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Council Approves New Canine Program

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe City Council gave its approval for a new canine program within the local police department during Monday's regular meeting.

Prior to giving its approval, the council listened to a presentation from Police Chief Roy

Rice and Det. Heath Edwards about the program and its cost.

It was also noted that this program would be dramatically different from the previous program in which a canine was lost when it became too hot in the back of the patrol in which it was secured in July 2003.

City Manager David

Brunson explained that the patrol canine in the previous program was an aggressive animal which couldn't be taken into the police department.

The animal which will be used in the new program will only be used for drug detection, and can safely be taken into the police department building,

a home, and even local schools.

According to Edwards, the animal will most likely be one of the sporting breeds, such as a labrador retriever or a springer spaniel, which also has a less aggressive appearance.

He also noted that it would be trained for a passive alert, which will

reduce the potential for financial liability during a drug search because it won't be scratching at the scent location.

While the initial cost of the canine and the required handler training will be about \$10,000, it was explained that much of those funds have already been donated by individuals and businesses within

the community.

"This came from the community," Brunson said. The city manager explained that neither the city nor the police department solicited contributions for the program, and Edwards said the idea for the program began as a request from individuals within the community.

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MHS Tennis Return To SPC Campus

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Muleshoe tennis team was back on the South Plains College Campus on Thursday to play in another SPCHEA tournament.

The boy's A doubles team of Caleb Wood and Chris Cage defeated Sundown 8-2 and Floydada 6-1, 6-2. They fell to Shallowater 3-6, 1-6 and Post 2-6, 2-6.

J.P. Regalado and Kevin Mendoza also competed in the A boy's doubles and lost to Tulia

1-8 in the opening round and defeated Sundown 8-6. Their final loss was to Sudan 2-6, 3-6.

In the boy's A singles Matthew Barron defeated Roosevelt 8-0 before losing to Abernathy 2-6, 3-6.

Nacho Elizalde lost his opening round in a tie breaker 7-5, 4-6 TBS-10 but bounced back to defeat Roosevelt 8-2, 8-4 to win Consolation.

Alex Mendoza defeated Shallowater 9-7 but fell to SPCHEA

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Not This Time

You can only play reach so far, and from the photograph above, either the ball's path wasn't close enough... or the Lockney player's arm was too short.

In any case, his stretch for the ball during a recent game took his foot off the base, allowing a Mule to arrive safely.

Photograph by Gabby Perez

Building Removal, Jailers Discussed By Court

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Need a building? The Bailey County Commissioner's Court may have what you need... if you can move it from its present location.

During Monday's regular meeting, the commissioner's court

discussed whether the building which formerly housed Decorators Flowers & Gifts can be moved from its present location north of the Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

According to Precinct 4 Commissioner Juan Chavez, an individual to whom he'd spoken

didn't believe the building could be moved, but the court is still interested in finding someone who could use... and move, the building rather than having to tear it down prior to converting the land it is on into a parking lot for the local hospital.

While the contract that will deed the hospital property and building currently housing Bailey County EMS over to the county has yet to be completed, approved and signed, officials are considering how best to proceed on the project.

Last month, both

the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors, and the commissioner's court gave tentative approval to an agreement under which the hospital district would deed over the EMS building an a piece of adjacent property to make it easier to seek grants

for an expansion of the facility.

In exchange, county officials have agreed to remove the aforementioned floral shop building and construct a parking lot in its place.

In other business, the court:

- Discussed the number of prisoners currently held at the Bailey County Law Enforcement Center, and learned that the low number of prisoners is partially due to a reoccurring problem at the facility... the lack of jailers.

"They're trying to get applicants," County Judge Sherri Harrison explained to the commissioners at Monday's meeting,

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Toasting Texas

Fourth grade students from DeShazo Elementary lifted a cup of cool Texas water with Principal Debbie Gallman, pictured on the right, in celebration of Texas Independence Day at the Bailey County Courthouse on Tuesday, March 5.

Photographs by Rhea Gonzales



Sales Tax Results

City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$38,485.79	41,083.48	-6.32%
Dimmitt	\$34,624.77	27,277.16	26.93%
Morton	\$ 8,775.15	9,007.49	-2.57%
Littlefield	\$93,116.50	71,535.29	30.16%
Earth	\$ 3,712.26	5,341.99	-30.50%
Olton	\$ 9,023.52	8,208.47	9.92%
Sudan	\$ 3,984.98	4,413.45	-9.70%
Farwell	\$9,415.66	8,135.47	15.74%
Bovina	\$8,748.02	6,496.63	34.65%
Friona	\$34,393.00	25,291.67	35.98%

No Increase In Muleshoe's Sales Tax

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The City of Muleshoe's sales tax allocations were near the bottom of area communities, according to information received from the Texas State Comptroller's office, ranking eighth in the percentage of increase when compared to 2012 totals.

