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## PMC Decides Against Leasing Local Hospital

**By Larry Thornton**  
*Editor*

Preferred Management Corporation of Oklahoma and Texas will not be entering into a lease agreement with the Muleshoe Area Hospital District over the operation of Muleshoe's hospital.

The announcement came during Thursday's regular meeting of the MAHD Board of Trustees, during which a letter received from Preferred Management's owner, Donald A. Freeman — which had been sent to the board members, was read allowed for the general public and MAHD employees in attendance.

But while the letter declined the current possibility, it does not eliminate the possibility of an agreement being reached at some future date.

According to board president Herb Ramage, during Thursday's meeting, the "big problem" was the amount being paid to local physicians.

However, according to board vice president Landon Nichols additional issues were also noted in his conversation with Freeman, including the obvious split among the board members, the hospital's administration, and the administration staff.

When asked during Thursday's meeting if Preferred Management representatives had met with Dr. Purdy, Director of Nursing Kody Kitchens said they had not.

"We did the best we could," board member Dana Rascoe said. "All we can do is move on from here."

The possibility of some type of management agreement between Preferred Management and the hospital district arose during the MAHD board's Feb. 27 meeting.

Preferred Management has been managing the hospital

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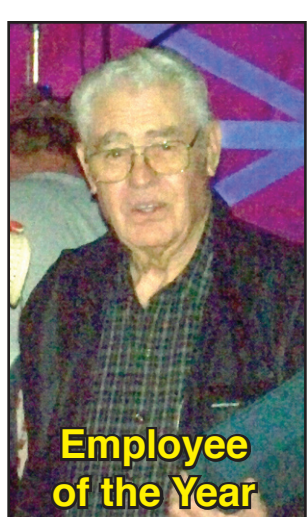
### Creamy Goodness

Who hasn't enjoyed sitting around the campfire making the classic desert S'mores, even if the campfire has been replaced with a candle, and the event has been moved indoors.

Pictured above, young Tristan Nash, under the

watchful eye of his mother Tiffany, tries his hand at toasting a marshmallow during Saturday's 64th annual Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture banquet at the Bailey County Coliseum.

**Photograph by Larry Thornton**



**Woman of the Year**

**Man of the Year**

**Employee of the Year**

## Lady Mules Finish Strong

**By Delton Wilhite**  
*Sportswriter*

The Lady Mule track team had the Antelope Invitational Meet won before they even lined up for the final race of the day.

But the Lady Mules won the 4x400-meter relay to place the cherry on top Friday afternoon.

The Lady Mules topped the six-team meet with 162 points. New Deal, Tulia, Post, Abernathy and Floydada trailed the Lady Mules in that order.

Adrienne Precure won her first of four individual medals in the high jump by leaping four feet eight inches.

Her second gold medal in the field events came in the pole vault when she cleared 9-0.

Katelyn Gable placed fifth in the long jump with a leap of 14-04.50. Aimee Rosas finished sixth in the triple jump by hop, skip and jumping a distance of 30-02.50.

Jasmine Garza and Miranda Acevedo won the gold and silver medals in the first race of the day, the 3200-meter run.

Garza ran a time of 13 minutes 49.03 second and Acevedo finished with a 13:56.32.

The 4x100-meter

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**Farm Family of the Year**

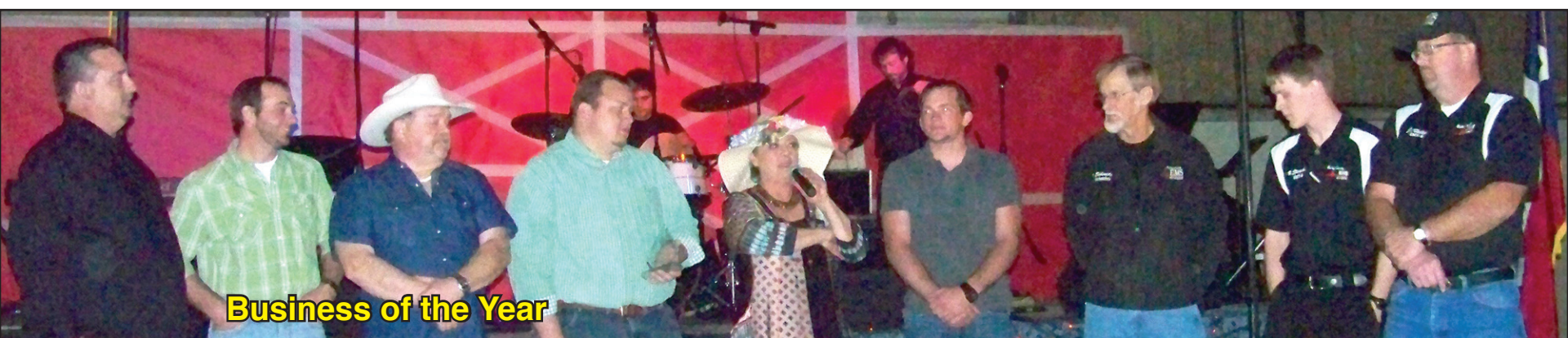
## Chamber Parties With Country Stars

The 64th annual Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture banquet was "the place to be" in Bailey County, Saturday, March 29, as area residents and chamber members gathered for food, feting and festivities.

Entertainment focused on the history and antics of the "Grande Ole Opry" singers and musicians from Lubbock's Cactus Theater covered the music of the Opry's country and Western stars of past years.

During this year's awards presentations, Peggy Bates was honored as Woman of the Year, while Lonnie

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# OPINION

## Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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### Muleshoe Art Show

The Muleshoe Art Association will be hosting its annual art show, April 7-11, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., in Muleshoe State Bank's meeting room. The show is open to both members and non-members.

Individuals wishing to participate in the show must submit their entries on April 7, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Judging will take place on Tuesday, April 8, at 9:30 a.m., followed by critiques and awards at 1:30 p.m., the same day.

### Holy Week Schedule

The Bailey County Ministerial Alliance will be hosting various Holy Week services April 13-20.

The Community Palm Sunday service will be at 6 p.m., April 13, at the First Baptist, with the Rev. Mindy McLanahan of the First United Methodist Church delivering the message.

At noon on Monday, April 14, the meal will be at the First Baptist Church, with the Father Sergio Leal of St. Clements delivering the message.

At noon on Tuesday, April 15, the meal will be at the First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner of the First Baptist Church delivering the message.

At noon on Wednesday, April 16, the meal will be at the First Baptist Church, with the Rev. David Snodgrass of the First Assembly of God delivering the message.

On Easter Sunday, April 20, a sunrise service will be held at the West City Park, at the basketball courts, with Curtis Shelburne 16th & D Church of Christ delivering the message. Refreshments will follow 16th & D Church of Christ.

## The Few, The Proud... The West Texans

It goes to show you... there's always a few.

One of the most ridiculous things to hit the online news of late is the petition for the United States to give Alaska back to Russia based upon the partially noted history of the territory that became a state in 1959.

As if that's going to happen for one thing, while claimed by Russia as far back as 1739, the region was purchased by the United States in March 1867 for \$7.2 million — a relatively minor amount compared to the billions of dollars this nation has realized out of the state since that time, and the billions more that will undoubtedly be realized in the future.

While I can think of several reasons why I don't like being associated with the administration and bureaucracy centered around the Potomac River, the most ludicrous reason I can think of is to affiliate oneself with the government of Vladimir Putin instead.

And, if the environmental groups who have expressed concerns about drilling for oil in the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge are among the signers of the petition submitted to the White House demanding such



by Larry Thornton

action, they apparently haven't given any thought to the fact that Russia would suck the area dry as fast as a full-figured fellow's water bottle on a hot summer afternoon... not even caring about the environmental damage.

And why should they care? It's not even on their continent.

President Obama's reactions regarding the current situation in Crimea may be a little "milk toast," possibly in part to their personal agreement to give each other a little space a couple of years ago, but one can only hope there would be more than saber rattling if similar actions of occupation occurred on American soil.

In the past few years, there seems to have been more secessionist ideas being bandied about than crossed the minds of men prior to the 1860s War for Southern Independence.

In actuality, there's a greater chance of separation by revolution here in the United

States, than through secession.

