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Photograph by Gabby Perez

A Mule charges past the Bobcat team during Friday's game.

## MAHD Board Clears Away Old Debts

By Larry Thornton  
Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District "wrote off" slightly more than \$172,000 in bad debt from Park View Nursing Care Center during Thursday's regular meeting. During the discussion of the issue it was reported that the vast majority of the amount was from old Medicare and Medicaid charges that were past the 12-month payment window, some of which were from as far back as 2009.

reimbursement agencies and refused to pay on accounts that were more than a year old.

This amount totaled \$43,712.88.

Of the amount written off, the smallest amount — \$8,451.28, is from private pay accounts that were not collectable because most of the individuals had died without a payment

These accounts — which include Medicaid Parts A and B — totals \$119,928.95 "It's been determined that it can't be collected," MAHD CEO David Burke said.

It was also explained that insurance companies were following in the same steps as the government

contract being in place or a means to contact others who might be in charge of the individuals estate.

Jessica Wood, who has been assisting the nursing home with clearing up its old accounts receivables, said money had been

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## Mule Stampede Tramples Dimmitts Bobcats, 55-0

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules traveled to Dimmitt Friday night to meet a Bobcat team that was 1-6 on the season but with the potential to explode on any Friday night.

The Mules entered the game hoping to jump on top early and snuff out any fuse burning inside the Bobcats.

It took the Mules almost four minutes to get on the score board after that the Mules scored two more touchdowns for a 21-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

It was all Mules after that as the Mules shut out the Bobcats 55-0.

"It was a little scary for us this week not to know how the kids would react after losing such a close game to Bushland," said Mule Coach David Wood. "There are just two regular season games left so the next two games will decide where we go in the playoffs."

"Childress and Littlefield had a close game tonight so we are right in the thick of things. We have two tough games to go but I think we are capable of winning one or both of them. It will be an exciting end of the season," the coach said.

The Mules won the

coin flip and deferred to the second half. The Mules kicked off to Dimmitt and the Bobcats missed on three pass attempts.

The Dimmitt punt rolled to the Mule 43.

The Mules failed to move the ball on their first series and turned the ball over on downs. Dimmitt's second possession started at the Mule 47 but after two short running plays and an incomplete pass the Bobcats lined up to punt.

Back-to-back motion penalties pushed the Bobcats back to the Dimmitt 44. Eli Leal fielded the Dimmitt punt on the Mule 25

and returned to near midfield.

A block in the back penalty sent the Mules back to the 24 yard line.

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## School District Receives Another 'Clean Audit'

By Larry Thornton  
Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District's board of trustees received another "clean" audit report from Randall Field, CPA, during Monday's regular board meeting.

"The basic financial statement is what we're concerned with," Field said as he led the assembled board through the report for the year ending June 30, 2013.

"We did not find any discrepancies in anything we looked at," Field said, adding

that the school district was in financial compliance with state requirements.

Field noted that this year's report had been "simplified" to meet new

government accounting requirements — which means the two-page audit opinion had been increased to four pages.

He also noted that

some phrasing in the report had changed from last year. For example instead of referring to the district's net assets, the report lists the district's "net position."

Field said a "clean opinion" was being issued, which he said — as in previous years, was what the district wants and what the district's bond holders want.

Field complimented the district's business manager, Daniel Harper, who was recognized at the beginning of Monday's meeting for

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## Ghoulish Glamour

A trip of ghastly-garbed girls, pictured above, were among the large crowd of costumed kids, and parents, at this year's Fall Festival, held at the Bailey County Coliseum Saturday evening.

Among the fun and festivities were bean bag tosses, cake walks, bingo, a visit by Safety Pup — pictured on the right, and of course... a haunted house.

For additional photographs, turn to A3 for costume contest winners, and B4.

Photographs by Larry Thornton



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# OPINION



## Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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### Cookie Dough, Pies

The Junior Class of Muleshoe High School is selling cookie dough and pies just in time for Thanksgiving. If you would like to order either of these items, contact a Junior Class member or call the high school at 272-7303.

### Park View Trick Or Treat

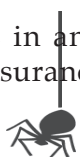
The residents of Park View Nursing Care Center invite community children to visit the facility for "trick or treat" on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 6-7 p.m., to share their costumes with the residents and receive treats in the "Spook Room."

### Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare open enrollment is coming up quickly. Open enrollment begins on Oct. 15 and runs through Dec. 7. If you are needing to enroll or compare prescription drug coverage call Shelby Carpenter at the Bailey County Office of Aging to make an appointment.

Her office number is 806-272-3647. Medicaid and Social Security counseling will also be available.

Carpenter can also assist residents in and around Bailey County with health insurance questions and concerns.



### MHS Fall Blood Drive

Muleshoe High School will host a fall blood drive on Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., in the bloodmobile outside of the MHS office.

Donors will need to present a photo ID or donor ID. Students 17 years of age may donate and anyone 16 years of age may donate with a parental consent form signed.

Contact Sharon Johnson, school nurse, at 272-7309 for questions or to make an appointment.

### Christmas In Muleshoe

Donations for Christmas in Muleshoe may be made at Muleshoe State Bank, according to the Bailey County Ministerial Alliance.

Applications may be picked up from Janie Posadas at the South Plains Community Action Association, 804 W. American Blvd. The application deadline is Nov. 15.

### Pre-Game Turkey Dinner

On Friday, Nov. 1, the Muleshoe High School's Sophomore Class will be hosting a "Turkey Dinner" prior to the game against Childress. The cost of the meal is \$8 for adults, and \$5 for children 10 years of age and under.

Serving will be from 5-7 p.m. for dine-in. Deliveries will be available from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. To place an order call 272-7409.

For tickets contact any sophomore student or class sponsor, and at the door.

### MHS Veterans Day Program

A special Veterans Day program will be held at Muleshoe High School on Monday, Nov. 11, at 10:30 a.m.

Veterans who can attend are asked to call the high school at 272-7303 by Nov. 6.



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## Our Shepherd Gave His Life For His Sheep

In this fallen world we are accustomed to hearing stories of selfishness and greed, but, as Paul Harvey used to say, "Wash your ears out with this!"

When Wake Forest freshman baseball outfielder (and 19th round draft pick for the New York Yankees) Kevin Jordan became ill in April of 2010, he was diagnosed with a disease that eventually caused his kidneys to fail.

Family members all failed to be matches for a kidney transplant, but Wake Forest baseball coach Tom Walter asked to be tested, and was found to be a match.

In February 2011, Walter donated a kidney to Jordan, giving him quite literally a new lease on life.

Coach Walter was quoted as saying that the decision was a "no-brainer."

He went on to say, "I would do anything to help any one of my players or any of my family members. Anything in my power to help them have a better quality of life is something that I want to do."