In this month's race for the sales tax dollar, Friona came in first in the percentage of increase, while Farwell topped the list for year-to-date totals and Littlefield remains on the top in the actual dollars received.

According to the state comptroller's office, four of the area communities showed significant

jumps in the percentage of sales tax they are to receive, ranging from Friona at 35.98 percent, followed by Bovina at 34.65 percent, Littlefield at 30.16 percent and Dimmitt at 26.93 percent.

With a 6.32 percent decrease, Muleshoe ranked above Sudan with a 9.7 percent drop and Earth

which recorded a 30.5 percent decrease when compared to totals from the same period in 2012.

And while Muleshoe's rankings in the Y-T-D totals was also eighth—ranking above Morton with its 4.82 percent decrease and Earth, which was again at the bottom with a Y-T-D

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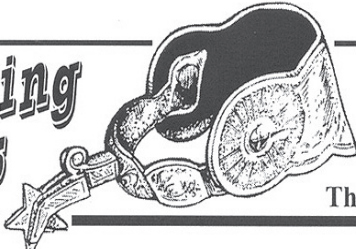
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OPINION

Senatorial Misstep Noted

Spinning Rowels



by
Larry
Thornton

To be honest, I thought I was done writing about President Barack Obama, et al, and the ongoing attacks on the second amendment... at least for a few weeks, but then I received a news release from someone who was thought to be on "this side of the fence," specifically Texas Sen. John Cornyn.

The senator's news release said:

Today U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) offered an amendment to exempt all U.S. military personnel and veterans from a proposed ban on Assault Weapons during a markup of new gun control legislation in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Sen. Cornyn's amendment, which did not pass, received bipartisan support.

"Members and veterans of the Armed Forces are the most highly-trained and qualified individuals to own these weapons for self-defense purposes.

We should think long and hard before disarming these heroes, preventing them from protecting their families and communities," the senator reportedly said in defense of his amendment.

While Sen. Cornyn has previously stood to protect the Second Amendment rights of all his constituents, and those of all citizens of these United States, I believe this latest attempt was at the very least... ill-chosen.

As noble as the senator's attempt might have been, it was kind of like swatting at a fly with a baseball bat. It might have connected, but if it did what other problems would arise?

Should the exemption be restricted to veterans and members of combat units who receive constant training with assault weapons?

What about the question of handguns? If a ban on handguns is proposed, should an ownership exemption only be allowed for individuals who had received federal training?

At first glance, the senator's failed amendment had the

appearance that only the rights of certain "select" citizens are deserving of protection, and I feel he needs to apologize to his constituents who for one reason or another weren't able to serve in the military, not to mention those individuals who have protected the rights of others here on the home front.

At second glance, it reminds me of the attempt Lone Star legislators made a couple of years ago to exempt themselves from various concealed handgun regulations.

When the issue arose

a few weeks ago that not all schools, and their students, receive the protection afforded the public school at which the President's children attend, the question was raised: Why don't all schools and school children deserve the same protection.

Now, according to Sen. Cornyn, veterans should be allowed the weapons they feel are necessary to protect their families, while the remainder are left with Vice President Joseph Biden's double-barrel shotgun.

Yes, the members of the active military and veterans should have the right to use such weapons to protect their families and communities from danger and oppression, but so should all citizens.

Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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

Project Graduation

Parents of the Muleshoe High School Class of 2013 need your help to make Project Graduation safe, fun and memorable for this year's graduates.

Donations are being sought to help with the expenses for the celebration following the MHS graduation on May 31.

Project Graduation is a parent-sponsored, non-alcohol and drug-free event. Donations need to be received by April 5. Send donations and questions to Pargie Lopez, Project Graduation 2013, c/o Muleshoe State Bank, PO Box 1010, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-272-4561.

Food Manager Certification

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Cochran County is offering a professional food manager certification training course April 15-16, at 200 B W. Taylor in Morton.

The \$125 cost includes training, materials, and a national food manager certification examination.

These Days Everybody Is 'Reaching Out to You'

Maybe it's just me, and perhaps a few of the other old fossils, the English majors, the "arts and humanities" types that our society keeps around as pitiful and withered relics of a bygone time when folks cared as much about the "why's" of life as the "how's..."