In fact, as I've addressed in a previous column, while the annexation agreement between the United States and the former Republic of Texas may include such a provision, according to the US Supreme Court, Texas — including West Texas and the Panhandle, does not have such a right.

I think the same judicial ruling probably covers the northernmost state also.

On the other hand, maybe an additional state — that of West Texas, wouldn't be a bad idea.

When the State of Virginia raised its head among the Confederacy, the Unionists in the 50 northwestern counties of that state broke off to form the State of West Virginia in 1863.

While the group advocating the return of Alaska to Russia doesn't have a chance, maybe the US Supreme Court and the boys and girls inhabiting what use to be the "smoke-filled

rooms" of Washington, DC, wouldn't frown so heavily over West Texas pulling away from the liberals that seem to congregate so heavily around the capital of the Lone Star State. After all, it was the political atmosphere of the 1860s that allowed the Appalachian state's division.

I would hazard a guess that there's nearly as much of a political separation here and now as there was 151 years go.

Contrary to what northern historians would like to recall, the slavery issue — while serious, was only one of the issues that sparked the southern rebellion.

The boys and girls over in Austin may have experience "chewing the fat," but how much experience do they have chewing West Texas dust.

They may have experience fighting the traffic in and around Austin and Houston, but how much experience do they have dodging a West Texas tumbleweed stampede?

Yes, there's always a few, but this time maybe this end of the state should re-write the Marine Corp's slogan... The few, the proud, the West Texans.

## Producers' Increased Opportunity Included In New US Farm Bill

US Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced on March 25 that increased opportunities exist for producers as a result of the 2014 Farm Bill.

A fact sheet outlining modifications to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Loan Programs is also available.

"Our nation's farmers and ranchers are the engine of the rural economy. These improvements to our Farm Loan Programs will help a new generation begin farming and grow existing farm operations," said Secretary Vilsack.

"Today's announcement

represents just one part of a series of investments the new Farm Bill makes in the next generation of agriculture, which is critical to economic growth in communities across the country," he said.

The Farm Bill expands lending opportunities for thousands of farmers and ranchers to begin and continue operations, including greater flexibility in determining eligibility, raising loan limits, and emphasizing beginning and socially disadvantaged producers.

Changes that will take effect immediately include:

- Elimination of loan term limits for guaranteed operating loans.

- Modification of the definition of beginning farmer, using the average farm size for the county as a qualifier instead of the median farm size.

- Modification of the Joint Financing Direct Farm Ownership Interest Rate to two percent less than regular Direct Farm Ownership rate, with a floor of 2.5 percent.

Previously, the rate was established at five percent.

- Increase of the maximum loan amount for Direct Farm Ownership down payments from \$225,000 to \$300,000.

- Elimination of rural residency requirement for Youth Loans, allowing urban youth to benefit.

- Debt forgiveness on Youth Loans, which will not prevent borrowers from obtaining additional loans from the federal government.

- Increase of the guarantee amount on Conservation Loans from 75 to 80 percent and 90 percent for socially disadvantaged borrowers and beginning farmers.

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# MAHD Meeting... Continued From A1

in Friona for more than 20 years, and apparently had been approached with the idea of managing Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

At the Feb. 27 meeting, the MAHD board voted to ask representatives of Preferred Management to meet with them on March 5. At that meeting, Freeman noted that his company was more interested in a lease agreement than a management agreement, but said for it to work the hospital district's board, the administration, the medical staff, and the community as a whole would need to support the idea.

Following the March 5 meeting, the MAHD board met on March 17

to approve an exchange of information under a confidentiality agreement. Exactly how much information was exchanged between the two entities wasn't disclosed.

In other business, Thursday, the hospital board approved a new employee medical plan with FirstCare through Sanford & Tatum Insurance Agency of Lubbock.

According to insurance agent Rhonda Thomack, who appeared before the board Thursday, the only company to respond to the hospital district's request for insurance proposals — besides FirstCare, was Blue Cross \$ Blue Shield of Texas, which

Thomack said didn't supply a competitive bid.

Of the three options provided by FirstCare, the option requiring the least increase on the part of the hospital district was Option C, which while maintaining the employee contribution at \$100.79, increased the hospital's participation by \$36.53 per month per employee.

Thomack estimated the additional cost to the hospital district at \$45,000.

When asked for his recommendation, MAHD CEO, and Muleshoe Area Medical administrator, David Burke said the district couldn't afford to pay even a dollar more toward employee

insurance, but since that wasn't an option, he thought Option D, which would increase the district's contribution to an estimated \$36,000 would be best.

When asked about increasing the portion paid by the employees, the board members were informed that based upon the salary paid to the district's lowest pay rate and federal requirements, there wasn't any "wiggle room," to do so.

Although Option D would have saved the district the most, it also would have resulted in high co-pays for prescriptions.

While Option C would hold the prescription co-pays at the same level, the plan approved by

the hospital district's board also added a \$100 deductible to the district's prescription plan.

The MAHD board also:

- Appointed Debbie Noble, Virginia Bowers and Ruby Henderson as election judges and alternates.

- Received a financial report which noted the hospital's year-to-date revenue in February of \$4,257,309.59 was over budget by \$317,782.59, and that its expenses were over budget by \$124,843.48, for a net loss of \$142,929.84.

Park View Nursing Care Center's Y-T-D revenue of \$1,342,395.83 was listed as being over budget by \$162,739.88 — which with its expenses

being over budget by \$107,019.01 resulted in an operational loss of "94,664.28.

During his brief administration report, which followed the financial report, Burke noted that the hospital's "slow" summer months were approaching.

- Went into executive session with Burke, to discuss — according to the only issue listed for the closed session on the agenda, the hospital's QA report. DON Kitchens, who normally provides information regarding the QA report, was not included in the closed session.

The board returned to open session without taking action prior to adjourning.

Super news from MISD By Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets

## Muleshoe Teachers Never Give Up

Most people agree that it isn't easy being a teacher. There are many joys and frustrations that come with teaching.

Teachers face very real challenges as they give their best to provide a quality education for our students, a goal we all share.

One of the challenges teachers face is the state-mandated STAAR tests that are being given this week.

These tests certainly do not evaluate everything our students have learned this year.

There are far more valuable things our students are learning besides how to do well on standardized tests.

Standardized tests can give teachers, as well as students, a lot of stress.

There are a lot of challenges to being a teacher, and standardized tests are just one of those challenges.

On some days, it is not easy to keep a positive outlook and a high energy level. So much can happen to override the enthusiasm and joy teachers once felt in the classroom.

It's easy for teachers to become discouraged.

Teachers do their best, and still there is a child who refuses to learn. They spend extra time and effort helping a child with a behavior problem only to see him or her slip back into old habits.

They do their best to teach and to inspire only to have someone who doesn't know the situation criticize and complain.

They plan and prepare for learning experiences that will be unique and inspirational only to have those plans dissolve before them when something happens over which they have no control.

There are many things that can lessen a

teacher's enthusiasm.

It is extremely easy to get discouraged and allow this discouragement to lead to "teacher burnout" — that state where teachers go through the motions while the spirit lags behind.

During those times when teachers feel beat down and discouraged, a great quote by Larry Bell puts things in perspective, "On your worst day on the job, you are still some child's best hope."

Students need teachers to do the very best they can so that they can have a future that is better than their present circumstances.

Students need teachers to go above and beyond what is required so that they can see firsthand servant leadership.

Students need teachers to show true commitment and caring so that they in turn can care and empathize with others.

The lessons teachers teach go far beyond the classroom. On those days when nothing seems to go right, how teachers handle the situation can inspire or discourage a child.

Teachers are molding

the minds of future, productive citizens. Being a teacher is not for the faint of heart. Teachers must never give up.

Muleshoe teachers overcome these challenges and never give up, just like Derek Redmond in the 1992 Summer Olympic Games in Barcelona.

Redmond was determined to overcome all obstacles and finish his race, even after falling down from a torn hamstring.

Vince Lombardi said, "It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up."

Muleshoe had a student who came to us in the seventh grade with multiple behavior and learning problems.

Last year, he was a changed person, and he graduated with over \$2,000 in college scholarships.

Our faculty and staff never gave up on him.

