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Ross Qualifies For State Meet

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Austin Ross was the only Mule or Lady Mule to qualify for the Texas State Track Meet to be held in Austin May 9-10.

Ross qualified as a wild card by running the fourth fastest time in all four regions in the 200-meter dash.

Ross ran a time of 22.56 seconds in the 200-meter dash to qualify for the finals. He won the bronze medal in the event with an improved time of 21.92.

Since a ninth lane has been added to the Mike Meyers track in Austin the fast time of the regional non-qualifying finalist earns the right to run as a wild card.

Many felt that Ross had a better opportunity to make the State Meet in the 400-meter run.

He qualified for the finals with a time of 50.63 and finished fourth with an improved time

of 50.05 for a personal best.

Eli Leal qualified for the finals in the high jump and finished eighth with a leap of six feet even.

Jesus Manzanares ran a time of 2:05.85 in the 800-meter run to finish seventh.

Adrienne Precure finished seventh in the high jump with a leap of 5-00 for seventh place.

Mireya Ruvalcaba competed in her first Region I Meet win the 800-meter run and placed fifth with a time of 2:29.34.

Precure qualified in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.89 and finished fourth in that event with a 17.00.

Precure also qualified for the finals in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 47.50. She placed seventh with an improved time of 47.19.

Ross will spend the next 10 days practicing the 200-meter dash in preparation for the State Track Meet.

Total Track Talent

Everyone who reads the Muleshoe Journal knows that Lady Mule Adrienne Precure, the daughter of Carroll and Terri Precure, is a talented athlete — after all, she qualified for and competed in the Region 1 Track

Meet in the two hurdles events, and the high jump.

But, apparently, she is so talented in the high jump, as pictured above, that she can do it while carefully displaying a statue on the tips of her fingers.

Photographs by Gabby Perez

MAMC Doors Will Stay Open

By Larry Thornton
Editor

The Muleshoe Area Memorial Center is not in danger of closing.

During Thursday's regular meeting, MAMC Administrator David Burke responded to recent rumors suggesting the hospital was in financial trouble and faced an uncertain future by stating that

"We're not fixing to close... It's not even on the table."

wasn't the case.

Burke provided various statistics published in September 2013 regarding the number of hospitals, especially Critical Access hospitals — such as MAMC, and

including hospitals that have closed their doors and filed bankruptcy in Texas, and said even with the probable Medicare reimbursement problems faced by hospitals across the

nation, Muleshoe's hospital should be able to keep its doors open.

"We seem to be pretty stable," Burke told the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors.

Even though there have been some times when the hospital district's operating capital has been slim,

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Road Work Documentation Discussed

By Larry Thornton
Editor

The need to better document work done on Bailey County's rural roads was discussed during Monday's brief commissioners' court.

According to County Judge Sherri Harrison, it was recently learned that a state law requiring such action — which had been enacted many decades ago, was still in effect and was brought

"I think it's a pretty good idea..."

— Butch Vandiver

to light through changes in the Texas Department of Transportation's road grant program.

Harrison said TXDoT thought everyone was complying with a law that was apparently passed prior to World War II, which required not only for the road work to be documented

and submitted for approval by the commissioners' court, but also to be presented to the county's next grand jury.

"I think it's a good idea," Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver said, adding that he's already instructed his road

crew about what they needed to do.

Vandiver said with the documentation when residents contacted a commissioner complaining about their road needing work, the commissioner would be able to show them the dates, efforts and manpower.

According to Harrison, the most difficult part would be

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Mule Austin Ross competes in the 200-meter dash during the Region 1 Track Meet.

MISD Migrant Trip Approved

The Muleshoe Independent School District's board of trustees approved a trip for local migrant students to San Antonio during the first week of June.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. R.L. Richards explained that the purpose of the trip was to help the approximately 40 participating students to better understand the importance of Texas' independence and help them

"develop loyalty" to the Lone Star State.

With that in mind, the trip will include visiting the Alamo — which Richards noted in his report to the board would fulfill a TEKS history requirement, and a visit to the San Antonio Zoo and Aquarium, which will fulfill a science requirement.

According to the information the assistant superintendent

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OPINION

Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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FFA Banquet

Muleshoe High School will be hosting its FFA Banquet on Monday, May 12, at 6:30p.m., in the commons area.

The meal is \$8 per plate, with FFA members' meal being complimentary. This year's menu includes chicken-fried steak with green chili gravy, grilled mango chicken fiesta, mashed potatoes, bacon green beans, homemade rolls, peach cobbler and brownies.

For tickets see any FFA member, or contact the Muleshoe High School Ag Department.

Senior Center Fund Raiser

The Oneida Wagon 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.

Letter to the Editor

Senior Center Is A Place Of Encouragement

To the Editor:
The Oneita Wagon Senior Center has meant so very much to me, and to so many other people.

I got depressed and tired of staying at home by myself day in and day out.

Then I discovered the center.

The center has been a wonderful outlet for me to go and meet with friends, play games and enjoy a noon meal that is balanced and much more nutritious than I would have at home.

I enjoy talking to friends and maybe even offering an encouraging word or a pat on the back to someone who needs it.

The games help to keep my mind active, and many laughs are shared.

It's good for both body and soul.

Each of you probably has a senior family member who doesn't get out very often.

Please encourage that person to come to the center.

They will be

welcomed with open arms.

It probably will mean they will live longer and certainly they will be happier.

Remember the steak dinner on Sunday, May 18, after church.

There will be a live auction of many items donated by individuals and businesses in this area as well as home baked pies and cakes.

Auctioneers for this event will be the Myers.

So you know it will be handled in a professional manner and a good time will be had by all.

Pat Prater,
Muleshoe

Lazbuddie Honor Rolls Released

The Lazbuddie Independent School District recently released its honor rolls for the fifth six-week period of the 2013-14 school year.

Among the students honored were:
Elementary "A" —

'I Go To Prepare A Place For You'

"Place" matters."

When God created humans, he did not fashion us as disembodied spirits; he gave us bodies formed of matter, and a place in which to live.

In fact, we do well to remember that Christianity is the only world religion that teaches the resurrection not just of the spirit, but of the body — an amazing "spiritual" body, yes, but a body nonetheless (see 1 Corinthians 15).

Our Creator gives wonderful hints in Scripture not just of a glorious future, but of an amazing place: "new heavens and new earth."

Perhaps it was author and pastor Eugene Peterson whose words about this first hit home with me. Each one of us is born not just into this world but into a place in this world, a "locating" of ourselves that affects us deeply.

Just the tip of the iceberg is another author's contention that even politically, folks living in cities and crowded places tend to focus more on law/regulation and folks living in wide open spaces focus more on freedom.

"Place" shapes us and our perceptions and values.

Most folks who know me and my extended family very well know that my brothers and I, all four of us pastors, have for many years met twice a year at our maternal grandparents old homeplace.

That small town (Hey, small towns, thank the Lord, remain the biggest and best parts of our nation!) and the little house there are precious to us.

I promise you, though, most folks with



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

no ties to that place would take one look at the house and drive on down the road to a motel.

For over 20 years, twice a year (over 40 "meetings,") we've gathered at that place, come together for strength, rest, counsel, and fun, to recharge so as to have something to give back in our daily ministries and vocations.

It's been rather amazing that for four guys, the nature of whose work means being always "on call," the times when funerals, pastoral needs and crises, etc., have torpedoed the Robert Lee gathering have been fairly rare.

Last week's Robert Lee gathering was, sadly, an exception.

Two of us, the young troublemakers, just couldn't pull it off this spring. I managed to get over to the old place for a few precious hours one day.