When asking questions about the direction of our journey in life seemed as important as knowing how to travel aimlessly but really quickly and with cool gadgets...

When having warm hearts seemed as important as having swelled heads crammed full of information but with little room for wisdom...

Okay, enough of that. But I feel better. As members of an oppressed minority, most English majors these days need to vent occasionally.

As I was saying, maybe it's just me and a few other old fossils who think that language matters and is a window on whatever shriveled



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

soul our society may have left, but have you noticed how many folks are "reaching out" these days?

The press doesn't just "call" for an interview with someone these days; no, they "reach out." The "60 Minutes" investigative reporter seeking his quarry may plan to throttle him and nail him to the wall with sharp questions, justly asked or not, but that will, of course, be after the reporter "reaches out."

You can't watch a newscast these days without hearing some local television reporters parroting the same lingo as they "reach out" for interviews, mostly with regard to people who'd be happy as clams "not" to be reached.

Maybe "reaching out" is better, but it seems strange to me. Why don't they just call?

Maybe it's because our politically correct society is sensitive and kind. Once the Mafia might put out a "hit" on someone; maybe now they just "reach out."

I don't really want to know, but I wonder if the IRS audits folks these days, or if now as part of a much kinder and gentler mindless bureaucracy, its agents just "reach out," too?

Am I mistaken or did "reaching out" once pretty much imply a religious sort of reaching?

"Reach out to Jesus," the song intones, because "He's reaching out to you."

Well, I believe that, and it's a very positive thing, yea, verily, part and parcel of the Good News.

I "googled" this subject and my heart was warmed as I was reminded that parents "reach out" to children and vice versa in familial affection, and that neighbors at times "reach out" to neighbors in need.

Knowing that our state's legislature is in session, I felt a cold chill when I found a quotation about the government "reaching out" to its citizens.

But a bunch of the presently pervasive "reaching out" is not frightening, it just seems trite and a bit sanctimonious, and I don't know what to make of it.

In fairness, I should mention that I know a good many math and science folks who bless us all and who haven't cashed in their warm hearts for cold calculators.

Before closing this column, I just felt a need to reach out.

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Police Department Canine Unit...Continued From A1

"We're all aware there is a bad drug problem in Muleshoe," Edwards said, indicating that the canine program would be a valuable asset for local law enforcement agencies battling the problem.

While much of the equipment needed for the new program is still on hand from the previous program, the police department

will be looking at the installation of specialized equipment that will prevent the problem which shut down the previous program.

City council member Gary Parker acknowledged that such a canine program would benefit the community, but added, "If it's done right," referring again to the 2003 incident.

"I think it will be incredible," said Mayor Pro Tem Irene Mason, who chaired Monday's meeting.

As part of the new program, Det. Edwards said he will be working with the local school campuses regarding drug abuse prevention.

"My goal is to educate the kids," Edwards said, with the expressed

intent of showing the students of the impact illicit drugs could have on their lives.

"If we get one (kid) saved out of it," Edwards said, "we've done good."

In other business, the city council:

- Approved an \$8,000 request from the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture which will

be used to renovate and repair the chamber building.

According to the city manager, the total cost — including labor, for the project had been estimated at \$16,549.54; however, it was decided that much of the labor needed could be volunteered.

"They decided they could do the work," Brunson said.

Regarding the city's motel / hotel fund, from which the \$8,000 would be taken, Bunson said, "The fund is doing well, and has the necessary money."

Unlike the requests from such organizations

as the Rotary Club or the Heritage Foundation, the funds wouldn't be a reimbursement of advertising expenses. Instead, it would be added to the funds the chamber receives from the city annually.

- Approved the new fee schedule for the Muleshoe Country Club.

"I think it's fair, and keeps the club accessible to the public at a reasonable rate," Brunson said.

- Cancelled the election for District 2, which is currently held by Mason, who is unopposed in her re-election bid.

MHS Art Students Display Work

Two Muleshoe High School Art students were selected to display their art work at Eastern New Mexico University's Runnels Gallery.

ENMU in Portales recently announced the juried results of K through ENMU the fourth annual Juried Youth Art Exhibition as part of National Youth Art Month in March.

Artists selected for this year's event from Muleshoe High School include Garrison Myers and Marion Gutierrez.

The ENMU Youth Art Exhibition is a juried show, which means that each piece of art is evaluated for its quality and selected for display in a professional art gallery by a panel of art experts.

