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Risk too great for MISD land detachment

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

"No education or financial benefit."

Such was the finding of the Muleshoe Independent School District's board of directors concerning the proposal to hand over 106 square miles of land to the Springlake-Earth Independent School District.

After months of paperwork and planning, it was decided Monday that the proposed detachment of land from MISD, and its annexation by SEISD was too risky a venture.

Therefore, after approving a resolution listing its findings, the local school board voted not to proceed with the land detachment.

During the public



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Dr. Gene Sheets points out the area in question to members of the Springlake-Earth school board during Monday's joint public hearing with the MISD school board.

hearing that preceded the evening's board meeting, Dr. Gene Sheets, MISD superintendent, noted that the idea seemed to benefit both district... at first, with Springlake-Earth gaining the

additional land it needed to benefit from state laws intended to fund sparse school districts for the extra mileage they needed to transport their students for educational reasons, and MISD

contracting with SEISD for a large share of the additional state funds — about \$200,000 — the neighboring school district received.

What seemed to throw the wrench into the plans

was in large part the potential for area to the south of Muleshoe to eventually become part of a wind farm, and the difficulty, if not near impossibility, for MISD to regain that portion of

land.

"That's where it might get sticky," Dr. Sheets said.

For one thing, the process of regaining the land would be the reverse of the process that the districts were currently studying, and the requirement that the voters in the area would be willing to present a petition that requesting the detachment and annexation.

If the property taxes on the land were similar to the present situation, with MISD being more than 30 cents higher than SEISD, Sheets admitted there was a strong chance the voters wouldn't support another petition.

Also, with MISD's attorney apparently advising against the

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Mules' 'best game' lays Littlefield low

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules played their best game of the season to date Tuesday night when the league leading Littlefield Wildcats rolled into town.

Littlefield was undefeated in district play and appeared on their way to wrapping up the District 2-2A championship.

Ryan DeLeon started for the Mules only gave up one run in the first three innings. He struck out three and issued two free passes.

The Wildcats converted one of those freebies to a run in the top of the third inning.

The Mules strung together four hits in the bottom of the first to jump in front of Littlefield 3-0. The Mules added one in the second to lead 4-0. The Mule bats cooled down and Littlefield chipped away at the Mule lead and eased in front of the Mules in the top of the fifth inning with four runs.

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Photograph by Stay Conner

Mule Damien Snell successfully dodges a pitch in the game against Littlefield.

Muleshoe Area Hospital District candidate speaks out

As part of its efforts to keep the voting public informed, the Muleshoe Journal asked the candidates for Muleshoe Area Hospital District Place 4 — Chad Nickels and Wayne Pierson to respond to a questionnaire.

Unfortunately, candidate Pierson, the incumbent, declined to respond to the questionnaire. Therefore, we bring you the responses of his opponent alone.

Chad Nickels was born and raised in the Muleshoe area. He graduated from Lazbuddie High School and attended Amarillo College, where he received his state Paramedic license.

He is married to Kayla and they have four children. "Together we serve the Lord," he said. "We own and operate CK Nickels located in Muleshoe, which is a dry bean and grain handling facility. Our product is shipped worldwide."

Among his credentials are: Texas State certified Paramedic, serving Muleshoe since 2000; member of the Lazbuddie Volunteer Fire Dept since 1993; Lazbuddie Volunteer Fire Chief since 2004; board member of the Bailey County Child Welfare; board



Chad Nickels



member of the Bailey County Cemetery; advisory board for the American Pulse Association; Grades committee Rocky Mountain Dry Bean Dealers; Bailey County EMS; and the Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department.

Please list your qualifications for the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors, and explain why you think you are the best candidate for the position.

I feel my desire to serve and prosper the community where my family is an integral part is illustrated by my life choices these decisions have fortified me in gaining valuable working knowledge of what is needed by the community, employees, patients and first responders.

Having been on the scene of life and death on many occasions where seconds were critical has

afforded me an ongoing opportunity to observe and utilize the inner workings of both the staff and the MAHD facility. In this capacity I have developed sound professional working relationships with the doctors and employees.

In my service as a Bailey County paramedic and as a volunteer Paramedic in Parmer County, myself and the patient's trust depend on these very people as well as the hospital's equipment.

I have been in management of people and business for 15 years. I understand the need for good communication between the employees, the customer and application of functioning within the means of a budget while providing the best possible service.

As a long term member of a rural volunteer EMS, I have experienced the dependency, necessity and challenge of maintaining proper equipment and service while involving community support regarding these needs.

I feel the use of my EMS knowledge in response to catastrophic and disastrous occurrences such as Hurricane Ike, has deepened my strength in professionalism and compassionate care of not only the patient and or victim, but others I serve with.

At times one must dissect themselves from the enormity of the ordeal and just get down to business, but one never forgets the brief instance or the moment that someone else's life is in your

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Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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Mayor's prayer lunch

Mayor Cliff Black invites the public to attend the Mayor's prayer lunch on Thursday, May 5, from noon until 1 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum. Donations will be accepted.