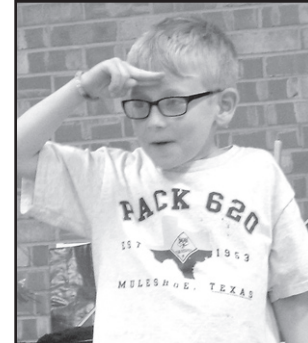
When our students get knocked down, our teachers and staff help them get back up, because they know that what Larry Bell said was true: "On your worst day on the job, you are still some child's best hope."



## Blue and Gold Banquet Held

Muleshoe Cub Scout Pack 620 held its "Blue and Gold Banquet" on Tuesday, March 25, at the First United Methodist Church. Among the event of the evening, Cub Scouts Riley Ketner and Keanan Puckett, pictured above with their parents, were promoted to the local Boy Scout Troop.

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Recruitment for all 2014-2015 Sudan Elementary Pre-Kindergarten students will be held April 15-17 in the Sudan Elementary school office. Hours for recruitment will be from 7:30am - 3:00pm. To be eligible, a student must be four years old on, or before, September 1, 2014. Parents will need to bring their child's birth certificate, shot record, social security card and proof of income. For more information please call 806-227-2431 ext 129.

### KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration for all 2014-2015 Sudan Elementary Kindergarten students will be held April 15-17 in the Sudan Elementary school office. Hours for pre-registration will be from 7:30am - 3:00pm. To be eligible, a student must be five years old on, or before, September 1, 2014. Parents will need to bring their child's birth certificate, shot record, and social security card. For more information please call 806-227-2431 ext 129.

Thank you for reading the Journal!

# Senior Citizen News

Attention... get ready! The count down has started, seven Sundays and counting. The Oneida Wagon Senior Center is planning a Sunday "after-church" lunch fund raiser on May 18. Yes, it is the Sunday after the Mother's Day Sunday. The meal will be by donation and will be a prime rib steak lunch grilled by local talent who everyone knows, with a baked potato, tossed salad and dessert with some local entertainment during the meal. After the meal, there will be an auction with many special items

donated by various local folks and businesses. The list is currently incomplete, but coming soon. Check the upcoming reports for more information. In the mean time, your senior center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. with a nutritional meal served daily starting at 11:30 a.m., for you. Before and after the meals, there are all the activities available that folks like to do. Come and see for yourself. **April 7-11 menus:** Monday, April 7 — Chickensaladsandwich, tomatoes, lettuce and pickles, macaroni

salad, carrot sticks, and watermelon. Tuesday, April 8 — Pork chop, black-eyed peas, spinach, baked apple, and cornbread. Wednesday, April 9 — Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, and pumpkin squares. Thursday, April 10 — Sloppy Joe on the bun, country potato salad, carrots and zucchini, and creamy fruit squares. Friday April 11 — Fish or chicken strips, borracho beans, green peas, toast vegetable salad, French dressing, whole wheat roll, and tropical fruit mix.

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# Obituaries

## Candice Ridlon

Funeral services for Candice Dawn Ridlon, 36, of Lubbock were held on Thursday, March 27, at the First United Methodist Church of Sudan with Larry Springer of Sudan officiating. Burial followed in Sudan Cemetery.

Candice died on March 23, 2014, in Lubbock. She was born on Dec. 24, 1977, in Roswell, N.M.

Candice moved to Lubbock from Littlefield in 1992. She enjoyed being with her friends and family, especially her nieces and nephews. She also loved to draw.

Survivors include her mother — Rebecca Ridlon of Lubbock; her father — John E. Ridlon and his wife Debbie of



Sudan; two sisters — Summer Shae Knight of Lubbock, and Fawn Stephens of Sudan; a brother — Shane Lind of Kerrville; her grandfather — Mike Michaels of Roswell, N.M.; two nieces and four nephews.

Donations can be sent to High Point Village, PO Box 65674, Lubbock, Texas, 79464. Online condolences may be sent to [www.ellisfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ellisfuneralhomes.com).

## Guy Farris

Guy Wright Farris, 73, of DeKalb died on Saturday, March 29, 2014, at his residence.

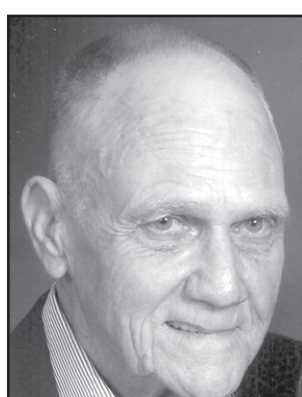
He was born on Dec. 12, 1940, in the Spring Hill Community, near DeKalb, to Guy Otto and Thelma Gay Farris.

Guy was a farmer and rancher, a 32 degree Mason with the DeKalb Masonic Lodge No. 9, the Scottish Rite, and Hella Shrine.

He married Elizabeth Anne Richardson on June 8, 1962, in DeKalb.

Surviving family members include his wife — Anne Richardson Farris of DeKalb; two sons and a daughter-in-law — Clay and Angie Farris of DeKalb, and Clint Farris of Palestine; two sisters — Gwen McKeel of Denton and Jan Michie of Argyle. A brother and sister-in-law — Mike and Donna Farris of DeKalb; three grandchildren — Jackson, Anna and Zoey Farris; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, April 1, at the First



United Methodist Church in DeKalb with the Rev. Doug Wintermute and Angie Farris officiating.

Visitation with the family followed in the fellowship hall at the church.

Private family graveside services were held at the Spring Hill Cemetery, north of DeKalb.

Services were under the direction of the Bates Family Funeral Home in DeKalb.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, PO Box 396, DeKalb, Texas 75559; and The Williams House Museum, 303 E. Front St., DeKalb, Texas 75559.

Online registration is at [www.batesfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.batesfamilyfuneralhome.com).

## Bonnie Green

Bonnie Carol (White) Green, 70, of Amarillo, passed away on Wednesday, March 26, 2014.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, April 5, at 10 a.m., at Southwest Church of Christ in Amarillo, with Jerry Morgan officiating.

Bonnie was born in Muskogee, Okla., on Aug. 28, 1943, to Carl Samuel and Ali Augusta (Smith) White. She grew up in Muskogee and then attended Oklahoma State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in Home Economics Education.

While attending OSU, she met the love of her life, Ben Green, and they married on June 10, 1965.

Bonnie worked for Amarillo ISD for 10 years as an educator, and she was a member of Southwest Church of Christ.

Bonnie was actively involved in Sharing Hope Ministry, whose mission is to educate, encourage, and assist women who are incarcerated.

She had a special place in her heart for Patsy's Place, a branch of Sharing Hope Ministry that provides a transitional home for women coming out of incarceration and helps them re-integrate into society.

Outside of work, Bonnie's many artistic talents included quilting, gardening, cooking, and making



personalized greeting cards.

Bonnie loved to travel, and she and Ben enjoyed numerous trips together throughout the United States and Europe. She also delighted in spending quality time with her three grandchildren — Josh, Becca and Faith Dowell.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers — Jack White and Tom White.

Survivors include her husband of 48 years Ben Green of Amarillo; two daughters — Jennifer Dowell of Amarillo and Rebecca Green of Dublin, Calif.; two brothers — Monte White of London, Ohio, and David White of Muskogee, Okla.; and two sisters — Betty Blakeslee of Muskogee, and Karen Barrett of Farmers Branch.

The family suggests memorials be to Patsy's Place Transitional Home, PO Box 7160, Amarillo, TX 79114. The organization's website is <http://www.sharinghopeministry.org/about-patsys-place.html>

Or simply do a good deed this week in honor of Bonnie.

## Death Notices

### Imelda Howell

Muleshoe resident Imelda Howell, 76, died on Sunday, March 23, 2014, in Friona. She was born on Jan. 1, 1938, in Tahoka to Ernest E. and Rosa Martin. Funeral services are Saturday, April 5, at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe.

## 'Thou Prearest A Table Before Me...'

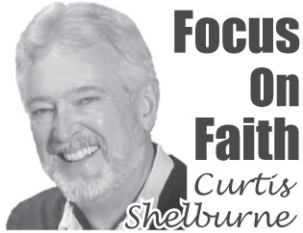
What we say and what people hear us say are rarely the same things. Nobody knows that better than your preacher.

A ministry colleague told me of sitting in a restaurant after worship one Sunday. Just waiting for his food, he did not intend to eavesdrop, but he overheard one of his members in a nearby booth delivering to a friend a brief synopsis of her pastor's sermon.