One thing is sure:

### Annual Heritage Foundation Meeting Set for Saturday

The 30th annual meeting of the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation is set for Saturday, Nov. 2.

As in previous years,

### Gospel Concert Set For Nov. 2

Circle of Love Ministries will be holding a night of gospel music at the Bailey County Coliseum on Saturday, Nov. 2, beginning at 7 p.m.

There is no cost to attend, and a free hamburger meal will be provided.

Contact Curtis Allen at 806-265-7417 for additional information.



### Olton Church Dinner Set

Olton's First Methodist Church will be hosting a chili and stew lunch on Saturday, Nov. 23.

The meal will be served from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., at its fellowship hall, 312 Ave. D.

The cost is \$6.50 for adults, \$3.50 for ages 2 to 10, and free for age 2 and under.

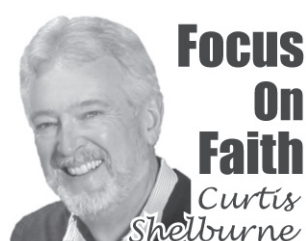
For additional information, call 806-285-2777.

### St. Ann's Fund Raiser Set

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina will be hosting their annual turkey dinner on Sunday, Nov. 3.

Serving time is from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., in the parish hall at 401 Third Street.

Tickets are \$10, and \$5 for children under 6 years of age.



Focus On Faith  
Curtis Shelburne

while other coaches might speak such words, Coach Walter backed up his words with actions which his team and family would never forget.

"I am the good shepherd," Jesus said. "The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11).

Good words, those, but they are more than just words. Our Lord, our Shepherd, when faced with the deep need of his flock, backed up his words by going to the cross so that all of our sin and guilt might truly be atoned for and dealt with forever.

When we consider the physical pain of Christ's suffering and death, we are amazed at such sacrificial love, and rightly so.

But I wonder if we can even begin to imagine the deep pain and the true cost to the Sinless One as he quite literally took on himself and away from us forever all of the sin and guilt

of the world.

As the Apostle Paul writes, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21).

What a "transplant!" Filthy and dying souls are exchanged for souls spotlessly clean and filled with the very life of Christ!

For us, the gift is free as we say, "Yes!" and open our hearts and hands to the One willingly laying down his life, but for the

Giver, no gift was ever more costly.

Far more terrible even than living life chained to a dialysis machine, we were, apart from Christ's gift, chained to our sins and condemned to eternal death.

Now healed and whole because of his gift, how can we but live each moment of our lives with joyful thanksgiving to the Giver, the Good Shepherd who willingly lay down his life for the sheep?

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## Fall Festival Costume Winners

Youngsters decked out in a variety of costumes arrived at the Jennyslipper's Mule Putt — prior to the doors opening for the annual fall festival at the Bailey County Coliseum — for a costume competition sponsored by the Muleshoe Parent-Teacher Organization.

Winners in the event included Captain America, couple of "Woody's," a clown, a cyborg, Count Dracula, a nerd, the Mad Hatter and a witch.\*

(\*The names of the contestants have been withheld, in one instance to protect the crime-fighting abilities of a certain super hero, and because name tags on costumed characters defeat the purpose and fun of dressing up in the first place. Just like the youngsters who will be showing up at your front door during Trick-or-Treating, set for the evening of Thursday, Oct. 31, you are supposed to guess who it is.)

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# MAHD Board Acts...

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In other financial news, it was noted that the Muleshoe Area Medical Center's cash balance at the end of September was

\$520,912.85, while that of Park View Nursing Care Center was \$13,407.93. The net accounts receivable for the hospital dropped by \$137,112.40 from August to September, and Park View increase by \$60,873.10 during the same period.

The hospital's year-to-date revenue was \$9,959,683.25 at the end of September, an increase of \$729,304.89 from the anticipated amount, while the Y-T-D revenue at Park View was \$2,884,901.44, an increase of \$328,374.78 from the budgeted

amount. In other business, the MAHD board:

- Approved the lease of laboratory equipment for hematology. Burke explained that the need for the new equipment was discussed during the strategic planning sessions help prior to the approval of the hospital district's 2013-14 budget.
- It was also noted that the cost of the equipment approved Thursday was \$20,000 less than expected and listed in the budget.
- Received a report from Burke in which he noted the new call nursing call system — which is being paid for through a \$55,000 grant, for the hospital is nearly installed.
- Burke also gave a brief report for Ron Clark of Park View, saying that the nursing home is "holding its own" financially. "They're doing good," he added.
- Returned from an executive session of almost an hour and approved a motion to sign a contract with local physician Dr. Kyle Sheets.
- Approved minutes from meetings on Sept. 26 and Oct. 1.

## 'Brooms And Spiders' Contest This Week

It's Halloween, and the Muleshoe Journal is getting into the fun and festivities by holding a "Brooms and Spiders" subscription contest.

Count the number of spiders in this week's issue, subtract the number of brooms, and fill out the entry form on A8, and submit your entry at the Journal office.

The "Brooms and Spiders" contest is open to everyone, from first grade to adult.

The contest rules are as follows:

1. Only one entry per person may be submitted, using either the entry form on A8, or a photocopy of the entry form. Faxed or emailed entries will not be accepted.
2. The entries may be left at the Muleshoe Journal office, at 201 W. Ave. C.
3. Entries must be submitted by 12 noon on Monday, Nov. 4, 2013. Only the entries with the correct number of spiders — minus the number of brooms — will be included in the drawing for a two-year

"in-county" or "online edition" subscription to the Muleshoe Journal.

4. The brooms and spiders, whether in color or grayscale, facing left or right and with or without web, may be included within text or photographs in the Oct. 31 issue of the newspaper.

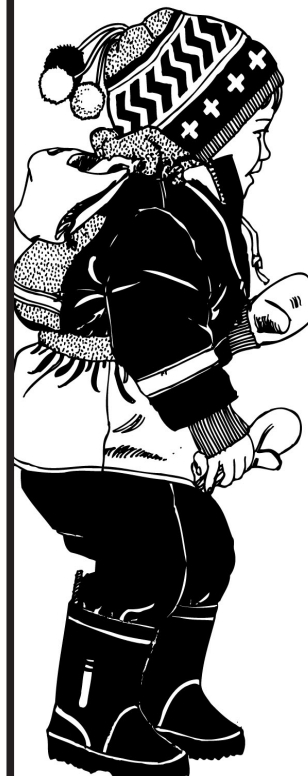
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# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Happy Halloween to all, the young and old. May you have a safe one.

We are beginning another month, This year has really been a good one for the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center. We hope you have come and enjoyed the fun and fellowship with everyone.