Women's softball

The Muleshoe Softball League is now accepting entries for the Women's Spring League.

If you are interested in entering a softball team contact Carl Patterson at 946-8854, Rudy Perez at 806-729-2100 or Janie Salazar at 806-891-1452.

Prom, banquet date announced

MHS Junior/Senior Banquet and Prom will be on the evening of Saturday, May 14. Students will be treated to "An Evening in Paradise," sponsored by the Class of 2012. For additional information contact Valerie McCamish at Muleshoe High School, 272-7303.

Softball tournament

Bailey County Relay for Life is hosting a co-ed softball tournament April 29-30. The entry fee is \$125, and the deadline for entering is April 28. For additional information, call Patty at 806-272-5831, or Raul at 806-729-5553.

Lazbuddie open house, dinner

The Lazbuddie Elementary will be hosting an open house and dinner on Thursday, May 5, to show off the improvements by the district's teachers and staff. Family, friends and the community will have an opportunity to enjoy dinner, visit the elementary classrooms, and participate in a live cake auction. The festivities begin at 6 p.m., and run through 8 p.m., with Pre-K and Kindergarten registration taking place from 5:30-7 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6-7 p.m., with a cake auction following at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 965-2152.

MHS awards

Muleshoe High School's Celebration of Educational Excellence awards night has been set for May 19, at 6:30 p.m., in the Kerry Moore Auditorium.

MFL needs board members

The Muleshoe Football League is in need of board members. If you would like to see the youth of Muleshoe continue to have the opportunity to play pee-wee and tackle football please contact Raul Torres at 806-946-8912, or Woody Villa at 806-315-0367.

Class of 1971 reunion

The Class of 1971 is celebrating its 40th reunion. Dinner is booked at the 50 Yard Line in Lubbock for the evening of July 30. (Room seats 100 or the can decrease/increase if necessary) the room is at no cost

Meals range from \$17.99-26.99, and the attending class members may choose three entrees. RSVP by July 1 to help determine the room size necessary. Contact Debbie Aylesworth at daylesworth@hotmail.com.

Remember!

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If we think perfectionism is a virtue...

This column is only for perfectionists, recovering perfectionists, or people trying to live with perfectionists.

A genuine perfectionist thinks perfectionism is a virtue. He is perfectly wrong, but I wish you luck in convincing him.

He is also probably tired and testy. It is exhausting to be the only one really concerned about doing a truly excellent job in your home, your work, your school, your church, your... It's not true, but his thinking so is exhausting for the perfectionist and a drain on the poor populace around him.

News flash! We live in an imperfect world. Unless you're sure the Almighty has made a dreadful mistake by dropping you into the wrong universe, learn to live with much more imperfection than you wish to.

If you expect to have a perfect house, spouse, kid, office, etc., you will drive yourself and those around you crazy and/or away. I mean it. I'm serious.

Come to think of it, another reason perfectionism is so exhausting is because it is so utterly serious. A true perfectionist can't trust

Week of prayer devoted to area's need for rain called

May 5 has been set aside as a National Day of Prayer.

However, because the area is in such desperate need of rain, the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe will be hosting daily prayer services for rain.

"We will gather each evening — May 1-7, beginning at 6 p.m. on Sunday, and 7 p.m. the rest of the week, to praise God and to pray for rain," said the Rev. Monty Leavell, pastor of FUMC.

"Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the

Relay for Life fund raisers set

Several fund raising events have been set for the next few weeks to benefit the Bailey County Relay for Life.

Among the events are:

- Muleshoe ISDFCCLA is selling "Mules for a Cure" t-shirts — adult sizes \$15, children sizes \$10, and hoodies \$25. The shirts are grey with black, white and pink printing. Contact Val McCamish at 272-7303 at the Muleshoe High School or any FCCLA student to order.

- The Muleshoe High School Talent Show and Enchilada Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 5. The Enchilada Dinner will be served from 5-6 p.m., in the MHS Commons Area. The meal includes enchiladas, beans, rice, salsa and chips, tea and water for \$5.

The talent show begins at 6 p.m., in the Kerry Moore Auditorium, and it will feature students from DeShazo, Watson Junior High, and MHS.

Tickets will be sold at the door. \$3 for adults and \$1 for all students and children.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

anyone else to be serious enough, so he/she does it for everyone—which is seriously tiresome.

Perfectionists flirt a bunch with dishonesty and hypocrisy, because they are not perfect. They look down on others but fail to realize that perfectionism is one of the worst and stinkiest of human imperfections.

At its withered heart, perfectionism is a denial of the gospel. Christ was truly perfect, truly righteous, and salvation means accepting his sacrifice — harder to do when we're most impressed with our own.

Perfectionism is a control issue. Who's in control? Me or God? A nice perfectionist will say, "God" and then spend most of his/her time denying the answer.

