Avila found eight yards on a run through the left side. I. Baca caught a pass for 20 yards to the Eastland five. On first and goal Elizalde changed his pass route and ran a fade.

Avila spotted a very small window and fired a strike low and near the pylon in the back corner of the end zone. Elizalde scooped up the ball just inches off the turf for the first touchdown of the game. The Mules had consumed four minutes and 21 seconds of the second quarter with the 13-play scoring drive. The Mules led 7-2 with 7:39 left in the half.

Following an exchange of punts Elizalde picked off a Brittain pass at the Mule three. On second down Avila was trapped in the end zone and one official was calling him down when the ball popped out and into the hands of a Maverick.

Eastland was awarded a touchdown with 2:17 left in the first half. The Mavericks had run a modified form of the Swinging Gate and had scored each time. But the center snapped the ball before Brittain was ready and the ball sailed back to the 20 yard line where Brittain covered it. The Mavericks led 8-7.

The Eastland kickoff sailed down the middle of the field and hit the turf near the 10 and took a short hop into Elizalde's knees.

The ball shot forward and Elizalde picked it up and headed up field. The return was to the left and he sailed through a gaping hole the Mules had opened for him. As he raced 88 yards he picked up a Mule escort to the end zone. Avila hit DeLeon in the end zone for the 2-point conversion and a 15-8 Mule lead.

Eastland marched down the field and Brittain scored on a three-yard run with 34 seconds remaining in the half. The PAT was good and the game was tied at 15-15 at the intermission.

Some observers might have thought the Mavericks had the momentum because of the late TD to tie the game. But those folks do not know that the Mules

own the second half.

Eastland sent a short but towering kick to start the second half. DeLeon put his hand in the air for a fair catch and reeled in the ball at the Mule 40. I. Baca gained one yard on first down on the option pitch. Mule head coach David Wood wanted I. Baca running straight up the field.

I. Baca took the hand off from Avila shot through a crack the Mule offensive line had opened in the Maverick defense. DeLeon escorted Baca on his 59-yard jaunt to pay dirt. Elizalde added the point after and the Mules led 22-15 with 11:23 on the clock in the third quarter.

"The turning point in the game happened before we got here," said Mule running back I. Baca. "It is our team."

Shawn Atwood agreed after the game when he said, "This team has a lot of experience and when things go bad for us we just pull together."

The Mule defense held Eastland to three yards on three downs and forced a punt that rolled dead on the Mule 31. The Mules marched 69 yards on eight plays with I. Baca spinning and breaking tackles as he picked his path through the Mavericks for a 19-yard TD. Elizalde tackled

on the point after for a 29-15 Mule lead.

The Mavericks were able to put together a scoring drive to stay close to the Mules. The drive went 65 yards on eight plays and Brittain scored on a seven-yard run. The PAT was good and the lead had been cut to 29-22 with 5:08 left in the third.

Neither team could mount a scoring drive until Junior Baca took a forward pitch from Avila the final seven yards for a TD. The drive had started on the Mule 10. J. Baca had runs of two and five yards before scoring on the shovel pass.

I. Baca had pounded out runs of eight and 42 yards and Avila had gains of six, 10 and two yards on the eight-play 90-yard scoring drive.

Eastland returned the ensuing kickoff to the Maverick 32 and picked up one first down before throwing and incomplete pass on fourth down at the Eastland 37.

J. Baca went 13 yards on the first Hammer Play the right side of the line. I. Baca carried the final 24 yards for his third touchdown of the night with 2:41 left in the game. Juan Guerrero booted the point after for a 43-22 Mule lead.

The Mules went to a prevent style of defense and the Mavericks moved the ball down the field and scored on a twice tipped pass in the end zone. The kick was good and cut the Mule lead to 43-29.

An obvious off sides was not called on the Maverick kicking team and they recovered an onside kick at the Mule 49. Eastland scored again with 21 ticks on the clock to cut the Mule lead to 43-36.

A flag was thrown on the Mavericks second attempt at an onside kick and five yards was stepped off. Avila covered the third onside attempt like a third baseman smothering a short-hop. The Mules ran Coach Wood's favorite play twice to extinguish the clock.

The Mules rolled up 322 yards on the ground and 112 through the air for a total of 434 yards of offense. Avila completed eight of 19 passes for one touchdown and had one interception. He rushed 17 times for 53 yards.