Hearing what she had heard him say almost cost him his appetite.

Communication in general is hard. Communicating via preaching is particularly hard.

Maybe that's why most preachers I know



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find themselves at times replaying their sermon in their own heads, wondering if they communicated, and wishing they could tweak the message just a tad.

After preaching recently, I found myself doing just that. Most of the time, it's just mental, but some of my post-sermon analysis this week I did out loud.

My wise wife (most pastors' wives are wiser than most pastors) finally just smiled, "Okay, that's enough.

Give it a rest."

I will. I promise.

But may I just say that my text yesterday was the venerable Psalm 23. Mostly, as you'd expect, we focused on its message of beauty and comfort and hope.

Then I took just a little side-trip, mentioning that I'd read Psalm 23 for years before I adequately noted two things.

First, in the midst of all the beauty, the psalmist lets us know that he has an "enemy."

Second, the beautiful feast ("Thou prearest a table before me") is wonderful, but what we often miss is that the food on God's table tastes even better to the psalmist because his enemies are having to watch hungry while he eats ("in the presence of mine enemies").

I still have no doubt that's part of the picture. What I didn't say out loud, but what is obvious from our Lord's teaching, is that we should ask God to help us forgive our enemies (at least, for help to want to try) and not spend a

lot of time enjoying their "comeuppance" when it comes up.

I should have said that.

Still, don't read what I just said here and think I blame the psalmist too much. I'm not that nice. I like his honesty, and I like it a lot. (If this psalmist is indeed King David, it's a lot less than rotten old King Saul deserves if he has to stand hungry and watch while David enjoys a good meal.)

I like very much the fact that the writers of the psalms tell us how they feel instead of how they ought to feel. We can learn from that.

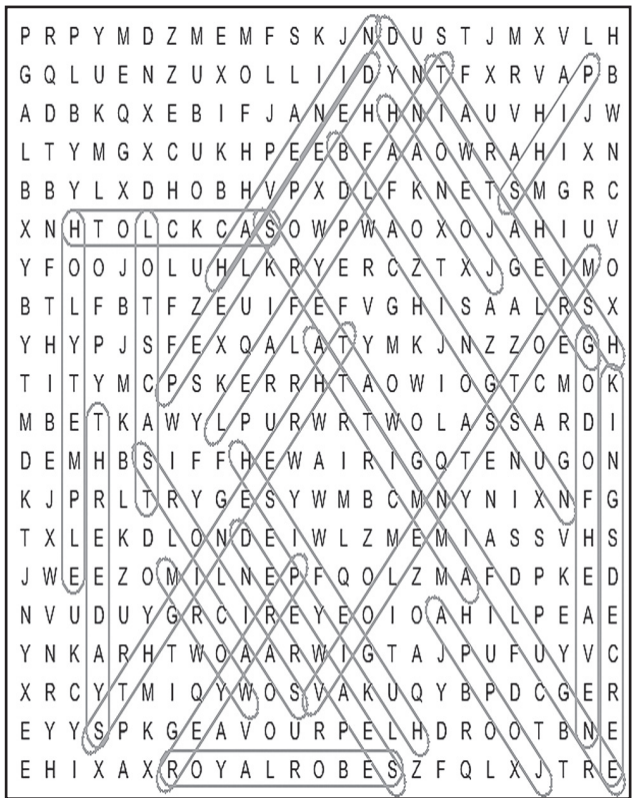
Rather than agonizing over how we ought to feel, we're better off just being honest with our Father about how we do feel.

Then we can ask him to help us act toward our enemies, and others, in the way he wants us to, whether we feel like it or not.

Better that our cups "runneth over" with a little genuine honesty than our buckets be full of pious sanctimony.

**Honk... if you love Jesus! Text and drive if you want to meet him.**

### Jonah



## Obituaries and Death Notices

Death notices will be published free of charge in the *Muleshoe Journal*.

Obituaries will be published at the rate of \$4.50 per column inch.

In all cases, the death notice and obituary information should be submitted by the funeral home for verification purposes.

The guidelines that will be used to determine if, and how much the publication will cost is as follows:

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# 2014 Muleshoe Chamber Banquet... Continued From A1

Adrian was honored as Man of the Year.

Selecting from the 2013 monthly honorees, the chamber honored Bob Donaldson of United Supermarkets as Employee of the Year, and Bailey County EMS as the Business of the Year.

This year, the Giesbrechts of 3G Farms were honored as the Farm Family of the Year.

The evening also included a silent auction, and the auction of chamber president Gina Wilkerson and administrative assistant Becky Hoksbergen.



Photographs by Larry Thornton



## MAL, LDP Requests To Be Accepted

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) will begin accepting requests for marketing assistance loans (MALs) and loan deficiency payments (LDPs) for eligible 2014 commodities. Notice of the authorization is published in today's Federal Register.

MALs and LDPs for the 2014 crop year become available to eligible producers beginning with harvest/shearing season and extending through a specific commodity's final loan availability date.

Sugar commodity loans for 2014 crop will be available to sugar processors beginning Oct. 1.

MALs and LDPs provide financing and marketing assistance for wheat, feed grains, soybeans, and other oilseeds, pulse crops, rice, peanuts, cotton, wool, mohair and honey.

MALs provide producers interim financing after harvest to help them meet cash flow needs without having to

sell their commodities when market prices are typically at harvest-time lows.

Allowing farmers to store their products at harvest facilitates a more orderly marketing of commodities throughout the year.

A producer who is eligible to obtain a loan, but agrees to forgo the loan, may obtain an LDP if such a payment is available.

Marketing loan provisions and LDPs are not available for sugar and extra-long staple cotton.

The 2014 Farm Bill also establishes payment limitations per individual or entity not to exceed \$125,000 annually on certain commodities for the following program benefits: price loss coverage payments, agriculture risk coverage payments, marketing loan gains (MLGs) and LDPs.

These payment limitations do not apply to MAL loan disbursements. Please consult your local FSA office for details.

Adjusted Gross

Income (AGI) provisions were modified by the 2014 Farm Bill, which states that a producer whose total applicable three-year average AGI exceeds \$900,000 is not eligible to receive an MLG or LDP.

The 2014 Farm Bill establishes national loan rates for the 2014 crops of wheat, feed grains, oilseeds, pulse crops, milled rice, peanuts, extra-long staple cotton, wool, mohair, sugar and honey.

The 2014 Farm Bill requires the upland cotton base quality loan rate to be determined annually according to the applicable statutory provisions.

The 2014-crop upland cotton loan rate was previously announced in a press release on Feb. 18.

County loan rates also are announced for the 2014 crops of wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, soybeans and other oilseeds (sunflower seed, flaxseed, canola, rapeseed, safflower, mustard seed, crambe and sesame seed); national milled rice loan rates by class and state

rough rice loan rates by class for the 2014 rice crop; and regional loan rates for 2014 pulse crops (dry peas and lentils).

The rates are posted on the FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport).

For more information, please visit a nearby USDA Service Center or FSA's website [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).



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# The Sudan Buzz

## Sudan UIL Captures District Championship

**By Cheri Sain**  
*Sudan Correspondent*

Sudan's Academic UIL Team won the district championship at the Dist. 5-1A meet at Sundown last week.

Several of the Sudan students placed or qualified for the UIL Region Meet at South Plains College the first week of May.

The accounting team placed first as well as Adam Harper placing first individually, Patricia Azua placing second, and Mandy Rojas placing third.

Joe Luis Melendez also competed.

The team qualified for regionals by placing first and will compete at

the regional meet.

The current issues team placed first as well as Joe Luis Melendez placing second and Deric McCurry placing third individually.

Other team members included Dex Baker and Mandy Rojas.

They will compete at regionals as a team since they placed first.

In computer science, the team placed first overall and will compete at regionals.

Adam Harper placed first, Andrew Harper placed second, Jacob Markham placed third, and Deric McCurry placed fourth.

Denise Salazar placed fifth in computer

applications while Alex Hernandez placed third in literary criticism.

Hernandez will compete at regional in literary criticism as well as social studies.

The social studies team placed first overall with team members Alex Hernandez, Vanesa Aguilar, Celeste Montemayor, and Jazmin Solis.