Super news from MISD

By
Superintendent
Dr. Gene Sheets

Garrison's artwork was chosen as one of the top four works of art in the Senior Class division. Marion's artwork was chosen as one of the top four works of art in the Junior Class division.

The Runnels Gallery — located within the ENMU Golden Library, received more than 145 submissions to this year's exhibition.

Bryan Hahn, Runnels Gallery manager, said that he was extremely pleased with the turnout to this year's event. He added that the quality of work of the students continues to grow exponentially

every year.

The exhibition was free to enter and open to students in kindergarten through their senior year of college that were within 100 miles of Eastern New Mexico University. Students in public school, private school or homeschooled were eligible.

Congratulations to Garrison Myers, Marion Gutierrez, and Sandi Chitwood for this outstanding achievement. The Muleshoe Independent

School District is proud of these two fine young artists.

Muleshoe ISD is proud of providing a well-rounded education to all of its students, including classes and activities in the Fine Arts. I am proud that Muleshoe ISD has an outstanding Fine Arts program for its students. Some of the Fine Arts classes and activities offered by Muleshoe ISD include art, band, choir, music, speech, and drama.

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County Court Actions...

Continued from A1 noting that the county barely had enough jailers to cover a 48-bed facility.

"I think there is some possibilities out there," the judge said about the potential for housing out-of-county prisoners, providing a much-needed financial infusion, "but until we hire some jailers there is not much wiggle room."

- Approved the minutes from last

month's regular meeting.

- Approved payment of county bills totaling \$310,197.24

- Approved in-county travel forms, and soil conservation worksheets totaling \$3,275.

- Approved county treasurer reports for December and January, and received the treasurer's report from February.

- Approved budget amendment no. 1 to the FY 2013 budget.

Lazbuddie Schools Honor Rolls Released

Lazbuddie Independent School District recently released its honor rolls for the fourth six-week period of the 2012-13 school year.

Among the students honored were:

Elementary "A" — Mia Nickels, Lluvia Alba and Michael Wales.

Elementary "AB" — Aidan Briscoe, Dalton Copley, Eva Froese, Jackson Gable, Phoebe Hawkins, Gabriella Hornbuckle, Cornelius Martens, David Martens, Ryelan Mason, Fabiola Nunez, Isaias Reza, Skout Russell, Eduardo Salazar, Noemi Garcia, Iliana Lopez, Erin Martinez, Peyton Martinez, Bianca Morales, TJ Chavez, Julia Ibarra, Ethan Martinez, Wyatt Rainey, Trail Townsend, Halley Wales, Trudy Fehr, Maribel Gomez, Jeagan Nickels, John Henry Schacher, Joshua Cox, Nancy Fehr, Shelton Gable, Anita Martens,

Gunner Russell, Miranda Salazar and Avery Timms.

Junior High "A" — Matthew Beavers, Devon Pacheco, Andres Solano, Mattisun Hester and Ashley Scott.

Junior High "AB" — Jesus Arreola, Marisol Gomez, Cheyenne McQuigg, Ashlyn Timms, TJ Ballard, Bernardo Lopez, Daynah Tijerina and Karsyn Youngblood.

High School "A" — Lacey Jesko, Haley Beasley, Ashton Mason, Shyann Rainey, Jessica Estrada, Karina Galaviz, Denise Sanchez and Shea Scott.

High School "AB" — Tamera Anderson, Gabriel Beckerink, Iridian Fernandez, Ronni Hawkins, Austyn Steinbock, Micah Vera, Anais Andrade, TJ Beckerink, Maysun Hester, Haley Ivy, Mercedes Morin, Autumn Townsend, Allison Weaver, Keena Diaz and Alex Lopez.

Sales Tax Allocation...

Continued from A1 drop of 19.92 percent, Muleshoe continues to outdistance all but Littlefield in the actual dollars received.

March's allocations represent sales tax local merchants collected in January and reported in February.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said state sales tax revenue in February was \$2.08 billion, up 3.7 percent compared to February 2012.

"Sales tax revenues continue to grow, but at a more moderate pace

compared to recent months," Combs said. "The latest increase was led by receipts from the construction and restaurant sectors. Collections from other major sectors such as oil and natural gas-related businesses and manufacturing remain at high levels."

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their March local sales tax allocations totaling \$531.3 million, up 12.2 percent compared to March 2012.