I. Baca provided 235 yards on 19 carries and scored three TDs. He also caught one pass for 20 yards. J. Baca rushed six times for 27 yards and had one catch for seven yards and a score. Elizalde made five receptions for 55 yards and a TD. Eric Orozco had one catch for 34 yards to end the first half and Ray Martinez had one catch for three yards.

The Mule defense gave up 230 rushing and 229 through the air for a total of 459 yards. Many of the yards came during the prevent defense. Brittain completed 22 of 41 passes 229 yards and two TDs and had one intercepted. He also ran 16 times for 96 yards. Allen rushed 16 times for 96 yards.

Martinez held the Maverick premier receiver, Hullum, to just four catches for 51 yards. He also made five tackles, two for losses, broke up two passes and made a big hit. Orozco led the Ball Hawks and the Mules with nine tackles, broke up a pass and made a big hit. DeLeon made seven tackles and pulled down an interception. Elizalde had four tackles, one interception, broke up three pass, made two big hits and one special teams tackle.

I. Baca finished with eight tackles, one for a loss and caused a fumble. Regalado had six stops, one for a loss, one sack, one hurry and four special teams tackles. Caleb Wood made six tackles and David Gonzales had six tackles and a quarterback hurry. Guerrero made three tackles, two for losses, one sack, and four quarterback hurries. Atwood finished with five tackles, two for loss and two quarterback hurries.

The Mules will now meet the Melissa Cardinals in the Texas State Semi-Finals in Sweetwater's Mustang Bowl. Melissa defeated the three-time defending state champion Dangerfield team.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m., and the Mule cheerleaders and the Mighty M Band are encouraging all Mules fans to PACK the Mustang Bowl stands at 6 p.m. for a pep rally that will last until the kickoff.



Mule Beau Avila sets up to pass.

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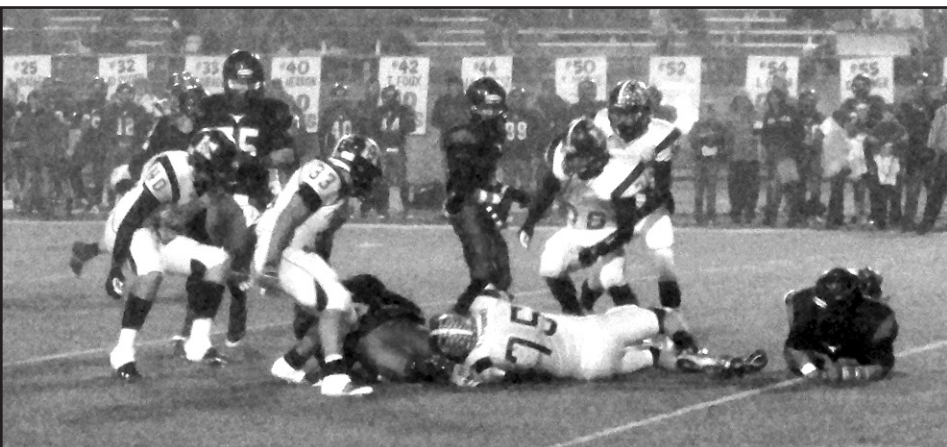
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# SPORTS NEWS



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## FOOTBALL CONTEST 2011

By Rhea Gonzales

Big congrats to our Muleshoe Mules on a big win against the Eastland Mavericks! Way to go!

Here is a run down of last week's playoff winners: Muleshoe, Burton, Tatum, Munday, Melissa, Wellington and Hempstead. A special pat on the back to Springlake-Earth, you played a heck of a season!

This week's Playoff Picks will consist of 2A-Muleshoe vs. Melissa, Tatum vs. Hepstead, 1A- Wellington vs. Munday, Tenaha vs. Burton, 3A-Alvarado vs. Chapel Hill, 4A-Dawson vs. Lake Travis and Midway vs. Tyler. Good luck to all teams and safe driving to all who attend these games!

We had only one contestant pick five of seven games correctly, so this week's winner of the Playoff Picks \$25 Pizza Hut™ gift card will be Darin Bratcher. Congrats, Darin, on your win!

Your score for the week will be the amount of games you guessed correctly. If you have any questions about your current standings in the contest, you can give us a call here at the Muleshoe Journal, 806-272-4536, and we would be happy to give you your updated totals.

