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2011 District Champs

The Muleshoe Mules celebrated their victory over the Childress Bobcats, and winning the 2011 District Championship Friday evening. Pictured above, members of the varsity team are reflected in the championship trophy they received following the 42-15 win. For further game results turn to Page 1B.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

MISD Receives 'Clean' Audit

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District received another "clean" audit during Monday's board of trustees' meeting.

"In my opinion, the financial statements... for the year ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America," local auditor Randall Field said. "What that means is it's a clean audit."

According to Field's report, the net assets of the school district increased by \$942,108 during the year ending June 30, 2011, with total revenues of \$17,104,662 and expenses of \$16,162,554.

The school district's revenues had dropped \$414, 316 from the 2009-10 school year. While expenses for the previous year, according to the report, totalled

\$16,260,645, a decrease of \$98,091.

The report also lists a 3.8 percent increase in the district's taxable property valuation, with tax collections for 2011 totaling \$3,868,878.

Fund balances for the district total \$9,243,616 for governmental funds of which \$8,363,189 are general funds; \$673,746 are debt service; and \$206,681 are special revenue funds.

The district's capital assets total \$33,241,976.

Regarding the school district's internal controls, Field said, "Nothing came to our attention concerning significant deficiencies in your internal controls."

In other business, the school board:

- Recognized Luis Ruvalcaba for advancing to the Regional Cross-country meet, and the Muleshoe High School Mighty "M" Band for its Division 1 rating at the

UIL district marching competition held recently in Lubbock.

It was the first time in 10 years that the band has received a Div. 1 in district competition, Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets said.

"We've got a room full of kids here," board president Thurman Myers said prior to recognizing the students for their achievements, "so that means something good's been happening in the school district."

- Approved the minutes from the school board's Oct. 24 meeting as presented. The superintendent explained that the approved minutes had to be included in the redistricting plan the school district will be submitting to the US Department of Justice.

- Adopted the district's Update 91 for the board policy manual.

Grandson Recalls Summers With 'Poppa'

As part of the Muleshoe Journal's participation in the Bailey County effort to reduce the local cancer rate, the Journal will be running occasional "well written" submissions about the lives and struggles of Bailey County cancer victims.

This week's article is by Turner Wiggins of New Braunsfels, the grandson of the late Doyce Turner.

A goofy, tobacco-filled grin. A worn down dirt road. A trip to McDonald's™ in the

brand new 2002 F-150, which somehow already smelled like West Texas dust.

These are the memories I have of Muleshoe, where I spent what seems like half of my childhood. These memories and the many that came along with them have been some of the most character-shaping experiences I have ever gone through, and none of them would have been possible without one man... my grandpa,

Bailey County Cancer Diaries

Submitted by Turner Wiggins

Doyce Turner.

For as long as I can remember, I would fly out to my grandpa's in the summer time. My parents would put me on a plane and fly me out to Muleshoe, a small farming town about an hour outside of Lubbock. The ride

would last an hour at most, coming from Dallas, where I lived for the first eight years of my life.

When I arrived, I would walk through the gates, where I knew I would find my ride impatiently waiting for the security guards to



The late Doyce Turner

hand me over. My ride was Doyce... or as I called him, Poppa.

Poppa was in his mid-60s when I was growing up. He was a farming man, and had been all

his life. His skin was an olive-leather brown, thanks to working in the sun 12 months a year, and he was about six feet tall.

Poppa always did what was best for his family, whether it be for my grandma, my mom, her sister, or me. In fact, one day when I was about six years old, he saved my life.

It was a hot summer day, and Poppa had promised that if I went with him to work at

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Community Service Set For Nov. 20

The Bailey County Community Thanksgiving Service has been set for Sunday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m.

This year's community service will be held at the First Baptist Church, 507 W.

Second in Muleshoe, with the Rev. Sergio Leal of St. Clement's Anglican Church delivering the message.

Music for the service will be provided by Brady Mason of the First Baptist Church.

Monetary donations for the BCMA's work in community the will be taken during the service, and donations of canned goods for the Bailey County Food Pantry will be accepted.

Election Results Available On Web page

One of the primary disadvantages of the Muleshoe Journal's earlier press deadline is that election results aren't available for inclusion in the election week's edition.

However, the advantage of the

Journal's website, www.muleshoejournal.com, is that those same results will be available before the printed edition hits the street.

"We know this was a constitutional election on Nov. 8, but if you're looking for the results,

they — and the results for future elections will be posted on the Journal's website as soon as possible after the county election results are in," said Larry Thornton, managing editor of the Muleshoe Journal.



Don't Forget... Honor The Vet

Friday, Nov. 11, the many citizens of Bailey County will take the time to honor the veterans who have served this country, protecting its interests around the world. And while many service men and women have gone ahead — some giving their all in defense of their country — many others remain in our midst and deserve your words of appreciation.



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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

Blood Drive Set For Nov. 12

Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship, 710 E. American Blvd., will be hosting a blood drive on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

For an appointment, log onto www.bloodhero.com, or call 1-800-333-6920.

Sudan UMW Bazaar

The Sudan UMW Holiday Bazaar is set for Thursday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The event will include a chili and stew lunch, beginning at 11 a.m., with tickets priced at \$7. Carryouts will be available.

Playoff Shirts

The Muleshoe Athletic Boosters are selling playoff shirts. The deadline is Friday, Nov. 11.

Order forms are available at the school campuses or can contact Frank Baca at 806-702-9085 or Cindy Bessire at 806-893-1552.

Sudan Thanksgiving Dinner

The annual Sudan Senior Citizens' Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Nov. 17, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., at the Sudan Senior Citizens Building.

The price for the meal is set at \$7, and carryout trays will be available. To order a carry out meal, call 806-227-2502 by 10:30 a.m.

Veterans Day Gathering

On Friday, Nov. 11, Muleshoe High School will hold a Veterans' Day assembly, beginning at 9 a.m., in the Kerry Moore Auditorium.

The school district invites the public, and especially the veterans, who would like to attend the ceremony to join the students, faculty and staff as they honor the nation's veterans.

Community Service

The Bailey County Ministerial Alliance Community Thanksgiving Service is set for Sunday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

Donations for the BCMA's work in the community will be taken during the service, and donations of canned goods for the Bailey County Food Pantry will also be accepted.

Have You Ever Watched A Thunderstorm Roll In?

"When the world says, 'Give up,' Hope whispers, 'Keep Fighting.'"
-Author Unknown

Have you ever watched a thunderstorm roll in? Have you ever noticed the dark grey clouds, violently but so quickly, come over the sky?

Sometimes that feeling can become reality, and all you can do is face it.

One Thursday afternoon, after coming home from school, my mom and dad sat my siblings and me down for a talk. My mom told us that she had been to a check up at the doctor's office and they were worried about something; something called breast cancer.

She said that the next day she was going to have a needle biopsy to determine whether the lump she found was really cancer or not. That night we went to Cowboy Church, where my mom, surrounded by family and friends, walked to the front to be prayed over.

Everyone kept telling me, "It's going to be okay. It's not going to be cancer." But as for my thoughts, I didn't know what to think or what to expect.

The next day my aunt picked me up from school. Sitting at Sonic™, waiting for our drinks, I asked the question I had been longing to get answered all day. "So, what did my mom find out today?" I quietly asked.

With a half smile she simply said, "Maybe you should call your



dad." She had said it all; she had made it all clear to me, but I called my dad because I needed to hear it for myself. Over the phone my dad explained to me that the results of the needle biopsy showed that mom had a tumor the size of a ping pong ball; and the test confirmed that it was cancer.

I got home and went into my parents' bedroom. My mom was laying there alone, still groggy from the anesthesia. I crawled onto the bed and laid next to her.

She grabbed my hand and as we both cried she said, "Cancer is just a scary word." Those words echoed in my head over and over again, and they are words I will never forget.

As a sixth grader I had no idea what to think, what to expect, how to act, or how to react as my mother was bravely dealing with the reality of breast cancer but still comforting me. It was such a shock that this was happening to my mom who was, to me, invincible and unstoppable.

As I looked at her being my best friend, my cook, my chauffeur, my "nurturer," and my strong supporter, the truth was hard to face.

It was happening; the storm was rolling into our life. The storm couldn't be stopped and couldn't be prevented, but it could be waited out and that's just what we did. Through hope, faith, and prayer, we waited the violent storm out.