Perfectionists are terribly insecure. God assures us that because of who he is and what Christ has done, we are absolutely secure. Afraid they don't measure up, perfectionists again deny the gospel by choosing

fear over faith, and they spread their fear. Those around them know that they are "weighed in the balance" and found wanting. So why try?

Here is profound counsel for those of us with this affliction: Lighten up! (Or "gospel"

up!) We really do live much better lives when we trust Someone bigger than ourselves and quit making such a joyless job of it.

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action, because the long-term contracts involved weren't enforceable.

Sheets referred to the fact that under state law, one public board cannot bind a future board. Therefore, even if the current SEISD board agreed to split the additional funds with Muleshoe, nothing would prevent the SEISD board from tossing the contract at a future date... and keeping the 106 square miles in question.

"We're not exchanging a bus, we're changing the boundaries," Sheets said. "At this point, because of the lack of guarantee about getting the land back, I'm not sure we can pull this off at this time."

While members of

the MISD board came up with the suggestion that SEISD pay the total monies involved, about \$1 million for a five-year period, it wasn't a suggestion the SEISD board could easily accept.

"We haven't come up with a deal that makes everyone comfortable," Sheets added.

While the proposal could have saved four or five teaching positions in both school districts, based upon the expected cuts in state education finances. Denver Crum, SEISD superintendant, admitted there was a "tremendous risk" involved.

Although MISD's board voted against the proposal, and SEISD's

board was expected to do the same, after it returned to Springlake, the superintendents of both districts indicated the idea shouldn't be rejected.

"There may be a way to do it without including this part with its potential for a wind farm," Sheets said.

In other business, Muleshoe's school board:

- Approved a food service management contract with Aramark after discussion about changes to the campus menus that have met with disapproval by some of the students and parents, and an issue about "unpaid" time that some of the local kitchen staff claimed they were

owed by Aramark.

A representative of the food service company said both issues were being addressed.

- Were presented with an award and a check for \$2,900 by Ardell Black of TASB, who noted that it was the 10th year for the school district to receive the loss prevention grant.

Assistant Superintendent Carl Krug said the funds would be used to place security cameras at points around the school district.

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Letter to the Editor

Reader says: We need Park View

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the article about the Park View Nursing Care Center's failure to comply with state regulations.

First of all, adequate time must be given to correct the issues that need to be corrected. The state has rules and regulations that all places must follow. I feel like Park View will correct these mistakes and be the facility it is intended to be.

Next, we need this valuable asset to Muleshoe for many reasons. My wife and I have family at Park View, so we know the need. Not only does Park View provide services for our loved ones (that we are unable to) it provides vital employment for Muleshoe area survival. Revenue from Park View

helps every business in our community.

Third, being familiar with Park View, by visiting my family, friends and staff, I see what goes on. The employees care about every person that resides in Parkview and what's best for them. Yes, I have had issues, but when addressed to the proper people, they were resolved.

We as a community need to support such a needed place for everyone's interest. Four years ago I had no need for Park View. (I didn't realize others did either) If I had, I would have judged things differently. Then we had to place my mother-in-law and brother-in-law, Annie and Tommy Floyd in Park View. Now I recognize that it is a place almost everyone needs whether for family, friends or

themselves.

We need Park View! I strongly advise our whole community to get behind Park View and its employees and support them. It could possibly be one of the hardest occupations there is.

Park View staff, please note I do appreciate all that you do, even if I do complain at times. Community, just remember that the good always outweighs the bad.

Dale Griswold,
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Senior Citizen News

By Katrina Scott

All of us at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center want to encourage everyone to pray for the much needed rain.

Please, also remember those that have been affected by severe weather causing them to lose their homes and lives.

We urge all senior citizens to come spend your days or afternoons with us. Don't sit home watching the dirt blow come join us for lunch, games, big screen television, good book from our library, puzzle and fellowship.

Tuesday, May 3, is our Bunco day starting at 10 a.m. Come to play and stay for lunch.

Karen Jones with Integra Care will be hosting the games.

Thursday, May 5, at 11 a.m., Hearing Aid Technologies will be at the senior center.

They provide hearing aid test, service, repairs and batteries. If you should need any of this service mark your calendars.

We can put your name on the list to visit with Rick if you would like to call in.

Also remember on Thursday, May 5, we will be playing Bingo. There will be prizes, refreshments and fellowship so come for lunch and stay for the games.

SPAG will be sponsoring a health fair May 18, here at the center. More information will be available later.

Menu for May 2-6:
Monday, May 2—Sweet and sour chicken with rice, oriental vegetables, salad, rolls and cake.

Tuesday, May 3 — Salmon patties, macaroni and cheese, mixed greens, salad, rolls and cookies.

Wednesday, May 4 — Grilled steaks, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat rolls and cherry cobbler.