Here are the current total for the Playoff Picks: Butch Green 5, Sherri Harrison 9, Terry Field 5, Shelbi Harrison 12, Gerald Bond 7, Scott Brown 16, Debbie Weir 11, Conner Harrison 10, Hilbert Wisian 13, Roberto Ramirez 5, Ruben Mata 5, Josh

Garza 10, John Paul Garza 10, Anna Lopez 10, Gabriel Toscano 6, Sue Bond 9, Darin Bratcher 16, Fernando Toscano 15, Claire Brown 16 and Raymond Villalobos 8.

Please play every week to increase your chances of winning the weekly \$25 Pizza Hut™ gift card and end of season Playoff Picks Tailgate prize.

There are lots of ways to enter the football contest. You can come by the office and drop off your entry (201 W. ave. C), our hours of business are Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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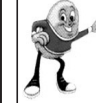


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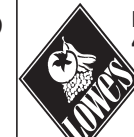
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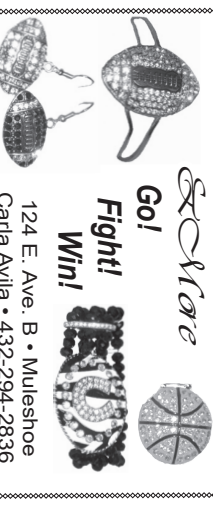


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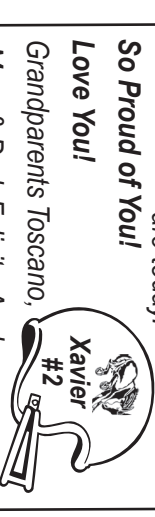


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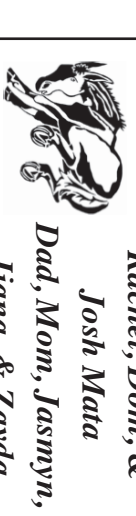


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# SPORTS NEWS

## 'Turnovers' Give Victory To Lady Whitefaces

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules may have had to much hand lotion as they seemed to turn the ball over numerous times in the opening period against the Hereford Lady Whitefaces Tuesday, Dec. 6.

But seemed to get things under control after that and began to make a strong run at Hereford.

The Lady Mule trailed 18-6 after one quarter and roared

back with a 19-8 run in the second period to trail 26-25 at the half. The third quarter went to Hereford 24-10 and the Lady Mules just could not make up the difference in the final eight minutes.

The Lady Mules fell 72-64 to Hereford.

Dominique Mata made a pair of free throws two and half minutes into the game for the Lady Mules first points. She added a hoop later and Alyssa Leal made a basket. The

Lady Mules trailed 18-6 after one quarter.

A fired up Lady Mule team hit the floor in the second period and Mata again made the first two points.

McKenna Dunham made a pair of free throws and a pair of buckets for six points in the period.

Leal and Carly Krug both made hoops and Krug added two free throws and Leal sank one. Adrienne Precure and Linda Sanchez both found the range for a

basket each.

The Lady Mules had mounted a 19-8 run to trail 26-25 at the intermission.

Hereford took charge in the third period and out scored the Lady Mules 24-10.

Leal made the first hoop of the second half and the Lady Mules briefly led the game. She added a second basket and a charity toss.

Precure drained a 3-pointer and a free throw and Ivana

Agundis got on the board with a free throw. The Lady Mules trailed 50-35 with eight minutes left to play.

The hole was to deep but the Lady Mules shoveled as much dirt as they could get in it in the final eight minutes. Precure was six of 10 from the charity line and dropped in a basket for 11 points in the quarter.

Agundis made three of four from the line and nailed a 3-pointer. Dunham added a pair of free throws and two more buckets while Samantha Reyna, Leal and Sanchez made a

hoop each.

The Lady Mules had out scored Hereford 29-22 in a losing effort.

Precure set the scoring pace with 17 points, Dunham added 12 points and Leal dropped in 10. Agundis made seven points and Sanchez and Krug finished with four each. Reyna chipped in two points.

The Lady Mules traveled to Brownfield Tuesday to meet the Brownfield Lady Cubs. Their next game will be December 13 when they host the Abernathy Lady Lopes at 6:30pm in the new high school gym.

## JV Lady Mules 'Cruise' To A Win

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules served notice to the Hereford Lady Whitefaces Tuesday, Dec. 6, that they were in a battle in the first quarter.

The Lady Mules went on a 14-0 run that lasted the final four minutes of the first period to near the two minute mark of the second.