Even more than usual, I found myself thinking of the blessing that place with my

brothers has been, and of some lessons time has taught.

When I step through that old gate, I'm setting foot onto the place where my Key grandparents lived almost all of their lives. Joys. Sorrows. Times of great happiness. Times of deep and agonizing perplexity. Life. With God's help, they made it through.

I see still piled by the wire fence around the "patch," Grandmother's collection of little rocks with hollows in them to be filled with her little cacti.

Her life, and Granddaddy's life, in this place affect me every day in many ways

that I know and more that I do not. The place that molded them still shapes me.

I look back over the "brothers' gatherings" there. We always bring laughter. We've also brought tears. Carefree times. Careworn times. Great times. Difficult times. But all times together. All those times in that place, more than enough to make it for us holy.

I remember Dad being there with us. And I thank his Father and ours for that place.

I'm so thankful we serve a Lord who has promised, "I go to prepare a place for you."

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Burke pointed out that it's been six years since the district has had to take out a loan because of it.

He also listed a number projects and needs the hospital has completed during the same period, such as replacing the roof, repairing major air conditioner problems within the hospital, remodeling rooms and purchasing a CT

Scanner.

"We've accomplished a lot of things in the last six years," Burke said.

"We're not fixing to close," Burke said.

"It's not even on the table," he added, "... we're not even looking at that."

Also during his administrative report, Burke noted that some 14 resumes had been received from physicians interested in

practicing in Muleshoe, and has still been in contact with former Muleshoe physician Dr. Grant Netzel, who has reportedly expressed a possible interest in returning.

According to Burke, he recently met with Dr. Bruce Purdy to discuss the resumes received.

Burke also noted that he has signed contracts with two other physician search

companies, bringing the number of companies working to resolve the local physician shortage to four.

In other business, the hospital district board:

- A change in the district's banking resolution due to the recent resignation of Kody Kitchens as director of nursing, and the appointment of Lucy Garcia to that position.

- Received a report from Ron Clark, administrator of Park View Nursing Care Center in which he said state officials had conducted a survey at the nursing home during the past week.

"That turned out pretty good," he said, adding that it was better than last year's survey. "I feel real good about it."

Clark said the nursing home received a few "minor tags," but nothing related to resident care, and said the portion of the survey related to the facility's maintenance was the best he's seen in 17 years.

"Those guys have done a super job," he said, referring to Park View's maintenance crew.

- Received a financial report in which it was noted the hospital's cash balance at the end of March was \$1,311,611.96, and \$56,180.91 for Park View.

The hospital's net receivables decreased from \$982,864.84 in February to \$853,137.59 in March.

During the same

period, Park View's net receivables decreased from \$160,984.80 to \$101,900.04.

As for accounts payable, the hospital's were \$842,585.17 in February, and \$730,036.18, in March.

Accounts payable for Parkview was \$33,248.29 in February and \$111,121.65 in March.

According to the financial reported presented on April 24, MAMC's year-to-date in March was \$4,974,140.16 which is over budget by \$246,707.76, and its year-to-date expenses were \$5,231,555.62 for an operations loss of \$257,415.46.

With hospital district tax collections at \$449,856.90 the net gain is \$192,441.44, which is \$188,283.86 more than budgeted.

Park View's revenue year-to-date in March was \$1,550,232.18, and its Y-T-D expenses were \$1,754,088.39

With hospital district tax collections of \$195,048.79, the nursing home's net loss is \$8,807.42, which is \$13,333.64 less than budgeted.

Commissioners' Court... Continued From A1

implementing the documentation process.

Regarding the TXDOT road grant, Harrison said Bailey County had been awarded a matching

grant in the amount of \$158,362. The county's match will be \$39,590.

During Monday's regular session, the court approved a resolution authorizing the County Transportation

Infrastructure Fund Grant program, and authorizing Harrison to sign the related documents.

In other business, the commissioners' court:

- Approved payment

of county funds totaling \$175,606.39.

- Approved the first amendment to the FY 2014 budget, moving funds totaling \$7,129.76 between various accounts.

MISD Migrant Trip... Continued From A1

provided to the school board members, the estimated cost of the South Texas excursion will be \$14,175 — including the lease of a charter bus at \$4,720, meals at \$3,120, and

lodging at \$4,998.

However, he added that federal funds received by the school district for its migrant program, and not state or local funding, would be used.

The 40 students will be accompanied by 10 parents.

Additionally, Richards reported that a group of migrant students and parents were set to attend the

recent performance of comedian Bill Cosby in Lubbock, noting that the purpose of the trip was to help build parental leadership skill.

This trip was also federally funded.

Regional Association Elects County Judge To Leadership Post

Bailey County Judge Sherri Harrison has been elected director of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association, a 118-county subregion of the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas.



County Judge Sherri Harrison

Some 250 county officials and guests honored Harrison as she took her oath of office at the association's annual conference conducted in San Angelo April 22-25.

statewide organization comprised of county judges and county commissioners with more than 1,200 active members.

Both the CJCAT and its regional associations promote the interests of county government through continuing education and active participation in governmental affairs, particularly the Texas Legislature.

As a director of the association, Harrison will keep apprised of legislative proposals and interim studies that will impact county government and the services it provides to the citizen taxpayers.

She will also assist

in the planning of the West Texas Association annual educational conference.

Harrison was elected as Bailey County Clerk in 1998 and took office on Jan. 1, 1999.

She was appointed as County Judge and began serving as judge on March 1, 2005.

Since that time, she has served on various boards and served one year as the Rotary Club president.

Harrison currently serves on the Caprock Finance Board and the Central Plains Center Board.

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Junior High "AB" — Coby Glover, Marisol Gomez, Mallory McDaniel, Devon Pacheco, Andres Solano, TJ Ballard, Bernardo

Lopez and Georgia Taylor.

High School "A" — Mattisun Hester, Ashley Scott, Gabriel Beckerink, Iridian Fernandez, Micah Vera, Lacey Jesko, Haley Beasley, Ashton Mason, Mercedes Morin and Shyann Rainey.

High School "AB" —

Karsyn Youngblood, Tamera Anderson, Ronni Hawkins, Katie Reyes, Baylee Ruthardt, Austyn Steinbock, TJ Beckerink, Maysun Hester, Haley Ivy, Reagan Roberts, Sabra Torres, Selena Marquez, Autumn Townsend, Allison Weaver and AnnMarie Wieck.



Library Family Of The Year Announced

The Muleshoe Area Public Library's Family of the year is the Byrd Family. "The staff at the library love to see Kirk, Maggie, Garrett, Wylie and Olivia," Librarian Dyan Dungan said. The boys are so well behaved and are so much fun to be around," she said.

During the Summer Reading Program the whole family is able to come and enjoy Storytime. Olivia even joins in now! All three kids help sing, "Hello, Everybody" and "Skinnamirinkie Dink."

CINCO DE MAYO

The holiday of Cinco De Mayo, the 5th of May, commemorates the victory of the Mexicans over the French army at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. It is primarily a regional holiday celebrated in the Mexican state capital city of Puebla and throughout the state of Puebla, with some recognition in other parts of Mexico, and especially in U.S. cities with a significant Mexican population. It is not, as many people think, Mexico's Independence Day, which is actually September 16. Commercial interests in the United States and Mexico have also been successful in promoting the holiday, with products and services focused on Mexican food, beverages and festivities, with music playing a more visible role as well. Several cities throughout the U.S. hold parades and concerts during the week prior to May 5th, so that Cinco de Mayo has become a bigger holiday north of the border than to the south, and adopted into the holiday calendar of more and more people every year.