Thursday, May 5 — Barbecue brisket, potato

salad, pinto beans, cornbread and lemon pudding.

Friday, May 6 — Fish or chicken, gravy, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

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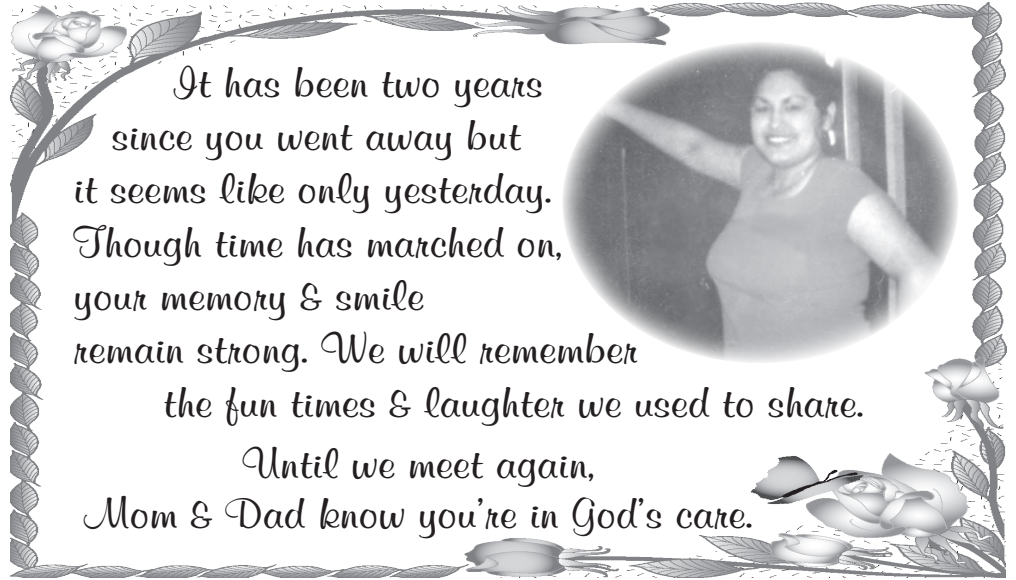
Continued from page 3 spinning. Don't dehumanize people by making them your improvement projects. Trust God more and trust your ability to perform less.

By the way, not everything you do needs or deserves to be done perfectly. Here's homework: For a change, pick something to do not excellently but just adequately — "fair to middlin'" as we Texans say.

Relax. It'll be good for you. If you're a perfectionist, way more than half of what you do so well only deserves to

be done about half as well as you do it.

I've just written a very imperfect column. I feel better already.



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BAILEY COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

Obituaries

Christine Newsom

Church services for Christine Newsom, 93, of Muleshoe, formerly of Earth, were held on Saturday, April 23, at the First Baptist Church in Earth with Dale Griswold of Muleshoe officiating.



Burial followed in Springlake Cemetery under the direction of Parson-Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Newsom died on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, in Muleshoe. She was born on Nov. 26, 1917, to Alvin and Minnie (Crossland) Irvin in Cass County.

She married Andrew Elbert "Slim" Newsom in Cass County on Feb. 14, 1936. He preceded her in death on Feb. 1, 1997.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son — Robert Joe Newsom; three sisters — Nancy Johnson, Adell Irvin and Evadell Irvin; and a brother — James R.

Irvin.

Mrs. Newsom was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Earth.

Survivors include five daughters — Annie Taylor of Tatum, N.M., Marilleen Kincaid of Tuscon, Ariz., Wanda Lee Reynolds of Olton, TX, Betty Jean Cary of Tuscon, AZ, and Minnie Lou Newsom of Earth; two brothers — Gerald Irvin of Texarkana and Charles Irvin of Hugh Springs; a sister — Betty Lou Irvin of Marietta; 13 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Robbie Lee Davis

Graveside services for Robbie Lee Davis, 88, of Farwell, are scheduled for 10 a.m., Saturday, April 30, at Earth Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Johnson of Muleshoe officiating.

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

Mrs. Davis died on Monday, April 25, 2011, in Farwell. She was born on Jan. 3, 1923, to Robert C. and Dora Ann (Crumbley) Tate in Ben Franklin, and married R.C. Davis, Sr. in Grant, Okla., on April 13, 1940.

He preceded her in death on Feb. 8, 1980. She was also preceded in death by a daughter — Peggy Creitz, her parents, one brother and two sisters.

Mrs. Davis has been a resident of Parmer County since 1966, having moved from Earth.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Farwell.

Survivors include a son — R.C. Davis, Jr. and wife Verna of Farwell; three grandsons and their wives — Wesley and Cindy Davis, Danny and Sylvia Davis, Randy and Brenda Davis; a granddaughter and her husband — Stacy and Richard Silasi; seven great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters — Nancy King and Margie May Carmichael.

Memorials may be sent to the First Baptist Church, 404 Avenue F, Farwell, Texas 79325.