Tuesday, Nov. 5, is Bunco playing time at the center. Call a friend and come join in the fun.

They give prizes, too. The games began at 10 a.m.

If you have not played Bunco you need to come and see how easy and fun it is to play.

Remember, Tuesday is election day. There are nine constitutional

amendments that are to be voted on. You might want to check into this.

Thursday is Bingo day. Come have lunch and stay and enjoy Bingo.

You get refreshments and prizes for this, too. Call a friend and come join us.

Just a reminder: SPAG will be in the center on Wednesday, Nov. 13, for any of you who need to review your Part D Medicare program.

You can make an appointment if you wish. Just call or come by the center.

To all our friends that are under the weather, our prayers and love to you.

We miss you and pray you will be back with us soon.

## Nov. 4-8 menus:

Monday, Nov. 4 — Beef and bean chile verde, rice, long grain white, tossed vegetable salad, low-calorie French dressing, and fruit.

Tuesday, Nov. 5 — Salmon patties, scalloped potatoes, green peas, salad, wheat bread, and peach-apple crisp.

Wednesday, Nov. 6 — Grilled steak gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll, and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Nov. 7 — Charbroiled hamburger, tomato, pickle, onion, herbed potato fries, berry cobbler, wheat bun.

Friday, Nov. 8 — Fish or chicken strips, beans, coleslaw, cornbread, and fruit salad.

# School Board... Continued From A1

the 2012 Silver Leadership Circle Award which he'd received from State Comptroller Susan Combs.

"Daniel does a wonderful job," Field said, a comment that was in agreement with that from Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets when the board recognized Harper's achievement earlier, the second year in a row for him to receive the award.

"We appreciate the job he does for us," Sheets said about the district's chief financial officer.

According to Field, the audit report didn't list any exceptions or problems.

Financially, the audit report noted the school district's total revenues for the 2012-13 school year were \$15,859,809,

and its total expenses were \$15,688,944.

It also noted that the district's "net position" was \$21,182,516 — up from \$21,011,651 in the previous year, and that its balance of cash and investments as of June 30 was \$7,807,629.

And, the audit report compared the school district's total expenses for the year ending in 2013 — \$15,688,944, to the same period in 2012 — \$15,661,423.

The district's fund balance was \$10,245,209, with its general fund balance at \$9,256,100.

The debt service fund was at \$770,403 at the end of the school district's fiscal year, and its special revenue fund was at \$218,706.

In other business, the school board:

- Received an enrollment report that

noted the district was down about 25 students on Oct. 25, the state-wide "snapshot" day which determines the amount of state funding the school district would receive, as well as the district's UIL standing for sports.

"We're probably on the lower side of 2A," the superintendent said.

- Received the district's "Highly Qualified" report which notes that the instructors for the school district core curriculum instructors were 100 percent "highly qualified," according to state requirements.

"We've always been 100 percent qualified," Sheets said, adding that earlier in the day he'd spoken with the superintendent from

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# CRP Rental, Direct Payments And ACRE Payments To Be Issued

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that the USDA has begun distributing Conservation Reserve Program annual rental payments to participants across the country.

USDA also will distribute 2013 direct payments and 2012 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program payments beginning Oct. 24.

Payments originally were scheduled to be issued earlier in the month, but were delayed

by several weeks due to the lapse in Federal funding.

"Farmers, ranchers and rural landowners across the country count on USDA programs and the payment delays due to the shutdown were an unnecessary burden," Vilsack said.

"USDA has prioritized making these scheduled payments without any further delay and Farm Service Agency staff have worked hard to get this assistance out the door as quickly as possible," he added.

Producers will receive payments on almost 700,000 CRP contracts on 390,000 farms covering 26.8 million acres.

In exchange for a yearly rental payment provided by USDA on contracts ranging from 10 to 15 years, farmers and ranchers enrolled in CRP agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant grasses or trees that will improve water quality and improve waterfowl and

wildlife habitat.

CRP reduced runoff and leaching of nitrogen and phosphorus into waterways by an estimated 605 million pounds and 121 million pounds, respectively, in 2012, and soil erosion reductions totaling 308 million tons in 2012.

Direct payments for 2013 for the DCP and ACRE programs are being made to the more than 1.7 million farms enrolled in the Farm Service Agency's programs.

Producers with base acres of certain commodities are eligible for DCP payments. ACRE payments for 2012-crop barley, corn,

grain sorghum, lentils, oats, peanuts, dry peas, soybeans, and wheat are scheduled to be released beginning Oct. 24 and contingent upon national average market prices and yields in each state.

ACRE payments for upland cotton are scheduled to be made in early November, after the 2012/2013 average market year price is published in the Agricultural Prices publication scheduled to be released on Oct. 31.

ACRE payments are scheduled to be made for large chickpeas, small chickpeas, canola, crambe, flaxseed,

mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower, sesame, and sunflowers are scheduled to be made in early December, after the 2012/2013 average market year price is published in the Agricultural

Prices publication scheduled to be released on November 27.

ACRE payments for long grain and medium and short grain rice are scheduled to be made in early February 2014 after the final 2012/13 average market year price is published in the Agricultural Prices publication scheduled to be released on Jan. 31, 2014.

## FSA Reminds Lenders To Register For Loan Program Webinars

USDA Farm Service Agency Executive Director Judith A. Canales reminds lenders to register for the upcoming FSA Guaranteed Loan Program training.

FSA will host four webinars from November through January.

Webinars will be offered at no cost to the participants.

The webinars will be held on Nov. 7, Dec. 17, 2013, and Jan. 15 and Feb. 20, 2014.

All webinars will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will focus on regulatory updates pertaining to guaranteed loan making and servicing. Participants will need computer speakers and a microphone to participate.

"The guaranteed loan program is a good way

for banks to continue extending credit to viable agricultural producers while mitigating the risk that the financial institution assumes," said Canales.

The Guaranteed Loan Program allows FSA to form a partnership with lenders to ensure that agricultural producers have an affordable and reliable source of credit available.

When making guaranteed loans, FSA guarantees the loan up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest.

This loan program allows banks to keep their long-term agricultural customers as well as form relationships with new producers who do not qualify for traditional commercial loans.

Any of the training

sessions may be attended by agency Certified and Preferred Lenders in order to remain in compliance with annual training requirements.

To view the guaranteed lender training schedule or to register please visit [http://www.fsda.usda.gov/Internet/FSA\\_File/tx\\_glswebinars\\_2013.pdf](http://www.fsda.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/tx_glswebinars_2013.pdf).

For more information regarding guaranteed lender training, contact John Cowan, farm loan specialist, at (979)680-5229.

## MISD School Board... Continued From A4

another school district seeking advise on how he should inform his school board that his teachers were not.