[Sources: Encyclopedia Encarta, Encyclopedia Britanica, Prescott's Mexico:1900, HistoryChannel.com, other sources.]

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Senior Citizen News

By Ron Hohes

The countdown continues, three Sundays and counting until the Oneita Wagon Senior Center's Sunday, May 18, lunch and fundraiser.

Again, this will be a community dinner starting at noon followed by a auction of items donated by local folks and businesses.

The following is a short list of some of the auction items: Paintings by four different artists (most framed); jewelry with appraisal; T-shirts and shirts (Muleshoe mules on the front or back); ladies haircuts and permanents; men haircuts; wall sign

(Texas Tech); wall sign (Texas); car battery charger; ice chest; hand saw; work gloves (goat and deerskin); metal art (cowboy); pressure sprayer; 75-foot water hose; yard sprinklers; gas cans; yard chemicals (Roundup™); pies, cakes, cookies, candy.

Another list is coming next week. Last week during the SPAG visit at the center, there was some games of Bunko.

If you missed that Bunko time, good news. Tuesday, May 6, is another scheduled Bunko day, starting about 10 a.m. These are scheduled Bunko times. Just like

the games of eighty or dominoes which occur daily, there is no problem to have Bunko games anytime at the center, if there is enough interest.

There have been some concerns about a closing of your senior center. The truth is your senior center is not closing, especially not in the near future.

The center has been open for more than 10 years to the surprise of some folks.

Two main things keep the center open. One is your participation by coming and enjoying the center, which you are doing.

Yes, the center would like to have more members that would come to the center. The second thing which

helps keep the center open, is donations.

The center does receive some funding from SPAG for the meals and from your kind donations from your water bill which cover some of the center's utilities, but it is not enough funding to cover any of the other things like the rest of the food cost, the rest of the utilities, required inspections, repairs, floors waxed, salaries, equipment repair.

As was said earlier, your center is more than 10 years old and some of the equipment is showing its age too, so this is why you hear about fund raiser and such.

Your center is most appreciative of all the funds that come from

what ever source.

The words, "thank you," are small as to the appreciation that your center has for each and everyone who helps out in various ways to keep your center open and active.

Your center is open to new memberships. The only requirement for a membership is that the interested person must have been born in 1954 or before (60 or older).

Come visit the center and see what you have been missing.

We at the center think that if you come visit, you will see what the center has to offer and will become a regular visitor.

May 5-9 menus:
Monday, May 5 — Homemade turkey pot pie, whole wheat roll,

margarine, seasoned corn, tossed salad with dressing, ambrosia.

Tuesday, May 6 — Glazed meatloaf, red bliss potatoes, breadsticks, mixed vegetables, country apple crisp.

Wednesday, May 7 — Chicken-fried steak with brown gravy, scalloped potatoes, tossed vegetable salad, Italian dressing, green peas, fruit salad.

Thursday, May 8 — Charbroiled hamburger, tomatoes with pickles and onions, herbed potato fries, berry cobbler, wheat bun.

Friday, May 9 — Fish or chicken strips, borracho beans, green peas, tossed vegetable salad, French dressing, whole wheat roll, tropical fruit mix.

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Obituaries

Montana Jones

Funeral services for Montana D. Jones, 28 of Texico, N.M., were held on Friday, April 25, at the First Baptist Church in Bovina, with the Rev. Steve Friskup of Muleshoe officiating.

Burial will follow at the Bovina Cemetery in Bovina, with Kaleb Baker, Charles Bock, Juston Gibbs, Oscar Vidaurri, Justin Lide, Nathan Hughes, Devin Goettsch and Trenton Meeks serving as pallbearers

Honorary pallbearers will be Logan Clemmer, brother and friend, and all class members of the Class of 2005 of Farwell High School.

A visitation was held at Steed Todd Funeral Home on April 24.

Montana was born on June 7, 1985, to Joe Weldon and Denise Clements Jones in Clovis, N.M.

He was a 2005 graduate of Farwell High School, and was active in the Ag program where he won state in welding. He loved to shoot, music, was a practical joker, being with friends at bonfires, but most of all loved his family and had a best friend in his niece and nephews.

He was a devoted and hard worker working for Schaap Dairy in Clovis, N.M. He attended the Cowboy Fellowship in Muleshoe, as a child was a member of the First Baptist Church

Mary Crane

Funeral services for Mary Crane, 92, of Ft. Worth, were held on Tuesday, April 29, at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Mindy McLanahan of Muleshoe officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Mary died on April 27, 2014, in Ft. Worth. She was born on Nov. 23, 1921, in Lockney, to Joseph Hugh and Mary Ethel (Reid) Carroll. and married James Crane in Lockney on March 28, 1947.

Mary moved to Muleshoe from Clovis, N.M., in 1956. She taught school at Muleshoe ISD for 13 1/2 years, was a member of the Muleshoe Retired Teachers Association, and volunteered for Bailey County Meals on Wheels and the Heritage Foundation for many years.

Mary was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe.

Annual FFA Banquet Set

Muleshoe High School will be hosting its FFA Banquet on Monday, May 12, at 6:30p.m., in the commons area.

The meal is \$8 per plate, with FFA members' meal being complimentary. This year's menu includes chicken-fried steak with green chili gravy, grilled mango chicken fiesta, mashed potatoes, bacon green beans, homemade rolls, peach cobbler and brownies.

For tickets see any FFA member, or contact the Muleshoe High School Ag Department.



in Bovina, and was a member of the NRA.

He is survived by his mother Denise Jones of Portales, N.M.; two sisters — D'Anne (Oscar) Vidaurri of Hondo; J.D. Jones of Clovis, N.M.; Logan Clemmer of Farwell; nieces and nephews — Kaleb and Kyleigh Baker both of Lubbock, and Trivian Clemmer of Clovis, N.M.; cousins — Jana (Greg) Hallett of Lubbock, Joni Rogers of Lubbock, GiGi Houston of New Mexico, K.J. Luttrall of Rauls, Sean Clemments of Lubbock, and Blake (Lenny) Clemments of Lubbock.

He is preceded in death by his father, and grandparents — J.T. and Tessie Jones and Jimmie and Gwen Clemments.

Arrangements are under the direction of Steed Todd Funeral Home of Clovis, N.M.,

You may also sign the family guest registry at www.steedtodd.com.

The family requests memorials be made in his name to the Security State Bank of Farwell, Fifth St. Farwell, Texas 79325.



She was preceded in death by her husband — James, and her parents.

Survivors include a son — Kim Crane and his wife Kay of Grand Junction, Colo.; three daughters — Janie Burchfield of Hurst, Cindy Dale and husband Howard of Princeton, and Terri Hahn and husband Mike of Muleshoe; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Donations may be sent to Bailey County Meals on Wheels, 300 S. First Street, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe.

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

James Pruitt

James "Jimmie" Earl Pruitt, 80, of Lordstown, Ohio, passed on Friday, April 25, 2014, in his home surrounded by his loving family. Jimmie was born in Muleshoe on March 9, 1934, the son of William and Helen Pruitt.

On his birthday, March 9, 1952, he enlisted into the Army National Guard of New Mexico. After serving as a sergeant in the Field Artillery branch, he was honorably discharged on March 8, 1958.

Jimmie was a construction worker in West Texas before moving to New Orleans, then to Virginia before settling in Lordstown, Ohio.

