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Ballpark Renovation Decision Postponed

**By Larry Thornton
Editor**

The Muleshoe City Council postponed its decision regarding a request from Muleshoe Youth Baseball for assistance in renovating the fields at the Roger

Miller Ball Park during Monday's regular meeting.

At a meeting in February, the council — though appreciative for the efforts of the MYB board and its supporters, balked at

a request for \$109,860 from the city's hotel and motel fund to be used to renovate the fields.

At that time, Mayor Cliff Black compared the request to a mile race with bottle of water which was drank at the

halfway point.

"I never dreamed you wanted to drain the entire account," Mayor Black said in February.

At the instruction of the council, city attorney Slater Elza gather additional information

regarding the use of the hotel-motel funds, and in a letter to the council noted that while it was possible for the funds to be used for infrastructure improvements, the property must be

owned by the city.

According to City Manager David Brunson, the ownership of the ball park is another issue that may have to be addressed at some point, noting

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Lady Mules Capture District 2-2A Golf Title

**By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter**

The Lady Mule golf team won the District 2-2A Championship by a margin of 47 strokes. They qualified to compete in the Region I Tournament on the Ratliff Ranch Golf Course in Odessa April 16-17.

Lariat Adams led the Lady Mules to the championship by winning the Individual Gold Medal with a two round total of 164.

She had 83 shots in the opening round and improved with 81

strokes the second day. Sydnie Sudduth shot round of 113 and 105 for a total of 218.

Miranda DeBruin also had a combined total of 218 by shooting a 111 the first day and 107 the second.

Sadie Sudduth finished with 120 shots the first day and a 103 the second day for a total of 223.

Bailey Bales was just one shot behind her with rounds of 114 and 120 for a total of 224.

Emily Precure competed as a

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May 10 Election: MAHD Dist. 3

Candidate Responds To Questionnaire

As part of the *Muleshoe Journal's* ongoing efforts to keep the voting public of Bailey County informed, candidates for the upcoming Muleshoe Area Hospital District board elections have been asked to respond to a series of questions.

In this week's issue, we have the response received from Dist. 3 candidate Landon Nichols (incumbent). Although Lupe Olivarez has filed to run for the position, he did not respond to the *Journal's* request for information.

Please provide us with a little biographical information:

Nichols — My name

is Landon Nichols. My wife, Jessica, and I have a son. I have lived in and around Muleshoe for 30 years. I graduated from Muleshoe High School in 2001 and attended Lubbock Christian University following graduation. I have farmed in Bailey County for over 14 years.

Please list your qualifications for the MAHD Board of Directors, and explain why you think you are the best candidate for the position.

Nichols — I have previously been elected as a member of the Muleshoe Area

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Photograph by Larry Thornton

Enjoying The Bounce!

There's just something about a beautiful day and a host of inflatable playhouses and slides that make even a day at school a great place to be.

Pictured above, a student at Dillman Elementary enjoys his time in one of the "bouncy castles" that were brought in for the youngsters' enjoyment.

Commissioners Approve Grant Agreement

**By Larry Thornton
Editor**

The Bailey County Commissioners Court approved an agreement with a company to assist the local emergency

medical service with its grant writing efforts during Monday's regular session.

The company, eCivis, provides a research tool — according to Bailey

County EMS Director Kevin Baize, that will help the county's various departments locate qualifying grants.

Baize noted that

while the EMS has assistance writing the actual grant, the person who volunteers her time in doing so doesn't have the time search for

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Friona Tops Area In Allocation Race

**By Larry Thornton
Editor**

Muleshoe's sports rival Friona climbed to the top of the sales tax allocation mountain for April, according to information released by the Texas State Comptroller's office.

With a 27.19 percent increase, representing \$6,345.89 in additional sales tax collected this year compared to the

same period in 2013, Friona topped the area communities, with Earth and Olton running a distant second and third.

Earth, with a 20.60 percent increase, collected an additional \$700.77 in sale tax, which Olton, with a 19.14 percent increase, collected an additional \$1,625.21

The only other

communities to receive a double-digit increase were Sudan with 14.70 percent, and Bovina at 12.33 percent.

At 6.46 percent — representing a \$2,366.88 sales tax increase compared to last year's numbers, Muleshoe topped the bottom half of the list, leaving Morton with a 5.61 percent decrease and Dimmitt with a six

percent decrease at the bottom.

In regards to the year-to-date totals, Muleshoe is at fourth place with an 8.57 percent increase.

Olton, which has a significant 45.41 percent increase in sales tax allocations compared to last year's numbers has easily outdistanced all other communities in the Y-T-D numbers,

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Sales Tax Results

City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$38,979.45	36,612.57	6.46%
Dimmitt	\$31,309.79	30,140.30	-6.00%
Morton	\$ 9,307.10	9,860.80	-5.61%
Littlefield	\$88,062.26	87,195.54	0.99%
Earth	\$ 4,101.00	3,400.23	20.60%
Olton	\$10,114.62	8,489.41	19.14%
Sudan	\$ 4,306.90	3,754.87	14.70%
Farwell	\$ 8,404.10	8,279.65	1.50%
Bovina	\$ 8,879.32	7,904.46	12.33%
Friona	\$29,679.43	23,333.54	27.19%



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Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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Sunrise Service

On Easter Sunday, April 20, a sunrise service will be held at the West City Park at 7:00 a.m., at the basketball courts, with Curtis Shelburne of 16th & D Church of Christ delivering the message. Refreshments will follow 16th & D Church of Christ.

Athletic Banquet

Muleshoe High School will be hosting its annual athletic banquet, sponsored by the Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club, on April 29, at 6 p.m., in the MHS Commons Area.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$10 per person.

Senior Center Fund Raiser

The Oneida Wagnon Senior Center will be hosting a Sunday "after-church" lunch fund raiser on May 18.

The meal will be by donation and will be a prime rib steak lunch with a baked potato, tossed salad and dessert. Call 272-4969 for additional information.

Candidate Response...

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Hospital District board and have served for two years.

I am well acquainted with the routine hospital business, financial status, healthcare laws and regulations, and future changes.

I have worked to support the hospital and community and will continue to make decisions in that manner.

What do you perceive to be hospital district's greatest assets?

Nichols — The hospital district employs over 180 people by providing

necessary emergent, non-emergent, and long-term healthcare for the community and out-lying areas.

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

Government cuts and regulations will strain our healthcare system and hospital in the future years.

I will work to bridge the communications between the hospital's leaders, physicians, and community to provide a positive future for Muleshoe and the hospital district.

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applicable grants.

He said that for \$1,750 per year, eCivis will provide that service. For about \$2,000 more, Baize said eCivis would also assist with tracking and reporting the grants the EMS received. However, he said that wasn't needed at this time.

When asked about the grants the EMS had received since Baize took over as director,

he said four grant applications had been submitted and two had been approved.

"I think it can be a useful tool for the whole county," Baize said, noting that while the \$1,750 fee would allow for two separate accounts, any number of the county's departments could use the service.