Solis placed third individually in social studies, and Hernandez placed sixth.

The social studies team will also compete at regionals in social studies after placing first.

In the journalism events, Brianna



*Kristina Thorn, Sydney Goen, Kendon Drennan, Deric McCurry, Ambrosia Nelson, Jacob Markham, Madi Edwards, Kenzie Conley, Reece Harper and Carson Phillips accept the UIL District Championship trophy.*

Azua will compete in headlines at regionals after placing third in headlines.

Azua also placed

sixth in editorial.

Jessica Barrett will also compete at the regional meet in news writing and feature writing.

Dex Baker placed fifth in feature.

The journalism team placed second overall.

In the speaking events, Kendon Drennan and Carson Phillips placed first and second in Lincoln-Douglas debate.

Deric McCurry placed first overall in informative speaking, followed by Drennan in second place.

In persuasive

speaking, Brianna Azua placed first overall.

In prose, Trevor Blackburn placed sixth overall while Chris Burrell also qualified for the final round.

CX debate took place in February, and Sudan swept the first three places.

Azua/Melendez placed first, McCurry/Hernandez placed second, and Andrew Harper/Anakin Cantu placed third.

With all of these students placing, Sudan's UIL team earned the top speech award.

## Sudan Track Competes At Smyer

**By Cheri Sain**  
*Sudan Correspondent*

The Sudan Hornets and Nettes won the Smyer Bobcat Relays on March 28.

The Hornets had an astounding 382.75 points with Hale Center as its closest school with 202 points.

The Nettes won their bracket by four points over Anton with a score of 179.

Not all results were listed on the media sheet, but the results known at this time were the following:

**Boys results:**

In boys varsity, Omar Vasquez won the varsity 1600-meter run with a time of 5:18:00.

Jelmer Vanderlei placed first in the 400-meter dash followed by Landon Williamson who placed third.

Branden Locke placed sixth in the 3200-meter run.

Tanner Fisher placed first in the 200-meter dash followed by Marcos Gonzales who placed fourth and Carson Phillips who placed sixth.

Reece Harper won the 100-meter dash. Stephen Schovajsa placed first in the 110-meter hurdles followed by Xavier Trillo who placed second.

Landon Williamson won the 800-meter run by more than 10 seconds.

Barry Johnson placed first in the 300-meter hurdles followed by Xavier Trillo who placed second and Stephen Schovajsa who placed third.

In varsity field events, Tanner Fisher won the high jump and long jump.

Reece Barry Johnson placed second and Reece Harper placed third in the long jump.

Tommy Whitehurst placed second in the pole vault while Carson Phillips placed fourth and Marcos Gonzales placed fifth.

Reece Harper placed first in the triple jump while Stephen Schovajsa placed fourth.

The JV boys had some success as well.

Trae Smith placed third in the 3200-meter dash followed by Ezra Herrera who placed fourth and Trevor Blackburn who placed fifth.

Daniel Tinajero placed first in the 100-meter dash.

The 400-meter dash was swept by Brady Fields, Greg Wood, and Rance Johnson who placed first, second, and fourth.

Luis Briseno placed first in the 300-meter low hurdles.

Derek Tovar won the 800-meter run followed by Wood in second and Johnson in fourth.

Trae Smith placed second in the 1600-meter run followed by Vince Montes who placed fourth and Ezra Herrera who placed sixth.

In field events, JV Brady Fields placed second in pole vault followed by Alex Rodriguez placing third.

Preston Bradley placed fifth in the shot put. Rodriguez also placed first in the long jump.

Rance Johnson placed third in the triple jump followed by Teaguen Nolte who placed fifth.

Trae Smith placed fifth in the high jump. Matthew Thompson placed sixth in the discus throw.

**Girls results:**

Ashton Shultz won the 100-meter hurdles. Shultz also won the 300-meter hurdles.

Allison Black placed second in the 400-meter dash followed by Jessica Barrett who placed third and Celeste Montemayor who placed fifth.

Joanie Miller placed third in the 3200-meter

run. Miller also placed sixth in the 3200-meter run.

Shaylee Johnson placed first in the 200-meter run and the 100-meter dash. Madi Edwards placed third in the 400-meter dash, and Kristina Thorn placed fifth.

In girls varsity field events, Madi Edwards placed first in the high jump.

Shultz placed second in the long jump.

Ashton Shultz placed second in the triple jump followed by Kristina Thorn who placed fourth.

In Junior Varsity girls, Allison Black placed first and Celine Scheer placed second in the 100-meter dash.

Black would also finish second in the 200-meter dash.

Karina Centeno placed third in the 1600-meter run and second in the 800-meter run.

Barrett placed third in the 800-meter run. Payton Lockhart placed sixth in the JV discus throw. Scheer placed sixth in the shot put.

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## Sudan Students Receive Post-Season Honors

**By Cheri Sain**  
*Sudan Correspondent*

Some post-season honors have been awarded to Sudan athletes in the last few weeks.

Tanner Fisher was named to the TABC All Region and All State Teams, and Ashton Sawyer was named to the TABC All Region Team.

TABC is the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches and is one of the largest coaches' organizations in the nation.

This year, Texas High School Powerlifting Association started an academic all state team.

Sudan's Adam Martin and Reece Harper were named first team all state academic in its inaugural debut as a postseason honor.

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Rance Johnson placed third in the triple jump followed by Teaguen Nolte who placed fifth.

Trae Smith placed fifth in the high jump. Matthew Thompson placed sixth in the discus throw.

**Girls results:**

Ashton Shultz won the 100-meter hurdles. Shultz also won the 300-meter hurdles.

Allison Black placed second in the 400-meter dash followed by Jessica Barrett who placed third and Celeste Montemayor who placed fifth.

Joanie Miller placed third in the 3200-meter

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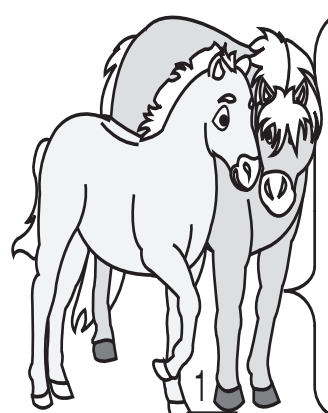
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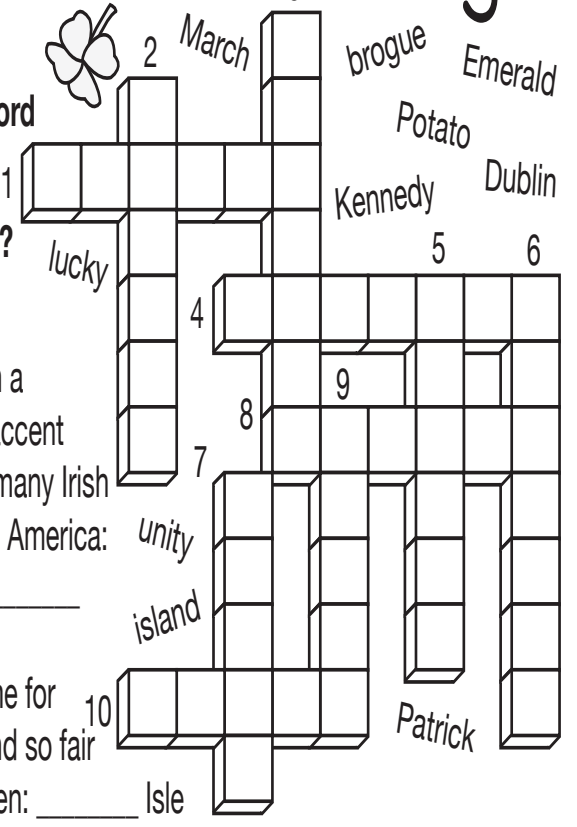
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Can you fill in this crossword faster than a leprechaun can disappear?