The Lady Mules led 19-13 at the half and cruised to a 38-28 win over Hereford.

Liliana Vasquez hit a bucket to get the run started. Celeste Flores,

Samantha Vasquez and DonAnn Rempe added a hoop each. Carolina Franco drained a 3-pointer as the Lady Mules jumped out to an 11-7 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Kaylie Morris came alive in the second quarter and sandwiched a basket between a pair of treys for all eight of the Lady Mule second quarter points. The Lady Mules were up 19-13 at the break.

C. Flores came out firing in the third period with three baskets. Esmeralda Flores put up a pair of hoops and

L. Vasquez added a basket.

The Lady Mules had out scored Hereford 12-6 in the period to claim a 31-19 lead with eight minutes left to play.

C. Flores opened the final quarter with a pair of free throws for the Lady Mules. Morris drained her third 3-pointer of the game and added a basket to end the Lady Mule scoring.

Morris set the scoring pace for the Lady Mules with 13 points and C. Flores dropped in 10. L. Vasquez and E. Flores

made four points each.

Franco finished with three points and S. Vasquez and Rempe chipped in two points each.

The Lady Mules won the Friona JV Tournament over the weekend and traveled to Brownfield to battle the Lady Cubs Tuesday night.

The Lady Mules will not play in the Olton Tournament Dec. 8-10, but will open district competition on Dec. 13 when they host the Abernathy Lady Lopes at 5 p.m., in the new high school gym.

## Freshman Mules Fall To The Bobcats

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The freshmen Mules were consistent in their scoring Monday evening when they opened their home basketball season against the Dimmitt Bobcats.

They had scored 13, 14, 15 and 11 points at the end of each period.

But Dimmitt had an out put of 19, 14, 12 and 19 points in the same time frames to ease past the Mules 64-53.

Grey Johnson got the Mules cranked in the

opening period with three buckets for six points. Blaine Shipman added a pair of hoops and Braden Bessire made a basket and a charity toss as the Mules fell behind 19-13.

Shipman spent much of second period shooting free throws and made three of four from the line and added a hoop for five points.

Saul Sanchez made a basket and a pair of free throws, Bessire completed an old-fashion three point play by

making a basket while being fouled and added the free throw and Marco Daniel chipped in a basket.

The Mules played the Bobcats to a dead heat in the second frame and trailed 33-27 at the half.

JJ Gandara came out hot after the intermission and sandwiched a hoop between a pair of 3-pointers for eight points. Bessire made a pair of baskets, Shipman dropped in one hoop and Johnson added a free throw. The Mules cut

three off the Bobcat lead to trail 45-42 with eight minutes left to play.

Dimmitt turned up the defense to out score the Mules 19-11 in the final frame. The Mules missed nine of 12 free throw attempts in the final period. Eshoya Lopez made two baskets and a free throw for five points. Chamel Degalado and Shipman sank a buck each. Gerald Torres and Bessire chipped in a free throw each.

Shipman led the Mules with 13 points and Bessire added 11. Gandara dropped in all eight of his points in the third quarter, Johnson made seven and Sanchez had four points. Degalado and Daniel made two points each and Torres chipped in one.

The Mules were scheduled to travel to Littlefield Monday but weather caused that game to be cancelled.

The Mules plan to play in the Roosevelt Tournament Dec. 8-10, and travel to Floydada on Dec. 12 to play the Whirlwinds.

The Mules will take on the Portales Rams on Dec. 16 at home at 5 p.m. before taking the Christmas break.

third period as they out scored the Bobcats 8-6.

Campos opened the quarter for the Mules with a pair of free throws and 14 seconds later Castillo dropped in a 3-pointer.

Kevin Mendoza added a basket and Chavez chipped in a free throw.

The Mules had cut the Dimmitt advantage to 29-22 with one quarter left to play.

Dimmitt held the Mules to a single free throw by Campos in the final quarter.

Lee and Chavez led the Mules in scoring with six points each. Castillo dropped in five points, Campos four and Mendoza chipped in two points.

The Mules' game in Littlefield was cancelled due to bad weather on Monday and will play in the Slaton Tournament Dec. 8-10.

They will travel to Floydada on Dec. 12 to play the Whirlwinds before taking the Christmas break.

## Eighth Grade Mules Defeated By Dimmitt Bobcats, 29-22

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules went down in defeat to the Dimmitt Bobcats Monday in their home opener 37-23.

