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Sudan Hornettes Take State, Again!

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent
The Sudan Hornettes took their sixth state championship with a 70-40 win over Martin's Mill Saturday, March 3.

with Bailee Black, who had 45 points for the tournament, and Jasmine Weaver with 24. The Netties played in the final game after defeating Snook with a score of 64-42. In that game, Black had the game of her life when she scored 29 points.



Front row — Kaylie Miller, Victoria Williams, Danielle Logan, Bailee Black and KyLee Shultz.
Second row — Chesanie Brantley, Sarah Carrizales, Amber Binion, Jade Goen, Keela Chester, Harlee Koontz, Ashlee Koontz, Jasmine Weaver, Caitlyn Netherland, Leandra Ruiz and Lane Logan.

Photograph by Jenny Netherland

"These young ladies understand commitment and what it takes to get to the next level."

Logan would score 20, Weaver scored 10, and Victoria Williams scored five to launch the Netties in to the matchup with Martin's Mill on Saturday morning.

The Netties had played Martin's Mill once before, in a final game in 2008. Martin's Mill, with Jordan Barncastle, would defeat the Netties that night. But, in 2009, the Netties won the state championship.

Martin's Mill took possession first and missed their first 3-point attempt Saturday. Martin's Mill missed the free throws. Danielle Logan drove

the court and came up with a foul.

Logan made one of her free shots and missed the second, however, Logan rebounded under the basket, but missed. Martin's Mill hit a layup on the other end and retained the lead for a short while.

Logan, on her next possession hit a huge

3-pointer from way outside the arc. Logan would score eight out of the 16 points for the first quarter.

Then Martin's Mill had a run.

With less than two minutes left on the clock, Black dominated under the basket. She scored a short jumper in the middle of the

lane, followed by a steal from Victoria Williams and two free shots by Williams brought the Netties to within three of Martin's Mill.

By the end of the first quarter, Black was fouled with less than a minute left. The final score for the first quarter was 16 all.

Logan and Black

were on fire during the second quarter. They both threw up threes from outside the arc and helped the Netties gain a six point lead.

For the second quarter, Logan scored seven points while Black dominated inside and outside, adding up 11 points to her total.

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MHS Sports' Unsung Heroes

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor
They're the unsung heroes of the sports world... switching from "gophers" to minor medical techs and equipment managers as the game progresses.

than being the water boy," she added. "I've learned so much in the last couple of years... it's crazy."

"It's time consuming," Sheridan White, a senior who is also a second-year trainer at MHS, said. "but worth it. Sometimes it's hard to

"They're my family," Woolbright said, obviously proud of the youngsters who assist him in caring for Muleshoe's student athletes.

And, according to Woolbright, he's not the only one. He explained that the athletic trainers

us a lot." When talking about what attracted them to athletic training, Morgan said, "It gives me a connection... a way to be around sports."

She explained that because of a medical condition she wasn't able to play sports, but as a trainer she was still part of the team.

And both Morgan and Sheridan have eyes on future careers that are to a degree connected to their experience as athletic trainers. Sheridan is thinking about being a physical therapist, while Morgan is interested in building prosthetic limbs.

"It's already taught me a lot," Sheridan said about being an athletic trainer.

Each of Muleshoe's

"We're the 'go-to' people... It's much more than being the water boy."

balance school with it." However, it's not all work, there are times when the student trainers get to set aside the tough part of their job, like Nerd Day at Muleshoe High School, when each of them dressed as their fearless leader—Training Coach Josh Woolbright.

at Muleshoe have a high degree of acceptance by the local athletes.

"Not everywhere are the trainers treated with such respect," he said.

"The guys look after them in a way," Woolbright said about the team members.

Morgan agreed, adding, "They respect



Athletic Trainer Morgan Burris demonstrates her ankle-taping abilities.



Morgan Burris



Sheridan White



Local Students Celebrate Texas Independence Day

The eyes of Texas were upon the Bailey County Courthouse Monday afternoon as county officials and the Jennyslippers joined with fourth grade students from DeShazo Elementary to celebrate Texas Independence Day.