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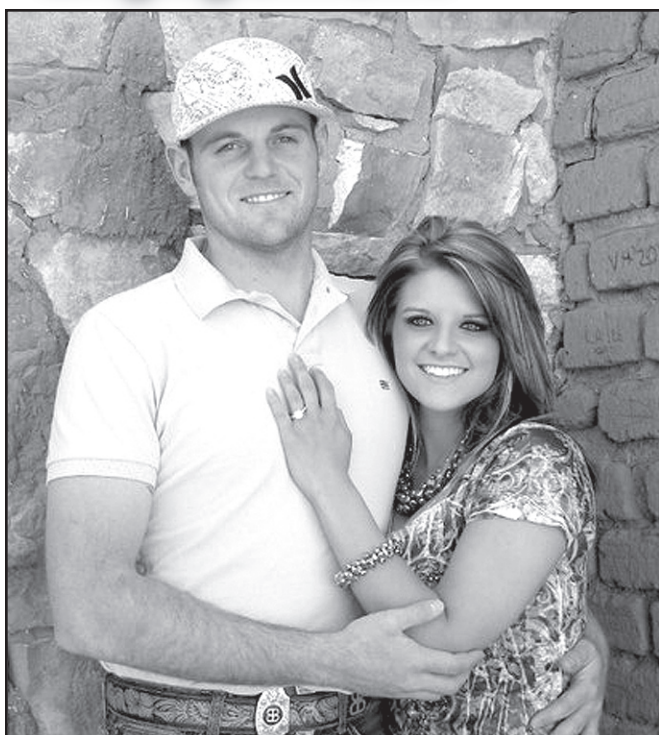
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The prospective bride grew up in Graham, where she graduated from high school and moving to Lubbock, where she is a student at South Plains College, studying music.

The prospective groom

is the son of Donald and Kim Birkenfeld of Lazbuddie, and Scott and Mitzi Branscum of Muleshoe.

He graduated from Muleshoe High and went to Odessa College for three years.

He is a self employed as a local truck driver and co-manager of Branscum Trucking.

The wedding has been set for June 4, 2011, at 5:30 p.m., at the Rafter Room in Lubbock, with a reception to follow.

Births

Ethnie Lopez

Edgar and Veronica Lopez of Muleshoe announce the birth of their daughter, Ethnie Aileen Lopez, on March 23, 2011, at 6:42 p.m., at Lamb Healthcare Center of Littlefield.

Ethnie weighed six pounds, seven ounces at birth and was 18-1/2 inches in length.

She has three siblings — Edgar, Edward and

Evan.

Her grandparents are Santos and Maria Martinez, and Alberto and Guadalupe Lopez.

Isabella Perez

Sarah Rey and Michael Anthony Perez announce the birth of their daughter, Isabelle Marie Perez, on April 18, 2011, at 2:43 p.m., at Lamb Healthcare of Littlefield.

She weighed six pounds, 10 ounces, and was 20 inches in length at birth.

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Bridal Shower

Adkins feted with shower

Maci Adkins, the prospective bride of Kendall Johnson, was honored with a shower on April 23, in the home of Gayle Morris.

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The hostesses presented Adkins with a gift of money.

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We would especially like to THANK Park View Nursing Home and all their incredible staff for the many hours of diligent care and concern they have shown our parents, Duane and Jewel Darling, in the past six months they have resided there. We have been so well pleased with every one's kindness and genuine concern for the well being and overall good health of our parents. Their kindness and consideration for our parent's particular special needs has been incredible. We have had the pleasure of sharing meals with our parents at the nursing home on many occasions and just marvel at how tasty and well prepared they always are. My sister and I both feel very blessed to have such a wonderful facility as Park View Nursing Home for the care of the elderly and disabled in this community.

We know our parents were so much more satisfied knowing they would still be living in Muleshoe. Our heartfelt Thanks go out to Dr. Nitzel, Maegan Chisholm, Janis Morrison, Joy Stancell and all the nursing and aid staff who devote so many hours to their patients well being and comfort.

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Sports

Mules defeat Littlefield... Continued from page 1

sixth for their final runs of the game. The Mules trailed 8-4 after five and half innings.

The Mules rallied for five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to end the game.

The Mules had broken the Wildcats winning streak 9-8.

"We played like I thought we could all season," said Mule baseball coach Lee Fletcher. "It is always fun to break up someone's winning streak."

Saul Elizalde walked to lead off for the Mules in the bottom of the first inning. Matt Ambriz sacrifice bunt moved Elizalde to second.

Dameon Snell singled up the middle to score Elizalde for the Mules first run.

Juan Guerrero doubled to right field. Juan Sanchez hit behind the runner and brought Guerrero home with a single to right center.

DeLeon blasted a triple to the fence in right field and Sanchez was running on the pitch

and scored easily from first for the Mules' third run.

The Mules led 3-0 after one inning.