Jaxon Lee got the Mules started with three baskets in the first period and Simon Chavez made one hoop. The Mules fell behind 11-8 to Dimmitt.

Chavez drained a 3-pointer in the second period. Tony Castillo made his first hoop of the game and Danny Campos made one from the free throw line.

The Mules trailed 23-14 at the half.

The Mules shaved two points off the Dimmitt lead in the

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### Project Christmas Card Is Under Way At Park View

Project Christmas Card is under way at Park View Nursing Care Center. Mail donations to Joy Stancell at Park View, 1100 W. Ave. J, or drop donations off at Muleshoe State Bank or First Bank by Dec. 13.

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Thank you to the Hospital Auxiliary and Mike "Shredder Dude" Jones.

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~ Dr. Dorothy I. Height

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**Sherri Harrison  
Bailey County Judge**

**Volunteers do not necessarily have time; they just have the heart.**

- Elizabeth Andrew

**Thanks to every volunteer in our community.**

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**The Five Area Organization**

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# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

We're going to bake holiday treats...  ...and bring them to the Senior Center. 

## Newspaper Fun!

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 December is here!

Okay, okay the word is out. I love the holidays! I love the hustle and bustle. I'm only half crabby at this time of year.

Everyone is busy, busy, busy! They are getting ready for the holidays. Each family has its own customs and traditions. What is your family doing?

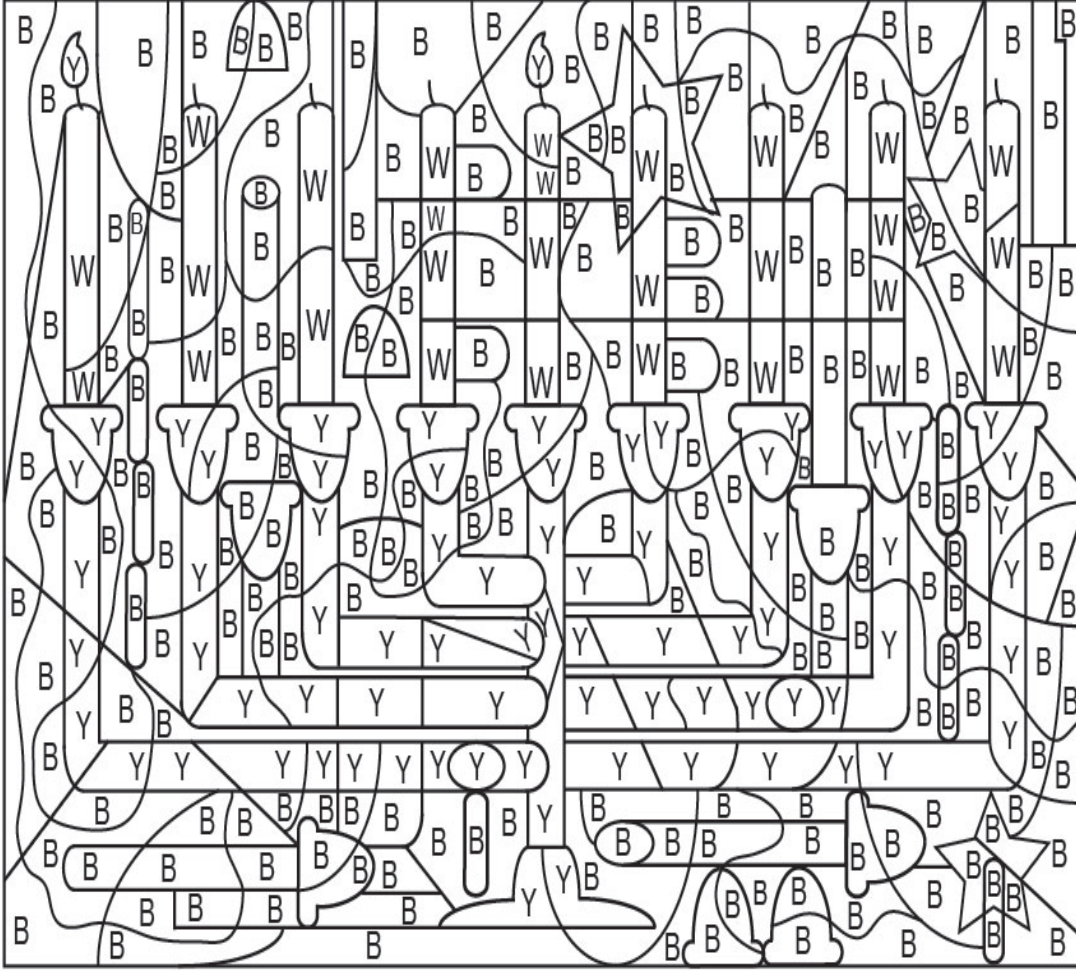
**Finish the puzzles on this page to find out what people are doing at this time of year.**