Loving memories of Jimmie will be carried on by his devoted wife of 28 years — Kathleen Kendrick Pruitt; his children — Karen Pruitt Reichard and husband Jim of Lafayette, La., Sherri D. Pruitt of Baton Rouge, La., Kathy Faussett of Akron, Tammy (Rick) Reider of Leavittsburg and Joseph (Diann) Robinson of Lordstown; his grandchildren — Brian, Ellen and Kevin Reichard, Jason Sayre and Heather (Kenny) Hefner, Shane (Leah) McCabe, Matthew (Jenny), Jesse



and Jacob Reider, Matthew (Ashley) Angerstein, Joseph, Mellissa and Tad (Melissa) Robinson; his nine great-grandchildren; his sisters — Mary Byford and Carolyn (Jimmy) Gross of Odessa; his brothers — Jarrell (Ogaline) Pruitt of Muleshoe, Carroll Pruitt of Odessa and Howard (Diane) Pruitt of New Orleans, La.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding James in death were his parents, and his four brothers — Charles, Garvin, Jasper and Otis Pruitt.

The family received friends on Tuesday, April 29, at the Borowski Memorial Home in Newton Falls, Ohio, where a service was held on Wednesday, April 30, with Rev. Jeff Branham officiating.

A military service was held in the Lordstown Cemetery, where James was laid to rest.

Texas Cattle Numbers Continue To Drop

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.50 million head on April 1, down three percent from a year ago.

According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was up one percent from the March 1, 2014 level.

Producers placed 470,000 head in commercial feedlots during March, down 11 percent from a year ago but up 15 percent from February.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 430,000 head during March, down 10 percent from 2013 but up 19 percent from February.

On April 1, there were 2.19 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 87 percent of the state's total.

The number on feed across the area was down two percent from last year and up two percent from the March 1 total.

March placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 424,000 head, up 14 percent from the February total.

Marketings were up 18 percent from last month at 379,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 10.9 million head April 1.

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Villains of the Bible



Bryan McKenzie

Bryan Nelson McKenzie was born on Feb. 26, 1963, at Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo, N.M. He passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 25, 2014, at his beloved cabin in the woods. He was a special man, with a loving family and many friends.

At age 21, he had a three-wheeler accident that caused a closed head injury and left him with many physical challenges. He was blessed with 30 years of additional life that he lived to the fullest, with a positive outlook, and never complaining.

He lived in Longview the past 43 years and attended Longview High School.

He is survived by a very special friend and companion — Charlotte P. Crouch, his parents — Jerry and Katherine McKenzie of Longview; a sister and brother-in-law — Shannon and John Fell of Longview; brothers and sisters-in-law — Kevin and Lisa McKenzie of Huntsville, and Darin and Kathy McKenzie of Montgomery; nine



nieces and nephews — Keith McKenzie, Matthew McKenzie, Colin McKenzie, Lauren McKenzie, Maci McKenzie, Wade Fell, Hannah Fell, Madison McKenzie and Abbie McKenzie.

Funeral services for Bryan were held on Wednesday, April 30, in the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview. Burial followed in Rosewood Park.

His family is so grateful to all his Facebook® friends, for they enriched his life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, PO Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79174-0001, or to the charity of your choice.

A memorial guest book may be signed at www.raderfh.com.

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

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Obituaries printed in the *Muleshoe Journal* are printed at the rate of \$4.50 per column inch, and may contain a variety of information, including but not limited to: Date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; biographical information; names of parents, spouses or children who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors; and where memorials may be directed.

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Superintendent Discusses MOST Scholarship

Fourteen years ago, the Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Trustees authorized the creation of the Muleshoe Opportunity Scholarship Trust (MOST).

This local scholarship fund was established to ensure that every Muleshoe High School graduate would receive a \$500 scholarship to encourage them to attend a university, college, or trade school.



in higher education. At the end of May this year, we hope to receive donations totaling \$20,000 so that every Muleshoe High School graduate will receive a \$500 scholarship to encourage them to attend a university, college, or trade school.

On behalf of Muleshoe ISD and the graduating Seniors of MHS, I would like to express our appreciation for your past contributions to the MOST Scholarship. You have been involved all these years in the successful effort to encourage all of our

seniors to continue their education beyond high school. The MOST Scholarship is funded through contributions, honorariums, gifts, and memorials. Monies for this scholarship are handled through "The

Opportunity Plan, Inc.," located in Canyon. We are inviting you to, once again, be a part of offering a successful beginning to our seniors by making certain that every individual who graduates from MHS has a scholarship. Your donation of any amount, large or small, will be appreciated. Even a small amount, when pooled with others, can make a difference in the lives of our graduates. Contributions for the MOST Scholarship fund are accepted year-round and can be given by contacting the school at 272-7404. You may send a fully tax deductible donation to: MOST Scholarship, c/o Muleshoe ISD, 514 West Avenue G, Muleshoe, TX 79347. Muleshoe ISD plans to publish the names of everyone who has donated to the MOST Scholarship by May 31 of this year. Any donor who wishes to remain anonymous is encouraged to make that request at the time of their donation. Alumni, friends,

and the community of Muleshoe have always given so generously to support this worthy cause. We appreciate the MISD Board of Trustees for its leadership in allowing us to pursue this goal. We also appreciate the Watson Junior High students who made posters to put in businesses around town. We have several businesses that allow us to hang posters in their windows every year. The MOST Scholarship is truly an investment in the future of our children and the future of our community. We can all be proud to live in a community that gives so generously to support its youth. Please join us in being a part of the Muleshoe Opportunity Scholarship Trust (MOST Scholarship) as we take a giant step toward "providing an opportunity for our graduates to make the MOST of their potential by making the MOST of their education."

Employee Of The Month Announced

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Felicia Garcia of Five Area Telephone Cooperative as the April Employee of the Month.

Pictured on the right with Garcia are Jaimie Saylor, Jeff Ocanas, Gina Wilkerson and Becky Hoksbergen.



Business Of The Month Announced

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored The Shear Shack as the April Business of the Month.

Pictured on the left with Louie Pacheco of The Shear Shack are Becky Hoksbergen, Jeff Ocanas, Gina Wilkerson and Adam Alarcon.

Photographs by Rhea Gonzales

Weather Whys: Overcast And Cloudy

Q: What's the difference between a forecast that says cloudy and one that says overcast?

A: There is a difference, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. The terms are based on weather definitions used by various agencies and organizations around the world.

will be more clouds than sunshine," McRoberts states.

"More specifically, a forecast of partly cloudy expects a sky to be about 40 to 70 percent full of clouds, whereas a forecast of mostly cloudy anticipates about 70 to 90 percent of the sky to be cloud covered," he says.

Q: What does overcast mean?

A: Overcast means the entire sky is cloud covered, McRoberts

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The Sudan Buzz



Pictured on the left, Sudan High School's Tanner Fisher receives the baton from BJ Johnson in the mile relay. The team of Fisher, Johnson, Reece Harper, and Jelmer Vanderlei advanced to state.

Pictured below, Landon Williamson receives his first place medal for the 800-meter run.