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The proposed segments were identified by TRC, a consulting company retained by Xcel Energy for the Project, in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT), the Texas Utilities Code, and the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission for segments in New Mexico. As part of the on-going planning process, Xcel Energy will host public open house meetings to display the proposed segments for the Project, allowing individuals to provide comments and ask questions. Detailed maps and information will be available at the open houses for review anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Please note there are no formal presentations during the open houses. Xcel Energy representatives will be available to discuss the Project and answer questions. Materials displayed at the meeting will also be available for reference and review at Xcel Energy's Siting and Land Rights offices, located on the 27th floor of the Chase Tower, 600 South Tyler Street, Amarillo, Texas, the Clovis Public Library, located at 701 North Main Street, Clovis, New Mexico, the Muleshoe Library, located at 322 West 2nd, Muleshoe, Texas, and on the Power for the Plains website (www.powerfortheplains.com). Public input is important and will help Xcel Energy identify and evaluate proposed segments to be included in its application to the PUCT.

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Senior Citizen News

By Susan Skipworth
 Here's hoping everyone had a safe and enjoyable Spring Break. I'm looking forward to spring rains that will bring beautiful May flowers.
 Tuesday, March 19, is Bunco Day. Come bring a friend and enjoy the morning.
 Games begin at 10 a.m. Then stay and have lunch with us
 Thursday will be our birthday party for all of our senior citizens who have a birthday in March.
 Come let us honor you as you celebrate another year full of blessings. Then stay and enjoy a game or two of Bingo at 1:30 p.m., with Brady from IntegraCare!
 We would like to remind everyone that

we have plenty of handicap parking at the rear of the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center. It is on flat ground and if you need any assistance in getting in the door, just let us know.
 Your safety is our first and foremost concern.
 Please remember Grace Scoggin and family in your prayers. Pray for rain!
 March 18-22 menus:
 Monday, March 18 — Barbecue chicken, ranch potatoes, squash, tossed vegetable salad, vinaigrette dressing, wheat roll and peach cobbler.
 Tuesday, March 19 — Pork chop, black

eye peas, spinach, and baked apple.
 Wednesday, March 20 — Grilled steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed vegetable salad, low calorie French dressing, cornbread, and tropical fruit salad.
 Thursday, March 21 — Taco salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, broccoli and cauliflower salad, corn or flour tortilla, and apricot halves.
 Friday, March 22 — Fish or chicken strips, beans, green peas, tossed vegetable salad, low calorie dressing, wheat roll, and tropical fruit mix.

Staying Active = Staying Healthy

Super News... Continued From A3

Later this month, the Fine Arts Department will host its annual Fine Arts Night to Shine. The event will be held on March 25 in the Commons Area of Muleshoe High School.
 There will be a meal at 6 p.m., with performances beginning at 6:30 p.m. An

auction to raise funds for the Fine Arts Program will also be held.
 Some of the events during Fine Arts Night to Shine include students' display of their artwork; members of the band will perform; members of the choir will perform; and the One-Act Play

will perform in the Kerry Moore Auditorium.
 It will be a great evening to observe outstanding performances by our students in the MHS Fine Arts Program.
 We hope you will come out and support the MHS Fine Arts Department of Muleshoe High School.



Chamber Employee Of The Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored George Guerrero, produce manager at United Supermarkets, as the February Employee of the Month. Pictured above are Becky Hoksbergen, Jaimie Saylor, Gina Wilkerson, George Guerrero, Chad Lovell and Josh Mullins.

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Engagement

Clark, Bomer To Wed In August

Shawn and Kelly Clark announced the engagement of their daughter, Victoria L. Clark of Lubbock, to Robert F. Bomer, also of Lubbock.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Klein Oak High School of Houston, and is currently a student at Texas Tech University, with a major in French and a minor in education.

The prospective groom is the son of Robert W. Bomer and Lana J. Bomer

He is a graduate of Muleshoe High School, and is a student at McMurry University for NCAA Track, and South Plains College, majoring in geo-physics, with a



Bomer proposes in the Pantheon in Rome, Italy

minor in atmospheric science.

The prospective groom also has a tree trimming business.

The wedding ceremony has been set for Aug. 3, 2013, in the early evening at the Spirit Ranch, with a reception to follow at the same location.

Chamber Business Of The Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Henry Nails as the February Business of the Month. Pictured above are Jaimie Saylor, Gina Wilkerson, Sang Ngo of Henry Nails, and Becky Hoksbergen.

Muleshoe Country Club Ladies Association

The members of the Muleshoe Country Club Ladies Association met Feb. 20 at the Muleshoe Country Club for their monthly luncheon.