As in previous celebrations, the

students and officials toasted the Lone Star State's birthday with a cup of clear Texas water, and listened to a presentation about the state's history from Muleshoe Independent School District Assistant Superintendent Carl Krug.

This year's toast was presented by Gina



Wilkerson, president of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture.



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OPINION

Around Muleshoe...



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Meals on Wheels

Bailey County Meals on Wheels' volunteer appreciation cookout is set for Friday, March 30, at 11 a.m., at the Bailey County Courthouse. T-shirts will be \$10, and the "burger deal" is \$5.

RV Park Ribbon Cutting

The Muleshoe Heritage Foundation will be hosting a ribbon cutting for its new Ray and Donna West RV Park, located at 1914 W. American Blvd., on Friday, March 9, at 3 p.m.

Relay For Life

A team captain meeting for the 2012 Bailey County Relay for Life has been set for Thursday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m., in the First Baptist Church parlor. For additional information, call Terrie Smith at 946-8989, or Stephanie Geel at 806-566-9199. This year's relay has been set for June 8.

Girl Scout Cookies

Muleshoe's Girl Scouts have extended the deadline for cookie purchases until March 18. Contact Heather Harper at 806-581-8094 to place an order.

Youth Baseball Sign Up

The Muleshoe Youth Baseball Association will be opening registration for the upcoming youth baseball season on March 8, 20 and 27, from 6:30 until 8 p.m., at the Five Area Telephone Warehouse, located on Uvalde Street, behind the Bailey County Coliseum.

Parents and guardians are reminded that birth certificates are needed at the time of registration. Registration is \$45. For additional information call 272-5575.

Project Graduation

Donations are being sought for Muleshoe's Project Graduation 2012, a drug-free, alcohol-free, parent-sponsored graduation celebration.

Donations should be addressed to "Project Graduation 2012, Attention: Carla Ambriz, c/o First Bank of Muleshoe, PO Box 565, Muleshoe, TX 79347-0565.

Naïve Leaders Can Be As Dangerous As Evil Ones

You don't have to be an English major to be amazed by the power of words, but the English major under my hat is still amazed every time I open a really great book and find myself inside the head of a really great person.

It's almost a miracle to be able to sit at the feet of men and women who have long been gone but whose wisdom lives on, if only we sit down and take advantage of it.

I'd nominate Winston Churchill as the most



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

influential leader, and one of the most fascinating people, of the 20th century. The first volume of his Nobel prize-winning "The Second World War" is entitled *The Gathering Storm*. Published in 1948, it is filled with the kind of wise perspective any

True Accountability Needed

Editorial

For several years, "accountability" has been one of the watch words of the educational system in Texas, but the recent news that it has more to do with financial accounting than student achievement raises serious questions that should be addressed.

In these tough economic times — when Texas school districts, and the students they serve, are faced with budget cuts due to the Lone Star State's financial shortfalls — why do our state legislators insist on paying an estimated \$100 million per year for an out-of-country company to oversee the state's educational well-being?

While Gov. Rick

Perry's Trans-Texas Corridor was shut down before a significant portion of the state was placed under foreign control, such opposition to the Texas educational system has yet to arise, especially within the hallowed legislative halls of Austin where the lobbying power of companies that profit from such testing requirements hold sway.

In these tough economic times — when Texas school districts, and the students and communities they serve, are faced with filing suit to force state's legislators to perform the duties for which

they've been elected — why is there even such a thing as "wealthy and poor" school districts?

Aren't the students in one district as worthy to receive the same educational benefits as students in another?

In its 1954, the US Supreme Court threw out an earlier decision that allowed segregation based on the false idea of "separate but equal."

In *Brown vs. Topeka* (Board of Education), our nation's high court ruled separating students by race perpetuated inferior learning conditions, and 50 years later this state's educational funding system does nothing

more than replace the original plaintiffs with ones barred by location and economic conditions.

The greatest asset this state has comes not from its fields of cotton and corn, and not from its feed yards, pastures and dairies, but rather from the children attending its schools.