• Reviewed the school district's emergency operations procedures.

Texas school district's are required to re-certify emergency operations procedures every three years, and while Muleshoe ISD's EOP is complete and up-to-date, Sheets noted that some other area school districts were found not to have been completed.

• Approved the minutes from the Sept. 23 board meeting as

distributed.

• Approved the district and campus improvement plans, the SHAC council members for the 2013-14 school

year, and the school district's Textbook Committee members.

• Approved the district's "Team of Eight" report.

We would like to thank everyone that provided to us with the food, flowers, and condolences in this great time of need. We greatly appreciate the support with the loss of our loved one,

Ana Guerra.

With Much Love,  
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## Death Notices

### Karen Copley

Muleshoe resident Karen Copley, 52, of Muleshoe, died on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013. She was born on Oct. 9, 1961, to Ray and JoAnn Clark in Hobbs, N. M. A family gathering will take place at a later date.

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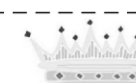
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## Business, Employee Of Month Announced

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture recognized Bailey County EMS as the Business of the Month for October, and BCEMS employee Zac Stancel, pictured above holding the certificate he received from the chamber, as the Employee of the Month for October. Also, pictured above are EMS Director Kevin

Biaze, far right, Robie Espenson, Kem Bales, Kody Kitchens, Kendall Giesbrecht, Ron Morgan, Laramie Fulcher, Craig Giesbrecht, Bryan Morris, Lawrence Giesbrecht, Darrell Schmidt, Austin Helton, Roper Fulcher, chamber president Gina Wilkerson, and chamber secretary Becky Hoksbergen.

## Weather Whys: Weather Lore

**Q:** You often hear of old legends, such as if a spring is cold and wet, that means autumn will be cold and dry. Are these true?

**A:** Usually, they are not, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Weather legends, often referred to as weather lore, date back hundreds of years when farmers liked to use common sayings to explain the weather affecting them.

"It's believed many of these legends were based on facts, but we've learned there is not much to back them up," McRoberts says.

"Sayings like 'light or heavy fogs in October mean heavy snow in the winter' or 'a wet fall indicates a cold and early winter' have no scientific basis at all. Most are just not true."

**Q:** What are some of the most common lore?

**A:** Some of the most popular deal with animals, such as "If animals have an especially thick coat of fur, expect a cold

### Park View Trick Or Treat Set

The residents of Park View Nursing Care Center invite community children to visit the facility for "trick or treat" on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 6-7 p.m., to share their costumes with the residents and receive treats in the "Spook Room."



weather" or "If squirrels bury their nuts early, it will be a hard winter," McRoberts says. "There's no proof that these have happened in the past. Others say that 'If you hear an owl hoot in the daytime, a storm is approaching' or 'If a rooster goes crowing

to bed, he'll wake up with a watery head," he said. Others, still never proved, include "A warm November means a bad winter" or "If the first snow falls on unfrozen ground, expect a mild winter." They are just folk lore," he adds.

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# The Sudan Buzzy

## Sudan Hornets Top Farwell's Steers In 'Barn-Burner'

**By Cheri Sain**  
*Sudan Correspondent*

It was a barn burner Friday night as district rivals, the Sudan Hornets and the Farwell Steers, fought for a district win with Sudan coming out on top with a score of 14-13.

Farwell's Adrian Aleman put points on the board first with a 2-yard carry. The Steers drove the ball 68 yards in 13 carries.

The PAT was good by Angel Graxiola. Farwell's defense held strong the rest of the quarter giving the Steers the lead going in to the second quarter.

Early in the second quarter, Farwell quarterback JJ Herrera was intercepted by Tanner Fisher at the 35-yard line.

Fisher would run it back for a Hornet touchdown. Hornet

kicker Edgar Nunez would kick the PAT tying up the ballgame. Half time score was 7-7.

It was a tough third quarter for both squads as they struggled to get points on the board. Farwell's Herrera found Curt Langford for a Steer touchdown late in the third quarter.

The Steers drove 70 yards in 14 plays and took time off the clock. The PAT was no good,

and came back to haunt the Steers late in the fourth quarter.

Both teams came out to fight the good fight in the 4th quarter. Sudan had one final chance to get in to the end zone with 26 second left on the clock.

Sudan quarterback Stephen Schovjasa would take the ball and run it in on a two-yard play after driving the Hornets 43 yards for the

chance to win. Nunez stepped out and nailed the PAT giving the Hornets the huge district win.

"Friday night was a very exciting game for our program," Head Coach Gordon Martin said. "We played from behind most of the game."

Both teams had almost identical stats tonight. Time of possession was almost split half. Sudan had the ball for 28:26 minutes, and Farwell had the ball 29:29 minutes. Sudan had 270 yards of total offense out of 55 plays versus Farwell's 49 plays for 229 yards.

Sudan's BJ Johnson had a good night with

25 carries for 127 yards. Farwell's rusher Dillo Kirkland would end the game with 20 carries for 89 yards.

Both quarterbacks had almost the same stats tonight as well. Farwell's Herrera had six out of 10 completions for 75 yards and one interception.

Sudan's Schovjasa had six completions for 76 yards.

District standings as of last Friday are Springlake-Earth at 2-0, Farwell at 2-1, Sudan at 1-1, Bovina at 1-1, and Morton at 0-3.

Sudan will travel to Bovina this Friday in an important match up with two teams with identical district records.

## Sudan High School Cross-Country Teams Place

**By Cheri Sain**  
*Sudan Correspondent*

The district cross country meet was held at the Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

The Sudan Cross Country team had a good showing at the district meet with the varsity boys headed to the regional competition this weekend.

Varsity runner Omar Vasquez placed

eighth in the varsity boys' division. His time along with Kort Hill, Jelmer Vanderlei, Jeremy Binion, Branden Locke, Tregg Box, and Tommy Whitehurst placed thirrd as a team which qualifies them for regionals.

The Varsity Girls did not have any top finishers, and they placed sixth as a team. Team members

include Ashton Shultz, Ambrosia Nelson, Kristina Thorn, Karina Centeno, Madi Edwards, Denise Salazar, and Amber Binion.

Junior Varsity boy runner Alex Rodriguez placed in the top 10. He was the only one from Sudan running JV, so there was no team score.

The Junior Varsity girls team placed first

overall. Team members included Kimberlee Gonzales, Joanie Miller, Jaydyn Valdez, Erin Larson, Shaylee Johnson, Ashton Sawyer, Araseli Cornejo, Jessica Barrett, and Daniela Tinajero.

Miller took third place, Barrett placed fourth, Larson placed fifth, Gonzales placed sixth, Sawyer placed seventh, and Cornejo placed eighth.