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Sudan Hornets Head To State Track Meet

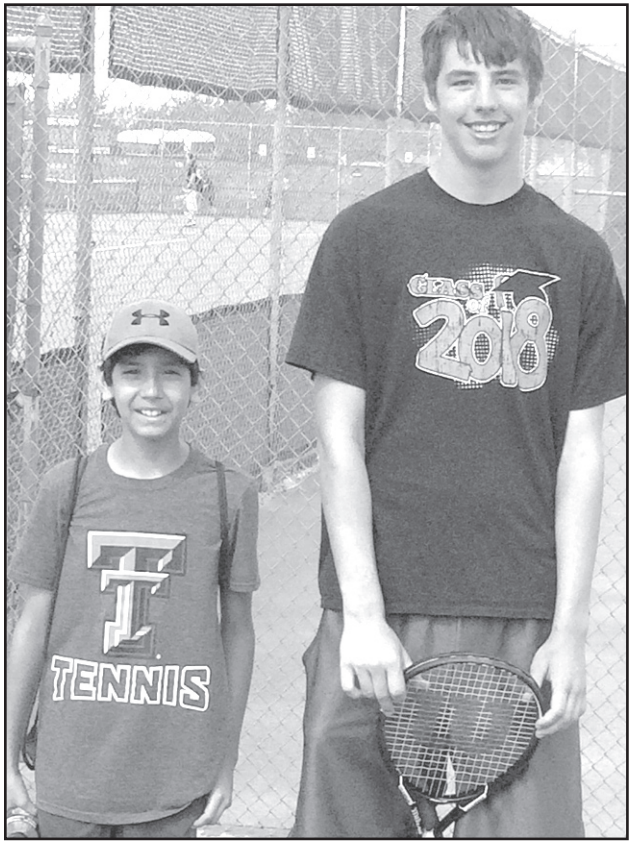
By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent
The Sudan Hornets are headed to Austin in May to compete at the state track and field meet on the University of Texas campus. The boys finished fourth overall at the Region I-1A Track and Field Championship that includes some strong showings by these athletes. Shaylee Johnson will represent the Netties in the 100-meter dash with the wildcard on her

third place finish with a time of 12.75. Sophomore Landon Williamson won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:04.07. The second place finisher was one-tenth of a second behind him, so it was a mad dash to the finish line. Junior Barry Johnson won the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 39.88. Johnson beat Iraan and Ralls by more than a second and will be returning once again to

Austin. Tanner Fisher placed second in the high jump with a height of 6'-03". Fisher will also be competing in the mile relay. The mile relay team finished second with a time of 3:28.90. The team consists of Johnson, Fisher, Jelmer Vanderlei, and Reece

Harper. They were beaten by Panhandle by less than .5 seconds in a 40 mile per hour wind. Other boys' results include Reece Harper placed fifth in the triple jump and third in the long jump. Harper also qualified in the 100-meter dash but decided to scratch to

focus on other events. Jelmer Vanderlei also qualified in the 400-meter dash but also scratched to focus on the mile relay. Stephen Schovajsa finished fifth in the 110-meter hurdles.



Anthony Cantu, pictured above on the right, defeated a 6'-05" player from Post to take first place.

JH Tennis Team Takes Part In SPCHEA Tourney

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent
Four junior high tennis players took part in Saturday's tennis tournament at SPCHEA. Eighth graders Noah Baker and Call Morris swept through their first opponents to the semifinals. They played each other for third place, and Noah came from

behind to take a close 8-6 victory over Call. JoeJoe Nolte played his first junior high tennis match and came away with one victory and two losses to narrowly miss out on the third place medal. Anthony Cantu made a clean sweep through his bracket dropping only a single game in his three victories to take the first place award.

Cattle Numbers...

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This inventory was down one percent from April 1, 2013. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.80 million head, 5 percent below March 2013. March placements of cattle and calves weighing less than

600 pounds totaled 425,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 290,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 465,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 615,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.66 million head, four percent below 2013.

Sudan JH VASE Competitors Noted

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent
The seventh and eighth grade art students performed well at the Junior High VASE competition on Saturday. The students who participated brought home 12 regional medals and four silver seal awards. The following students were regional

medalists: Noah Baker, Lexi Bartley, Evan Bellar, Delaney Black, Elysia Espinoza, Zach Gonzales, Tim Harder, Alexis Harper, Rodrigo Huerta, Lauren Johnson, Makayla Steadman, and Abel Tinajero. Silver seal award winners include Evan Bellar, Elysia Espinoza, Zach Gonzales, and Alexis Harper.

Weather Whys...

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adds. "An overcast sky is usually a dull and gray-looking sky when clouds are expected to cover all of the surrounding area. Many people just want to know if it's going to be a sunny or a cloudy day. But for people like photographers, film makers and even pilots, the degree of cloudiness can be a crucial bit of information," he says.

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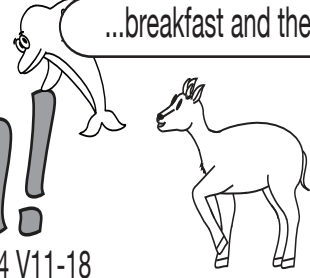


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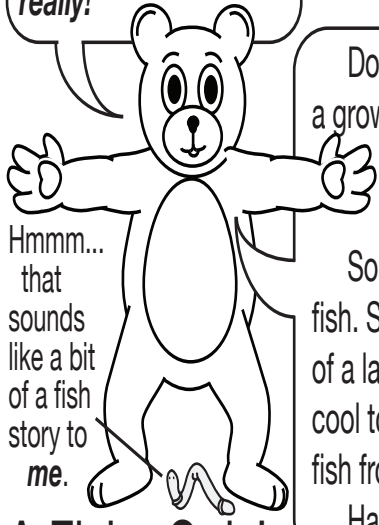
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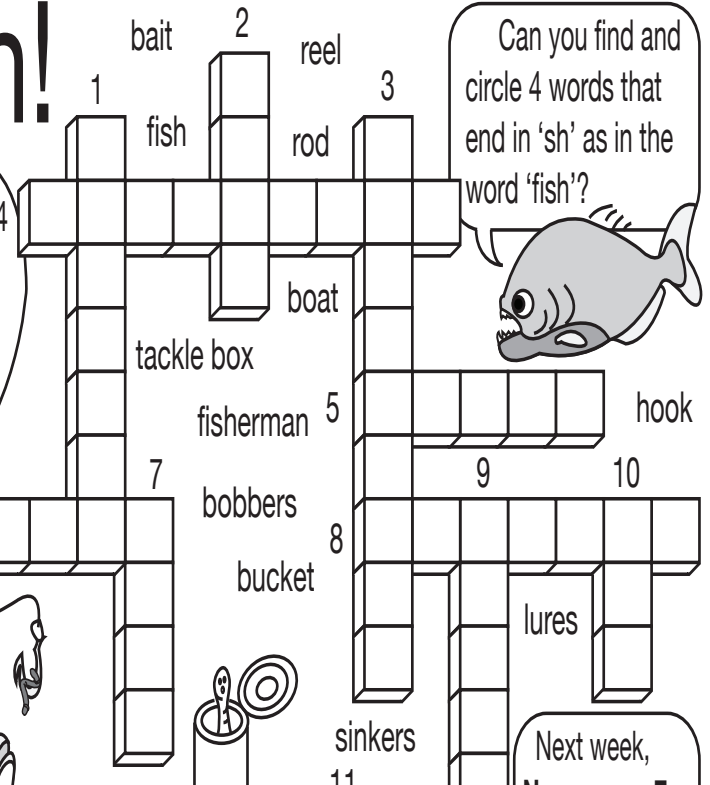
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 B. rush; knock someone down
- 2. catch A. game in which the ball is thrown and caught
 B. a bucket of fresh fish going home with you
- 3. cast A. what the doctor puts on a broken bone
 B. throwing your fishing line and bait into the water
- 4. waders A. people who wet their feet at the edge of the water
 B. waterproof boots that cover waaaay up
- 5. test A. the amount of strength in your fishing line
 B. what the math teacher gives you

- 1. weights you attach to your line
- 2. used to wind the fishing line
- 3. holds all the small equipment needed
- 4. person who fishes for fun, food or a living
- 5. things to attract fish; sometimes flashy or feathery
- 6. has fins; swims and lives in fresh or salt water
- 7. curved piece of metal used to catch a fish
- 8. these keep bait near water's surface, signal "bite"
- 9. round, open container with a handle used to carry fish
- 10. long, narrow pole with hoops that hold your line
- 11. piece of food or a worm; used to attract a fish
- 12. people sit in this and row to their "fishing holes"