Is it right that a portion of those children should suffer from an educational drought because our legislators succumb to political pressures that send its financial showers elsewhere?

We don't think so, but until the state's electorate gets its representative's attention we fear there is little possibility of change.

More Fine Art Success At Muleshoe High

The Muleshoe High School Fine Arts Program is having a very successful year! We recently highlighted some of the accomplishments of the MHS choir and band programs. The following are just a few of the highlights of the MHS speech team and MHS art program so far this year.

MHS Speech Team Muleshoe High School was a sweepstakes winner in the Amarillo Tascosa Speech / Debate Tournament on Feb. 4.

Here are individual results: Robert Brewster and Roper Kerby, second duet acting; Robert Brewster, second prose interpretation, second dramatic interpretation, third humorous interpretation; Matthew



Ambriz, fourth poetry interpretation; Lourdes Martinez and Frank Recio, second Cross X debate.

Muleshoe High School placed second in sweepstakes at the Borger High School Speech Tournament.

Individual results are: Robert Brewster, first dramatic interpretation, first humorous interpretation, first duet acting; Roper Kerby, first duet acting; Sarah Whitworth, second Lincoln Douglas debate; Adrian Estrada and Kari Mendoza, third duet acting.

Muleshoe High School won the

sweepstakes championship at the Friona Speech/Debate Tournament on Jan. 7.

Individuals garnering accolades include: Roper Kerby and Robert Brewster, first place duet improvisation; Kari Mendoza, first place poetry interpretation; Michelle Chavez, first place prose interpretation; Walter Bartholf, second place informative speaking; Kari Mendoza and Adrian Estrada, second place duet improvisation; Issac Acosta, second place persuasive speaking; Sarah Whitworth,

second place Lincoln Douglas debate; Cristian Mora, third place Lincoln Douglas Debate; Robert Brewster, third place poetry interpretation; Carlos Nunez and Dalia Melendez, fourth place duet improvisation; Matthew Ambriz, fourth place prose interpretation; Jordan Fitzgerald, fourth place persuasive speaking.

MHS Art Morgan Burris, an MHS art student, has been accepted to the Saturday Morning Art Project at Texas Tech, sponsored by the Helen Jones foundation. SMAT is a program for talented high school art students from the city of Lubbock and the surrounding area.

Saturday, Feb. 18, 20 Muleshoe Art Students, under the direction of Sandi Chitwood traveled to Frenship High School for the annual Region 17 VASE competition. There were 510 entries at the competition and many schools from Region 17 were represented.

With a "4" being the highest score, and a gold medal, Muleshoe received 10 gold medals, and 19 of the student art works received a "3."

Gold Medal winners were: Alexia Acosta, watercolor; Bianca Avila, pastel; Lupe Compos, pastel; Roper Kerby, charcoal and watercolor; Alyssa Leal, oil painting; Stephanie Lopez, pastel; Luis Ruvalcaba, watercolor and charcoal; and Mandy Scolley, charcoal.

Those students receiving "3's" include: Alexia Acosta, pastel; Bianca Avila, watercolor; Bailey Bales, water colors, Morgan Burris, watercolor and mixed media; Blake Edwards, wire sculpture; Jacob Espinoza, pencil drawing; Isaiah Guerrero, mixed

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would-be leader would do well to note.

When President Franklin Roosevelt asked Churchill what he thought the war (World War II) should be called, Churchill replied, "The Unnecessary War."

According to Churchill, it would have been completely unnecessary if the winners of the First World War had held their ground and behaved wisely.

Instead, war-weary and hungry for peace at any price, they slept at the helm while Hitler took over the ship. Early on, Churchill saw what was happening and with a few others tried to sound the alarm, but to no avail.

The world watched

as Hitler gobbled up Austria and showed time and again a complete willingness to break his word and any number of treaties. Corporal Hitler was a very dangerous man, a very evil man.