With the help of a general surgeon,

plastic surgeon, and an oncologist my mom had a team sent from God that helped her with all of her medical decisions.

She decided to have a double mastectomy, and within three days of the news, she was scheduled for the major surgery with a long extensive recovery ahead. The day of her surgery I arrived at the hospital and within minutes we could have counted 50 friends and family members there to give their love and support.

The waiting room was completely full of prayer warriors when the surgeon came in to tell us that she was in recovery and the surgery was a success.

We had taken a giant step in the hard-filled journey, but chemo therapy came next.

My mom went to Lubbock for her first chemo treatment and came home with a sickness that was unbearable. The saying, "Chemo saves you by almost killing you" is entirely true.

There was one particular instance that my dad came and woke my siblings and me in the middle of the night. We all tiredly walked into our parents' bedroom and gathered around our weak and struggling mother.

After laying hands on her and praying over her one by one, we all realized that there was no way that we would be able to get through this without God. After a few treatments of chemo, Mom started losing her hair.

Family and friends

all came over to the house one night for a "hair cutting party." My dad, brother, and I buzzed our heads along with a few other family friends, and my sister and aunts all cut their hair into short bobs.

This was simply a symbol, a symbol that we were all in this together. About a week later, my mom's hair began to completely fall out. One afternoon, I opened the blind to the backyard to find my mom sitting in a chair, and my dad slowly and gently shaving off her hair. It was another step, boldly taken, boldly effective, and proof that the approach of sunshine was near.

Through six rounds of chemo, reconstruction surgeries, family gatherings, family prayers, laughter, tears, faith and hope, the storm calmed.

Those difficult days were a time that will never be forgotten and a journey that will stay in my heart and mind for ever. Nothing can describe a deep hurt that is felt when as son watches his mom go through something like cancer.

This time was an emotional rollercoaster, but definitely a learning experience. I grew closer to my mom, to my family, and to God.

It was a blessing to be surrounded by people who were there to help in any way possible. It is in times of crisis that we realize how much we truly need the people around you. Like any thunderstorm, no matter how brutal, there comes a time of sunshine and rejoicing.

With the glory of my mom being in remission and the storm only a memory, life goes on.

Letters to the Editor

Appreciation expressed by former residents

To the Editor:
It's difficult to express all of my appreciation to all at the Muleshoe Journal, and the Muleshoe area friends. For so many years, all of you have been there for me and my family, through happy times and the sad times.
My move to Raider Ranch in Lubbock has

been a happy time, and now I invite you to visit me at Raider Ranch. The people here are very nice, so I know I'll make new friends. However, I miss all of my Muleshoe area friends. So come see me.

Jean Allison,
Lubbock

To the Editor:
I enjoy your paper very much as I am a former resident and graduate of Muleshoe. Your paper helps me keep up with relatives and friends.
Toni Tucker,
Graford

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.
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Have them visit their bursar's office to sign a form indicating they wish to share their good news!
Once permission to share information has been granted, the college or university should send the info via email to: editor@muleshoejournal.com.

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn
As we begin another year at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, we'd like to take a moment and express our appreciation for all of the great support we are given by our senior citizens of Muleshoe and the surrounding area.
We had several events going on last week, but the center served more than 50 every day. We want to encourage all of you senior citizens who eat alone every day to come join the friends at the center. The fellowship makes for a better day.
Monday, Nov. 14, the general board meeting will be held here at the center.. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. We invite you to come and bring any new ideas to improve the center.
Tuesday, Nov. 15, is Bunco day. If you have

not joined this group for fun and fellowship, you are missing out.
We really appreciate Integra Home Health and Interim Home Health service for taking part in this for the center. The game prizes are good and there is a lot of laughing going on.
Wednesday, of course is our steak day. We are having great crowds for this. Maybe you need to treat a friend or enemy to a good meal, just bring them by the center on Wednesday.
Thursday, Nov. 17, will be our birthday party for the senior citizens with November birthdays.
You should get a phone call from our wonderful friend, Alene Bryant, inviting you to come so we can honor you.
After you have lunch, stay and play Bingo.

Lisa, with Integra Care, will be our caller. So come in and join in the fun and fellowship.
Menu for Nov. 14-18:
Monday, Nov. 14 — Hamburger steak, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, salad, wheat rolls, fruit and cottage cheese.
Tuesday, Nov. 15 — Turkey and dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, broccoli and cheese, sliced tomatoes, wheat rolls and pumpkin crisp.
Wednesday, Nov. 16 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat rolls and peach cobbler.
Thursday, Nov. 17 — White bean and ham soup, salad, cornbread and baked apples.
Friday, Nov. 18 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

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NOVEMBER 11

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Veterans Day Assembly

This Friday, November 11, Muleshoe High School will have a Veterans' Day Assembly at 9:00 a.m. in the Kerry Moore Auditorium. We invite everyone who would like to attend the ceremony to join us as we honor our veterans for their service to our country. We would like to honor all the veterans in our area. If you are a veteran, we especially invite you to come to the assembly. Please respond to this email with the correct spelling of your name and details of your service. We will honor you with a certificate and recognize you along with the other veterans in our area. If you are a veteran, please come early so we can seat you in the proper area.



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Do You Have What It Takes To Be Selected For God's Army?

For 13 days in the early months of 1836, a group of Texans, both Hispanic and not, defended an old Catholic mission near what is now San Antonio, from an overwhelming force led by Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, the President of Mexico.

Just a few hundred men, including Peter James Bailey for whom this county was named, delayed Santa Anna's advancing army, giving the fledgling Texan army the time needed to prepare and ultimately defeat Santa Anna a month and a half later.

A small force doing battle with a much larger attacking force. It's something that has been seen many times

Lamplight By Larry Thornton

in history, but usually not by choice.

At the Little Bighorn River, the forces under Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer were destroyed by Lakota and Cheyenne warriors that outnumbered the Seventh Cavalry by more than six to one.

In each of these battles, the smaller military force was overwhelmed by larger opposition forces, but in the Old Testament a battle is recorded in which the smaller force attacked and effectively routed a much larger force.

For seven years, the

Bible tells us Israel had been under Midianite oppression that was allowed by God because the people of Israel had given into idolatry and other evil practices.

And, when Israel's people began to pray for a deliverer, God raised up a judge... Gideon, the son of Joash, who called up an army, at God's command.

But, just as God had shown in the destruction of Pharaoh's army, and against the walls of Jericho, God made sure there could be no doubt that that Israel's victory came from God by trimming down the

number of Israelites. *"The Lord said to Gideon, 'You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, 'My own strength has saved me.'"* — Judges 7:2, NIV.

The first thing God did was to reduce the number of this special attack force by sending home 22,000 who were fearful.

It's not unusual, I'm told, to experience fearful thoughts prior to going into battle. In fact, with the Israelites going up against a Midian army of 135,000 some would have to say it shows a certain degree of common sense.

But God knew that those who trembled at

the thought of more than four to one odds weren't going to be any help when he trimmed down the size of the Israelite army to 300, and they were facing odds of 450 to one.

God also selected men who were alert under pressure. He had Gideon take his remaining army down to the river to drink, and those who cupped the water to their mouths rather than going down and drinking on their hands and knees were allowed to remain.

It is not unusual that God sought warriors who were alert. On more than one occasion, God warned his people to be alert... both physically and spiritually.

In the New Testament, scripture records how Christ went to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, after the Lord's supper and prior to his arrest.

Eleven of his closest disciples had accompanied him to the garden, but upon arriving, the Bible tells us Christ took Peter, James and John a little distance further, and told them to "watch and pray."

He had left them to watch... to stay alert for what he knew was coming while he went a little further into the garden and prayed. But when he returned after a bit, he found the three disciples,

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Obituaries



Mattie Hicks

Church services for Mattie Hicks, 83, of Muleshoe are scheduled for 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 4, at The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Monty Leavell officiating.

Burial will be in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hicks died on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011, in Amarillo. She was born on March 24, 1928, to Roy and Laura Velma (Wright) Hogan in Mangum, Okla., and married Jack Hicks in Muleshoe on Nov. 4, 1945. He preceded her in death on Feb. 28, 2002. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Mrs. Hicks had lived in Muleshoe since 1930, having moved from Mangum, Okla.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Muleshoe. She began working as the secretary for the Bailey County Extension Agent.