In Precinct 4 Commissioner Juan

Quality Time... And Lots Of It

A few days ago, I noticed that a local businessman and community leader had dropped by one of Muleshoe's eating establishments for breakfast, accompanied by three of his children.

After the children had eaten, and journeyed into the restroom to wash up, the father waited a couple of minutes and when they didn't reappear, headed in to check on them.

As he passed my table — commenting about the possible mischief the children might have encountered, I replied that "breakfasts with dad are important."

And while I truly believe that to be true, my comment took on a new depth of meaning at noon, when I received a call from my older sister with the information that my own father had cancer.

On Thursday, he'd had a tumor removed, and the pathology results were already back. It was cancer, and it was aggressive.

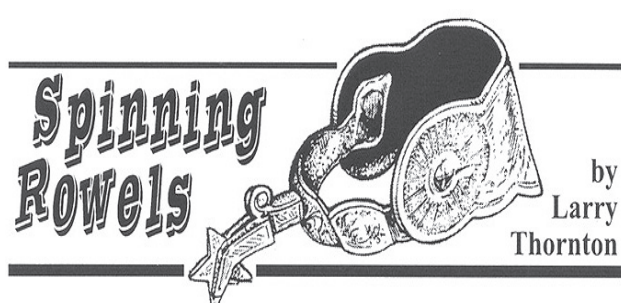
In the two months since it was first "scoped," it had more than doubled in size.

Not good news, and even more disturbing when we already knew he's decided against radiation or chemotherapy.

Additional surgery wasn't an option either, because of his age and other medical circumstances.

So, the doctor's prognosis is that if the cancer hasn't spread elsewhere, Dad has about a year before he's called to his eternal home.

As I said earlier, breakfast with dad is



important... and so are lunch and dinner, and especially those fishing and camping trips.

Someone once asked what was more important to a child, quantity time or quality time with a parent, and the child replied, "Quality time... and lots of it."

Some of the greatest memories I have of my father are our fishing trips. If I sat down and gave it a bit of thought, I wouldn't be surprised if I could remember something special that happened during each one of them.

Oh, I can't remember the month, day or year, but they were important enough that memories about each one of them will always remain with me.

There's the time my enthusiasm to jump out of the pickup bed and open the pasture gate resulted in my taking a roll across a fresh cow patty.

I caught a lot of blue gills that afternoon, and since I had decided to shed my shirt, I also got sunburned.

Or the time Dad was following me down

a trail to the river, and when I paused, he asked, "What's the matter?"

He couldn't see the large water moccasin that was blocking the path and rearing its head. Catfish were plated that night.

And the camping trips, that were made even more glorious because my sisters remained at home.

I love my sisters, and there were many fishing trips in which they also took part, but what can I say, there is nothing better than

fried potatoes and spam cooked on a camp stove when only two forks and two plates are all that's needed because it's only you and your father.

I remember the time we were camping and fishing late in the night, and Dad hooked a huge yellow catfish.

It rolled a couple of times as it was pulled close to the bank... and then it was gone. But the memory of it, and the stars overhead that night remain.

Quality time... and lots of it.

Whether it's a bit of "bankside enlightenment," or an early morning breakfast outing — with or without the girls, nothing compares with that important time with Dad.



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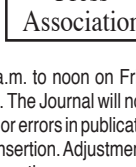
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Chavez' motion to approve the service, he included the possibility that a portion of the funds needed could be provided out of the sheriff's department budget.

In Baize's report to the court, it was noted that the EMS billed \$53,299 for March, and collected \$12,821.43.

He explained that a computer problem with the ambulance service's billing company required many of the billed accounts to be resubmitted, affecting the month's totals.

"I'm positive it's going to pick up," he said.

Baize also said the EMS and the commissioners' court may need to address the issue of increasing its charge rates, bring it more in line with other ambulance services in the area.

The EMS responded to 77 calls of service, and made 63 transports in March.

In other business, the court:

- Approved payment of the county's bills

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City Council... Continued From A1

the property was originally deeded over to Muleshoe Little League—which he said is no longer in existence, and not MYB.

During Monday's meeting, it was also noted that the use of Muleshoe Economic Development funds for

such a renovation also isn't possible.

Still, according to the city manager, the city council has the authority to expend public dollars not restricted by statutes governing the hotel-motel funds or MEDC funds for the betterment of the

community, and that as was mentioned during discussion on the issue by board member Colt Ellis it might be a better solution to expend to improve the existing ball park rather than for it to be shut down and the city having to build an entirely new

facility to serve the same purpose.

Included in Monday's discussion were estimates MYB had received concerning the lights at the ball fields beginning at \$75,000 for the west field, and \$95,000 for the east field.

According to MYB board member Kelly Kettner, who appeared at Monday's meeting, the most "glaring issue" at the ball park is the lighting, which he described as a safety issue because some of the poles could possibly fall in a wind storm... injuring someone.

"We see it first hand... what it's doing for our kids, and the character it builds," Kettner said about the importance of little league baseball.

In other business, the

council:

- Approved the city's investment summary and financial statement for the quarter ending March 31.

- Appointed Sarah Santos to the MEDC board to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Wayne Pierson.

- Approved the minutes from its March 10 meeting.

- Conducted a pre-budget workshop prior to the city staff beginning its work on the FY2014-15 budget.

Annual Art Show Winners Announced

Muleshoe Art Association held its annual art show April 7-14 at Muleshoe State Bank.

Artists from the surrounding areas participated, entering watercolors, oils, pastels, acrylics, mixed mediums, photography and miscellaneous, which included sculpted items, jewelry, and small furniture.

Two new categories were included in the 2014 show — miniatures and a youth group, which was 18 years and under.

Scott Blazek served as this year's Muleshoe Art Association exhibit judge. Raised in south Louisiana, Blazek has been a resident of Clovis, N.M., since 1990 and is current president of Pintou's Art League of Clovis.

After 37 years as a full-time LCMS Lutheran pastor, he retired in June of 2012 and continues to serve other churches with vacancies.

His undergraduate degree is in graphic design from the University of Louisiana, Lafayette.

He has done free-lance art work in various media, but especially enjoys pen and ink, acrylics and has relief sculpture.

Blazek started drawing at the age of four when struck with polio. But by the grace of God recovered through the "Sister

Kenny treatment." He has been drawing ever since.

Blazek has done illustration work for the Mary Alice Fontenonts, Clovis Crawfish Children's book series and his design of a US Coin, the James Madison/Bill of Rights \$5 gold commemorative.

The following are this year's winners, along with their works and categories.

- Oils and acrylics, first place — Lois Snyder's "Pueblo Street;" second place — Paul Steven's "Desert the Rock's God Garden;" third place — Regan Cox' "West Texas Sunset;" an honorary award went to Susan Skipworths' "Never too Old."

- Watercolor, first — Sandra Chancey's "Untitled II;" second — Ann Johnson's "Palo Duro Winter;" third — Joy Simon's "Desert Sun Spots;" honorary award — Pauline Clark for "Quail," and Melba Bratcher for "Rabbit."