On the other hand, England's prime minister, Neville Chamberlain, was by all accounts — even those of his political adversaries — a good and peace-loving man. Longing for peace, he went to Germany three times to meet with Herr Hitler. Chamberlain led Europe in acceding to Hitler's demands, even at the price of the honor of Britain and France.

When Hitler cast his eyes toward Czechoslovakia, Chamberlain encouraged France to ignore a

treaty obligating them to defend the Czechs, which allowed Britain to sidestep for the time its own obligations to France. Czechoslovakia was thus sacrificed, parceled up, and thrown to the hounds like chunks of old meat.

Hitler's appetite increased even as Chamberlain tried to avoid war by "sweet reasonableness."

Sadly ironic is the fact that Hitler's generals were planning a coup against him that would likely have been successful but was put off (and never happened) because Chamberlain chose to come to visit Hitler on the very day the coup was to take place.

The Old Testament prophets warn us about those who say, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace." And Jesus himself tells us to be "wise as serpents" at the same time as we are "harmless as doves."

Foolish doves live short and unhappy lives. Churchill has convinced me that this world has every bit as much to fear from those who are utterly naive as it does from those who are utterly evil.

Filing Period Closes

With the filing period for local elections on May 12 closing on Monday, March 5, the following candidates have filed:

Muleshoe Area Hospital District — Place 1, Herb Ramage, incumbent; Place 3, Landon Nichols; Place 5, Zona Gatewood, incumbent, and Travis Copley.

Muleshoe ISD —

Dist. 1, Thurman Myers, incumbent; Dist. 4, Sergio Leal, incumbent.

City of Muleshoe — Mayor, Cliff Black, incumbent.

Unopposed elections will be cancelled at the next regular board or council meeting of each entity.

The city will still hold the special election on the sales tax proposition.

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Sudan Championship... Continued From A1

Jasmine Weaver took over on defense and had steals, blocked shots, and four points to end the half with a score of 37-26.

However, the most defining moment of the second quarter was when Bailee Black, with less than a minute left in the half, went down with a severe sprained ankle.

third quarter saw Black back out on the court but obviously in pain. With her ankle taped and through limited mobility, Black stayed in most of the second half only to be taken out to adjust her taping.

Coach Lisa Logan must have made some adjustments and rallied her team because the Netties came out with passion and intensity

because they knew that Black was hurt.

Jasmine Weaver hit the first layup of the quarter after she stole the ball to start the quarter.

After a missed layup by Weaver, Logan took over the court, scoring 17 straight points in the third quarter alone.

Weaver add to her totals also, with four points, more steals, and block shots.

Martin's Mill only scored seven points in the third quarter, ending the period with a score of 56-33.

Martin's Mill did not have an answer to get back in to the game. Logan added another eight points to her total while Weaver

dominated the fourth quarter, scoring six points and adding to her rebound totals.

Martin's Mill could not score on Weaver and Black all night and were limited to shooting most shots from the outside.

Black ended the night with 16 points, Weaver with 14 points, Williams with four points, and Logan stealing the show with 36 points.

Weaver had a double double with her 16 rebounds, along with four block shots and 5 steals.

"I wasn't going to not let my team down and leave out of here by holding back," Danielle Logan said.

Bailee Black reflected on the moment that she

was hurt. "Danielle came up to me and said that I was getting up and playing," Black said. "The trainers said that I shouldn't play, but I told them that wasn't an option."

"We understood the pain we felt after winning the state title our freshman year and then having it taken away from us," Black said. "We knew that this was it, and we would work and do anything it took to win it again."

Coach Logan knew that this team was going to be special. Five of the players are daughters of former Sudan Nette state champions.

Danielle Logan is the daughter of Coach Lisa Logan. Victoria Williams is the daughter of Teresa Williams. Jasmine Weaver is the daughter of Shaun Weaver. Bailee Black is

the daughter of Shannon Black, and KyLee Shultz is the daughter of Missy Shultz.

"These young ladies understand commitment and what it takes to get to this level," Coach Logan said. "They have worked so hard, and I couldn't be more proud of them."

In her first year as head coach, Coach Logan wins her first state title.