She received her LVN from the Chicago School of Nursing, an associate degree from ENMU in Portales N.M., a Bachelor of Nursing from WTSU in Canyon, and her Masters of Nursing, also from WTSU, in 1991.

She began her nursing career with the Green Hospital and Clinic in Muleshoe, and had worked for Dr. Sanderlin in Muleshoe

and Muleshoe Area Medical Center eventually becoming the Director of Nurses there.

Mrs. Hicks was an instructor for the South Plains College School of Nursing LVN and RN programs.

In her later years she was a public health nurse in Lovington, N.M., and worked for Muleshoe Area Medical Center as a home health nurse.

Survivors include a son — Jimmie Lee Hicks of New Kirk, N.M.; two daughters — Andrea Novian and husband Billy of Fountain, Colo., and Tammye Barber and husband Jack of Pampa; four sisters — Lou Dell Wilhite of Ft. Collins, Colo., Bymice Callaway of Spearman, Jean Henry of Levelland, and Myra Grimes of Midland; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law — Donna Hicks of Levelland.

Memorials may be sent to South Plains College School of Nursing, 1401 College Ave., Levelland, Texas 79336.

The family would like to thank Muleshoe Area Medical Center's nursing staff, the Lubbock/Levelland Covenant Medical Center nursing staff, the Lubbock Heart Hospital staff, BSA In-patient Hospice of Amarillo, Dr. Robert Wey, Dr. Bruce Owens, and especially Dr. Bruce Purdy.

Waymon Bellar

Church services for Wayman Bellar, 82, of Sudan are scheduled for 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 4, at the First Baptist Church of Sudan with the Rev. Robert Roecker officiating.

Burial will follow in Sudan Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Bellar died on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011, in the Harmonee House in Amherst. He was born on Nov. 20, 1928, in Lazbuddie to Addison and Modena (Cardwell) Bellar, and married Mary Pearl "Pill" Bellar in Sudan on Feb. 1, 1948. She preceded him in death on May 28, 2006.

Mr. Bellar moved to Sudan from Lazbuddie to Sudan in 1932. He graduated from Sudan High School in 1948. He was a farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church of Sudan where he taught Sunday School for 40 years.

He was a Shriner and a member of the Sudan Masonic Lodge where he served as past master. He was also past president of



the Men's Brotherhood of the church.

Survivors include a daughter — Mary Ann Harper and husband Craig of Sudan; three sons — Thomas Michael Bellar and wife D'Ann of Bullard, Jerry Alan Bellar and wife Pam of Sudan, and Roger Wayne Bellar and wife Kay of Tyler; a brother — Edmon Joe Bellar of Bullard; nine grandchildren — Chad, Sissy, Leigh Anne, Jason, Justin, Todd, Amanda, Heath and Shane; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the First Baptist Church, PO Box 125, Sudan, Texas 79371, or Sudan EMS, Sudan Volunteer Fire Department PO Box 491, Sudan, Texas 79371.

Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. Cody Black

Calley, Black Wed

Aryn Beth Calley and Cody Garrett Black exchanged wedding vows during a Saturday, June 25, ceremony at Spirit Ranch in Lubbock.

The Rev. Steve Friskup of Muleshoe officiated the ceremony.

The bride, a Texas Tech University graduate, is the daughter of Darryl and Teena Calley of Snyder. The groom, also a Texas Tech University graduate, is the son of Cliff and Carren Black of Muleshoe.

The bride was escorted by her father and entered the sanctuary as Michael Buble's rendition of *Can't Help Falling in Love with You* was played.

Following the ceremony the couple exited to *I Will Follow* by Chris Tomlin.

The bride selected an elegant gown of Champagne Mist L'Amour Satin with Ivory Allecon lace overlay from the designers of Sottero and Midgley. The A-line gown featured a strapless sweetheart neckline that was edged with scalloped eyelash lace trim across the neckline and back into a stunning V-back.

A ruched satin band wrapped the empire waist and fastened at the back with a double bow and gathered lace cascading down into a chapel length train.

She wore rhinestone and pearl jewelry. Garters worn by the bride were made by Ruby Johnson. The bride carried a handheld garden-style bouquet.

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Wedding Showers



Murphree Honored

Staci Murphree, the prospective bride of T.J. Brantley, was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, Nov. 5, in the home of Starla Ellis.

Hostesses for the event included Lisa Whalin, Kelly Heinrich, Pam Atwood, April Smith, Staci Buie, Lori Bales, Kathy Embry, Dawn Williams, Lynda Washington, Lavon Hunt, Jenna Hunt, Angel Hunt, Rhonda Eagle, Marilyn Riley, Carren Black, Bernita Sheets, Robin Friskup, Leann Gallman, Starla Ellis and Sherri Kennedy.

The hostesses gifted the couple with cash to help with their future moving expenses.

Special guests attending included Kay Lynn Brantley, Rhonda Murphree, Norma Prather, Mary Brantley, Margaret Parsons, Amy

Hand, Anna Murphree, Stephanie Barrett, Joyce Scott and Ronda King.

BCMA Community Thanksgiving Service Set For Nov. 20

The annual Bailey County Ministerial Alliance Community Thanksgiving Service is set for Sunday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m., at the

First Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

Donations for the BCMA's work in the community will be taken during the service.

Donations of canned goods for the Bailey County Food Pantry will also be accepted.

Health Tip

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AGRICULTURAL NEWS

Local Farmer Attends Conference For Dairy Leaders

Muleshoe farmer Larry Hancock, a director on Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.'s Board and Southwest Area Council member, was among more than 100 dairy farmers and industry leaders who recently gathered in Stephenville for a Southwest Area Industry Update

meeting. The growing momentum for dairy policy reform, global market opportunities and feed availability were highlighted at the meeting, along with other issues influencing the future of the dairy industry. The Dairy Security Act of 2011 and its

role in the future of the industry was the focus of dialogue led by John Wilson, senior vice president and chief fluid marketing officer for DFA, and Dana Brooks, senior vice president of government relations for National Milk Producers Federation. The discussion explored various

components of the Act and highlighted DFA's work with NMPF during the last three years to develop dairy policy that better protects the interests of dairy farmers. "It is critical that momentum for dairy policy reform continues," Wilson says. "The Dairy

Security Act of 2011 provides dairy farmers options to protect their margins and the ability to strengthen exports. These are key factors in keeping the U.S. dairy industry viable." Tom Suber, president of U.S. Dairy Export Council, delivered a presentation that discussed current global market opportunities for the dairy industry, as well as opportunities on the horizon.

Panelists included Dan Senestraro, director on DFA's Board and Southwest Area Council member; Alan Vander Horst, Southwest Area Council member; and Ellen Jordan, Ph.D., a professor and extension dairy specialist for AgriLIFE Extension. Additional topics at the meeting included updates on DFA business and the dairy markets.

Farm Service Agency Reminds Producers Of Livestock Disaster 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 and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program is Jan. 30, 2012.

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

Livestock Forage Disaster Program:

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. Emergency assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program:

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.

P r o g r a m Requirements:

In order to qualify for LFP and ELAP, the applicant must have purchased insurance coverage through FSA's Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance

Program or the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance-Rainfall Index for Grazing 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.

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, please contact the Bailey County USDA Service Center at 806-272-4538. Information can also be obtained online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

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USDA Reminds Producers Of Dec. 1 Closing Date For Non-insurable Crops

Farm Service Agency Executive Director Kim Hanlin urges producers who want to purchase coverage through the Non-insurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program to do so before the sales closing date of Dec. 1.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields/ grazing loss, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to normal disasters.

The following crops have a NAP

application closing date of Dec. 1: Grazing and forage and hay on native and improved grass, honey, potatoes, radishes, grapes and cranberries.

"Purchasing a crop insurance policy is an easy way for producers to practice risk management," said Hanlin.

"The 2011 crop year has proved that natural disasters can directly affect the profitability and recovery of agricultural operations," he said.

In order to meet

eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be non-insurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available.

In the event of a natural disaster, NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.