- Pastels, second — Annette Scheller's "New Parents;" third — Sandra Chancey's "Ready to Harvest."

- Miscellaneous category, first — Melba Bratcher's sculpture "Bull Doggies;" second — Kevin Smith's furniture pieces "white for top burl table;" third — Alice Liles in photography for "Wyoming Eagles;" honorary award — Doris Wallace's "Racu



Best of Show Winner Alexis Lambert

Pottery."

As previously noted two new categories were added to this year's show.

First place in the Miniature category went to Misti Wilborn for "Cowboy." Taking second was "Purple Sagebrush" by Marie Tidwell and Lois Snyder won third for "Road Runner."

In the Youth category, Alexis Lambert took first place for "Imagination," Carina Reyes took second in youth for "Dumbo," Clara Reyes won third for "Rose."

Clara and Carina Reyes were awarded honorary awards for "Rose," "Dancer," and "Cat."

Alexis Lambert, who is nine years of age, is a fourth grade student at DeShazo Elementary, and a Girl Scout.

She won a cash award, presented by First Bank of Muleshoe, for "Best of Show" for her painting "Imagination."

Muleshoe State Bank awarded the "purchase award" to Lois Snyder her watercolor, "Grey Barn."

Sales Tax Allocations...

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Bovina with a 19.24 percent Y-T-D increase takes second place, followed by Sudan with an 11.13 percent increase captured third.

Littlefield's numbers show a 2.68 percent Y-T-D drop compared to last year's numbers, representing about \$10,000 less received, but continues to lead in actual dollars, followed by Muleshoe.

April's sales tax allocation reflect sales tax collected by local merchants in February, and reported to the state in March.

According to Texas Comptroller Susan Combs state sales tax revenue in March was \$2.09 billion, up 5.6 percent compared to March 2013.

"The growth in sales tax revenues was led by business spending

in the oil and natural gas mining, wholesale trade and construction sectors," Combs said. "Collections from restaurants were also strong. This marks 48 consecutive months of growth in state sales tax collections."

County...

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- Approved the county treasurer's report for February, and received the March report for review.

- Approved soil conservation worksheets totaling \$1,670.

- Tabled action regarding an amendment to the TDA Bailey County pesticide and herbicide regulations.

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their April local sales tax allocations totaling \$554.5 million, up 6.2 percent compared to April 2013.

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Ed and Carol Cox

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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Muleshoe Area Hospital District General Election to be held on May 10, 2014 will be tested on Monday, April 21, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the **CITY HALL, 215 S FIRST MULESHOE TEXAS** to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast.

LeAnn Gallman
 Muleshoe City Secretary

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el quipo para tabular qutomaticamente que estara usado en la elleccions de la Muleshoe Area Hospital District que se llavara a cabo el dia 10 de Mayo de 2014, se probara el lunes el 21 de April de 2014, a las 2:00 p.m. en la **CITY HALL, 215 S FIRST, MULESHOE, TEXAS** para averiguar que el equipo contara con exactitude los votos para todos los puesto oficiales.

LeAnn Gallman
 Secretaria de la Ciudad de Muleshoe

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Senior Citizen News

We pray that each one enjoys this special time of Easter season and the true reason for which we can celebrate this time. The countdown continues, five Sundays and counting until the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center lunch and fund raiser. Everyone is invited, young and old, not just our senior group. This is a community dinner. Make plans to come visit the place where your senior folks gather and fellowship together over a nutritious meal with various activities for their use. As mentioned before, Wednesday, April 23, your center is hosting the annual free health fair for the area senior

folks. There will be areas or booths at the center for medical management, blood pressure, home safety, bone density screening, diabetes screening, nutritional screening, cholesterol screening, liver test, hearing screening. Also there will be benefit counselors available to talk about applications for extra help for prescription drugs and Medicare part B premiums. This Thursday, April 17, is the center's birthday celebration lunch for our seniors with April birthdays. Come and help us celebrate this special time. **April 21-15 menus:** Monday, April 21 — Baked chicken and dumplings, whole wheat

roll, margarine, tossed salad with dressing, and winter fruit cup. Tuesday, April 22 — Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, Waldorf salad, sliced whole wheat bread, and banana pudding. Wednesday, April 23 — Chicken-fried steak with brown gravy, scalloped potatoes, tossed vegetable salad, Italian dressing, green peas, and fruit salad. Thursday, April 24 — Taco salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, broccoli and cauliflower salad, corn or flour tortilla, and apricot halves. Friday, April 25 — Fish or chicken strips, borracho beans, green peas, tossed vegetable salad, French dressing, whole wheat roll, and tropical fruit mix.

MHS Students Place At UIL Meet

Muleshoe High School students competed in the District 2-AA UIL Academic Contest last week. Muleshoe High School placed second in the district contest, with a total of 21 students and teams advancing to the Region 1 AA UIL Academic Contest. The following students and teams qualified for the Region 1 AA UIL Academic Contest the first of May: Computer Science Team, First Place; William Pacheco, First Place Individual; Arthur Recio, Second Place Individual; Sam Auffert, Third Place Individual. Social Studies Team, First Place; Alexandra Mojica, First Place Individual; Blayne

Shipman, Second Place Individual; Vanesa Mojica; Esmeralda Cabrera. Speech and Debate Team, First Place; Isaac Acosta, Informative Speaking, First Place Individual; William Pacheco, Informative Speaking, Third Place Individual; Michelle Chavez, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Third Place Individual; Blayne Shipman, Persuasive Speaking, Second Place Individual; Rachelle Whitworth, Persuasive Speaking, Third Place Individual; Donann Rempe, Poetry Interpretation, First Place Individual; Dalia Melendez, Poetry Interpretation, Second Place Individual; Jaida Gandarilla, Poetry Interpretation, Third Place Individual;

Judd Baker, Prose Interpretation, First Place Individual; Kari Mendoza, Prose Interpretation, Second Place Individual; Bailey Bales, Prose Interpretation, Third Place Individual. Calculator Applications Team, Second Place; Keelee Whitaker, Sixth Place Individual; Esmeralda Cabrera, Fourth Place Individual; Arthur Recio, Fifth Place Individual; Vanesa Mojica, Sixth Place Individual; Marion Gutierrez; Jordon Russell; Jaki Huerta. Current Issues and Events Team, Second Place; Blayne Shipman, First Place Individual; Lisett Mojica, Fifth Place Individual; Cristian Lopez-Cabrera; Imelda Salcido.

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Obituaries

Doris Reeves

Family and friends gathered to celebrate the life of Doris Nickels Reeves, 92, of Lubbock on Wednesday, April 16, at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers, Lubbock.

Our beloved "Mimi" died on April 12, 2014, while surrounded by her family.

Doris was born on Nov. 27, 1921, to the late Guy and Gertie (Jones) Nickels in New Castle, and graduated from Bula High School.

She was president of Nickels Ginning Company in Sudan for many years. Doris was a member of the Central Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. She enjoyed travelling, playing cards and her flower garden. Doris was from a very close family and her family was the cornerstone of her life.