She was also a high school state champion in 1983 and an assistant head coach who won state.

UIL officials believe that this may be the first time in history for that to have happened.

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Athletic Trainers...

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student trainers are required to take a course in sports medicine, Woolbright said, and to have an above average knowledge of the subject.

Using Mule football as an example, Woolbright explained that the student trainers handle most of the minor injuries arising from practice or the game, leaving him to handle the more serious injuries.

Each of the athletic trainers are assigned specific tasks for the game, which begin at their arrival at the game location 30 minutes before the team arrives.

They set up the sideline, and tape the ankles of certain players, a task that may vary depending on field conditions.

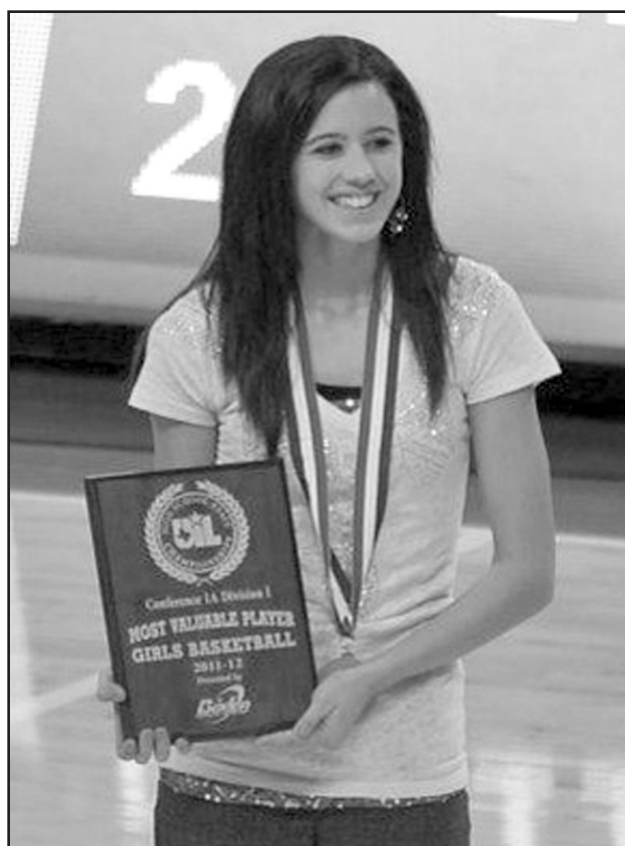
Woolbright noted that at last year's game against River Road,

everyone's ankles were taped... all 67, within a 45 minute period.

Student safety is important at the Muleshoe Independent School District, Woolbright said, and if that means extra time or preparation needs to be taken to prevent injuries on a muddy field, or to insure a local athlete... or even an athlete on the visiting team doesn't suffer from leg cramps due to dehydration, it's going to be done.

He added that unlike the majority of school districts in the area, which contract for athletic training services at the games alone, the MISD's administration and school board wanted a full-time trainer, which also made it possible for the student athletic training program to exist.

March is National Athletic Trainer Month.



Sudan Nette MVP Danielle Logan

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By Laverne Winn
 There were a great many who came and enjoyed good food and fellowship at the pancake breakfast on Saturday. A great appreciation to all of you that came and supported the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center. To all of our helpers, Joe, Bob, Gary, Evaristo, Ron, Juanita, Kay, Bettie, Brittany and of course Sherlon and Lidia we say, "Hats off to you. You all did a great job." Monday, March 23, the regular board meeting for the center will be at 12:30 p.m., here in the center. The meeting is open to the public. We invite anyone with positive suggestions

to come meet with the board. There has been quite a controversy with our new menus. But please have patience, we are still trying to come up with good, healthy food we can enjoy. Hopefully we will be getting some new menus in the near future. Thursday, March 15, is birthday party day at the center. All of you senior citizens with birthdays in March come for lunch and let us honor you with a birthday cake and good fellowship. The play day that has been discussed for St. Patrick's day has been tabled until another time. There were too many