- talk with a strong accent
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- nickname for the island so fair and green: \_\_\_\_\_ Isle
- bishop who brought Christianity to Ireland: Saint \_\_\_\_\_
- piece of land surrounded by water
- first American of Irish-Catholic descent to become President of the United States: John F. \_\_\_\_\_
- month in which we celebrate St. Patrick's Day
- capital and largest city of Ireland
- flag of Ireland is green, white, and orange; the white stands for \_\_\_\_\_
- "The Luck of the Irish" means someone is very \_\_\_\_\_

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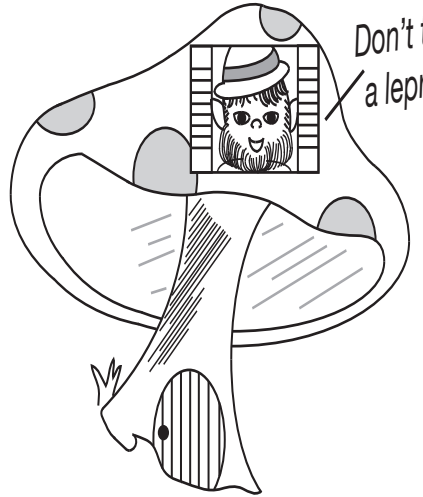
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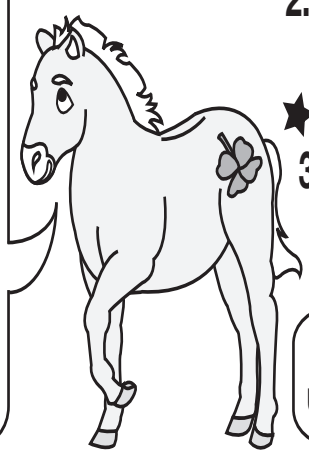


Don't try to trick a leprechaun!

## A Delicious Surprise!

Even if you are not Irish, celebrating on St. Patrick's Day can be fun. I've always liked stories about Irish Fairies, especially the leprechauns. It is said that leprechauns, little knee-high fairies, try to stay away from people. If you see one, don't take your eyes off of him or he will disappear. In your sight, he may have to lead you to his secret wealth. **To find out what that is, do these two puzzles!**

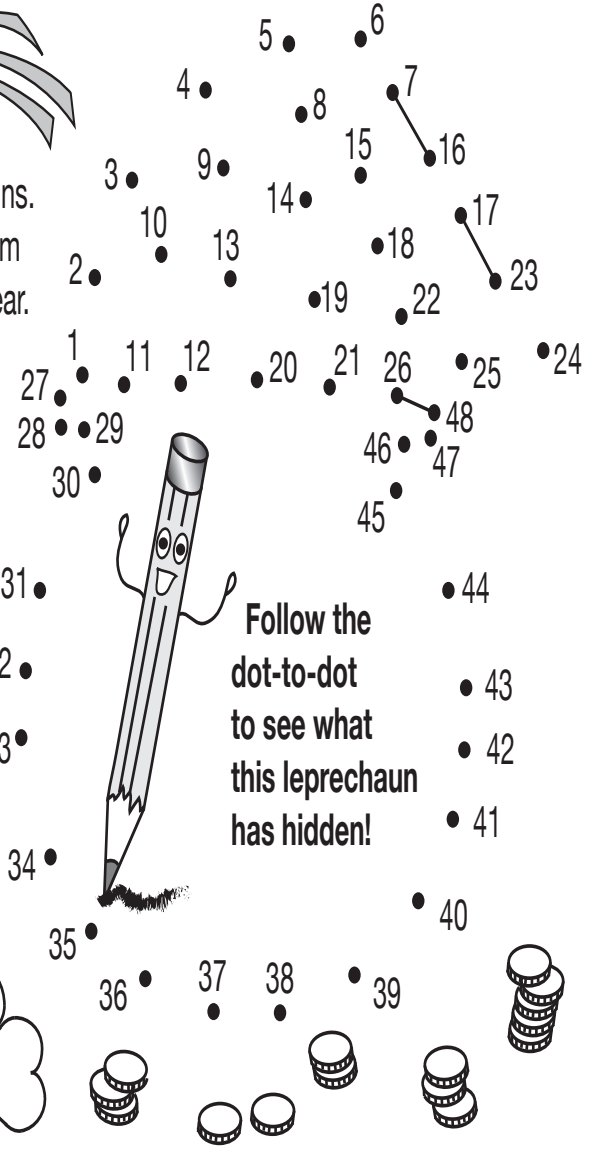
I was trying to sneak up on this leprechaun. When I caught up with him all I could see him doing was cooking a great-smelling meal. He knew I was there all along. He invited me to dinner. **Fill in the words with the vowels given to see what he was cooking:**



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★ Hint: He used Granny Smith ones in the pie.

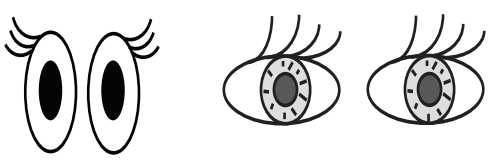
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## Proudly Singing!

On Saint Patrick's Day, Irish-Americans will be singing. **What message will they be sharing with everyone? Use the alphabet key to fill in the blanks to find out:**

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\_\_\_\_\_ !"  
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21	22	23	24	25	26	

Music to this song was written by Ernest R. Ball. The words (lyrics) are by Chauncey Olcott and George Graff, Jr.

**Solutions on B4**



# SPORTS NEWS

## Ladies Win At Abernathy

Continued from A1  
 relay team of Gable, Ruby Andrade, Rosas, Jazmin Arellano placed fifth with a time of 53.85.

Mireya Ruvalcaba and Noemi Herrera won the gold and silver medals in the 800-meter run with times of 2:39.46 and 2:41.89 respectively.

Keidi Salas was just steps behind the fourth place with a time of 2:44.99.

Precure won her first of two individual gold medals in the running events in the 100-meter hurdles. She ran away from the field with a time of 16.39.

Daniela Diaz placed sixth in the event with a 19.54.

Gable, Rosas, Diaz and Arellano teamed up for the bronze medal in the 4x200-meter relays with a time of 1:56.65.

Ruvalcaba ran a silver medal time of 1:06.13 in the 400-meter dash. Andrade placed sixth in the same event with

a 1:08.44. Precure's second gold medal in the running events came in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 48.49.

Gable won the silver medal in the 200-dash with a time of 27.73.

Salas, Acevedo and Blanca Ramirez swept the medals in the 1600-meter run.

Salas ran a gold medal time of 6:15.24, Acevedo was a step behind for the silver medal with a 6:16.24 and Ramirez won the bronze with a 6:22.44.

They had clinched the meet for the Lady Mules.

Precure's final gold medal of the day came as a team effort.

Rosas, Andrade, Ruvalcaba and Precure teamed up in the 4x400-meter relay. They ran a gold medal time of 4:26.23.

The Lady Mules final tune-up meet of the season will be in Brownfield's Cub Relays on April 4.



Photograph by Gabby Perez

Lady Mule Adrienne Precure high jumps at the Muleshoe Relays.

## Mule Relay Takes Gold

By Delton Wilhite  
 Sportswriter

The Mule 4x400-meter relay team won the gold medal in the final race of the day in the Abernathy Antelope Relays Friday.

But the Mules still finished fourth in the six-team meet with 89 points.

New Deal, Abernathy and Post finished ahead of the Mules while Floydada and Tulia trailed the Mules.

Tony Castillo scored the Mules first point of the day by placing sixth in the high jump. He cleared five feet four inches.

Jesus Manzanares hop, skipped and jumped a distance of 40-01.75 for fourth place in the triple jump.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Jose Angle Mendoza, Nate Rosas, Beto Diaz and Francisco Elizalde placed fourth with a time of 45.56

seconds. Manzanares won the Mules first gold medal of the day in the 400-meter run with a time of 2:09.35.

Cristian Paez was a half step behind for the silver medal with a 2:09.43.

Rosas took fifth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.98.

Trey Villa, Elizalde, Manzanares, and Matthew Barron placed fourth in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:37.21.

Austin Ross ran a gold medal time of 52.22 in the 400-meter dash.

Ross won his second gold medal in the

200-meter dash with a time of 22.16.

Barron claimed the bronze medal with a 23.26.

Noah Del Toro placed fifth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:25.71.

Elizalde, Manzanares, Paez and Ross teamed up for a gold medal time of 3:34.29 in the 4x400-meter relay for the final 20 points for the Mules.

The Mules will travel to Brownfield on April 4.

The Cub Relays will be the Mules' final meet before entering the district meet to be run in Dimmitt April 11.