Along with her parents, Doris is preceded in death by her son — Richard Pryor Reeves; two brothers — J.A. and Ed Nickels; and two sisters — Joan Lowry and Floris Gilley.

Survivors include her



three grandchildren — Richard Reeves of League City, Daniel Reeves and wife Tara of Manvel, and Jennifer Barber and husband Jason of Webster; her daughter-in-law — Rebecca Reeves Gray of SouthHoustonCity; nine great-grandchildren — Nathan Reeves, Jonathan Reeves, Natalia Reeves, Morgan Barber, Meagan Barber, Cameron Barber, Dale Lester, David Lester and Brittany Reeves; and two sisters — Evelyn Riley and husband Claude of Muleshoe, and Nina Tiller of Littlefield; and several close and loved nieces and nephews.

To view tributes and send your thoughts and memories of Doris, visit www.memorialdesigners.net.

Carrie Carrion

Funeral services for Carrie Jessica Carrion, 44, of Muleshoe, Texas, were held on Wednesday, April 16, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Leo Pahamtang of Muleshoe officiating.

Visitation was held on Tuesday April 15, at Ellis Funeral Home in Muleshoe. Burial will follow Wednesday's services in Bailey County Cemetery.

Carrie died on April 13, 2014, in Lubbock. She was born on Oct. 17, 1969, in Muleshoe to Henry and Josefina Carrion.

Carrie lived in Muleshoe all her life. She was a cook and caretaker, and was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.



She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother — John Carrion; and one sister — Maria Jessica Carrion.

Survivors include three sisters — Josie Carrion, Minnie Esquivel, and Sanjuanita Carrion all of Muleshoe; and two brothers — Henry Carrion Jr. and Joe Carrion, both of San Antonio.

Online condolences may be made at www.ellisfuneralhomes.com.

Annual Sunrise Service Set

On Easter Sunday, April 20, a sunrise service will be held at the West City Park at 7:00 a.m., at the basketball courts, with Curtis Shelburne of 16th & D Church of Christ delivering the message.

Refreshments will follow the sunrise service across the street, at 16th & D Church of Christ.

Holy Week



Amazing Week Begins With An Amazing Ride

It is an astonishing scene, that journey God's Son makes to Jerusalem as the last week of his earthly life begins.

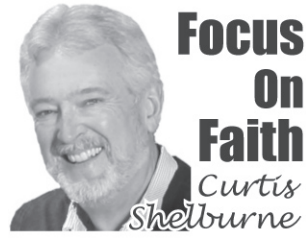
God in the flesh is walking toward Jerusalem. And the Lord of all creation is about to do something that will astound the universe.

As Jesus enters Jerusalem, he will be hailed as a conquering king. The Great Commission will come later. But on the day we now know as Palm Sunday, he simply commissions two disciples to head into a little village and lead out a young colt, a young donkey, to serve as the bearer of the King.

I have preached many Palm Sunday sermons, but the one I felt most qualified to preach was a sermon I tried to give from the perspective of the donkey!

We are specifically told that this was a "young" donkey that had never been ridden before.

I doubt you need to be an expert in donkey-training to know that just climbing aboard such a beast and managing to stay mounted with



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Curtis Shelburne

no previous donkey training or preparation for the beast at hand would itself be, apart from divine intervention, quite a feat.

But the Lord of creation is Lord also of all four-footed creatures.

I don't know why, of all the pilgrims in Jerusalem, Simon of Cyrene would later be chosen to carry the cross of Christ.

And I don't know why Jesus chose this particular beast to bear him into Jerusalem. I understand that it wasn't unusual in those days for a conquering king returning victorious from battle to ride on a donkey.

In that sense, a donkey was a royal beast. I may not be much of a cowboy, but I've been happily living in rural America long enough to know that a donkey is not a mule.

Yet, as a fellow hailing from Muleshoe, Texas, I

don't have much trouble seeing some nobility in a donkey.

I'll bet it was a fine specimen of donkeyhood. This blessed beast is dedicated for the use of the King of the universe.

It was never enough to take to the temple for sacrifice just any old lamb. You didn't take just what you could easily spare. You didn't give a half-blind, half-dead, mangy beast; you gave your best to God.

We probably should think about that when we catch ourselves giving just what we can easily spare and not miss.

A sacrifice we can easily afford is no sacrifice at all.

This young beast is dedicated to God. What he is doing, what he is

allowing to be done to him and with him, is something completely new. For him this is not business as usual.

Even though I may be a donkey myself at times, I can't claim any insight into their heads. I'll hazard a guess, though, that until this moment, this beast did not know that he would be honored above all beasts.

On that Sunday centuries ago, what God would do with that little donkey — something completely new, completely amazing — was a prelude to a week full of astounding events.

And the Sunday coming up? It would be a day the like of which this world and universe had never dared imagine in its wildest dreams.

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Q: Why does the sky sometimes look green during a thunderstorm?

A: It's a question that has been asked for centuries and is still not fully answered, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.

"We know the ancient Greeks reported seeing green skies during thunderstorms, and sailors for hundreds of years have written about green skies," McRoberts explains.

"The most popular theory is that thunderstorms contain a lot of water — often in the form of hail — and this water or ice tends to scatter green light during the strong updrafts that occur in severe storms. That's

UIL Results...

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Keenan Wilson, Science, Top Chemistry, First Place Individual.

Other Students Earning Points:

Kayla Preston, Editorial Writing, Fifth Place Individual; Bailey Bales, Feature Writing, Sixth Place Individual; Julio Alvarez, Informative Speaking, Fourth Place Individual; Rachelle Whitworth, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Fourth Place Individual; Keelee Whitaker, Mathematics, Sixth Place Individual; Israel Rubio, Persuasive Speaking, Fifth Place Individual; Payal Patel, Ready Writing, Sixth Place Individual

The MHS UIL academic coordinator is April Smith.

why many people say the sky appears green right before a hailstorm."

Q: Does the sky look green during a tornado?

A: It can, says McRoberts, but not always so.

"Often the sky appears almost black during a tornado, but sometimes there are greenish-looking tints to the clouds," he says.

"Many tornadoes have hail right around them. What we do know for sure is that green skies do exist, but they are fairly rare. They may or may not contain a tornado, and they may or may not contain hail. We do know that they are almost always an indicator of severe weather, often very dangerous weather, so if you see a thunderstorm approaching and the sky appears to look green, you should take cover immediately," he adds

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Eighth Grade Mules Sweep District Tract Meet

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules swept the District 2-2A Track Meet at Abernathy with 182 points. They finished 40.5 points ahead of second place Littlefield. Friona, Olton, Tulia, Abernathy and Dimmitt trailed the

Mules in that order. Marco Sanchez won the Mules first medal of the meet by vaulting eight foot six inches for the silver medal. Isaac Mendoza placed fourth in the high jump with a leap of 5-0.00. Cesar Olvera-Salas won the Mules first gold medal by heaving the

shot put 44-03.00. Carlos Meza had a bronze medal throw of 40-4.50 and Arnulfo Hernandez placed fourth in the same event with a 38-06.50 throw. Meza climbed to the top of the winner's stand with a gold medal throw of 116-00 in the discus.