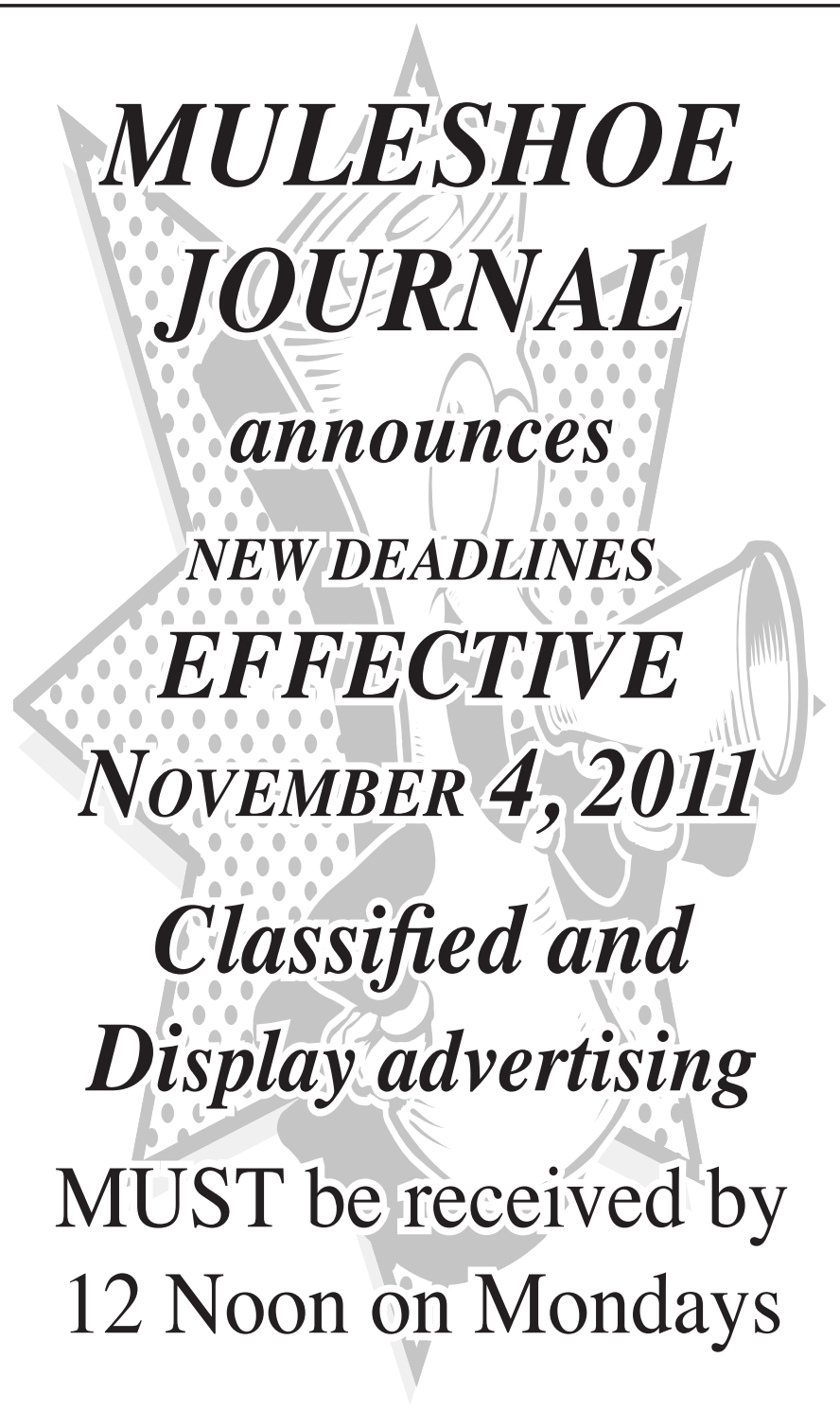
Eligible producers can apply for coverage

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Notice of Submission of Re-Districting Plan to Attorney General by Muleshoe ISD

Muleshoe ISD has submitted a re-districting plan to the Attorney General to comply with changes from the 2010 Census. A complete duplicate copy of the submission is available for public inspection at the Muleshoe ISD Administration Offices. Any comments on the re-districting plan are welcome.

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The hundreth monkey, the seventh billion baby and the birth of the christ child...

Here are three events of unusual character that is of considerable interest to me.

As I said, there are three of them. I don't know that the number is very important because they are not very close connected.

(I say that because I don't want it to appear that I associate the monkeys with the birth



of Christ.)

I mention the three because they are things I was thinking of at the time. But the number three is important.

For example, our government is based on the legislative, the judicial, and the executive branches.

The legislative branch makes the laws, the judicial branch interprets the laws, and the executive enforces the laws.

The people within out government must function within those respective bodies.

I don't think I will be able to write about three things in one article. But they are worthy subjects — and I will try to present them one by one with whatever time and space is required to do that.

A few years ago I read about a colony of monkeys, about a hundred that were isolated and kept to themselves, separate from any other animals. And they were fed sweet potatoes.

Now it makes little difference if we are

talking about animals, fowls or humans they each have leaders. That's true whether there be two or two dozen.

Several years ago I spent a few days with a friend and his wife. They always kept a dog or two, and played with them.

He told me that when puppies or little dogs chase or wrestle with each other they are not just having fun. He said they are establishing a pecking order.

I think that is true, not with dogs or cats only but with all other animals, including humans, fowls and others.

Now one of the monkeys, without any training or other example set before him begin to wash his sweet potatoes in salt water before he ate them.

And it wasn't long until some of the other monkeys begin to wash their sweet potatoes in salt water before eating them.

Now here is the point. Several hundred miles from those monkeys there was another colony of monkeys, kept under like circumstances and they ate sweet potatoes. There was absolutely no connection between the two colonies of monkeys — none whatever. They were completely separate.

But all at once, one of that colony of monkeys began to wash his sweet potatoes in salt water before eating them, and other did, too.

They were not taught to do it, and they did not know about those of the other colony.

But as I understand it, the lesson given us humans is on this order.

Whatever we say, whatever we do has some effect on us, but it also affects others — and we should keep that in mind — always.

Now we sometimes hear about "the day of judgement" and how we are to answer to it in the next life. But I

rather believe that we meet with it here in this life.

For a judgement is not a proceeding designed to find out all the things we did here in this life.

But a judgement is an order given to execute and carry out the findings that has already been had.

Now let us note, in the fifth chapter of Second Corinthians Paul wrote, "For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad..."

Now let us note, the judgement does not inquire as to what we have done, but rather it orders that we receive in body, while we live here — in this life.

And in the preceding verse Paul isn't concerned about our accepting Christ, but "that we may accept of him."

Texas Milk Production Is Up

Texas milk production totaled 774 million pounds during September, up 10 percent from last year's production of 703 million pounds. August 2011 production totaled 781 million pounds. The number of milk cows during September totaled 435,000 head, up 20,000 head from last year but unchanged from the August 2011 number. Production per cow averaged 1,780 pounds during September, 15 pounds less than last year but 85 pounds more than August 2011. Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 1.9 percent from production in these same states in September 2010.



The Sudan Buzzer

Exciting Things Occurring At Sudan Seniors

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

Exciting things are happening at the Sudan Senior Citizens Building this month.

The Sudan High School volunteer group called SUDS (Students Uniting to Deliver Service) decided to use their funds from Volunteer Lubbock to do much-needed repairs and winterizing to the building.

The repairs will be completed in phases. For Phase I, the students began removing the old caulk from around the doors and windows.

Then they filled in

the windows with new caulk.

They also swept the front of the building and sidewalks plus wiped down tables in preparation for the upcoming turkey dinner.

The Sudan city workers also took down the old sign and repainted it to look brand new.

The new sign has been hung back up in time for the upcoming events this month.

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held for lunch on Nov. 17, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the

Sudan Senior Citizens Building.

The price for the meal is set at \$7. Carry out trays are available.

If you would like to have a carry out, call 806-227-2502 by 10:30 a.m.

The Quilting Club at the Sudan Senior Citizens Center will be auctioning off two items this season.

The first raffle will be for a quilt.

The second raffle is for a stainedglass window in a frame.

The drawings will be held on Nov. 17, at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5.

Tickets can be purchased from the members of the Senior Citizens Center and the First United Bank.

The quilt and stainedglass piece can be seen at the First United Bank.

Non-insurable Crops...

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using form CCC-471, "Application for Coverage."

Producers must file the application and service fee by the Dec. 1 deadline. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

For more information on sales closing dates and NAP, contact the Bailey County FSA office at 806 272 4538.