The meeting was called to order by MCCLA president Marlene Martin and the benediction was given by LaVern Winn.

Following the meal the minutes of the January meeting were read by secretary Treena Matthews and approved by the members.

Pat Kirk gave the treasurers report.

Old business was discussed regarding the need for plastic storage boxes to be used for the Christmas decorations of the Parkview Nursing Care Center.

Each member has

been asked to provide one box, and assist in packing the decorations for storage.

This endeavor is being headed up by Christy Whitt, Tanuni Black and Linda Erdman.

Under new business the members discussed the current putting green flags and asked that our board representative, Anita Black, approach the board regarding the purchase of new flags.

February birthdays were recognized for Donna Glover and Helen Templeton.

Play Day Chairman Judy Wilbanks handed out awards to card players Helen Templeton, low score, Jerie Flowers, high score, Anita Black, first pat hand, Claudene Elliott

and Judy Wilbanks, most outs.

Winners of the January scramble were Treena Matthews, Pat Kirk, Judy Wilbanks, Jeanetta Precure and Christy Whitt.

Marlene recognized and welcomed visitors Becky Pool, Linda Wood and Jimmie Kay Moore, and invited them to join the ladies association.

LaVern Winn won the drawing for the door prize.

The meal was provided and served by Marlene, Pat, Christy, and Treena.

Members present were Marlene, LaVern, Treena, Pat, Anita, Christy, Tanuni, Linda, Donna, Helen, Judy, Jerie, Jeanetta, Claudene and Elinor.

Baby Shower

Kemps Feted With Baby Shower

Chad and Jena Kemp were honored with a baby shower on Feb. 24, at the 16th & Avenue D Church of Christ.

Hostesses for the event included Janice Bradshaw, Lysie Cleavinger, Brittnei Grant, Debbie Hutto, Brittney Irby, Linda Latham, Lacy Magby, Heather Mata, Daria Myatt, Ashley Pool, Juana Shelburne, Cindy Shook, Gentry Slayden, Teresa Slayden and

Christi Whitt. The hostess gift presented to the Kemps was money to go towards nursery items.

Special guests in attendance at the shower included Brenda Bahlman, Betty Byrns, Debbie Kemp, Jean Kemp, Chanda and Bryleigh Schovajsa, and Jackie Jean Whatley.



Jena Kemp

County FSA Supports National Ag Day

The Texas Farm Service Agency suggests that we all take a moment in these turbulent fiscal times to celebrate agriculture and honor our hard-working farmers and ranchers in Texas.

Kim Hanlin, Bailey County Executive Director announces that March 19 is National Ag Day and this year's theme is "Generations Nourishing Generations".

"According to recent USDA studies, the agricultural sector right now remains a bright spot in terms of economic stability and growth and there is a strong demand for U.S. agricultural products," said Hanlin.

"Generation after generation of agricultural producers in Texas are getting up early every day to provide the food, fiber and fuel that feed and clothe Americans and others around the world."

Hanlin further notes, "As research advances, the future may be even brighter.

New uses for ag products are being found to utilize

natural ingredients for life-saving medicines and supply the critical commodities required in a long list of manufacturing sectors."

Despite the onslaught of natural disasters weathered by farmers and ranchers this past year that created less than ideal growing conditions, producers still managed to grow the commodities that keep our economy moving forward.

And they maintain our abundant supply of renewable resources in an environmentally sensitive manner.

"For their life sustaining efforts, we honor Texas' agricultural producers for their vital contributions," said Hanlin.

Major commodities produced in Bailey County include Corn, Cotton and Wheat.

Texas agricultural

production contributed more than \$7.5 million in export revenues during 2011.

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Snyder Lady Tigers Maul Muleshoe's Ladies, 15-0

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules met the Snyder Lady Tigers on Lubbock Roosevelt's Lady Eagle Field Monday afternoon with a brisk north wind blowing toward right-center field.

Snyder was an honorable mention in the Texas Girls Coaches Association preseason poll in Class 3A.

Ada Hernandez, shut the Lady Mules out 15-0 in five innings and gave up only one hit to Amber Lopez.

A. Lopez singled up the middle in the first inning.

Hernandez walked Miranda DeBruin in the second inning and hit Gabi Chavez with a pitch in the fourth inning for the only three base runners of the night for the Lady

Mules. Hernandez struck out seven Lady Mules with five taking their final pitch for a strike.

Diamond Lopez fielded a ground ball down the third base line and threw to Chavez at third for the first out first Snyder.