Sudan's BJ Johnson had a good night with

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## FCCLA, SUDS Students Take Part In ENMU Fund Raiser

**By Cheri Sain**  
*Sudan Correspondent*

Sudan FCCLA and Sudan SUDS teamed up with Eastern New Mexico University's Family and Consumer Science department's Student Unit to raise funds for Share Our Strength No Child Hungry campaign.

FCCLA and SUDS members made cupcakes of all flavors

to donate to the cause. They also made jars filled with ingredients to make at home.

The goods were donated to the organization to sell. They also bought other supplies as a donation.

The Student Unit organization set up a bake sale at the Peanut Valley Festival in Portales, N.M. The organization made \$600

for their efforts. Tickets are still on sale for the decorated chairs that FCCLA and SUDS members collaborated on to produce.

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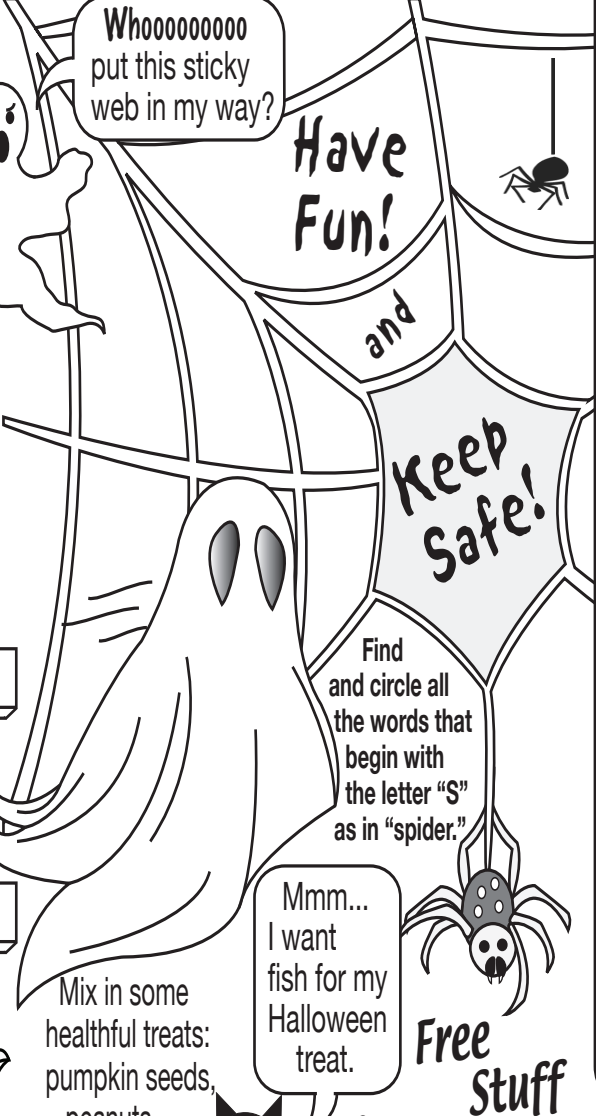
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# Spooky, Creepy Halloween!

**I'm batty about Halloween!**  
 This tradition may have begun in Ireland, England and France.  
 At the end of **summer** it was **harvest** time. The sunlight hours were waning and people were getting ready for a long, cold winter. Some people felt that the line between the living and the dead was very thin at that time of year.  
 People built **bonfires** for their harvest celebration. Some wore **costumes** and **masks** so **spirits** wouldn't recognize

them, damage their crops or cause illness. Some people would go door to door asking for money, cheese, apples or bread for the festival night. This is thought to be the beginning of kids **Trick-or-Treating** for **candy** in neighborhoods.  
 Today, on **October 31st**, many people carve **pumpkins** into Jack-O'-Lanterns and light them to greet children. They have costume parties and may bob for **apples**.



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  3. Have a flashlight so you can see and be seen.
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  5. Only visit well-lit houses of known neighbors.
  6. Have Mom or Dad check all goodies before eating.

There are **12** words in bold print in the bat's speech balloon above. Can you find them and fit them into this puzzle?

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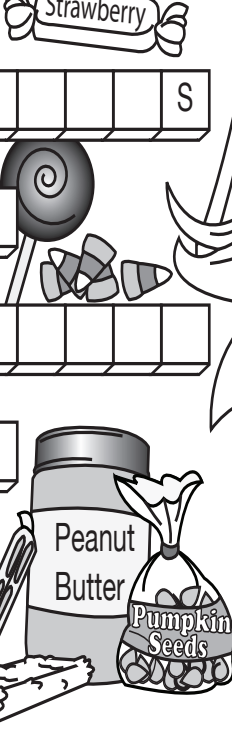
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## Haunted Mansion on the Hill

Have you ever heard about a house that might be haunted? Some people think there are houses that have noisy ghosts hanging around and annoying the people who live there.  
 Unexplained events that happen are called "paranormal." There are people called paranormal investigators who go to houses where there have been reports of strange happenings.  
 These investigators, who are like detectives, bring all kinds of cameras and other equipment to the house. They then set up their equipment to see if they can prove that something "out of the ordinary" is occurring.

Find and circle these weird happenings people have reported:

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- Meow!**
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would like to thank everyone who participated and attended the 1st Annual Muleshoe Days. We had such a beautiful day with lots of vendors, BBQ contest, the talent search, 2 excellent bands, kids games, bingo & the beef raffle contest.

We would like to thank the Bailey County Courthouse for letting us use their facility. Also, special thanks goes to Paul from Frontier Feedyard for donating the beef for our raffle and to Precure Electric, MVI, Irrigation Pump and Pierson Meats for the processing of the beef. We had such a good turnout and will be looking forward to next years event.

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# Varsity Mules Defeat Dimmitt's Bobcats... Continued From A1

Danny Campos held on to the ball on an option play and scooted 50 yards to the Dimmitt 26. Campos tossed to Austin Ross running a slant over the middle for a 26-yard touchdown.

Nacho Elizalde added the extra point for a 7-0 Mule lead with 8:18 left in the first quarter.

Dimmitt started their third drive on the Bobcat 19 but a motion penalty on first down cost them five yards. Roman Franco slashed into the Dimmitt backfield for a stop and a three-yard loss.

Omar Dones, the Bobcat running back, gained 10 yards but Dimmitt was forced to punt after an incomplete pass.

The Mules allowed the punt to roll dead at the Mule 39. Keagan Gonzales took an option pitch 22 yards on first down.

Campos kept on an option play for 11 yards to the Dimmitt 28.

Eli Leal caught a wide receiver screen and ran 21 yards behind a wall of Mule blockers to the Dimmitt 7. Campos gained three yards on second down and then scrambled two yards on third down.