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Cancer Diaries... Continued from 1A

the cotton farm for an hour, we could get ice cream at the Sonic™ afterwards and he would let me climb on the grain silos, which may not sound like your typical six-year-old's idea of fun, but to me it was a playground.

So after breakfast we went out to the farm and I hung out with him as he filled the irrigation ditches with water.

After 30 minutes went by, I started to get restless. I wondered back and forth next to the ditch, wanting to do something fun, and just as Poppa turned

his back to fill the ditch with water, I slipped and fell into the canyon of dirt, mud and water.

The next thing I remember was him pulling me out, soaking wet, and me coughing and gasping for air on the ground.

My parents tell me today that I blew that story out of proportion. I didn't almost die, and the ditch wasn't half as deep as I had made it out to be.

But they also tell me that while it wasn't a near-death experience, my over-dramatization of stories came directly from Poppa.

Making a story more interesting every time it's told wasn't the only thing he taught me though. Over the next couple of years I learned so many things from him!

He taught me not to use curse words when I lost my temper. He helped me build my first snowman. I shot my first gun at old cans with him when I was eight.

When I turned 12, he finally let me drive that F-150 that I had ridden in more times than I can count.

But all of these things were minimal

compared to his most important lesson. He taught not only me, but everyone around him how to live.

Poppa had prostate cancer. It was my fifth-grade year when I fully understood what this meant. He had had cancer for three years, as I found out. It was during that year that I finally realized why I had taken so many trips with him and my grandma to M.D. Anderson, the cancer hospital in Houston, and it was then that I realized why he would get sick from time to time and lose his hair.

The one thing I still didn't understand, however, was why it didn't seem like he was dying.

Poppa faced his cancer head on. It didn't seem like he was dying, because he didn't let it bother him. For those couple of years, he was as happy, if not happier, than I had ever seen him.

Even as the cancer got worse and the day came when we got a photographer to take family photos of us with him, he kept that goofy grin on his face and didn't shed a tear.

We couldn't understand how a man with such a great life wasn't sad when he knew he was about to leave it all behind.

Our family spent more and more time

with him, and he eventually moved to New Braunfels, where we had lived since I was eight, to be with us more.

He lived here for a year, before he passed away on Feb. 1, 2007.

His courage and faith throughout the hardest experience one could imagine going through left a great impact on me.

What he taught me was not to feel sorry for yourself when things are rough and spend your precious time in tears, but to continue living to the fullest, because every day really could be your last. He loved me and taught me more than I've ever learned from anybody.

And to this day, I still drive his old F-150.

Calley, Black Exchange Wedding Vows...

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To complete her ensemble the bride wore a delicate ivory flower in her hair that was accented with feathers, rhinestones and pearls.

Amanda Bayer served as matron of honor. Jordan Bailey served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Lindsey Wilson and Corie Ann Ingersoll.

The attendants wore claret chiffon tea-length dresses from the designer of Alfred Angelo.

Junior bridesmaid was Caitlyn Black. She wore an Alfred Angelo chiffon claret dress complimenting the bridesmaids.

The groom wore khaki Riata pants with a white Cinch shirt. His boutonniere consisted of pieces of flowers taken from the bride's bouquet.

Craig Black served as the best man. Groomsmen included Cooper Black, Miller Valentine, Austin Calley and Carson Grawunder.

The groomsmen wore khaki Riata's with black Cinch shirts.

Ushers were Rance Dunn, and Cole Hawkins and Ryan Grawunder.

Mandi Todd registered guests as they entered.

The bride's table had an Epergine from the GG Collection adorned with fresh flowers.

There were four large and three smaller cakes. Each cake had a small bouquet of fresh flowers atop the fondant icing.

The cakes were

elevated at varying heights on flagstone rocks.

The groom's table was dressed with pieces of wood-stained mesquite tree rounds and a black marbled pottery container with wildflowers and barbed wire ribbons.

His cake was a dirt cake made by a friend of his family. His brand was imprinted on top.

Following a honeymoon to Jamaica, the couple now make their home in Lubbock.

Lamplight... Continued from 4A

his inner circle of followers, asleep.

"Watch and pray so that you don't fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak," he admonished them, as recorded in John 26:41.

Christians today must also remain alert for the attacks of the evil one, whom the Bible tells us roams the earth like a devouring lion.

And, as did the 300 of Gideon's army, we must be willing to follow instructions.

When an army places its dependence upon the true and living God, rather than its own abilities, amazing

victories can be achieved.

It is only when we start depending upon ourselves rather than the promise, power and presence of God that difficulties arise, and defeat is inevitable.

This past week, Pres. Barack Obama demonstrated his faith in God and his knowledge of God's written word when he said, "I trust in God, but God wants to see us help ourselves by putting people to work."

In his effort to push his Jobs Bill through Congress, the President fell back on the false adage that "God

helps those who help themselves."

If that were the case, Saul would have lead up a mighty dynasty, and David, son of Jesse, wouldn't have been raised up as king in Saul's place.

If that had been the case, the blood shed at Jericho would have been that of the Israelites as they struggled to climb the walls of that great city.

And we, most likely, would be dead in our sins, because Jesus Christ wouldn't have said, "Not my will, but thine be done."

Just as with Gideon and his army of 300,

God wants the United States, including both its people and its leadership, to depend upon him... to follow God's instructions... his will, and not our own.

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SPORTS NEWS

Mules End Regular Season Big!

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mule bade the regular season bye-bye Friday night with a 42-15 win over the Bobcats of Childress.

They now are embracing a bye week in the Texas State Playoffs as the District Champions of District 1-2A.

All the predictions and district standings can be tossed out the window when the two teams have secured their places in the state playoffs and are playing for pride.

The Mules wanted to rest and recuperate players before taking the field in the post season.

The Bobcats were riding a two-game win streak and entered Benny Douglas Stadium after a 40-7 upset of the Bushland Falcons.

"I was really proud of the way the kids that were forced into starting roles tonight really stepped up and played like starters," said Mule Coach David Wood.

"David Gonzales is one of those and he is just going to get better and better as a player," he said.

"Jesus Roman is another one that really stepped up for us tonight. We had to change our defense this week and really only had two and a half days to implement that

new defense. These kids really worked hard to get it right and it paid dividends for us," said the coach.

"Caleb (Wood) stepped in at quarterback and the offense did not seem to skip a beat. Getting out of this district undefeated speaks volumes about our team. These kids have truly worked hard and are dedicated to their team. It was especially nice to win at home tonight and then have that gold ball presented to them on their home field."

"Now we will use the next two weeks to rest and recuperate as well as get ready for winner of the Godley and Clyde game this coming Friday."

Saul Elizalde gave the Mule offense a kick start by returning the opening kick from the Mule six to the 32-yard line of Childress. It took the Mules play just four plays to stick the ball in the end zone.

Wood kept up the middle for four yards and then handed off to Junior Baca on a Jet play for eight more and a first down on the Childress 19.

J. Baca took the handoff wide left for eight more yards.

Elizalde made the grab of Wood's first pass for the final 11 yards to pay dirt. Elizalde booted the point after to give the Mules a 7-0



Mule David Gonzales provides the Bobcat quarterback with a better look at Muleshoe's Astroturf.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

lead with 10:42 left in the first quarter.

The Mule defense shut down the Wildcats on their first drive. Childress chose to run the ball up the middle on fourth and short and the Mules plugged

at the Childress 40. He was finally brought to the turf after a 24-yard gain at the Bobcat 28.

Wood hit Ryan DeLeon on a quick slant for 11 yards. Wood faked the option pitch to I. Baca and held on to

the half.

Elizalde tacked on the point after and the Mules led 21-2.

In less than two minutes the Mules had again forced Childress to punt the ball. The kick rolled dead on the Mule 21.

Ryan DeLeon made the catch of the wide receiver screen at the 19. He made one defender miss on the Childress sideline and then out raced the defense 79 yards for a touchdown with 6:22 left in the half.

Elizalde booted the point after to give the Mules a 28-2 lead at the intermission.

Childress refused to go away and returned to field after the half to score the only TD of the third period. Deonte Harris hit Adam DeArmond 16-yard pass for the Wildcat's first TD of the game.

The kick was off the mark and the Mules continued to lead 21-8 with 1:30 left in the third quarter.