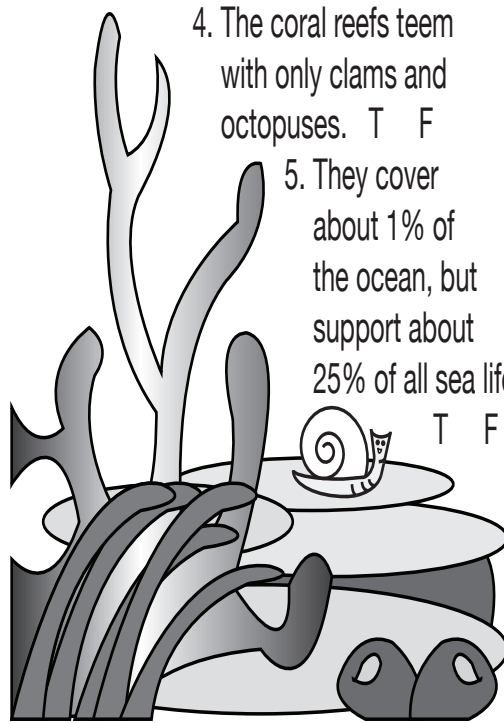
Coral Reef Pop Quiz!

Circle "T" for true, "F" for false.

- 1. Coral reefs are always in deep areas of the ocean. T F
- 2. They are alive - made up of millions of tiny animals. T F
- 3. They produce food that algae eat. Little fish eat the algae. Bigger fish come to eat the smaller fish. T F

4. The coral reefs teem with only clams and octopuses. T F

5. They cover about 1% of the ocean, but support about 25% of all sea life. T F

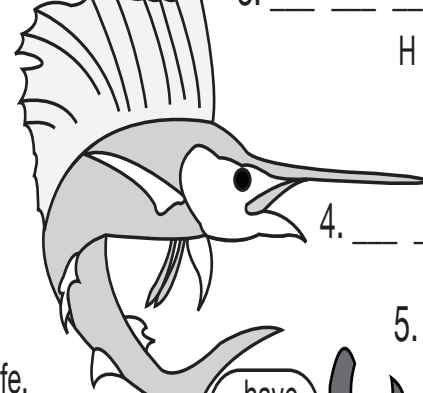


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Unscramble the letters to find some favorite "catches" from our lakes, rivers and seas:

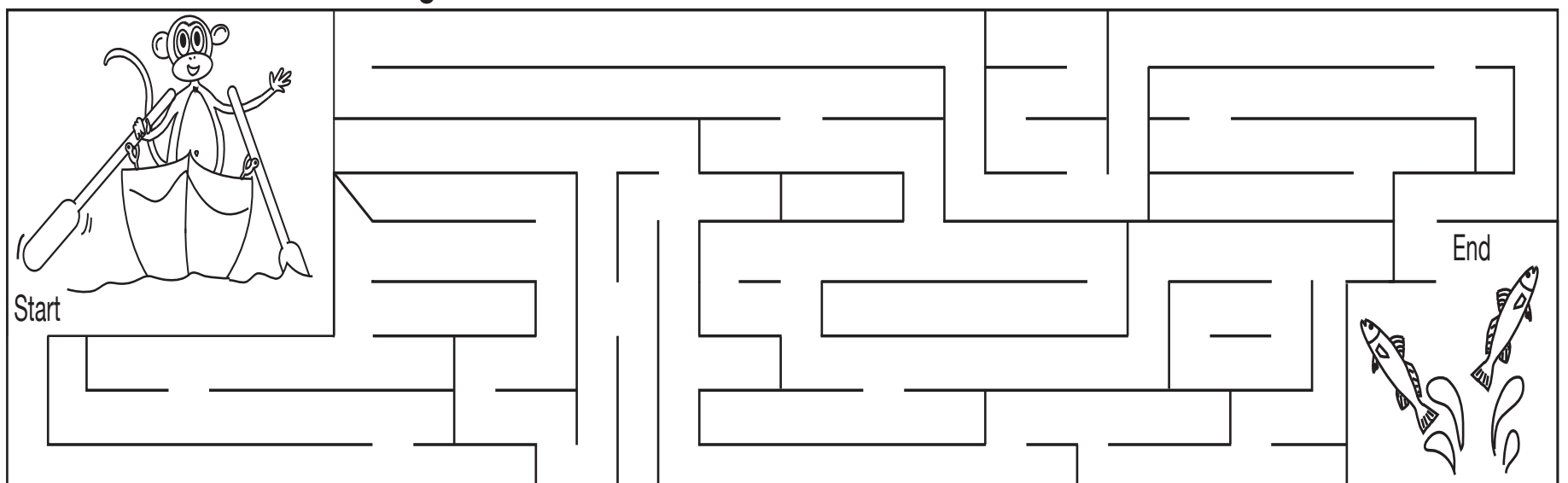
- 6. _____
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- 7. _____
- SASB
- 8. _____
- ODC
- 9. _____
- NATU



Coral reefs...
...have great hiding places!

Find a piece of paper. Draw a coral bed full of colorful fish.

Find the Fishing Hole! Can you help Chitter find his favorite fishing hole?



Solutions on B4

SPORTS NEWS

Lady Mules Blow Away Bobbies, 28-1

Varsity Ladies Take Bi-District Championship

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules blew away the Dimmitt Bobbies Monday evening in a 40 mile per hour west wind.

Miranda DeBruin pitched a complete five-inning game and gave up just one run on two hits while striking out 10 batters. She walked three batters.

The Lady Mules blasted 17 hits that included 11 singles, five doubles and one home run to score 28 runs.

Dimmitt walked 12 Lady Mules, hit one batter with a pitch and committed six errors.

Sasha Esparza led the Lady Mules at the plate with three doubles and a single.

DeBruin helped her own cause with a double and a three-run home run.

Marissa Cortez slammed a two-run double in the fourth inning. Diamond Lopez, Brittany Mendoza, Gaby Chavez and Reagan

Reynolds each hit two singles and Amber Lopez had one base hit.

The 28-1 Bi-District win earned the Lady Mules their second gold glove of the season.

The Lady Mules will now face the Coahoma Bulldogettes at Lubbock Cooper Friday, May 2, at 6 p.m., in the Area round of the State Playoffs.

The Lady Mules jumped in front in the top half of the first inning by scoring two runs.

D. Lopez singled to lead off the inning and Esparza, DeBruin and Cortez each walked to bring home D. Lopez.

A. Lopez sacrificed home Esparza for the 2-0 lead.

DeBruin walked the first batter she faced in the game and struck out the next three.

The Lady Mules turned up the heat in the second inning by pushing six runs across to take an 8-0 lead.

Mendoza walked and



Photograph by Gabby Perez

Lady Mule Catcher Adriana Loya successfully protects home plate during the game against the Floydada Lady Whirlwinds.

Chavez singled up the middle.

A throwing error allowed Mendoza to score and Chavez to go to second.

Reynolds was hit by a pitch.

D. Lopez walked to load the bases. Esparza doubled to score Chavez, Reynolds and

D. Lopez.

Esparza tried to stretch the double to a triple and was thrown out at third. DeBruin reached on an error by the short stop.

She went to second on a passed ball and went to third on a wild pitch.

She stole home when

Cortez walked and then motored around first to steal second on the double steal.

A. Lopez sacrificed Cortez to third and she scored on a wild pitch.

The Lady Mules led 8-0 after one and a half innings.