Josh Lopez leaped into the end zone on the Mules' Hammer play. N. Elizalde's kick gave the Mules a 14-0 Mule lead with 4:03 remaining in the first period.

Dimmitt attempted to get their offense cranked by giving trying the Wildcat offense with Dones in the shotgun. Dones gained nine yards on first down but fumbled and recovered for a six-yard loss on second down.

Diego Benavides plugged the hole Dones tried for no gain. The deep snap bounced back to the punter and five Mules were in hot pursuit and dropped the punter at the Dimmitt 13.

Gonzales hit the right side of the line for an 11-yard gain to the Dimmitt two. The Mules faked the Hammer and Campos passed to Leal in the end zone for a TD.

N. Elizalde booted the point after and the Mules led 21-0 after one quarter.

The Mules had the offense in high gear in the second period and added three more touchdowns in the first three minutes and twenty seconds of the second period. Braden Bessire raced 41 yards for a touchdown after the Bobcats turned the ball over on downs.

It was one-play-all-the-way for the Mules. N. Elizalde gave the Mules a 28-0 lead with 11:39 left in the half.

It took the Mules two plays to cover 74 yards on their next drive. Ross caught his second TD pass of the night by pulling down a wide-receiver screen, making one defender miss and utilizing Mule blocks down field.

The drive took 43 seconds off the clock.

N. Elizalde's kick was good for a 35-0 lead with 9:10 still on the clock in the second period.

The Mules kicked off and Fransisco Elizalde raced down field to make the initial hit on the return man and Issac Luebanos was there to nail the returnee to the turf. Dimmitt began their drive on the Bobcat 24.

A high snap was fumbled by the Bobcat quarterback and F. Elizalde raced back and separated the quarterback from the ball. James Lutz dashed to the ball and recovered the fumble for the Mules on the Dimmitt 19.

The Mules sent three receivers to the short side of the field. Ross bubbled back for a screen pass while JJ Gandara ran a fly pattern down the Bobcat sideline.

Campos delivered a perfect strike to Gandara one-yard deep in the end zone. N. Elizalde tacked on the extra point for a 42-0 Mule lead with 8:43 still on the clock in the first half.

The Bobcats picked up their first first down of the game with 6:34 left in the first half.

The second half was shortened by a continuous running clock. Blaine Hurtado took over at quarterback and handed off to Bessire. Bessire found a crease in the Dimmitt defense and raced 77 yards for his second TD of the night.

N. Elizalde kept his kicking streak alive and added the point after with 10 seconds remaining in the third period for a 49-0 Mule lead.

A bad snap to the punter gave the Mules a first down on the Dimmitt 14. The Mules fumbled but recovered at the Bobcat 18. Hurtado got back to the line of scrimmage on second down before being brought down.

The Mule offensive line parted the Bobcat defense like a barber does hair and F. Elizalde shot through the open hole for an 18-yard touchdown with just over five minutes left in the game.

Matt Barron attempted the point after but the ball went wide to the



## Mule Pile At Dimmitt

*The Mules wrapped up, and piled on the Dimmitt Bobcats during Friday's away game. Pictured above, the Bobcat ball carrier encounters Muleshoe's defensive line.*

**Photograph by Gabby Perez**

left.

The Mules had 460 yards of offense by rushing for 323 and passing for 137. Campos was six of 10 passes for 139 yards and four touchdowns and rushed five times for 75 yards. He went over the 2000-yard mark for the season during the game.

Bessire led the Mules in rushing with two carries for 119 yards and two TDs. Gonzales rushed eight times for 64 yards. Elizalde ran four times for 30 and a touchdown.

Cristian Paez ran one time for 34 yards. Lopez had one carry for two yards and a TD.

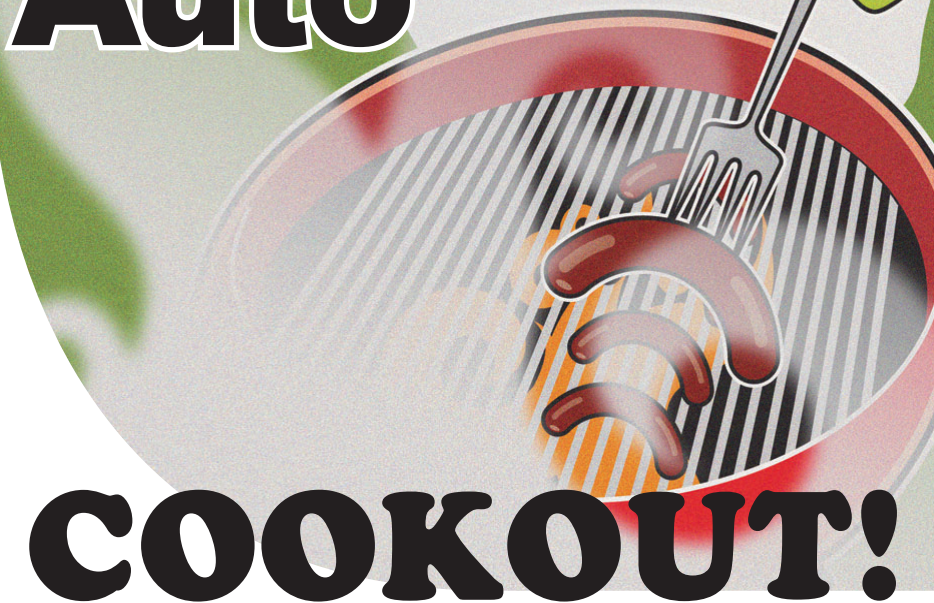
Ross caught two passes for 97 yards and two touchdowns. Leal made two catches for 21 yards and a TD. Gandara had one reception for 20 yards and a touchdown.

The Mule defense held Dimmitt to five first downs and 74 yards of offense.

Eshoya Lopez, Bessire, F. Elizalde, Kevin Mendoza, and Franco made six tackles each. Three of F. Elizalde's tackles were on special teams.

Dagen Dunham and Ross had five stops apiece. Leal made three tackles and broke up four passes.

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## JV Mules Destroy Dimmitt's Bobcats In First Half

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The JV Mules scored three out of the first four times they touched the ball Thursday evening when they hosted the Dimmitt Bobcats.

They continued to roll through the first half and owned a 30-0 at the intermission.

The Mules scored again near the end of the third quarter and the clock was requested to run from that point. The Mules defeated the Bobcats 37-0 in a shortened game.

The Mules kicked off to start the game

and Brandon Chavez raced down field and lit the return man up with a slobber-knocker hit for no return at the Bobcat 33. Ryder White got in the backfield for a two-yard loss on first down. Dimmitt gained a first down before Jorge Martinez recovered a fumble for the Mules at the Bobcat 42.