The Wildcats sophomore running back D'Shaud Hughes broke loose for a 53-yard romp up the middle with 10:37 left in the game.

Joe Arcivar kicked the point after for the final Childress' point.

The Mules added two more TDs in the final frame to put the finishing touches on Senior night and make a clean sweep of the District 1-2A opponents

I. Baca capped a Mule drive with a three-yard

run up the middle with 8:17 remaining in the game.

Elizalde pushed the Mule lead to 35-15. Elizalde finished the game just like he started with a 17-yard reception for a TD from Wood with just over three and half minutes left in the game.

Juan Guerrero added the point after for the Mules final point.

The Mules rushed for 207 yards and passed for 237 for a total offense of 444 yards.

Caleb Wood connected on 16 of 24 passes for 237 yards and four touchdowns and threw one interception. Wood also rushed 11 times for 51 yards.

Issac Baca carried 15 times for 136 yards and one TD. Junior Baca rushed twice

for 11 yards and caught one pass for seven yards. Ray Martinez carried once for seven yards and caught four passes for 14 yards.

Ryan DeLeon caught three passes for 89 yards and scored one TD. Saul Elizalde made six catches for 84 yards and two touchdowns.

Adelaido Godinez made two receptions for 43 yards and a TD.

The Mules will try to rest and recuperate this week and then prepare for the winner of the Godley-Bangs Bi-District tilt being played in Stephenville Friday night.

The Mules have already secured Sweetwater's Mustang

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These kids really worked hard to get it right and it paid dividends for us

— Coach David Wood

the hole like the 'little Dutch boy did in the dyke.'

The Mules took over on downs just inside Mule territory and three plays later the Mules had scored again.

Wood made the option pitch to I. Baca and he spun out of the grasp of one tackler near mid field and ran through another tackle

the ball up the middle for the final 17-yards for the Mules' second score. Elizalde added the point after with 6:24 left in the opening quarter.

The only low point in the first half for the Mules happened after a Childress punt pinned the Mules inside their three-yard line.

Wood slipped as he scrambled to get out of the end zone and went to the turf giving Childress a safety.

It was the Bobcats only two points of the first half. The Mules led 14-2 after one quarter.

The Mule picked up where they left off in the first quarter. The defense continued to shut down the Childress offense. Shawn Atwood got a big paw on the Childress punt and the Mules took over at the Bobcat 39.

Wood faked to J. Baca and then threw up a fade pass to Adelaido Godinez over the head of the defenders. Godinez made the cast-and-a-hand catch at the 14 and then out raced the defense to the end zone 8:09 remaining in



Mule I. Baca pulls away from a bobcat during Friday's game.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

MHS Varsity Girls Basketball

Partial schedule for upcoming girls varsity games:

Nov. 12 — Highland Parks, here, 2:30 p.m.

Nov. 12 — Springlake-Earth, there, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 17-18 — Roosevelt Tourney, there, TBA

Nov. 21 — Morton, here, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 22 — Shallowater, there, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 29 — Hereford, here, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 1-3 — Nazareth Tourney, there, TBA

Dec. 6 — Brownfield, there, 6:30 p.m.

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SPORTS NEWS

Undefeated Seventh Grade Mules Fall To Childress

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The undefeated seventh grade Mules were handed their first defeat Thursday night.

The loss was at the hands of the Childress Bobcats when arrived in Benny Douglas Stadium for the two teams final game of the season.

The Mules struggled all through the game to get their offense off the ground with the very quick Bobcats creating havoc in the Mules' backfield most of the evening.

When the final seconds ticked away

Childress held a 40-0 advantage over the Mules.

The Mules kicked off and stopped Childress first drive dead in its tracks.

Dagen Dunham plugged a hole in the middle of the line for a yard loss on first down.

Beto Diaz did not fall for the fake punt and stopped the Bobcats for no gain on fourth down.

The Bobcats returned the favor by forcing the Mules to punt. The punt was blocked giving Childress the ball on

the Mule 28.

Four plays later the Bobcats were on top 6-0 with 2:35 left in the first quarter.

Javy Perez returned the ensuing kick eight yards to the Mule 30.

The Mules were pushed back 14 yards on three plays with losses of six, three and five yards.

Perez booted the ball away to the Mule 46 and Tre Villa made the stop on the return man at the Mule 43.

The Mules held on the first two plays with Timothy Perez making the stop on

first down for no yards. Noah Nikkel plugged the middle on second down allowing just two yards.

On third and eight needed for a first the Bobcats rolled right and connected on a pass for a 41-yard touchdown pass and run.

The two-point conversion was good and Childress led 14-0 with 7:15 to go in the half.

It was three-and-out for the Mules with J. Perez punt rolling dead on the Mule 34.

J. Perez sacked the Childress quarterback

for a two-yard loss on first down.

Dominik Halsey made a stop in the middle for a yard loss on second down.

T. Perez teamed up with Jesse Leal to stop a sweep for eight yards.

J. Perez applied pressure and forced the quarterback's throw to miss its mark on fourth down.

The Mules took over on downs at the Mule 29.

A sack cost the Mules nine yards on first down. Diaz connected with J. Perez on a wide-receiver screen to the

right side for 18 yards.

Diaz pushed forward on the quarterback sneak for the yard needed for a first down plus two yards extra.

The Mules were intercepted on third down and Dunham made the stop on the Childress 35.

The Mules held the Bobcats as time ran down.

Hasley and Villa stopped the scrambling Bobcat quarterback on the Mule 11 as time ran out.

The Mules trailed 14-0 at the intermission.

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Muleshoe Journal Football Contest Winner Announced

The Muleshoe Journal football contest has finally come to an end.

It has been a season of learning for me and I want to take a quick time-out and thank each of you for your weekly dedication and patience with me as I learned new ways to double check and not mess up the picks!

I have really enjoyed seeing each of your faces every week as you dropped off your choices and appreciate the chit chat that went along with it.

I have seen each of you week by week get better with your picks and applaud you

for taking the time to research your picks wisely.

I wish there was a prize for all of you to win but ultimately there can be only one.

Next week we will be starting the Muleshoe Journal's Playoff Picks.

I hope you continue on with us at the Muleshoe Journal with the Playoff Picks, just as the Mules continue on into the playoffs.

Please support the businesses who support our schools and community.

Special thanks to all of the local and area businesses who



By Rhea Gonzales

helped make this years football contest a success, without them it wouldn't have been possible.

Last weeks games were: Oakland 24 vs. Denver 38, St. Louis 13 vs. Arizona 19, Coahoma 6 vs. Idalou 40, Muleshoe Mules 42 vs. Childress 15, Godley 42 vs. Comanche 7, Texas Tech 20 vs. Texas Longhorns 52 and LSU 9 vs. Alabama 6 (by far the best game to watch in my opinion).

We had only one

contest participant choose seven out of seven games correctly. Patrick Orozco is the last weekly \$25 winner of the season. Congrats, Patrick!

Here are the ending totals of the season: Butch Green 65, Fernando Toscano 62, Terry Field 62, Debbie Weir 62, Rene Valle 62, Anna Lopez 59, Claire Brown 58, Gabriel Toscano 57, Darin Bratcher 57, Scott Brown 57, Randy Waggoner 55, John Paul Garza

55, Felipe Gonzales 55, Ruben Mata 54, Gerald Bond 53, Linda Lutz 53, Jesse Waggoner 53, Sherri Harrison 53, Jill Waggoner 53, Vicki Gonzales 52, Kim Black 52, Conner Harrison 52, Shelbi Harrison 52, Shonda Black 51 (M.V.P), Cory Contreras 50, Woody Villa 49, Jim Lutz 49, Patrick Orozco 49, Travis Bessire 49, Alene Bryant 47, Josh Garza 47, Sue Bessire 47, Johnny M. Gonzales 46, Hilbert Wisian 46, Sue Bond 45, Shane Been 43, Mike Reyna 42, James Lutz 42, Brennan Broyles 42, Troy Moore 39, Carla Ambriz 37, Xavier Reyes

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Congrats, Butch Green! You are the \$200 Grand Prize Winner of the Muleshoe Journal Football Contest!

Be ready next week folks because the Playoff Picks are coming!

Muleshoe's 2011 District Football Champions



Photograph by Stacy Conner

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Stadium to play the Godley Wildcats if they defeat the Bangs Dragons Friday night.