It was three-up and three-down for the Wildcats as DeLeon got the first batter to ground out to Elizalde at short. Elizalde made the scoop and fired a strike to Isaac Baca at first.

DeLeon fielded the bunt toward third and made the throw to first for the second out. The final batter went down swinging. DeLeon had blanked the first six batters he faced.

Baca led off the bottom of the second with a walk and went to second on a wild pitch.

Joey Ramirez fly ball to right center sacrificed Baca to third. Elizalde singled to center to bring Baca home.

The Mules led 4-0 after two innings.

Littlefield began to chip away at the Mule lead with one run in the top of the third and fourth innings to trail the Mules 4-2. The wheels



Mule Joey Rameriz connects

Photograph by Stacy Conner

came off for the Mules in the top of fifth inning. Two base of balls and an error allowed four runs to cross the plate.

Elizalde and DeLeon swapped places with DeLeon moving to short and Elizalde taking over on the mound. A ground ball to short that DeLeon snagged and fired to first for the second out. A ground ball to first was handled by Baca and made the out unassisted.

The Mules trailed 6-4 after five innings.

Littlefield seemed to have things in hand in the top of sixth when they scored two more runs to double up on the Mules 8-4.

Baca got the Mules started in the bottom of the sixth with a one-out walk. Ramirez singled to left center. An error on the short stop loaded the bases with Mules Three errors and two base hits allowed five Mules to

score.

The Mules had leaped in front of Littlefield 9-8.

Elizalde struck out the first Wildcat in the top of the seventh on three pitches. A base hit to center field gave Littlefield the tying run at first base. Snell called for the pitch-out and Elizalde fired a fast ball high and out side.

Snell stepped out of the catcher's box, made the catch and fired a strike to second base.

DeLeon was covering the bag and was waiting with the ball as the Wildcat slide into the tag for the second out.

A single to left put another Wildcat on base. A blooper to right was tracked down by Chris Lozano and he came up firing to Matt Ambriz at second.

Ambriz relayed the ball to third in time for Guerrero to apply the tag and end the game.

The Mules traveled to Dimmitt Friday at noon and defeated the Bobcats 11-9.

The Mules three-game winning streak has set the stage for battle for third place.

The Mules will host the Abernathy Antelopes Friday for the final game of the season.

A Mule win would put them in a tie with Floydada for third place in the district race.

Littlefield lost to Floydada 7-3 to create a tie for first place between Littlefield and Idalou with identical records of 10-2.

Littlefield holds the tie breaker over Idalou and will be the first seed and Idalou will play in the second spot.

The Mules can eliminate Abernathy and gain a tie with Floydada for third place. Floydada owns the tie breaker over the Mules and would advance to the playoffs.

If Abernathy defeats the Mules they would tie Floydada for third and eliminate the Whirlwinds.

Abernathy defeated Floydada twice during the regular season.

Turnbow takes silver at regional golf meet

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Tyson Turnbow matched Wall's Garrett Smith stroke-for-stroke during regulation play in the Region I Golf Tournament held on Midland's Nueva Vista Golf Course.

The two players finished atop the leader board when the cards were totaled.

Smith managed to slip away from Turnbow on the first playoff hole and win the Regional Gold Medal. Turnbow took the silver medal and earned an invitation to his second Texas State Tournament to be held in Austin May 9 and 10.

"We seemed to have saved our best for our last tournament," said Mule golf coach Carey Sudduth. "The team shot a 337 the first day and that is the best we had played all season. We were sitting in 11th place at the end of the first day."

"The guys played even

better the second day and posted a team score of 325 to move into seventh place with a team total of 661. That is a great improvement from previous years."

Turnbow carded a 71 the first day to lead the Mules and tied for second place as an individual.

Jonathan Perez fired an 85, Colten Harris finished with an 89 and Beau Avila had a 92. Mateo Castillo posted a first day score of 92.

Turnbow was consistent to put up a 72 the second day and tie for the gold medal with a total of 143. Perez shot his

best round of the season to card a 74 for a total of 159 and finish as the 16th low individual from a field of 93 contestants.

Harris took six strokes off his first day score for a 74 and finish with a total of 172. Avila struggled on the second day with a 95

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Teachers at Dillman Elementary and DeShazo Elementary will be eligible for the Elementary award and Watson Junior High and Muleshoe High School teachers will be eligible for the Secondary Award.

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Sports

Turnbow brings home gold, will head to state

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Tyson Turnbow stayed in Odessa after winning the silver medal at the Region I Golf Tournament to play in the Region I Tennis Tournament April 20-21.

The tournament was played on the Ector County Independent School District Courts at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

Turnbow was the only Mule in the tournament but he put on a show for the Mule fans.

He was the number one seed in the tournament and coasted through the opening three rounds.

No player won more than three points in a match.

The finals proved to be a little more difficult with Turnbow and the number two seed, Jesse Guerra of Tornillo, locking up in a



three-hour marathon.