Tony Castillo kept up the middle for eight yards on the Mules first play. T. Castillo then connected with Brice Mauricio for 10 yards. Mauricio bobbled the catch but managed to hang on for a first

down. T. Castillo went wide right, turned the corner and raced down the Mule sideline for 23 yards to the Bobcat six. Martinez caught a three-yard pass on first down before Paul Castillo made the grab in the end zone for a three-yard touchdown. Felipe Guerrero booted the point after for a 7-0 Mule lead with 4:38 remaining in the first quarter.

Guerrero's kickoff went sky high toward the Mule sideline. Chavez raced down the Mule sideline and

made a sliding catch at the Dimmitt 40 to give the Mules the ball.

T. Castillo picked up a first down with an eight-yard run on second down. Mauricio hauled in a pass over the middle for eight yards.

Jesse Easley made the catch and then raced to the end zone for a 26-yard touchdown. Guerrero tacked on the point after for a 14-0 Mule lead with 2:20 left on the clock in the first period.

Guerrero kicked off and Aaron Ross zipped down field to make the

stop for the Mules at the Dimmitt 19. A holding penalty on first down cost the Bobcats 10 yards. Matt Flores jumped the Dimmitt pass route for the interception at the Dimmitt 27.

T. Castillo tossed to Ross over the middle for twelve yards. Dimmitt recovered a Mule fumble at the Bobcat 11.

The Mules held Dimmitt for three downs and the Bobcats lined up to punt from the end zone.

A high snap to the punter allowed Dylan Miller to crash through the line and tackle the punter in the end zone for a safety and two points for the Mules. The Mules led 23-0 with 2:45 remaining in the half.

A 15-yard penalty set the Mules back to their own 40 after the Dimmitt free kick. Pepe Mendoza took a pitch for 11 yards around the right side. T. Castillo gained 16 yards on a quarterback sweep to the left.

P. Castillo caught a pass at the Dimmitt six and spun away from the defender to score. Guerrero's kick was good for a 30-0 Mule lead at the half.

Mendoza returned the Bobcat kickoff to the Mule 48 to begin the second half. T. Castillo gained five yards on first down.

Martinez scampered 10 yards around the left side for a first down on the Dimmitt 37.

T. Castillo faked the handoff and went 25 yards. Martinez picked 11 yards up the middle before the ball was ripped out of his hands. Dimmitt recovered on the Bobcat four.

The Mule defense stepped up with T. Castillo and White teaming up to stop the Bobcat running back for three yards.

Guerrero and Chavez made the tackle on second down to set Dimmitt back two more yards.

T. Castillo halted the Bobcats on third down for no gain to force Dimmitt to punt.

The Bobcat punt was short and T. Castillo picked up the ball at the Dimmitt 30 and returned four yards.

A screen pass to Easley went two yards. Ross gained four yards on a swing pass. T. Castillo picked a hole on the left side and scored from 20 yards out.

Guerrero booted the point after to end all scoring with 2:44 remaining in the third quarter.

The Mules will travel to Childress Thursday to battle the Bobcats and then return home the following week to host the Littlefield Wildcats in the final game of the season.

## Freshmen Mules 'Shut Out' Dimmitt, 13-0

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

Between the Dimmitt Bobcats and the injury bug the freshmen Mules played their closest game of the season Thursday afternoon.

But the Mules utilized tough defense to shut the Bobcats out and made the 13-0 score enough for the eighth win of the season.

Dimmitt got the ball first and Evan Paez made the tackle on the kickoff at the Bobcat 34. Dimmitt gained eight yards on first down but Noah Nikkel shoved them back two yards on second down.

Jason Florez backed Dimmitt up a yard on third down. A hard

count on fourth down caused the anxious Mules to jump off sides and for a Dimmitt first down.

Nikkel made the stop at the line of scrimmage for no gain on first down and Raul Trevino sacked the quarterback for a yard loss on second down.

Donavan Gutierrez chased down the quarterback for a sack on third down and backed the Bobcats up 11 yards.

The Mules allowed the Dimmitt punt to roll dead at the Mule 33. Florez was the Mule signal caller this game and kept the ball for nine yards on first down.

The Bobcats intercepted the Mules first passing attempt near midfield and returned it to the Mule 21.

Dominic Hasley broke into the Dimmitt backfield for a seven-yard loss on first down. A motion penalty cost Dimmitt five yards.

An incomplete pass on second down and a five-yard loss on a sack by Gutierrez and Nikkel left Dimmitt facing a fourth down and 27 yards needed for a first down.

The Bobcats turned the ball over on downs after gaining only eight yards with a pass. The Mules then drove the ball to the Dimmitt

17 but failed to gain enough for a first down on the first play of the second period.

The Bobcats gained a first down on the first play of the drive before the Mules shoved them back and forced a punt.

Tre Villa returned the ball inside the Dimmitt 15 but a block-in-the-back penalty set the Mules back to the Bobcat 43.

Florez kept the ball and ran to the right side. He broke a tackle to gain five-yards on first down. A middle screen to Villa went for 13 yards.

Javy Perez scooted wide right for 20 yards

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## Football Contest 2013

by Rhea Gonzales

Great job, Mules, on your victory over the Dimmitt Bobcats last week, and good luck this week against the Childress Bobcats!

Go Mules! We had some big upsets in the contest picks last week that left only one contestant coming out in front with four out of five games correct.

Congrat's to John Paul Bustillos for winning the contest, you may come and pick up your \$25 prize on or after Wednesday, Oct. 30.

We only have this week and next in our regular season football contest and we have some close totals between some contestants, so please, finish out this season strong.

Here are the current leaders: 32 — Shonda Black; 31 — Terry Field; 30 — Debbie Weir; 29 — Josh Garza and Terry Thobe; 28 — Devnie Orozco, Freddy Santos, Butch Green and Ricky Rodriguez; 27 — Luis Becerra and Claire Brown.

You don't have to be a football expert to play this game, the odds of guessing correct on each of the games are 50/50, so we encourage you, your family and friends to participate each week for the \$25 weekly prize.

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# Watson Jr. High Cross Country Teams Capture Silver

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Muleshoe Junior High cross country teams competed in the District Meet held in Lubbock on the Mae Simmons Park course on Monday, Oct. 21.

Both the Lady Mules and Mules compete on the two-mile course and both won the team silver.

and we are so very proud of them all," said cross-country Coach Edie Niblett. "We took 40 kids to participate and they represented Muleshoe very well. We had one girl and five boys to place in the top ten."

"This was one of the best cross country seasons ever. The kids never complained and they supported each other on a daily basis.

It is a great day to be a Mule," the coach said.