conflicting activities with spring break. We will plan another time for this. Our love and prayers go to Brittany and Justin on the death of Justin's grandfather. Also prayers go for all our senior citizens that are under the weather. We hope you are well and back with us soon. We do miss you. **Menu for March 12-16:** Monday, March 12 — Roast pork, sweet potatoes, succotash, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, and low fat milk. Tuesday, March 13 — Glazed meatloaf, red bliss potatoes, breadstick,

mixed vegetables, country apple crisp, and low fat milk. Wednesday, March 14 — Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin square, and low fat milk. Thursday, March 15 — Swedish meatballs, parsley noodles, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, margarine, angel food cake with strawberries, and low fat milk. Friday, March 16 — Breaded fish on bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tartar sauce, potato wedges, coleslaw with dressing, peach chantilly, and low fat milk.

Super News...

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 in ways that may be more engaging than times tables and square roots. It is part of the power and the magic of the arts to engage young people in learning. We are very proud of Muleshoe ISD's Fine Arts Programs, and we intend to continue to promote the advancement of fine arts in Muleshoe. (MISD VASE photographs are on A6.)

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Obituaries

Billy John Reese

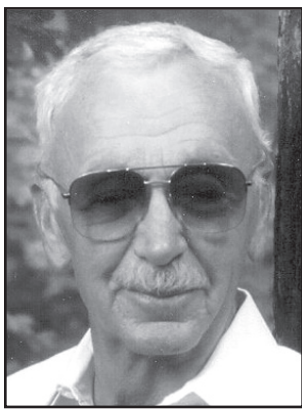
Chapel services for Billy John Reese, 75, of Dora N.M., formerly of Muleshoe, were held on Friday, March 2, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Monty Leavell of Muleshoe officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Reese died on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012, in Amarillo. He was born on Aug. 1, 1936, to Alvis and Maggie (Maddox) Reese in Ralls, and married Sue Murphree in Meadow on Jan. 11, 1958.

He was preceded in death by a daughter — Vikki Carpenter, in 2001. He was also preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Reese moved to Dora, N.M., in 1999,



from Lubbock. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Muleshoe. He was a farmer and had served his country in the US Army.

Survivors include his wife — Sue of the home; a daughter — Sherri Gibbs of Clovis, N.M.; a sister — Twlia Tuttle of Lubbock; a brother — Charles Reese of San Angelo; four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Terri Fortenberry

Graveside services for Terri Fortenberry, 50, of Decatur, were held on Wednesday, March 7, at Bailey County Cemetery with Terry N. Terry of Boyd officiating, under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

A memorial service has been scheduled for Saturday, March 10, at 10 a.m., at the First Baptist Church in Decatur.

Terri died on March 4, 2012, in Midland. She was born on Aug. 24, 1961, to Billy Dee and Mary Jo (Holt) Black in Lubbock, and married Eddie Fortenberry in Plainview on Aug. 28, 1982.

She was preceded in death by her father Billy Black.

Terri had lived in Decatur since 1998, having moved from Hereford. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Decatur, and was an intermediate school teacher in the Paradise Independent School



District. Terri was active in the Relay for Life, and very active in all school functions.

Survivors include her husband — Eddie of the home; two daughters — Amber Fortenberry and Ashley Fortenberry, both of Bridgeport; a sister — Cindy Ashmore of Spearman, and one grandchild — Layne West.

Memorials may be sent to the Terri Black Fortenberry Scholarship Fund c/o Hale County State Bank, PO Box 970, Plainview, Texas 79073-0970, or to Wise County Relay for Life 3301 West Freeway, Ft. Worth, Texas

Engagement



Rempe, Niewoehner To Wed

Keith and Dana Rempe of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their daughter, Shanna Rempe of Midland, to Beau Niewoehner of Big Spring.

The prospective bride is a 2005 graduate of Muleshoe High School, and a 2009 graduate of West Texas A&M with degree in psychology. She expects to complete her studies for a master's degree in school psychology in 2012 and is currently a licensed specialist in school psychology at the Midland Independent

School District.