Olvera-Salas was right beside him with a silver medal toss of 112-01 and Sanchez placed fifth with a toss of 91-07. Michael Lozano won the 2400-meter run with a gold medal time of eight minutes and 51.06 seconds. Jacob Kettner earned

the silver medal with an 8:56.07 and Giovanni Ceja placed sixth with a time of 9:29.19. The 4x100-meter relay team of Sanchez, Hernandez, Meza and Jose Lopez won the bronze medal with a time of 49.76. Ceja ran a gold medal time of 2:32.16 in the 800-meter run. Coleman Preston earned the bronze medal with a 2:32.97.

time of 1:45.25. Preston ran a silver medal time of 1:04.46 in the 400-meter dash. Sanchez placed fourth in the same race with a 1:06.05 and Zachery Atwood finished sixth with a 1:07.29. Waggoner was back atop of the winner's stand after the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 47.72. Lopez placed fourth in the 200-meter dash with a 25.79. Lozano and Kettner won the gold and silver medals with times of 5:45.81 and 5:48.50 respectively. The Mules could have left before the 4x400-meter relays started but the team of Preston, Meza, Hernandez and Waggoner ran a bronze medal time of 4:09.90.

Eighth Grade Ladies Take Silver

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Lady Mules won the team silver in the District 2-2A Track Meet in Abernathy Saturday by scoring 113.5 points. They were just 16 points behind the district champion team from Abernathy. Tulia, Dimmitt, Friona, Olton and Littlefield finished in that order behind the Lady Mules.

Conley Niblett got the Lady Mules off to a fast start by winning the gold medal in the high jump with a leap of four feet two inches. Brianna Barron tied for the silver medal at a height of 4-00.00. Niblett earned the bronze medal in the long jump with a leap of 19-03.50 and Liliana

Barrera placed sixth at 12-07.50. Brianna Barron had a gold medal vault of 6-00.00 and Cassidy Cage cleared 5-06.00 for the silver medal. Jennifer Orozco placed sixth in the 2400-meter run with a time of 11 minutes and 17.38 seconds.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Kimberly Lopez, Melody Moran, Niblett and Barron won the bronze medal with a time of 57.52. Cage won the bronze medal and Yvonne Diaz placed fourth in the 800-meter run with times of 2:53.68 and 2:55.19 respectively. Nancy Martinez was fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with a 20.43. Barron, Lopez, and Moran placed fourth,

fifth and sixth with times of 14.20, 14.26 and 14.68 respectively.

Alexis Campos, Moran, Niblett and Barron teamed up in the 4x200-meter relay for fourth place with a 2:04.63. Ricarda Elizalde won the bronze medal in the 400-meter dash and Nancy Martinez placed sixth with times of 1:13.00 and 1:14.66 respectively.

Brianna Velasquez ran sixth in the 300-meter hurdles with a 1:03.18. Lopez finished fourth in the 200-meter hurdles with a 31.35. Cage had a silver medal time of 6:49.16 in the 1600-meter run. The 4x400-meter relay team of Martinez, Velasquez, Niblett and Diaz finished fourth

with a time of 4:56.03. "This has been an awesome group of ladies to work with for two years," said Lady Mule coach Edie Niblett. "I will miss them terribly, but know they will go on to help other Lady Mule teams be successful," the coach added.

Seventh Ladies Finish With Silver

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh Lady Mules finished the District Track Meet with the team silver medal by scoring 138 points. Abernathy won the meet and Littlefield, Tulia, Dimmitt, Friona and Olton trailed in that order.

Sophie Reyna and Keely Dunham got the Lady Mules off to a fast start by winning both the gold and silver medals in the first event of the day, the shot put. Reyna heaved the shot 30 feet and three and half inches while Dunham had a throw of 28-11.00. Citlalli Vargas had a silver medal leap of 13-03.00 in the long jump and Natali Elizalde placed sixth in the same event with a leap of 12-07.50. Vargas hop, skipped and jumped 27-07.00 in the triple jump for the

bronze medal. Lili Martinez won the gold medal in the 2400-meter run with a time of 10 minutes and 3.59 seconds. The 4x100 meter relay team of Natalie Diaz, Vargas, Reina Regalado and Keely Dunham earned the silver medal with a time of 57.50. Elizalde won the silver medal in the 800-meter run with a 2:50.49. Hallie Gardner finished fourth in the same race with a 2:57.34 and Ab Mendoza placed sixth with a 3:01.01.

Gardner also placed fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 19.98. Elizalde was fourth in the 100-meter dash with a 14.00. Clarissa Ruvulcaba, Gardner, Diaz and Mendoza finished fifth in the 4x200-meter relay with

a time of 2:14.06. Vargas ran a bronze medal time in the 300-meter hurdles with a 1:00.46 and Maddison Price finished fifth with a 1:02.76. Regalado finished the 200-meter dash in a time of 29.80 for the silver medal. Martinez and Alyssa Wheeler made up a lot of ground for the Lady Mules in the 1600-meter run by winning the gold and silver medals with times of 6:30.84 and 6:39.53 respectively.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Dunham, Elizalde, Regalado and Vargas seemed to run in the same steps as Wheeler to win the gold medal with a time of 4:37.47.

The Lady Mules will move to off season basketball to get ready for their eighth grade season.

Seventh Grade Mules 'Run Away' With District Gold

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules took the District 2-2A Track Meet by storm and ran away with the team gold with 167.5 points. Littlefield, Abernathy, Tulia, Friona, Olton and Dimmitt trailed the Mules in that order.

Ean Hasley literally jump started the Mules by vaulting seven feet even for the gold medal and Yoel Reyes won the bronze medal by clearing 6-06.00. Israel Vasquez had a bronze medal leap in the high jump and cleared 4-08.00. Noah Russell placed sixth in the same event leaping 4-04.00. Ryan Rodriguez heaved the shot 35-09.00 for the silver medal.

Russell tossed the discus 92-04 for the bronze medal. Hasley and Ethan Gonzales placed fourth and fifth in the 2400-meter run with times of nine minutes 35.14 second and 9:41.11 respectively.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Jaime Vidana, Izaiah Hurtado, Brendon Mehl and

Rodriguez won the gold medal with a time of 50.55. Raul Sierra and Luke Del Toro placed fourth and sixth in the 800-meter run with times of 2:46.79 and 2:48.38 respectively.

Russell and Hasley ran gold and silver medal times of 19.71 and 20.18 respectively in the 110-meter hurdles. Yoel Reyes ran a gold medal time of 12.20 in the 100-meter dash and Josh Torres placed fifth with a 13.56. Vidana, Mehl, Rodriguez and Hurtado teamed up for the silver medal in the 4x200-meter relay with a 1:47.86. Russell was back

on top of the winners stand with a 1:05.38 in the 400-meter dash. Mehl won the silver medal in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 50.64. Reyes and Vidana topped the winners stand in the 200-meter dash with times of 25.48 and 27.32 respectively. Hasley placed fifth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:09.33. The 4x400-meter relay team of Rodriguez, Reyes, Russell and Hurtado won the silver medal in a time of 4:14.54. The Mules will start off season workouts in preparation for their eighth grade season.