## JV Mules Track Captures Silver

By Delton Wilhite  
 Sportswriter

The JV Mules won the team silver in the Antelope Relays in Abernathy Friday with a score of 154 points.

New Deal finished in front of the Mules while Abernathy, Post, Floydada, and Tulia trailed the Mules in the six-team meet.

Blayne Shipman and Javy Perez got the Mules started by winning the bronze medal and fourth place respectively in the high jump.

Shipman cleared five feet six inches and Perez

had a height of 5-00.00.

Rigo Rivas finished fifth in the shot put with a heave of 35-06.00.

Jason Florez was sixth in the long jump with a leap of 16-04.25.

Jesse Easily had a silver medal distance of 37-11.00 in the triple jump.

Matthew Flores placed sixth in the same event with a total distance of 35-11.75.

Mario Flores won the Mules first gold medal in the running events with a time of 11 minutes 56.02 second in the 3200-meter run.

The 4x100-meter relay

team of Florez, Easily, Jorge Martinez and Tim Perez had a silver medal time of 47.16.

Aaryn Ross won the gold medal in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:18.84. Shipman ran a silver medal time of 17.83 in the 110-meter hurdles and Flores finished fourth with a 19.66.

Martinez won the bronze medal in the 100-meter dash with a 12.22. The 4x200-meter relay team of Martinez, Easily, Florez and T. Perez had a bronze medal time of 1:39.60.

JJ Gandara ran a time

of 58.96 in the 400-meter dash for the silver medal.

J. Perez placed fourth in the same event with a time of 1:00.26.

Flores claimed the silver medal in the 300-meter hurdles with a 48.60.

Ross was back on top of the winner's stand with a time of 24.29 in the 200-meter dash.

T. Perez joined Ross on the winner's stand for the bronze medal in the same event with a time of 24.71.

Flores climbed atop the stand after winning the gold medal in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:23.73.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Gandara, Ross, Danny Campos and Easily ran a silver medal time of 3:50.15.

The Mules final tune-up meet will be the Cub Relays in Brownfield Friday afternoon.

The Mules will travel to Dimmitt on April 11 for the district meet.



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# SPORTS NEWS

## Muleshoe Tennis Teams Return With Gold Medals

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Muleshoe High School tennis team traveled to Sundown Monday for the Roughneck Invitational Tournament.

There were 25 teams that competed in the tournament.

One team gold medal and two individual gold medals made the trip back to Muleshoe.

Nacho Elizalde and Matt Barron won the Boys Doubles Varsity Division by defeating Farwell 8-0, Friona 8-5

, Brownfield 8-1 and Shallowater 8-3.

Kayla Preston dominated in the Girl's Singles JV Division.

She defeated Olton 8-0, Abernathy 8-3, Brownfield 8-3 and Farwell 8-6.

Braden Bessire the Consolation medal in the Boy's Singles JV Division.

He lost to Brownfield 1-6 and 0-6 in the first round.

Bessire then defeated Friona 8-1, Friona 8-3, tied Sudan 8-8 but won the tie breaker 7-5.

"The whole team played very well today," said Muleshoe tennis coach Jody Graves.

"I am sorry we did not have complete results for some of the matches. We were using this tournament as the final preparation for the District Meet next Thursday," the coach said.

Other players participating in the tournament but not winning medals were as follows.

In the Girl's Doubles Varsity Division Zoe

Apodaca and Dezy Gutierrez lost to Brownfield 5-8 but defeated Slaton 8-4 before losing to Denver City 4-8.

The team of Imelda Salcido and Ruby Regalado lost the first round to Farwell 4-6 and fell in the second round to Seagraves 5-8.

Kevin Mendoza played in the Boy's Singles Varsity Division and lost to Brownfield 0-6, 1-6 then defeated Tahoka 8-5.

The team lost to Sudan 7-9.

The Boy's Doubles Varsity team of Felipe Guerrero and Edy Elizalde defeated Sundown 8-3 before falling to Seagraves 9-7.

Aaryn Ross and Denisse Ramirez played in the Mixed Double's Varsity Division.

They lost to Farwell 1-6, 4-6 and Olton 7-9.

In the Boy's Singles JV Division Jesse Leal's results were incomplete but he defeated Shallowater 8-2 and Seagraves 8-4.

Issac Acosta got past

Olton 8-1, Brownfield 8-1, SPCHEA 8-6 and Sudan 8-0 before losing to a second Sudan player 3-8.

Playing in the Boy's Doubles JV Division the team of Noah Del Toro and Jose Martinez defeated Seagraves 8-4, won a tie breaker over Sundown 9-8 before falling to Shallowater 5-8.

The team of Tre Villa and JJ Gandara did not have results available.

In the Girl's Doubles JV Division Gloria Gonzalez and Alejandra Sanchez lost to Morton 4-8 in the first round.

The duo defeated Slaton 8-0, Friona 8-5 and Denver City 8-0. Gonzalez and Sanchez lost to a second Denver City team 3-8.

The team of Marissa Reyes and Jasmine Garza won a tie breaker over Friona 9-8 but lost to Brownfield 1-8.

Dominik Hasley and Marilyn Melendez played in the Mixed Doubles JV Division and defeated Denver City 8-4 but lost to Southcrest 3-8.

The Muleshoe tennis team's next tournament will be the District 2-2A Meet that will be held in Plainview on April 3.

## Lady Mules Defeat Abernathy, 8-3

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

It took the Lady Mules seven innings to defeat the Abernathy Lady Lopes 8-3 Tuesday afternoon.

It was the second time the Lady Mules had dropped the Lopes.

Diamond Lopez was two for three at the plate for the Lady Mules and Marissa Cortez kept the Lopes off the bases with 13 strikeouts.

Neither team could score in the first two innings but finally Abernathy pushed a run across in the top of the third inning.

The Lady Mules jumped back in front in the bottom half of the inning by taking advantage of an error and four base hits.

The Lady Mules took a 4-1 lead in the inning and never gave it back.

Saturday brought the Lady Cats of Littlefield for visit.

The Lady Mules are 2-0 against the Lady Cats in district with a 22-3 win Saturday.

Miranda DeBruin was a perfect three-for-three at the plate with singles in the first and third innings.

She doubled in the fourth inning. She walked twice and scored four runs.

Cortez set down one batter in each of the innings she pitched and blasted doubles in the first and fourth innings.

DeBruin came in relief in the fifth inning, struck out one and slammed the door on the Cats.

Against Abernathy an error allowed Brittany Mendoza to reach in the bottom of the third inning.

She went to second on the error and moved on the third on a wild pitch.

A single to right field by D. Lopez scored Mendoza to tie the game.

Adriana Loya laid down a perfect but down the first baseline for a base hit. A throwing error by the catcher allowed Loya to move to third base.

Cortez' line drive to left field was caught but Loya scored after tagging up.

Amber Lopez walked and DeBruin's fly ball sacrificed A. Lopez to second base. She scored

on Sasha Esparza's ground ball single through the hole to put the Lady Mules on top 4-1 after three innings.

The Lady Mules did not look back after that and added four more runs in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Littlefield went in order in the top of the first inning. A bunt fly back to Cortez sent the first batter back to the bench.

The second batter went down swinging and a fly ball to Mireya Ruvulcaba in right field ended the top half of the first.

The Lady Mules batted around and sent 11 to the plate for five runs in the first inning. D. Lopez drew a walk and Loya reached on an error at first base.

Cortez lined a double to the fence in right-center field and scored two runs.

DeBruin blasted a line shot back up the middle and hit the pitcher.

The ball bounced off the pitcher and bounced into center field and scored Cortez.

Esparza walked on four pitches. Sam Vasquez singled to left field to score DeBruin and Esparza and put the Lady Mules on top



Photograph by Gabby Perez

Action at home plate during the game against Floydada.

to stay at 5-0.

The Lady Mules added two more runs in the second inning on a triple by A. Lopez, a walk by DeBruin and a double by Esparza.

Littlefield finally got a run in the top of the third inning on a single and a sacrifice. The Lady Mules did not score in the third inning and Littlefield added two runs in the top of the fourth.

The Lady Mules answered by batting around twice and sent 20 batters to the plate and scored 15 runs.

The Lady Mules used four Cat errors, three base on balls, two hit batsmen and eight hits to generate the runs.