The Lady Mules captured second place with a team score of 71. Liliana Martinez set the pace for the Lady Mules and won the individual gold medal with a time of 13 minutes and 7.51 seconds.

Reina Regalado placed 14th with a time of 14:40.38, Cassidy Cage was 17th with a 15:16.21

and Natali Elizalde was steps behind in 18th with a 15:25.22. Ricarda Elizalde finished 21st with a time of 15:30.34, Brianna Velasquez was 23rd with a 15:37.13 and Liliana Barrera took 25th with a time of 15:43.69.

Finishing in 34th, 35th and 36th were Brianna Barron, Laura Chavez and Yvonne Diaz with times of 16:14.48, 16:15.94 16:18.14 respectively.

Placing 40th, 41st and 44th were Citlalli Vargas, Haili Gardner and Conley Niblett with times of 16:26.57, 16:27.64 and 16:38.30 respectively.

Jennifer Orozco ran 49th with a 16:47.36, Cassie Regalado was 50th with a 16:48.67 and Alyssa Wheeler was 51st with a 16:52.48. Abigail Boehning finished 58th in 17:47.68, 59 Kinsey

Parker was 59th with an 18:01.63 and Natalie Diaz ran 60th with an 18:03.52.

Keely Dunham placed 64th with an 18:20.50 and Ab Mendoza was 68th with an 18:51.23. Clarissa Ruvalcaba finished 72nd with a 20:47.98 and Maddison Price was 73rd with a 20:59.17.

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Mules, Lady Mules Cross-Country Qualify For Region I Meet

By Delton Wilhite  
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Both the Lady Mule and Mule cross-country teams qualified to advance to the Region I Meet Monday, Oct. 21. The Lady Mules came away from Mae Simmons

Park in Lubbock with their second district championship in as many years. The Lady Mules finished one-two-three individually and posted a team low 33 points for the district gold.

The Mules finished just behind Friona for the district silver medal. Friona scored 40 points and the Mules finished with 56. The top three teams in the district advance to the regional meet.

Region I will host their meet on the Mae Simmons Park course on Nov. 2. "The competition was a lot tougher this year," said Jay Gorman, the Muleshoe cross-country coach.

"This course is an extremely tough and it is hard to run your best time because of the two giant hills. If you have ever been to a meet here you know what I am talking about," the coach said. "As a runner you just have to get out there and compete," the coach added.

Jesus Manzanares took eighth with a 19:08.54 and Noah Del Toro placed 16th with a time of 20:01.42. Aaron Ross finished the course in a time of 21:31.31 for 22nd place. Keidi Salas raced around the two-mile course to lead the JV Lady Mules to team total of 27 for the team gold. She also earned the individual gold medal with a time of 14:22.59. Zoe Apadaca finished fourth with a 14:54.56, Jasmine Garza placed sixth with a 15:14.66 and Blanca Ramirez was steps behind in seventh with a 15:30.79. Emily Precure placed ninth with a time of 16:13.83 and Brooklyn Beall took 10th with a 16:25.53. Desiree Gutierrez finished 11th with a time of 17:03.53 and Jazmin Arellano finished 12th with a 17:19.05. Two JV Mules ran the three-mile course. George Martinez crossed the line for the individual gold medal with a time of 19:19.05. Tim Perez finished just out of the individual medals in fourth place with a time of 22:05.68. The two varsity teams will continue to workout and will compete in the Region I Meet on Saturday, Nov. 2.

## Freshmen Mules... Continued From B2

to the Dimmitt five. Florez tossed a swing pass to Moises Vasquez for three-yards. Florez was forced to scramble and gained a yard. J. Perez blasted up the middle for a one-yard touchdown with 4:14 left in the first half. Perez booted the point after for a 7-0 Mule lead. Dimmitt received the Mule kickoff at the

Bobcat 15 and returned to their 21 where Gutierrez made the stop. Tim Perez broke up a Bobcat pass on third down leaving Dimmitt needing four yards on fourth down. Dimmitt tried to catch the Mules off guard with the Swinging Gate formation but Gutierrez sacked the quarterback for a five-yard loss and the Mules took over on

downs at the Dimmitt 22. The golden opportunity for the Mules evaporated when a Bobcat stepped in front of the Mules pass for the interception in the end zone. The half ended with the Mules leading 7-0. The two teams trade possession during the third period with neither team mounting a serious drive.

The Bobcats punted to the Mule 25 to start the final period. Paez made back-to-back runs of 16 and 12 yards to the Dimmitt 42. Florez kept the ball up the middle and would have scored from the Bobcat 35 but a block-in-the-back penalty cost the Mules the score but left them with a first down at the Dimmitt 20. Florez threw a screen pass to Paez and he went to the Dimmitt eight for a first down. Florez faked the hand off to Paez and kept the ball for an eight-yard touchdown run to end all scoring with 6:20 remaining in the game. The Mules will take their longest road trip of the season Thursday when they travel to Childress to face another team of Bobcats. The Mules will close out their season the following week when they host the Littlefield Wildcats.

The JV Lady Mules also won district in their division. Ahtziri Elizalde not only led the Lady Mules around the two-mile course but she led all competitors for the individual gold medal. She ran a winning time of 13 minutes 9.57 seconds. Noemi Herrera ran a silver medal time of 13:38.00 and Mireya Ruvulcaba won the bronze medal with a 13:42.57. Carolina Franco finished ninth with a time of 14:11.94. Adrienne Precure placed 18th with a 14:42.97 and Miranda Acevedo was just behind her in 19th with a 14:43.86. Ruby Andrade finished the course in 27th with a 15:26.06. Christian Paez paced the Mules around the three-mile course to win the bronze medal with a time of 18:36.26. Evan Paez was just steps behind in seventh place with an 18:55.26.

## Fall Festival 2013

Photographs by Larry Thornton



## Watson Jr. High Teams...

Continued from B3 Madison Hasley was 76th with a 22:08.27. The five Mules winning medals were fourth place finisher Ethan Clapp-Gonzales with a time of 13:04.25 and Jose Nava placed sixth with a 13:22.45. Ean Hasley ran eighth with 13:43.97, Michael Lozano was ninth with a 14:10.48 and Giovanni Ceja finished 10th with a 14:28.24. Jose Lopez was placed 11th with a 14:30.41, Israel Ramirez took 12th with a 15:07.50 and Luke Leal finished 15th with a time of 15:20.71. Malachi Rodriguez placed 16th with a 15:30.78, Josh Mata ran 19th with a time of 16:08.17 and Estevan Palomares placed 20th with a 16:17.34. Aron Chacon finished 23rd with a 17:19.68 and Nicholas Dominguez was 24th with an 18:34.62.

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