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The Sudan Buzz

Sudan Athletes Place At District

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

It was another great day for Sudan athletics as three of the four divisions of track champions came home to Sudan.

This makes three years in a row of district champions for the varsity boys and varsity girls. The JV boys also won their division.

Barry Johnson improved his newly acquired school record in the 300 hurdles and Sudan qualified a lot of athletes and events to the area meet.

The area meet will be in Sundown next Thursday.

JV girls results are as follows:

Joanie Miller won the 3200-meter run and the 1600-meter run. Bailey Slocum won the discus throw with Payton Lockhart placing fourth and Ariel Porras placing fifth.

Slocum also won the discus throw followed by Porras placing fourth and Lockhart placing fifth. Slocum also won the shot put with Porras placing fourth.

Celine Scheer placed first in the 100-meter dash. Celeste Montemayor placed first in the 400-meter dash and second in the 200-meter dash.

JV boys results are as follows:

Trae Smith won the 3200-meter run with Ezra Herrera placing second and Trevor Blackburn placing third.

Smith also came in second on the high jump and won the 1600-meter run. Ezra Herrera came in third and Vince Montes placed fourth in the 1600-meter run.

Alex Rodriguez placed first in the pole vault. Rodriguez also placed third in the long jump followed by Luis Briseno placing fourth and Cristian Martha placing fifth.

Rance Johnson won

the triple jump followed by Teaguen Nolte who placed second and John Paredez who placed third.

Matthew Thompson placed third in discus throw. Preston Bradley placed fifth in shot put.

The 4x100-meter relay team consisting of Daniel Tinajero, Paredez, Briseno, and Rodriguez placed first. Derek Tovar won the 800-meter run followed by Greg Wood who placed second and Rance Johnson who placed third.

Rodriguez also won the 110-meter hurdles followed by Case Vanderlei who placed second, and Martha who placed fourth.

Tinajero placed second in the 100-meter dash and Kendon Drennan placed third and Marco Godinez placed sixth. Nolte, Tovar, Paredez, and Rodriguez won the 4x200-meter relay.

Wood placed second and Johnson placed third in the 400-meter dash followed by Briffen Ames who placed fifth. Briseno won the 300-meter hurdles followed by Martha who placed second and Nolte who placed third.

In the 200-meter dash, Paredez placed second and Tinajero placed third. Wood, Briseno, Nolte, and Tovar placed first in the 4x400-meter relay.

Varsity girls results are as follows:

In the 3200-meter run, Ambrosia Nelson placed fourth and placed fifth in the 1600-meter run.

In the high jump, Madi Edwards placed first. In pole vault, Ashton Sawyer and Eliana Herrera placed first in that event.

Ashton Shultz won the long jump followed by Kristina Thorn who placed fifth. Shultz also placed second in the triple jump, Sawyer

placed fourth, and Thorn placed fifth.

In the 4x100-meter relay, Sawyer, Daniela Tinajero, Shultz, and Shaylee Johnson placed first. In the 800-meter run, Amber Binion placed third and Edwards placed fifth and Jessica Barrett placed sixth.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Shultz placed first and Sawyer placed second. In the 100-meter dash, Shaylee Johnson placed first with Daniela Tinajero placing third.

In the 4x200-meter relay, Jayden Valdez, Eliana Herrera, Thorn, and Tinajero placed third. Edwards placed second in the 400-meter dash and Thorn placed fourth and Binion placed sixth.

Shultz placed first in the 300-meter hurdles with Sawyer placing third. Johnson also won the 200-meter dash with Allison Black placing fifth.

Varsity boys results are as follows:

Edgar Nunez placed third in the 3200-meter run. Tanner Fisher placed first in the high jump and Stephen Schovajsa placed fourth. Brady Fields placed first in the pole vault, Carson Phillips placed second, and Tommy Whitehurst placed third.

In the long jump,

Reece Harper placed first, Fisher placed second, and Johnson placed third. In the triple jump, Harper placed first and Schovajsa placed second.

In the 4x100-meter relay, Johnson, Fisher, Jelmer Vanderlei, and Harper placed first. In the 800-meter run, Landon Williamson placed first, Omar Vasquez placed second, and Jeremy Binion placed fourth.

Schovajsa won the 110-meter hurdles followed by Xavier Trillo placing third. Harper won the 100-meter dash followed by Harris Chester who placed fourth.

In the 4x200-meter relay, Marcos Gonzales, Carson Phillips, Trillo, and Chester placed third.

In the 400-meter dash, Vanderlei placed second and Williamson placed third.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Barry Johnson placed first, Trillo placed second, and Schovajsa placed third. In the 200-meter dash, Fisher placed second and Phillips placed fifth.

In the 1600-meter run, Vasquez placed second and Binion placed fourth. In the 4x400-meter relay, Johnson, Fisher, Vanderlei, and Harper placed first.

Hill Takes District Championship

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

Sudan Senior Kort Hill is the district tennis champion in men's singles.

Hill will represent the district at the regional tennis tournament on April 16 at South Plains College.

Case Vanderlei also made it to the second day of competition and won the third place medal along with the alternate position for the district.

Dex Baker and Tanner

Fisher lost a close three-set battle, so their high school career in tennis is now at a close.

"These men represented Sudan Hornets well their four years of tennis," Coach Lawrence Altum said.

In the JV brackets, Kendon Drennan and Alex Rodriguez won the boys doubles.

Isabel Chacon and Derek Tovar placed first in the mixed doubles division.

Anakin Cantu took the second place medal for boys singles while Marco Godinez battled hard to capture the third place medal.

FCCLA Attends Convention

The Sudan FCCLA chapter sent four representatives to the FCCLA State Convention in Corpus Christi last week.

Those attending were Brianna Azua, Nereida Trillo, Karina Centeno, and Kylee Coleman.

Also in attendance were FCCLA advisor Cheri Sain, intern Savannah Sain, and student teacher Jennifer Corder.

During the week, these students were room consultants for the competitive events that took place around the Corpus Christi convention center area.

More than 1,500 competitors competed

in 26 events over the two-day period. Azua served as a room consultant trainer both days.

On Thursday, the students took a Family and Consumer Sciences Assessment that tests the students on their knowledge of FCS and FCCLA.

Brianna Azua and Kylee Coleman each received gold medals for their performance while Nereida Trillo and Karina Centeno received bronze medals.

The students also took part in the general sessions with dynamic speakers with inspirational messages.

Azua and Trillo were recognized as being

a 2014-15 officers and attended an officer meeting to prepare for June Leadership Camp held in Navasota, Texas.