## Gift Giving and Singing and Ringing Out Holiday Fun!








### Festival of Lights

**Color Key: Y = yellow B = blue W = white**

This family is taking out a family heirloom. It will help them remember the miracle of Hanukkah. **Find your colored pencils and follow the color key to find out what it is.**



A group is singing and ringing in the neighborhood. Later they will bring some holiday cheer to a Senior Citizens' Center when they sing and ring their bells there. **Study the clues to fill in the words missing from the songs they are singing:**

- Jingle   
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- It Came Upon a   
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- Let it !  
Let it !  
Let it !
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- The (12)  of Christmas


## Mules (50-73)

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## Matthew 1 Genealogy (Part 2)

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Young children like to imitate their parents, and this is especially true during meal planning and food preparation.

Young children can:

- Wipe and help set the table
- Select fruits or vegetables for the meal
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- Snap green beans; stir pancake batter, and help assemble a pizza and make sandwiches.

Parents need to remember some safety tips when children are in the kitchen:

- Cook with pots and pans on the back burners.
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touch or pull them down on top of themselves.

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- Keep knives and other sharp objects out of children's reach.

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# April's Christmas Doll

Continued from A8  
 "Please step lively," the bus driver said looking at his watch as he ignored the man behind April and turned his attention to the next passenger in line. "We're already behind schedule."

Aboard the bus, April moved quickly toward the back and took a seat by a window. Then when someone sat down in the seat next to her, she looked up into the elderly gentleman's smiling face.  
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Percy, Santa's chief assistant, hurriedly closed the door against the cold wind which had followed him like a puppy from the workshops and walked over to Santa Claus. As the elf moved, the silver bells which tipped the toes of his shoes jingled softly.

"Santa, there's someone else missing," Percy said.

Santa looked up from the newspaper he'd been reading. "Oh?" he said.

"Morris is gone, also," Percy said.

Santa's bushy white eyebrows arched, frowning his forehead. "The young elf?" he said.

Percy nodded. "How long has he been gone?" Santa asked. This time the head elf's answer was a shrug.

Santa folded his newspaper, laid it across his lap, and said, "But he could have been missing as long as Mrs. Bea?"

When Percy nodded again, Santa pursed his lips as he considered the new information.

The thought that Morris took Mrs. Bea didn't even enter Santa's thoughts. Just as the unbelieving mother in the Chicago department store told her son, Santa's elves don't get in trouble with the police — at least not for stealing

anything — but there were several enemies of Christmas which the North Pole's inhabitants had to guard against. And this was the time of year when their mischief had to be taken most seriously.

"Mamma," Santa called to Mrs. Claus in the next room as he stood up and the newspaper fell to the floor forgotten, "bring my coat. Trouble may be brewing again."

(Watch for part 3 of April's Christmas Doll in next week's issue.)

## Seventh Grade Mules Taken Down By Bobcats

By Delton Wilhite  
 Sports writer

The Dimmitt Bobcats took down the seventh grade Mules Monday evening in their home season home opener.

The Mules were out scored 29-16.

Beto Diaz made a basket to crank the Mules two minutes into the game. TJ McCall sank two free throws to round out the Mules' first quarter scoring. Dimmitt led 9-4 going into the second quarter.

Javy Perez made the Mules first hoop of the second period. Jason Flores and Reese Orozco added a hoop each as the Mules fell behind 17-10 at the intermission.

Dagen Dunham hit the first hoop in the

third period and Flores beat the buzzer at the end as the Mules dropped back to a 23-14 deficit with one quarter left to play.

Orozco made the Mules only hoop of the final period.

Flores and Orozco led the Mules with four points each.

Perez, Diaz, Dunham and McCall chipped in two points each.

The Mules' game in Littlefield was cancelled due to the weather on Monday evening.

The Mules are scheduled to play in the Slaton Tournament Dec. 8-10, and will travel to Floydada on Dec. 12 to battle the Whirlwinds before taking the Christmas break.



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