Turnbow won the first set 6-4 but Guerra did not go away.

The two played to a dead heat in the second set and Guerra won the tie-breaker 6-8 to take the set 6-7.

Turnbow gathered

himself during the short break between sets and came roaring back to win the third set 6-1 for the Region I Single's Gold Medal.

"Tyson's (Turnbow) competitive nature stood him well here today," said Mule tennis coach Colie

Cox. "He had handled the competition through the first three games very easily."

"But when things got tough in the finals he really came through in a Mule way," he said.

Once he lost the tie breaker you could almost see him getting himself together for the final push for the gold medal. I am very proud of him and think he will do well in Austin May 9 and 10," Cox added.

Turnbow defeated Nolan Ethridge of Early 6-1, 6-0 in the opening round.

Marshal McClure of Tuscola only managed to win a single point in each of his two games against Turnbow.

Turnbow won the quarterfinal match 6-1, 6-1.

The second day matched Ozona's Stefan

Wilson against Turnbow in the semi-finals.

Wilson took three points from Turnbow in the first set before falling 6-3 and then went easily in the second set 6-1.

"The finals were very entertaining for the fans here today but was grueling for the players. Tennis is both a physical as well as

mental game and today Tyson (Turnbow) brought the whole package," concluded Cox.

Turnbow will have his work cut out for him in Austin as the State Golf Tournament and State Tennis

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Lady Mules take care of business at Dimmitt

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mule softball team took care business on the road in Dimmitt by defeating the Bobbies 21-3.

It was the Lady Mules final game of the regular season but they still had to wait for the out come of Abernathy-Idalou clash to know if they were in a tie for third place or playoff bound.

Idalou defeated the Lady Mules in their final home game for a tie with

the Lady Mules. The Lady Mules dropped Dimmitt to take care of their part but an Idalou win would leave the Lady Mules and Idalou having a playoff for third place in the district.

The Lady Mules were cheering for Abernathy to defeat Idalou and leave the Lady Mules in sole possession of third place. Abernathy did defeat

Idalou 12-8 to vault the Lady Mules to the post season.

The Lady Mules are scheduled to play the second place team from District 1-2A. The Childress Lady Cats were 3-3 through their district season and finished 4-14 on the season.

The Lady Mules will play Childress for Bi-District on Friday, April

29, in Lockney at 6:15 p.m.

The winner will advance to meet the District 4-2A champion Alpine Lady Bucks in the Area round.

Mules golf...

Continued from page 6 for a tournament total of 172. Castillo finished with a 115 for a 207 total.

"I really think Tyson (Turnbow) has a great chance at the State Tournament. It is his second time to play in Austin and so he should enter with a lot more confidence and know what to expect this time around," concluded Sudduth.

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Members of Immaculate Conception Catholic marched in Muleshoe in celebration of Good Friday, and honoring Christ, on April 22



The Sudan Buzzy



Easter egg hunt held at Sudan Elementary

Sudan Elementary students participated in an Easter egg hunt at Hornet Field on Thursday, April 21.

Photographs by Savannah Sain



Marlynke Vanderlei and Jelmer Vanderlei

Sudan tennis students compete in regional tourney

By Savannah Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan High School tennis mixed doubles team competed at the Regional Tennis Tournament at South Plains College.

Senior Marlynke Vanderlei and freshman Jelmer Vanderlei competed as a brother/sister duo for the Hornets.

The Vanderlei's played a tough match for their opening match. The teams went back and forth with the lead. It came down to a tie breaker, and the Vanderlei's lost in the set.

The tennis teams did well this year with many of the team members being sophomores and freshmen.

Janelle Vanderlei, Marlynke and Jelmer's sister, will be on the tennis team next year, and she plans to be Jelmer's partner for another bid at the Regional Tournament.





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The Christ asks, 'What is written in the law?'

"This do and thou shalt live..."

This is a statement made by Christ to a certain lawyer that had asked what he should do to "inherit eternal life." He asked the question to tempt Christ.

Some translations say to test or try him. That is not unusual for attorneys. And he received two questions in response: What is written in the law? And how readest thou?

You know we might ask ourselves these questions, such as what does the bible say about it? And how do we read or interpret what it says?

I don't hesitate to say that for a good many years I read several scriptures wrong. But I am trying to do better now. And as I have corrected myself on some points I feel more assured, relaxed and stronger than when I was in error.

And in some way or other I think my faith in a higher power might have a part in it, even though I don't claim any special blessing or calling. But I have always been aware of the fact that only the truth will do us any good.

But Christ turned it back to him with his questions, as if to say, "Being a lawyer you should know

Something worth saying...
By Glen Williams

the answer — you should know what to do — and what not to do."

Contrary to what most people believe, I think lawyers, as much as other people are honest, well meaning and I admire them.

The problem is, few people — laymen — understand the fundamentals as to what law really is. They form opinions that they think are legal, or they believe what they hear.