Sain was awarded the honor of Advisor Mentor and will represent Texas as the Advisor Mentor at the FCCLA National Convention at San Antonio in July.

Azua was awarded a \$500 scholarship to attend the convention.

Both students will serve as room consultants during the national convention and will help with escorting chapters from around the nation to direct them to their seats and to other points of interest around the city.

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SPORTS NEWS

Mules Improve District Record To 4-3

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules have won their last three baseball games to improve their district record to 4-3 in just eight days.

They defeated Dimmitt to get the streak started and then dropped the district leading Abernathy Antelopes 5-1.

The Mules traveled to Tulia and also defeated the Hornets 5-1.

Abernathy appeared to be loaded for bear on Tuesday but the Mules knocked the starting pitcher off the mound in the first two innings by scoring five runs.

Abernathy's only run came in the sixth inning but the Mules added two more runs in the bottom half of the sixth.

Nacho Elizalde pitched a complete game and gave up one run on seven hits and stranded six base runners. He struck out 12 batters, walked one and hit no batters.

Elizalde only gave up more than one hit in an inning in the sixth when the Lopes scored their run.

Wes Clarkson took the hill at Tulia and pitched six complete innings. He gave up one run on four hits while striking out seven and walked only one.

Elizalde relieved him in the top of the seventh

inning and hit the first batter he faced. He then struck out three in a row with the last batter going down on a called strike.

The first Abernathy batter got a base hit and then went to second on a wild pitch. Elizalde stuck out the next three to strand the runner at second.

Matt Barron dropped the first pitch he saw into shallow center field for a Texas Leaguer.

Nathan Rejino bunted down the third baseline to sacrifice Barron to second. Dustin Smith walked after taking the count full.

Barron stole third and Smith took second on a double steal. Danny Campos doubled to left field to score both Barron and Smith to put the Mules on top to stay.

Elizalde gave up a base hit to the first Lope of the second inning and a sacrifice bunt moved the runner to second.

The next batter walked to Lopes on first and second with one out.

A pop fly did not have to be caught by the Mules as the "Infield Fly Rule" was enforced for the second out.

Rejino fielded a ground ball and tossed it to Smith at first for the third out to end the Lope threat.

Elizalde singled to right field in the bottom of the second inning and Clarkson walked on four pitches.

Barron's ground ball through the hole between second and third seemed to have eyes and brought Elizalde home.

Rejino lined a single to left field to score both Clarkson and Barron to put the Mules up 5-0.

The Lopes scored one run in the top of the sixth inning on back-to-back base hits. It was the only time during the game Abernathy threatened.

The Mules struck first in Tulia on Saturday with Barron reaching on an error by the shortstop.

He stole second base on the first pitch to Rejino. Rejino sacrificed Barron to third with a bunt down the third base line. Barron scored on a second error on the shortstop that allowed Smith to reach first base.

Clarkson struck out the first batter with three straight strikes. A pop fly was caught by Mule catch, Smith. Clarkson struck out the next batter to end the inning.

Tulia tripled in the bottom of the second inning and scored on a base hit to tie the game at 1-1 at the end of two innings.



Photograph by Gabby Perez

Mule Keagan Gonzales reaches base safely.

Barron again reached first on an error by the shortstop.

Plate interference was called on Rejino when he attempted to bunt and failed to get out of the way of the catcher as he attempted to throw to second on a steal by Barron.

Barron was sent back to first base.

An third error on the short stop permitted Beto Diaz to get to first and Barron to go to second.

A double to right field by Smith put the Mules in front to stay when both Barron and Diaz scored.

Tulia tried to mount a threat in the bottom of the third inning with a deep fly ball to center field.

Elizalde saw the ball

come off the bat, turned his back to the plate and raced out toward the fence.

About 10 feet short of the fence he turned around, again found the ball, made an adjustment because of the wind and made a leaping catch.

He went to ground but immediately held

up his glove with the ball. That snuffed out the Tulia threat.

The Mules tacked two insurance runs in the top of seventh inning. Keagan Gonzales made it to first on an error by the second baseman.

A second error by the second baseman put Mules at first and

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Lady Mules Golf... Continued From A1

medalist and shot rounds of 131 and 129 for a total of 260.

The Mules finished fourth in the District 2-2A Golf Tournaments but Conner Harrison was the District Gold Medalist.

He shot consistent rounds of 87 and 86 for a total of 173 strokes.

Eli Leal was the Bronze Medalist with rounds of 89 and 87 for a 176 shots.

Harrison and Leal will also compete in the Region I Tournament on the Ratliff Ranch Golf Course April 14-15.

Matthew Dickerson finished with a total of 231 shots with rounds of 116 and 115.

Britton Beall shot a



123 and 129 for a total of 252 strokes.

John DeBruin played the first round and finished with a 133 but had a conflict with another spring event

the second day.

Tony Castillo also shot a 133 the first day but was unable to compete the second day because of an injury.

"The kids did a great

job and we are looking forward to going to Odessa for the Region I Tournament," said Mule golf coach Carey Sudduth.

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SPORTS NEWS

Lady Mules Remain Undefeated In District Play

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Miranda DeBruin paced the Lady Mules offensively against Abernathy by going four-for-four at the plate and scoring four runs.

Sasha Esparza also provided offensive punch at the plate with four hits on five plate appearances that included one home run and scored two runs.

The Lady Mules defeated Abernathy

12-6 to stay undefeated in district and improved their record to 7-0.

Adriana Lopez and Marissa Cortez were both hit by a pitch in the first inning to put Lady Mules on first and second base.

DeBruin singled to right field to score Lopez. Esparza doubled to center field to bring home both Cortez and DeBruin.

Brittany Mendoza singled to left field to

score Esparza for a 4-0 Lady Mule lead after one inning.

The Lady Mules added five more runs in the second inning. Reagan Reynolds reached first to lead off the second inning when the second baseman committed an error.

Cortez tied the second baseman in knots for a second error to put runners at first and second.

Amber Lopez doubled to left and scored Reynolds and Cortez.

An error on the first baseman put DeBruin on first and moved A. Lopez to third.

Esparza knocked a home run to clear the bases and scored three more runs and extended the Lady Mule lead to 9-0.

Abernathy came back in the bottom of the inning to score four runs and cut the Lady Mule lead to 9-4 after two innings.

Neither team scored again until the top of the sixth inning.

DeBruin led off the inning with a single



Photograph by Gabby Perez

Lady Mule Amber Lopez scrambles for a double-play during a recent game.



Photograph by Gabby Perez

Lady Mule Ruby Andrade attempts to pass.

to left field. Esparza brought her home with a double of the fence in right field.

Abernathy could not score and Lady Mules led 10-4 with one inning left to play.

A. Lopez hit a two-out double to left field and advanced to third

with out a throw. DeBruin singled to left to score the run.

Mendoza doubled off the fence in left to score DeBruin for the Lady Mules final run.

Abernathy added two runs in the bottom half of the inning.

The Lady Mules

hosted the Floydada Lady Winds Tuesday to end the regular season.