If Bangs is the winner then a new site for the Mules vs. Bangs could be in the offering.

Defensive stats were not available by submission deadline this week.

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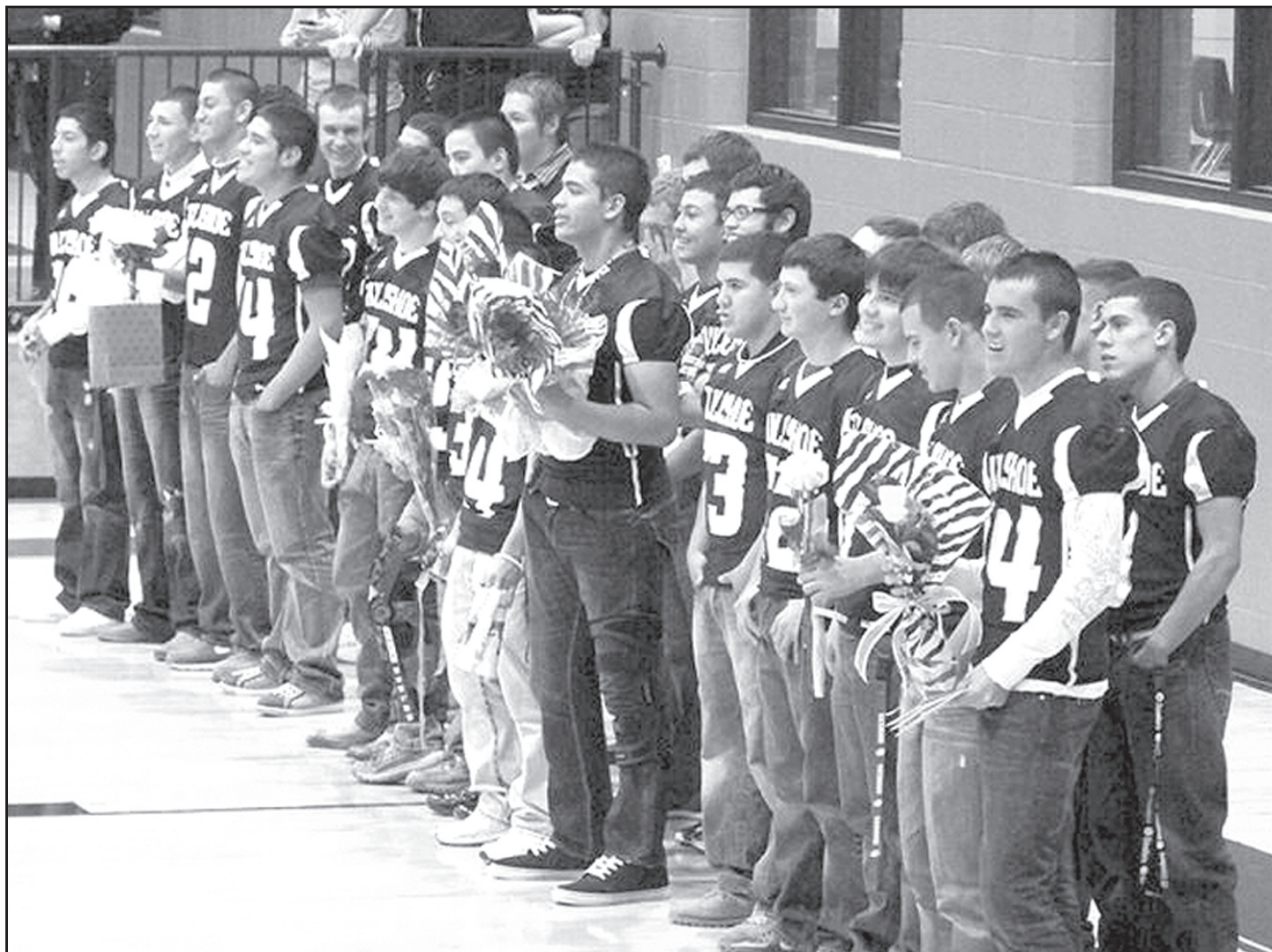
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Be a part of Mule Spirit and support our Mules as they head to the 2011 Playoffs!

SPORTS NEWS



Senior Pep Rally Held

Senior members of the varsity Mules were honored during the senior pep rally on Friday, Nov. 4.



Muleshoe, Hereford Scrimmage

The varsity basketball girls of Muleshoe High School faced off in a scrimmage against Hereford on Nov. 3. Pictured above, Lady Mule Dominique Mata plays defense.

Seventh Grade Mules...

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The Mule offense continued to struggle in the second half while the Bobcats continued to roll up the points.

The Mules trade in their football uniforms and start basketball practice as a new season begins November 14.

The Mules will host Idalou Wildcats in their first game on the hardwoods. Game time will be at 5 p.m. for the young Mules.

During Cheer camp this Summer at Texas Tech University, Samantha Reyna, a Senior Captain for the Muleshoe Varsity Cheerleading Squad, won several awards, including the UCA All-American team. There were over 300 girls that attended this camp and Samantha was one of the few who were chosen to perform with the Spirit of America Productions at the 85th Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York City. Samantha is the only girl in the West Texas area that will be attending the parade and will be proudly representing Muleshoe High School.

How Can A Good, Powerful God Allow Suffering?



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

How can a good and powerful God allow suffering?

That has always been a good and powerful question, and one asked most often and most poignantly in the midst of shock, pain, and perplexity.

The question defies easy and glib answers. Pain is a caustic solvent that melts away easy answers and plastic platitudes. The answer of the Christian faith is not easy, and it is given through tears.

If God is absolutely good and powerful, and nothing less than completely loving, how can he allow suffering?

Perhaps the deepest answer is itself an even more difficult question: "How can even a good, powerful, and loving God not allow suffering?"

When God created humanity in his own image, he gave us the amazing gift which gives life and love meaning but which necessarily also opens us up to pain. He gave

us free will.

God gave us the capacity to choose good or to choose evil. Puppets dangling from a divine string would never make the wrong move or dance the wrong dance, but would their dancing have any meaning or joy at all?

And if the terrible choice for hate and evil and despair were no option at all, would choosing for love and goodness and hope hold any real meaning or joy at all?

In a free universe, our choices are invested with deep meaning. Would the love of your spouse so warm your heart if they had no choice but to give it?

Would the hugs of your three-year-old daughter so light up your life if there were no possibility that she

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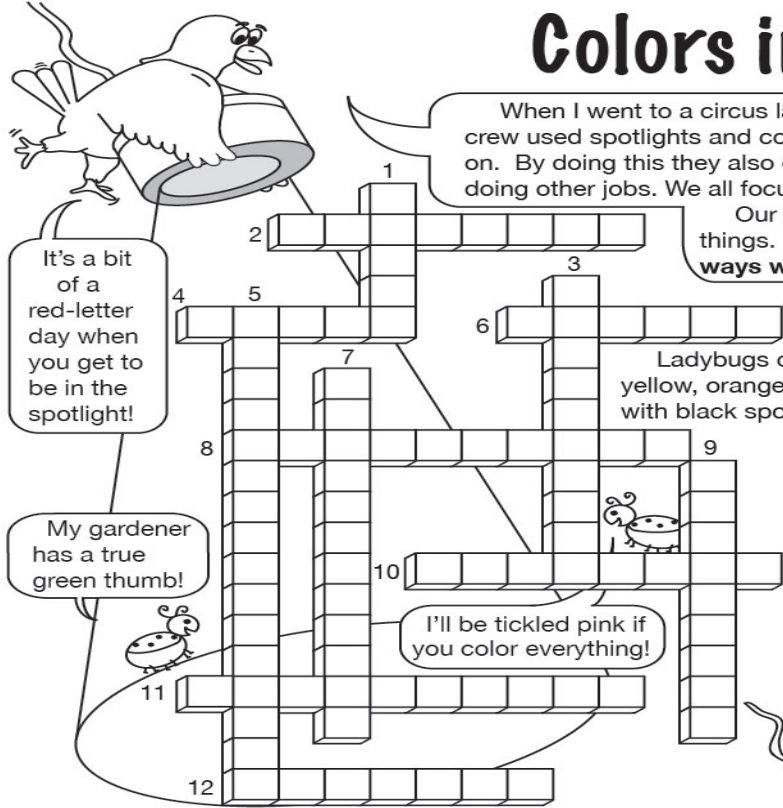
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...colors to try to create new colors!