Christ apparently wanted to hear him express himself. That would be one way he

could determine the man's ability or sincerity. And the attorney answered it this way;

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself."

And Christ replied; "Thy hast answered right; this do and thou shalt live." Now, was that attorney not alive? Was he dead? Of course he was alive. People who are dead physically don't read... they don't answer questions.

However the lawyer still was not satisfied, so he tried to justified himself, and asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Christ then answered by example. He told of the man that went down from Jerusalem wounded him and departed, leaving him half dead.

"By chance" the scripture says, "a priest went by that way." The proper thing for him to have done was to see if he could be of assistance to the wounded man. But he didn't do that, he passed by on the other side, when he saw him.

Some people seem to think the priest was afraid to attend to him because he thought he was dead. I doubt that. I would guess he just didn't want to get involved. He could have told whether he was dead or not by watching him breathe — or by other ways. Then a Levite came by, looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

The next man that saw him was a Samaritan, and he had compassion on him. He went to him, bound up his wounds, poured in oil and wine, set him on his own beast,

took him to an inn and took care of him.

On the morrow, when he departed he paid the host two pence, and told him to take care of him and "when I come again, I will pay you."

"Now" Christ asked him "which of these do you think was neighbor to the man that fell among thieves" And he said "he that showed mercy on him."

Then Jesus said "Go, thou and do likewise." Now, in my judgement that applies to us today, and that is the way I read it.

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Candidate's response... Continued from page 1

hands. In this regard, I realize every choice, whether by a patient, a responder, provider, an administrator or board member counts.

As illustrated by the appointed positions in my industry, the American Pulse Association, which is a national organization and the Rocky Mountain Dry Bean Dealers, which is a US regional organization, I have obtained recognition for quality control management and standard methods of procedures.

I feel I have demonstrated my abilities when you consider the qualifications of being actively involved with MAHD and the patient thru first response, having ongoing relations with the employees, seeing and understanding their needs, my experience in ownership of business, people management and communication skills, serving in quality control and standardizations, together with my strong Christian desire to serve and lead.

What do you perceive

to be the hospital district's greatest assets?

The hospitals greatest assets are the people we serve and the employees that serve them. I'd also like to recognize the efforts of board members, past and present, and the administrators who have faced the challenges that I have grown to understand.

What do you perceive to be the greatest problems faced by the hospital district, and how would you suggest these problems be addressed?

Currently, state

compliance issues and financial inadequacies are major problems. To correct these issues will take a strong partnership between the board members and a clear road for open communication.

Ownership and

operation of a business which depends on customer service in rural America is something I experience daily. Cash flow, service and collections as well as taxes are all primary concerns. Having a board that works cohesively is

extremely important.

I don't think the wheel needs to be re-invented, but I do think there needs to be healthy, respectful debate and consideration on current and future contracts and program implementation.

Yellow Jacket Inn update released

\$18,000 has been given to restore the historic Yellow Jacket Inn, and we need \$6,000 more to complete the project.

The students who enjoyed lunch there are sending their \$50 donations along with their written memories.

Listed below are some that we have received. There are 49 committed and we need 51 more to get enough donations and memories to complete the building and publish the book with history, memories and to honor contributors. You may join this elite group by participating in sending your donations and memories to Kenneth R. Henry, 1901 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Lynn Moore writes, "I'll meet you at the yellow jacket! I must have said that a thousand times. It could have meant a number of things, such as for lunch, for pinball, or maybe that special girl that wanted to see you there, or maybe you had to settle something out back!"

"The yellow jacket had great food, nice ladies that worked there, and so much more atmosphere than the lunchroom ever had. It was a great place," he said.

Sherri Henry Cross writes, "My memories about the Yellow Jacket include things like the dusty, dirty yard around the place. It seems like there was a wooden bench out front between

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the two doors."

"I remember ordering the same thing every day for lunch. I don't remember what its title was on the menu, but it was sliced up wieners in barbecue sauce served on a hamburger bun. I consumed a lot of these over the years and they were probably 75 cents, or so each," she said.

"All the boys spent their time playing the pinball machine that resided right inside the left front door," she added. "I remember the freedom of walking across the street for our lunch and not having to eat in the cafeteria. It was almost like being grown up to us."

Bob Sanders sent this. "I moved to Muleshoe in August of 1952 when I started the sixth grade. The junior high school

was the old high school and the Yellow Jacket Inn was across the street to the south of the junior high."

"We would go across the street for noon meals and coke and candies although I usually had to eat in the school cafeteria on my 'lunch ticket'!" he said. "I still would go for a candy bar if I had the money," he said.

"We had a lot of fellowship among our classmates at the Yellow Jacket and sometimes differences of opinion were settled in the alley near the Yellow Jacket. That usually didn't last long as there always seemed to be an adult watching us. Sometimes it was hard to figure out where the adults came from and how they knew what was happening?"

To be continued...

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