Three hits and two Lady Mule errors allowed two Lady Tigers to cross the plate in the first inning.

Snyder batted around in the second inning to score six runs on five hits that included a solo home run and two errors to lead the Lady Mules 8-0.

Lady Mule pitcher, Marissa Cortez, fielded a one hopper back to the mound and made the throw to Chavez at first for the out to start the third inning.

Adrianna Loya shed her mask to field a bunt

that died just in front of the plate.

She took a step on to the infield to make the throw to first for the second out.

Back-to-back singles put Lady Tigers at first and second.

A bouncer to third allowed A. Lopez to field the ball and step on third base for the unassisted out.

Snyder did not score in the third inning.

Snyder scored one in the fourth inning and five in the fifth to seal the win.

The Lady Mules played the Frenship Tiger JV on Monday and will start district action Saturday, March 16, when they host the Abernathy Lady Lopes.

The Littlefield Lady Cats will visit the Lady Mules on March 19.



The Sudan Buzz

Sudan HS Artists Honored By ENMU

Jesus Lozaya and Terra DeSautell, both of Sudan High School, were among the artists honored for their work in the fourth annual Juried Youth Art Exhibition as part of National Youth Art Month in March.

The Runnels Gallery — located within the ENMU Golden Library,

received more than 145 submissions to this year's exhibition.

"We are extremely pleased with the turnout to this year's event," said Bryan Hahn, Runnels Gallery manager. "The quality of work continues to grow exponentially every year; there is such a bright and promising

voice of the artist in each artwork."

A public reception was held in honor of all the artists selected for inclusion in the show on Friday, March 1.

The exhibition was free to enter and open to students in kindergarten through their senior year of college that were within 100 miles of Eastern New Mexico University.

Students in public school, private school or home-schooled were eligible.

"This is a great event for young aspiring

artists to get involved with," explains Hahn.

"Artists are given the opportunity to experience what a juried show is like, how it feels to have their work displayed in a professional gallery, and the experience of selling their work if they so choose. The exhibition also gives an opportunity for the community to see what our young artists are producing; there are some great things happening artistically among our youth," he said.

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Lady Mules Bring Home Bronze From Shallowater

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules were running a little shorthanded Thursday in the Shallowater Filly Relays and managed to win the team bronze medal with 97 points. Greenwood won the meet with 122 points

and Shallowater took second with 119. Lubbock Cooper finished fourth with 93 points, Levelland scored 92 and Littlefield was sixth with 87 points. Jasmine Garza placed fourth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 14 minutes and

3.27 seconds. Miranda Acevedo was a step behind in fifth place with 14:38.72. Jo Moore placed fifth in the long jump with a leap of 15 feet even. J. Moore won the silver medal in the triple jump with a distance of 32-11.75.

Adrienne Precure cleared 4-10 in the high jump for fourth place. Cass Moore tied for sixth place in the high jump with a height of 4-8. Precure won the silver medal in the pole vault with a height of 9-00.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Jazmin Arellano, C. Moore, J. Moore and Ruby Andrade placed fifth with a 54.59. Noemi Herrera had a silver medal time of 2:38.71 in the 800-meter run and Blanca Ramirez finished fifth with a

2:41.68. Daniela Diaz tied for sixth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.94. The 4x200-meter relay team of C. Moore, Precure, J. Moore and Andrade placed fourth with a 1:55.55. Ramirez finished fifth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:08.81. Precure won the gold medal in the 300-meter hurdles by over three seconds with a time of 49.65. Arellano placed fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 29.18. Herrera had a bronze medal time of 6:14.34 in the 1600-meter run. Kendi Salas finished fourth with a time of 6:15.76. The 4x400-meter relay team of C. Moore, Andrade, J. Moore and Precure won their third gold medal in as many meets with their best time of the season, 4:19.72. The Lady Mules will host the Mule Relays March 22, following Spring Break.

Varsity Mules Earn Bronze In Mustang Relays

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mule track team earned the team bronze in the Shallowater Mustang Relays with 89 points. Class 3-A Levelland and Cooper were first and second respectively with 159 and 125.5 points.

Shallowater was fourth with 84 points, Greenwood took fifth with 81.5 and Littlefield placed sixth with 38. Luis Ruvalacaba got the Mules started with a gold medal time of 11 minutes and 0.49 seconds. Austin Ross won the gold medal in the long

jump with a leap of 21 feet and 5.25 inches. Nacho Elizalde placed sixth in the long jump with a distance of 17-8.75. Eli Leal placed fourth in the high jump with a height of 5-8. Kevin Pope won the gold medal in the pole vault by clearing 11-6.