DeBruin again walked the lead off batter and struck out the next three Bobbies to end the second inning.

The Lady Mules did not score in the top of the third inning. DeBruin struck out the first batter and gave up her first hit, a double down the right field line.

Mireya Ruvalcaba came charging in from left field to make a running catch on a fly ball to short left field

and held the runner at second.

DeBruin struck out the next batter to end the third inning.

The Lady Mules batted around two and half times in the top of the fourth inning with the first 20 Lady Mules scoring.

The run streak ended with DeBruin's home run over the left field fence.

The Lady Mules led 28-0 with one and a half innings to play.

The Bobbies only run came in the bottom of fifth inning when the lead-off batter singled to left field.

She went to second, third and scored on wild pitches before the game ended with a ground out to DeBruin.

JH Tennis Competes At Levelland

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Muleshoe Junior High tennis team traveled to Levelland for their first tournament of the year Saturday.

There were 28 Mules and Lady Mules in the tournament and they competed in 75 matches.

The wind was blowing at 25 to 35 miles per hour with gust up to 40 mph.

Alexis Campos won the consolation medal in the girl's singles division. She lost her first match to Midland Christian 3-6, but came back to defeat back-to-back Muleshoe opponents with scores of 6-3 and 6-4.

Hallie Myatt defeated Lazbuddie in the first round 6-1. Midland Christian was Myatt's next victim, losing 6-3.

South Crest defeated Myatt 0-6 and Brownfield eliminated

her 0-6.

Brianna Barron lost her first match to South Crest 4-6. She defeated Midland Christian 6-3 and was eliminated by a Muleshoe player 4-6.

Noa Rojas fell to Brownfield 0-6 in the first match and was eliminated by a Muleshoe player 4-6.

Michelle Reyes lost both of her matches. The first being to Brownfield 1-6 and the second was to an unknown player 3-6.

The Lady Mules did much better in doubles Sofia Sianez and Nancy Martinez taking first place. They defeated Sands 6-1 in the first round and Brownfield 6-1 in the second.

A team from Muleshoe also fell to defeat by the team 6-1 in the finals.

Liliana Barrera and Conley Niblett placed second in the tournament. They

defeated Sands 6-0 and a Muleshoe team 6-4.

They fell to a second Muleshoe team 6-1.

Kayla Torres and AB Mendoza placed third and defeated Post 6-1 in the first round.

They lost their second match to an unknown team 4-6 but defeated Post 6-1 for third place.

Ileana Gonzales and Hailey Anzaldua made it a clean sweep of the medals by winning consolation.

They defeated post 6-0 and won the second round due to a forfeit.

A team from Muleshoe was the next victims 6-2.

Kinsey Parker and Madison Hasley lost their first match to an unknown team 3-6.

They defeated Post 6-4, but fell to a Muleshoe team 2-6.

Lorena Balderas and Xiomara Regalado defeated Lazbuddie 6-0 but lost to a Muleshoe

team 4-6.

They were eliminated by Sands 4-6.

Megan Macias and Alexa Herrera lost their first match to an unknown team 0-6 and had to forfeit the second to be eliminated.

Aron Chacon placed second in the Boy's Singles Division. He defeated Brownfield 6-0 in the first round and Midland Christian 6-3 in the second.

He was defeated by Sudan 1-6 in the championship game.

Estevan Palomares placed third and started by defeating an unknown team 6-4 but lost to Midland Christian 4-6.

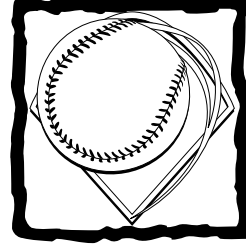
He defeated Sudan 6-0 for third place. Carlos Balderas won consolation.

He lost the first match 4-6 to an unknown player, but defeated a Muleshoe player 6-0.

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AREA ROUND

SOFTBALL

May 2nd @ 6:00 p.m.

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vs. Coahoma Bulldogettes

SPORTS NEWS

Playoff Times Announced For Mules' Baseball Team

The Muleshoe Mules Baseball team took second place in District 2-AA, earning the right to play the Boys Ranch Roughriders for the Bi-District Championship this weekend.

The Bi-District Championship will be played as a best 2-out-

of-3 series.

The first game will be played this Friday, May 2, at 4 p.m. at Boys Ranch.

The directions to Boys Ranch High School are:

Turn north at Hereford on Hwy 385. Follow it all the way

to Boys Ranch. Boys Ranch is a short 1 hour, 45 minute drive from Muleshoe.

The second game will be played in Muleshoe on Saturday at 1 p.m.

A third game, if necessary, will be played at 4:00 p.m. in Muleshoe.

Softball Playoff Time, Location Announced

The Lady Mules will face the Coahoma Bulldogettes for the Area Championship.

The Area game will be played at Lubbock Cooper Pirate Softball Stadium this Friday, May 2, at 6 p.m.

This will be a one-game, winner-take-all championship game.

The Coahoma Bulldogettes finished third in a very tough district, and they beat Post last week to earn the right to face the Lady Mules in the Area Championship game this Friday.

The Lady Mules will be Visitors for the one-game Area playoff game.

Admission will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

The Lubbock Cooper Softball Stadium is just west of their Football Stadium.

FFA Banquet Tickets Are Available

Muleshoe High School will be hosting its FFA Banquet on Monday, May 12, at 6:30p.m., in the commons area.

The meal is \$8 per plate, with FFA members' meal being complimentary.

This year's menu includes chicken-fried steak with green chili gravy, grilled mango chicken fiesta, mashed potatoes, bacon green beans, homemade rolls, peach cobbler and brownies.

Forticketssee any FFA member, or contact the Muleshoe High School Ag Department.

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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.



Just A Bit Of A Problem

The baseman pictured above and below experiences a bit of a problem during the recent game against the varsity Mules. Pictured above — in the circle, is the baseball, which apparently slipped out of his mitt, allowing Mule Grey Johnson to return safely to base.

Photographs by Gabby Perez



JH Tennis Competes... Continued From B1

Balderas defeated Post 6-1 for consolation.

Yavet Elizalde defeated Midland Christian 6-4 in the first round but lost to Sudan 1-6 and Midland Christian 3-6.

Issac Mendoza defeated Brownfield 6-4 but lost by an unknown score to an unknown player.

Dacota Van Leer lost to Post 0-6 and to a Muleshoe player 0-6.

Ashton Atchley lost both of his matches.

Jacob Kettner and Cassidy Cage teamed up in Mixed Doubles and won first place.

They defeated a Muleshoe team 6-0 in the first round and a second

Muleshoe team 1-6 in the second round.

Ricardo Torres and Anghy Avilez defeated a Muleshoe team 6-2 but lost Kettner and Gage in the finals 1-6.

Malachi Rodriguez and Xena Gallegos lost to Kettner and Cage in the first round 0-6 and Torres and Avilez 2-6 in the second.

THA Announces Scholarship Competition

The Texas Hospitality Association will award a total of \$10,000 in scholarships to four 2014 Texas high school graduating seniors as part of their campaign to fight underage drinking and to promote alcohol responsibility.

THA will award a \$5,000 scholarship to the Texas high school senior who submits the

best poster conveying the message or theme: "If you are under 21, it's illegal to consume or purchase alcoholic beverages in Texas."

A \$2,500 scholarship will go to second place, \$1,500 will be awarded for third place, and \$1,000 will be awarded for fourth place.

The winning posters will be used as part

of a statewide alcohol awareness campaign.

Students have until Friday, May 16, to submit their entry to THA, and winners will be announced on June 1.

For more details on the scholarship competition, visit www.TexasHospitalityAssociation.com.