DeBruin came on in relief in the top of the fifth and struck out the first batter she faced on three pitches.

An error allowed a base runner but Gabi Chavez stabbed a line shot down the first baseline for out number two.

A ground ball to second was scooped up by Samantha Vasquez and tossed to Chavez for the final out of the game.

The Lady Mules are 5-0 in district and took Tuesday off because of the STAAR test.

They will travel to Floydada Saturday to take on the Lady Winds on April 5 at noon.



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# Eighth Grade Mules Finish Third At Abernathy

**By Delton Wilhite**  
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules finished third with 122 points in the six-team Antelope Relays in Abernathy Thursday afternoon. Post and Floydada finished ahead of the Mules. Lubbock Roosevelt, Abernathy and Tulia trailed the

Mules in that order. Arnulfo Hernandez won the Mules first bronze medal in the shot put with a throw of 39 feet nine and half inches. Cesar Olvera-Salas was just behind him in fourth place with a toss of 39-08.00. Hernandez placed fifth in the long jump with a leap of 15-

04.75. Olvera-Salas and Carlos Meza earned the silver and bronze medals in the discus respectively with throws of 120-06 and 109-01. Jose Lopez placed fifth in the triple jump with a hop, skip and jump of 31-07.75. Jacob Kettner won

the silver medal in the first race of the day, the 2400-meter run, with a time of eight minutes 58.60 seconds. Michael Lozano placed fourth in the same race with a 9:21.14. The 4x100-meter relay team of Jamie Vidana, Izaiah Hurtado, Brendon Mehl and Ryan

Rodriguez earned the bronze medal with a time of 49.11. Coleman Preston ran a silver medal time of 2:31.53 in the 800-meter run. Estevan Palomares placed sixth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 22.27. Hernandez won a silver medal in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.46.

fourth place in a time of 1:02.90. Jose Lopez won the Mules first gold medal with a time of 25.83 in the 200-meter dash. Lozano ran a silver medal time in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:37.64. Kettner finished with a 5:38.93 to win the bronze medal. Jojo Rejino placed sixth in the same race with a 6:15.61. The 4x400-meter relay time of Rodriguez, Mehl, Noah Russell and Hurtado placed sixth with a 4:23.75. The Mules will compete next in the district meet in Abernathy on April 5.

## Seventh Grade 'Plows Through Competition'

**By Delton Wilhite**  
Sportswriter

The seventh Mules plowed through the competition in the six-team Antelope Relays at Abernathy Thursday. The Mules rolled up a

total of 164.50 points to take the team gold. Tulia, Abernathy, Floydada, Post and Lubbock Roosevelt trailed in that order. Israel Vasquez got the Mules off to a fast start

with a gold medal leap in the high jump of four feet eight inches. Ryan Rodriguez made a gold medal throw of 36-11.00 in the shot put and Jamie Vidana earned the bronze medal with a toss of 33-10.00.

the 100-meter dash and Luke Leal finished sixth with a 14.74. Vidana, Mehl, Rodriguez and Hurtado teamed up in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:48.65. Reyes won silver in the 400-meter dash with a 1:01.13 and M. Vasquez earned the bronze medal with a time of 1:05.07.

Hasley finished fifth with a 1:09.64 in the same race. Mehl earned the silver medal in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 50.10. Reyes was a top the medal stand after winning the gold in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.42 and Vidana was beside him with a silver medal time of 27.31.

Josh Torres tied for fifth in the same race with a time of 29.95. Raul Sierra placed fourth in the 1600-meter run with a 6:27.80 and Nick Dominguez finished sixth in a time of 6:29.20. The 4x400-meter relay team of Rodriguez, Mehl, Russell and Hurtado finished fourth with a time of 4:34.16. They will compete next in the district meet in Abernathy April 5.

## Engagement



### Smith, McDaniel To Wed

Gregory and Katherine Smith of Dallas announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Mary Beth Smith, to Colby McDaniel of Farmers Branch. The prospective bride is a 2010 graduate of Lake Highlands High School of Dallas, and a 2013 graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science in early childhood education. She will be teaching in the Dallas area in the fall. The prospective bride is the granddaughter of Mary Gay George of Dallas and Judy Smith of Sherman.

The prospective groom is the son of Gary and Jenny McDaniel of Wolfforth. He is a 2009 graduate of Frenship High School, and a 2013 graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science in restaurant, hotel and institutional management. He is currently employed with Hilton Worldwide in revenue management, in Addison. He is also the grandson of Evelyn Ziegenfuss of Muleshoe and Lynn and Nell McDaniel of Amherst. The wedding is set for June 7, 2014, at 6 p.m., at the Double D Ranch in Mesquite.

Rigo Mendoza placed fifth in the discus with a throw of 76-11 and Brendon Mehl took sixth with a distance of 74-11. Moises Vasquez had a bronze medal distance of 30-08.75 in the triple jump. Ean Hasley won the silver medal the 2400-meter run with a time of nine minutes 57.41 seconds. I. Vasquez placed fifth in the same race with a 10:49.09. The 4x100-meter relay team of Jamie Vidana, Izaiah Hurtado, Mehl and Rodriguez ran a gold medal time of 50.41. M. Vasquez won the bronze medal in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:43.82 and Raul Sierra placed fifth with a 2:48.14. Hasley won the silver medal in the 110-meter hurdles with a 20.48. Yoel Reyes ran a gold medal time of 12.57 in

the 100-meter dash and Luke Leal finished sixth with a 14.74. Vidana, Mehl, Rodriguez and Hurtado teamed up in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:48.65. Reyes won silver in the 400-meter dash with a 1:01.13 and M. Vasquez earned the bronze medal with a time of 1:05.07. Hasley finished fifth with a 1:09.64 in the same race. Mehl earned the silver medal in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 50.10. Reyes was a top the medal stand after winning the gold in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.42 and Vidana was beside him with a silver medal time of 27.31.

## Addresses For Charitable Giving Suggested

- Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Center, PO Box 201, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, (806) 272-5873.
- MOST Scholarship (given to all graduating MISD seniors yearly), c/o Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets, 514 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, PO Box 292, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Hope Chest, PO Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Muleshoe Hospital Auxiliary, c/o Muleshoe Area Medical Center.
- Bailey County Food Pantry, PO Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Meals on Wheels, 300 First St., Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department, c/o Muleshoe City Hall, 215 S. First, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-4528.
- Lazbuddie EMS and Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 125, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.
- Park View Nursing Care Center, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Inc., 104 E. Ave. C, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-5727.
- Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation, PO Box 62, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, 115 E. American Blvd., Muleshoe 79347.
- Bailey County Child Welfare Board, PO Box 243, Muleshoe TX 79346, or call 272-3204.
- Muleshoe Boy Scouts, 609 W. Seventh, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-946-9908.
- Muleshoe Girl Scouts, 346 State Highway 214, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.
- Bailey County Historical Commission, c/o Sammie Simpson, 812 FM 54, Sudan, TX 79371, or call 806-927-5191.

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Josh Torres tied for fifth in the same race with a time of 29.95. Raul Sierra placed fourth in the 1600-meter run with a 6:27.80 and Nick Dominguez finished sixth in a time of 6:29.20. The 4x400-meter relay team of Rodriguez, Mehl, Russell and Hurtado finished fourth with a time of 4:34.16. They will compete next in the district meet in Abernathy April 5.

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## Senior Center To Host 'After Church' Lunch Fund Raiser

The Oneida Wagnon Senior Center will be hosting a Sunday "after-church" lunch fund raiser on May 18. This event is on the Sunday after the Mother's Day Sunday. The meal will be by donation and will be a prime rib steak lunch with a baked potato, tossed salad and dessert. Local entertainment will be provided during the meal. After the meal, there will be an auction. Contact the senior center at 272-4969 for additional details.

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**Swing Into Spring!**

Spring has sprung! Spring into action everyone: skateboard, play ball, hopscotch, garden, fly kites, ride bikes, mini-golf and bring a friend too!

**Double Take**

Changes left to right:

1. rope turns into a worm
2. eggs are plain then spotted
3. cloud became smaller
4. leaves, no leaves
5. 2 tail feathers, 3 tail feathers

**I found 9 words that have 3 or more syllables:** beginning temperatures dandelion newspaper everyone syllables crocuses daffodils animals

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