Jr. Baca won the 800-meter gold medal by four seconds with a time of 2:01.65. Austin Ross ran a bronze medal time of 15.50 in the 110-meter hurdles. The 800-meter relay team of Ray Martinez, Ross, Elizalde and Baca won the silver medal

with a time of 1:33.37. Jesus Manzanares placed fifth with a time of 54.68. Leal earned the silver medal with a time of 43.85 in the 300-meter hurdles. Ruvalacaba won the silver medal in the 1600-meter run with a 4:49.56. The 4x400-meter relay team of Martinez, Ross, Manzanares and Baca is running faster times early in the season than they did until the Regional Meet in 2012. The Mules won the gold medal in the final race of the day with a time of 3:29.50. The Mules will host the Mule Relays March 22.

JV Mules Take Team Silver At Shallowater

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mules won the silver team medal in the Shallowater Mustang Relays Thursday with a total of 118 points.

Shallowater won the meet with 177 points and Levelland was third with 116. Littlefield finished with 77 points, Greenwood had 62 and Lubbock Cooper was

sixth with 52. Luis Herrera got the Mules off to a fast start with the gold medal in the 3200-meter run. He had a time of 12 minutes and 21.17 seconds. Aaron Ross won the bronze medal 3200 with a time of 13:01.51. Matt Flores hopped, skipped and jumped a bronze medal in the triple jump with a distance of 34 feet six inches. Josh Lopez placed sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 31-9.75. Kevin Pope cleared 5-4 in the high jump for the silver medal. Tony Castillo had a leap of 5-0 for fifth place. The 4x100-meter relay team of Chamel Regalado, J. Lopez, Esyoha Lopez and Pope had a bronze medal time of 48.91. Castillo placed fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:21.58. Julian Borunda ran

a silver medal time in the 110-meter hurdles of 17.34. The 4x200-meter relay team of JJ Gandara, Israel Rubio, E. Lopez and J. Lopez had a silver medal time of 1:42.79. Borunda won his second silver medal in the 300-meter hurdles of 45.84 and E. Lopez was step behind for the bronze medal with a time of 45.93. Felipe Guerrero placed sixth in the 200-meter dash with a 25.54. Herrera won his second gold medal of the day in the 1600-meter runs with a time of 5:28.62. Danny Martinez placed fourth in the 1600 with a time of 5:43.58. The 4x400-meter relay team of Regalado, Rubio Ignacio, Elizalde and Gandara had a silver medal time of 3:57.46. The Mules will host the Mule Relays March 22, after Spring Break.

Tennis... Continued From A1

2-6, 2-6. The sister team of Cas and Jo Moore defeated Sundown 8-2 in the girl's A doubles, but lost to SPCHEA 0-6, 0-6. Issac Acosta and Cristian Lopez placed second in the boy's B doubles. They defeated Tulia 8-3, Farwell 8-2 and another Muleshoe team 8-4. SPCHEA defeated the pair 6-8 in the championship game. Eddie Elizalde and Felipe Guerrero placed third in the boy's B doubles by defeating Sudan 8-6, and Wellman-Union 8-0. They lost to another Muleshoe team 4-8 before defeating Floydada 8-3 for third place. Brandon Chavez and Antonio Vasquez won over an unknown boy's B doubles team 8-3 and lost to SPCHEA 6-8 and Tulia 3-8. Britton Beall and Aaron Ross defeated Patton Springs 8-5 and lost their second round game to an unknown team. Braden Bessire defeated Sudan 8-6 but

lost to Tulia 5-8 in the boy's B singles. Danny Campos defeated Roosevelt 8-3 and lost to Hart 2-8. Noah Del Toro defeated Olton 8-2 and fell to Floydada 6-8. Imelda Salcido lost her first round of girl's B singles to Lubbock 2-8 and tied Tulia 8-8 but lost the tie breaker 6-8. Josh Lopez and Zoe Apodaca won Consolation in the mixed B doubles. The lost the first game 5-8 to and unknown team and defeated an unknown team by an unknown score. They defeated Littlefield 8-6 for the Consolation trophy. Daniela Diaz and Esyoha Lopez lost both their games in the mixed B doubles. They lost to unknown teams 4-8 and 1-8. The tennis team will play in the Sundown Roughneck Tournament March 19. They return to Levelland for the final SPCHEA Tournament. District is scheduled for April 4 and 10.

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