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To be selected, the nominee must be a full-time classroom teacher. Anyone in Muleshoe ISD – employee, student, parent, community member – may nominate a teacher for the award.

We will also honor an outstanding Staff Member of the Year. This award is only open to employees who are not classroom teachers (For example: teacher aide, secretary, custodian, maintenance, food service, bus driver. Etc.

If you would like to nominate an employee for one of these honors, please send a brief letter stating why he/she should be Teacher/Staff Member of the Year to the Superintendent's office at 514 W. Ave. G. no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 9, 2014.

A committee composed of representatives from each campus, the Board of Trustees, and the Community will review the information provided by each nominee and select the Teachers of the Year.

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You Are Either Married Or Not Married

Q. I was married seven years ago. After only one year of marriage my wife and I separated. I have not heard from her since.

I now want to get married again. How do I finalize my separation so I can remarry?

A. In Texas, there is no such thing as a legal separation. You are either married or you are not married.

In your case, you are currently married and have been for the past seven years.

If you want to marry someone else you need to first get a divorce from your current wife.

I should point out that for the entire time you have been married, property either of you acquired is community property and may be divided in your divorce.

I suggest you

Ask A Lawyer...

By Richard Alderman

promptly speak with a family law attorney and find out the best way to proceed.

Q. I own a large dog. Am I responsible if a kid climbs over my fence and is bitten?

A. The owner of a dog is responsible for a dog bite only if the owner was negligent in protecting people from the dog.

Negligence means not taking reasonable care. If you take reasonable steps to keep the dog properly fenced in, and a child climbs over the fence, in my opinion you have no responsibility.

Q. My daughter had a baby and is living with the baby's father. They never got married before the child was born.

Are they now married? He says he isn't. What rights does she have if he leaves?

He is taking care of her and the baby, but is threatening to leave her.

A. Under the law, if he is the father of the child, she has the right to receive support for the child.

She is entitled to child support regardless of whether they are married.

You seem to believe, however, that because they are living together with a child they are married. That is not the law.

For them to have a common law marriage based on living together, they must agree to be married and

hold themselves out as married.

If they are just "living together" and have not agreed to be married or held themselves out as married, they are not married.

Q. I was sued. Can the creditor garnish my social security payments?

A. No, under federal law social security is exempt from garnishment. I should add that a debt collector's threat to garnish your social security payments would violate state and federal law.

Q. I owe a lot of money to credit card companies. I am afraid they are going to sue me. All of my money is in my retirement plan and an IRA.

Can they take this money if they sue me?

A. As I have said before, after you are sued, a creditor can "garnish" money in a bank account.

A creditor, however, may not garnish your retirement or IRA funds. Under Texas law, money in a retirement account or an IRA, including a Roth IRA, is "exempt" and may not be taken by your creditors.

Q. I bought a car I can no longer afford. After two years I finally had to return it to the dealer. Am I still responsible for the remaining payments? Can I be sued?

A. When a car is returned to a dealer, either voluntarily or through repossession, the dealer sells the car and applies the proceeds of the sale to your debt.

You then owe the "deficiency," that is the difference between how much you owed and how much was obtained from the sale.

For example, let's assume you owed \$12,000 when you returned the car. After the car is returned, the dealer sells the car for \$8,000. You now owe the "deficiency" of \$4,000.

The dealer may collect this as it would any other debt, including a lawsuit.

Q. My father recently passed away. In his will he left me his home. He has owned the home for more than thirty years, and owned it before he married for the second time.

Now his wife, my step-mom, says she has the right to live in the house and I cannot sell it. Is she right?

A. Your stepmother is correct. As you seem to understand, the house was your father's separate property and he has the right to will that property to whomever he wants.

His wife has no ownership interest in

the house. Because he left the house to you in his will you are the owner of the property.

Your right to use or sell the property, however, is subject to your stepmother's homestead right to stay in the house as long as she lives.

The only way you will be able to sell the property is to get your step-mom to agree to move. Perhaps you can "buy out" her interest.

Do you want to know more about your legal rights?

Check out my website, www.peopleslawyer.net.

House Committee To Vote On Endangered Species Reform

With the recent threatened listing of the Lesser Prairie Chicken, the announcement that environmental activists are suing to make the listing even stricter, and growing complaints about federal government overreach on private and public lands, it's never been more important to reform the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

As you know, I've introduced two bills that would make the ESA more transparent and accountable to landowners and local governments.

H.R. 4284, the ESA Improvement Act, empowers states to protect and restore species and prevent listings by requiring the federal government to involve them in the process before a listing is proposed.

And H.R. 4317, the State, Tribal, and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act, requires the government to provide states with the data they are using to justify their listing decisions.

Additionally, it requires FWS to consider scientific data submitted by state and local governments

before making a determination.

I'm really pleased that this Wednesday, I expect that the Natural Resources Committee will be voting on H.R. 4317, the State, Tribal, and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act.

So far, I've gotten a lot of positive feedback, and I'm eager to see the bill passed out of committee and brought to the House floor.

I'll keep doing everything I can to protect your rights and make the ESA work better for species, landowners, farmers, and ranchers.

Appropriations Begins

This week, we'll begin voting on the first of the 12 annual appropriations bills on the House floor.

If you think of the federal budget as the blueprint for how we spend money — how much will go towards defense, how much will go towards veterans assistance, and so on — then the appropriations bills are like the

individual checks that fund each government department and all of their programs.

There are 12 annual appropriations bills that break down our total spending by category and lay out the specifics on how much funding a program will receive.

On Wednesday, April 30, we'll begin debate on two appropriations bills: the Legislative branch, and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies.

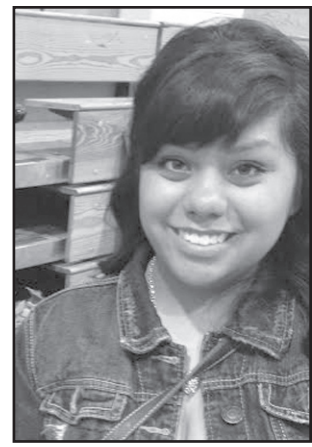
The appropriations bill for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs saves money on construction projects while increasing funds for veterans.

The bill that funds the Legislative Branch freezes pay for members of Congress and continues the savings Republicans have been putting in place since 2011.

All told, funding for the House of Representatives has been reduced by 14 percent since Republicans took majority control of the House.

RANDY'S ROUNDUP

UPDATE BY CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER



Additional Sudan VASE Competitors Recognized

Alondra Ramirez, Jane Delarosa and Tori Miller, pictured above and to the right, qualified — along with Natalee Olivarez who won a gold medal, for state and traveled to Bryan for the State VASE competition.



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Fishing & Fish Fun!

A Fishy Quiz!

- tackle - A. hooks, lures and other things used to fish
- catch - B. a bucket of fresh fish going home with you
- cast - B. throwing your fishing line and bait into the water
- waders - B. waterproof boots that cover waaaay up
- test - A. the amount of strength in your fishing line

Coral Reef Pop Quiz!

- ☐ Coral reefs can be in deep or shallow water.
- ☐ They are made up of tiny animals called polyps.
- ☐ And larger fish eat the bigger fish and so on...
- ☐ Are full of all kinds of sea creatures!
- ☐ The 5 words that end in 'sh' as in the word 'fish': rush, fresh, wish, dash, splash.

Who Am I?

- salmon
- catfish
- swordfish
- sailfish
- sardine
- trout
- bass
- cod
- tuna

Crossword:

1. S E T
2. R
3. F I S H E R M A N
4. N C
5. L U R E S
6. F I S H
7. R
8. B O B B E R S
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