The Lady Mules have clinched the District 2-2A Championship and will start their playoff run against the fourth place team from District 1-2A.

Lady Mules Capture Silver Medal

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules won the team silver at the District 2-2A track meet Friday at Dimmitt with 147 points.

Littlefield won the meet and Tulia, Friona, Abernathy, Olton and Dimmit finished in that order behind the Lady Mules.

All three Lady Mule relay teams qualified for the Area Meet to be held in Panhandle April 18.

The top four places in District 1-2A and District 2-2A will meet in the Area competition.

The top four places at the Area Meet will qualify for the Region I Meet to be held in Odessa's Ratliff Stadium April 25-26.

Adrienne Precure won her first medal of the meet in the high jump with a silver medal leap of four foot feet 10 inches.

Marilyn Melendez placed fourth in the same event with a height of 4-04.00.

Precure earned a gold medal in the pole vault by clearing the bar six inches higher than she had gone all season. She vaulted a height of 9-06.00.

Miranda Acevedo won the bronze medal in the first race of the day, the 3200-meter run. She finished in a time of 13 minutes and 23.43 seconds.

Jasmine Garza was just steps behind in fourth with a time of 13:38.33.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Katelyn Gable, Aimee Rosas, Ruby Andrade and Jazmin Arellano placed fourth with a time of 53.65.

Mireya Ruvalcaba ran a gold medal time of 2:36.59 in the 800-meter run and Keidi Salas finished fifth with a 2:41.97.

Precure won her second silver medal of the meet in the 100-meter hurdles with a 17.33 and Daniela Diaz earned the bronze medal in the same race with a 17.52.

Gable, Diaz, Rosas and Jasmine Arellano teamed up for the bronze medal in the

4x200-meter relay. The ran a time of 1:53.59.

Ruvalcaba won her second gold medal of the day in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:07.00 and Andrade won the bronze medal in the same event with a 1:07.51.

Ahztiri Elizalde finished fifth with a 1:08.39.

Precure won her third silver medal of the day in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 48.88.

Her sister Emily Precure placed sixth in the same race with a 56.67.

Gable finished the 200-meter dash in a bronze medal time of 28.18 and Arellano placed sixth with a 29.00.

Garza and Acevedo won the silver and bronze medals in the 1600-meter run with times of 6:06.58 and 6:08.04 respectively.

Salas finished sixth in the same race with a 6:17.80.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Rosas, Andrade, Ruvalcaba and A. Precure won the Lady Mules final gold medal of the day with a time of 4:21.85.

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for the Area Meet to be held in Panhandle April 18.

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The Area Meet will get under way with the running of the 3200-meter runs at 9:30 a.m., and the field events will start at 10 a.m.

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Varsity Baseball...

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Rejino advanced the runners with a sacrifice ground ball.

Smith slashed a ground ball just out of the reach of the first baseman for a single to score both Gonzales and Barron.

The Mules will put their 4-3 district record on the line Thursday when they host the Littlefield Wildcats.

The game was scheduled for Tuesday but had to be rescheduled for Thursday because of the Region I Golf Tournament.

The Mules are back in action at home on Saturday when the Olton Mustangs visit.

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Fast Feet Keeps Varsity Mules Track Effort Alive

By Delton Wilhite

Sportswriter
When the District 2-2A field events ended Friday afternoon the Mules had only accumulated nine points. But they made up ground fast on the rest of the district when the running events finally started. The Mules finished

fourth in the district with 95 points and were only 14 points out of second place.

Abernathy, Dimmitt and Friona all finished ahead of the Mules and Littlefield, Tulia and Olton followed.

Eli Leal won the Mules first medal in the high jump with a bronze medal leap of six feet even.

Keagan Gonzales placed sixth in the shot put with a distance of 39-10.

Jesus Manzanares took fifth in the triple jump with a hop, skip and jump of 39-01.00.

Mario Flores and Noah Del Toro finished fourth and fifth in the 3200 to start the running events with times of 11 minutes

39.33 second and 11:51.53 respectively.

Jose Angel Mendoza, Nate Rosas, Beto Diaz and Francisco Elizalde placed fifth in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 45.14.

Manzanares won the Mules first gold medal of the meet in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:04.86 and Christian Paez finished

fourth with a 2:08.64.

Rosas placed fifth with a time of 11.66 in the 100-meter dash.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Aaryn Ross, Elizalde, Manzanares and Matthew Barron finished fourth with a 1:33.79.

Austin Ross won his first of three gold medals in the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.36 and Leal had a bronze medal time of 53.06.

Au. Ross returned to the top winner's stand after running a gold medal time in the 200-meter dash with a 22.43 and Matthew Barron placed fourth with a 23.74.

Flores placed fifth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:13.92.

Au. Ross was back on top of the winner's stand for the third time as the anchor of the 4x400-meter relay team.

Leal started the relay and Manzanares took the baton for the second leg from Leal.

Paez ran the third leg before handing off to Au. Ross for the final 400 meters.

The Mules combined time was 3:29.16.

The top four places in each event will advance to the Area Track Meet to be held in Panhandle April 18.

Districts 1-2A and 2-2A will participate in the meet.

The top four places at Area will advance to the Region I Meet in Odessa April 25-26.

JV Mules Take Bronze At District Meet

By Delton Wilhite

Sportswriter
A key member of the JV Mules track team was moved up to the varsity for the district track meet.

But the Mules won the team bronze with a total of 141 points.

Littlefield and Abernathy finished ahead of the Mules and Tulia, Dimmitt, Friona and Olton followed in that order.

Jesse Leal started the Mules by winning the gold medal in the pole vault with a height of eight feet six inches.

Antonio Vasquez and Javy Perez placed fourth and sixth in the high jump with identical leaps of 5-02.00.

Vasquez also placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 16-05.00.

Danny Campos threw the discus 89-09 for fifth place. Jesse

Easily had a silver medal distance of 37-00.50 in the triple jump

and Matthew Flores placed sixth with a distance of 34-11.50.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Trey Villa, Easily, Jorge Martinez and Wesley Clarkson earned the bronze medal with a time of 47.36.

Evan Paez and Issac Acosta won the silver and bronze medals in the 800-meter run with times of 2:20.44 and 2:21.17 respectively.

Flores improved in the 110-meter hurdles with a bronze medal time of 19.64 and Dustin Stearmer finished fifth with a 21.42.

Martinez placed

fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.90.

The 4x200 team topped the winner's stand with a time of 1:38.57.

Martinez, Easily, Jason Florez and Villa composed the relay team.

JJ Gandara won the gold medal in the 400-meter dash with a time of 57.13 and Perez placed fourth with a 57.99.

Flores ran a 46.52 in the 300-meter hurdles for the bronze medal.

Campos also earned a bronze medal with a 24.92 in the 200-meter

dash.

Paez ran a silver medal time of 5:30.14 in the 1600-meter run.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Gandara, Easily, Campos and Villa ran a gold medal time of 3:41.35.

The Mules ended their track season with the district meet and will now move on to off season workouts or other spring sports.

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