Colors in the Spotlight!

I go to a white elephant sale once in a blue moon.



When I went to a circus last week, I noticed that the main acts were highlighted with colored lights. The lighting crew used spotlights and color to attract the audience's attention, drawing our eyes to where the action was going on. By doing this they also drew our attention away from workers in the shadows who were setting up props and doing other jobs. We all focused on what they wanted us to see.

Our days are filled with color. We think about and use different shades of colors for many things. How many colors can you name? **Can you read the clues to fill in the puzzle with ways we use colors?**

It's a bit of a red-letter day when you get to be in the spotlight!

My gardener has a true green thumb!

I'll be tickled pink if you color everything!

Ladybugs can be yellow, orange or red with black spots!

- codes
- teams
- decoration
- countries
- signals
- directions
- camouflage
- optical illusions
- temperatures
- feelings
- painting

1. players wear the colors of their _____
2. red roses = love, expressing our _____
3. to make things look nice: materials for clothes or home; jewelry
4. on maps: yellow = land, blue = water
5. to trick the eye, in printing
6. flower bed, fruit bowl, cosmetics
7. red = hot, blue = cool
8. to make blend into the surroundings (soldiers in jungle)
9. red, white and blue, for flags or emblems
10. an artistic work hung on the wall
11. flashing yellow arrow on the road pointing the way
12. white flag = a wish to surrender

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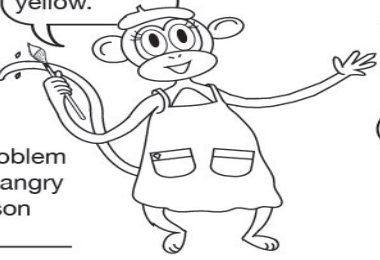
Words That Color Our World!

We use the names and images of colors to express our feelings and ideas. We give colors meanings! **Can you match these expressions to their "true blue" meanings?**

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| 1. show a <u>green</u> - eyed monster | A. feel sad |
| 2. a <u>black</u> cloud over one's head | B. be a coward |
| 3. have a <u>yellow</u> streak | C. be jealous |
| 4. see <u>red</u> | D. have a big problem |
| 5. feel <u>blue</u> | E. become very angry |
| 6. have a heart of <u>gold</u> | F. be a kind person |
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- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. put an agreement in <u>black</u> and <u>white</u> | A. only see the good things |
| 2. <u>blue</u> -ribbon pie | B. the very best |
| 3. get the <u>green</u> light | C. be very pale from a scare, illness |
| 4. see the world through <u>rose</u> -colored glasses | D. write it down |
| 5. be in the <u>red</u> | E. be in debt |
| 6. as <u>white</u> as a ghost | F. be able to start something |

The three primary colors are red, blue and yellow.

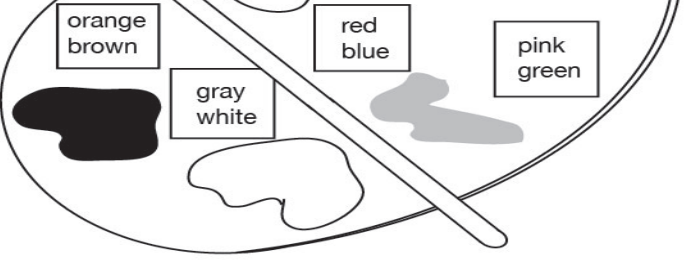
This means that all other colors can be made from some combination of these three colors.



Nature's Colors!

We often use nature or seasons of the year to group colors.

- Circle winter colors
- Color in spring colors
- "X" summer colors
- Underline fall colors



Focus On Faith... Continued from 3b

might choose to turn away?

Would our love of the God of all joy and light mean anything if he had not given us the freedom to choose to spurn him and follow evil and the Prince of Darkness instead? And choices must have consequences.

It's one thing to ask those questions when life seems good. It's quite another to ask them when the whole fabric of your universe seems to have been ripped into shreds and pain and evil and wickedness seem to be masters of the day. Most of us have seen those times.

But thank God himself that we have also seen the awesome

power of goodness, fierce love, and nobility even in the midst of the deepest pain.

How we wish there were another way, but God himself could not create a universe where we could see the beauty of the one without the terrible possibility of the other.

Christianity asserts that ours is a God so good, so powerful, and so loving, that through his own unfathomable pain, he gave his Son to save us from evil so that one eternal day pain and suffering will be forever banished.

"Weeping may tarry for the night," writes the

Psalmist, "but joy comes in the morning."

Dear God, when we or those we love are walking through a long and exceedingly dark and difficult night, grant us the faith, the strength, and the vision only you can give as we look up for the light of the morning.

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By
Superintendent
Dr. Gene Sheets

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

Proverbs 3:5, NIV



Alarcon Honored By School Board

Margie Alarcon was recently notified that she will receive the Distinguished Lifetime Service Award from the Association for Migrant Educators of Texas at this year's annual Texas Migrant Education Conference in Corpus Christi.

She was chosen from applicants from all over the state of Texas.

Margie has served for 40 years in the Muleshoe Independent School District. All 40 years have been devoted to working with migrant children and their families.

She has received the Texas All State Recruiter Award twice (2000 and 2003), and she received the Region 17 Outstanding NGS Data Entry Specialist Award.

Margie began in Muleshoe as a Teacher Assistant in

the classroom serving Migrant children, and she is now the migrant program coordinator.

In addition to serving migrant children in Muleshoe, Margie has served five years on the state committee for the annual update and development of the Texas Manual for the Identification and Recruitment of Migrant Children.

So she really did write the book on identifying migrant children.

Margie helped establish a solid foundation for education for generations of Migrant students in our Building Bridges Program.

Margie drives a van to pick up and deliver students for our Migrant Tutoring program on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Her example helps create a family

atmosphere in our office where migrant students and families are made to feel welcome and at home.

Margie is involved in the lives of our migrant children. Students of all ages stop by to "just visit" with Margie.

She knows each student and most of their families. They know she cares about them as a person.

Students know that Margie cares deeply for them and expects their very best. She shows them how to love life by her attitude and example.

Margie counsels students about their grades, teaches them Folklorico dance routines, sews their costumes, and drives them to the competitions.

Several generations of migrant students have a better life because

their heart was touched by Margie Alarcon. In turn, her life has been more complete because "her kids" have touched her heart.

We are very proud that Margie has been such a vital part of the Muleshoe ISD family for 40 years.

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The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture would like to invite your business or organization to participate in the upcoming Christmas events. The Christmas season will be kicked off on November 19th with the Christmas Around Muleshoe Event. The Chamber will be coordinating the Christmas events.

In order to participate in the four Christmas Around Muleshoe events and be included in all the advertising, each business is asked to pay a \$50.00 advertising fee and the Chamber will issue a \$50.00 Mule Bucks in your name to put in the drawing to be given away. The Chamber of Commerce will be giving away \$1,000.00 in Mule Buck Certificates as the grand prize on December 15th. If you are not a retail merchant, you can still participate by advertising with us.

The dates scheduled for Christmas Around Muleshoe are:
Sat., November 19th • Sat., November 26th
Sat., December 3rd - Also the Christmas Parade • Sat., December 10th

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It can be a special promotion, serving refreshments or any other event that you'd like to have in your business. From November 19th through December 10th your customers can enter the drawing one time for each \$70.00 spent up to \$100.00. On the Christmas Around Muleshoe dates customers can enter two times for each \$70.00 purchase (up to \$100.00).

Because plans need to be made for this promotion, the Chamber must know by Friday, November 11th at noon, if you are interested in being a part of this effort to promote the businesses within our Chamber. We are working with businesses in Muleshoe to promote shopping at home during the holiday season and would like for you to join us in making this a fun time of the year.

The Christmas Parade will take place at 10:00am on Saturday, December 3rd, with the theme "Muleshoe Western Heritage". Entrants for the parade will be asked to bring a canned food donation for the Bailey County Food Pantry.

Thank you for your continued support of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. Please contact our office at 272-4248 or email us at chamber@fivearea.com by November 11th.

Help support this event, make this Holiday Season the Best for our Community!



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