The prospective groom is the son of Eric and Faith Straubing from Albuquerque, N.M., and John Niewoehner of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

He is a 2005 graduate of Canyon High School, and is currently employed as the youth director at the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring.

The wedding has been set for June 16, 2012, at 6 p.m., at Ranch House Weddings of Canyon, with a reception to follow at the same location.

Births



Caleb Norrod

Curtis and Candace Norrod announce the birth of their son, Caleb James Norrod, on Jan. 10, 2012, at 10:14 a.m., at Covenant Hospital of Lubbock.

At birth, Caleb weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces, and was 21 inches in length.

His grandparents are Debbi Hutto of Muleshoe, and Steve and Lisa Norrod of Bedford.

Thanks for reading the Journal!

Death Notices

Alfredo Mendoza Sr.

Muleshoe resident Alfredo Mendoza Sr., 74, died on March 3, 2012. He was born on Nov. 8, 1937, in Chihuahua, Mexico. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 6, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, followed by burial in Bailey County Cemetery.

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AGRICULTURAL NEWS

FSA Reminds Dairy Producers Of MILC Requirements

Bailey County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Kim Hanlin reminds dairy producers that they must meet Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program requirements in order to maintain program eligibility in the event that prices drop

and trigger a MILC payment. MILC compensates dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level. Eligible dairy producers can apply for program benefits anytime through Sept. 30. "At this time, MILC

payments are not being made because the price is above the trigger level," said Hanlin. "FSA just wants producers to stay on top of eligibility requirements should there be an opportunity for payment," he said. To maintain program eligibility, MILC participants must notify

their local FSA office of any operation changes, such as a change in producer, shares, address or bank routing number. In order for dairy producers to receive a MILC payment, they must meet adjusted gross income (AGI) requirements by completing, "CCC-931 - AGI Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information."

Dairy producers who want to enroll in MILC must fill out, "CCC-580 - Milk Income Loss Contract" and select a start-month for which the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will begin issuing payments to the dairy operation. Current dairies that participate in MILC

can make changes to their start-month with certain restrictions. According to Hanlin, any start-month changes must be made on or before the 14th of the month before the selected MILC production start-month. The change must also be made before requesting payment and before the original MILC production start-

month has passed. Changes to the dairy operation start-month must be designated on FSA's form, "CCC-580M - Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Modification." For more information about the MILC program, please contact the Bailey County FSA office at 806 272 4538 or visit the web at www.fsa.usda.gov/tx.

County 4-H Place In Shows

Bailey County 4-H members who participated and placed at major stock shows include:

Ft. Worth
Polled Herefords — Baylee Bessire, sixth place; Braden Bessire, eighth; Shelbi Harrison, eighth; Conner Harrison. Goats — Nathan Rejino, Alfredo Sanchez, Mari Quintana and Jose Quintana.

San Angelo
Gilts — Tyler Newberry, Kamron

Newberry, Mollie Newberry and Kayla Preston. Lambs — Jayden Shearer, first place, light weight Southdown, and seventh, medium Southdown.

San Antonio
Goats — Baylee Bessire, Braden Bessire and Shelby Harrison. Dairy — Abby Boehning and Triston Boehning. Swine — Garrison Myers, first place, Hampshire; Kayla Preston, third, Hampshire; Kevin

Pope, eighth, Cross; and Bode Box, third, Hampshire. Other swine participants — Dagen Dunham, Keely Dunham, Ashton Hunt, Haley Hunt, Jacob Kettner, Riley Kettner, Aden Nickerson, Brandon Nickerson, Dustin Stearmer, Marki Stearmer, Eleodoro Benivides, Treg Box, Triston Boehning and Abby Boehning. T.J. Beckerink participated in the calf scramble.



Business Of The Month Announced

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Cafe 21 as the Business of the Month. Pictured above are Robert Gardner and wife Shauna, Haili Bryn, Keinin, Josh Mullins, Scott Simmons, Gina Wilkerson, Debbie Walters, Brandon Thomason and Dustin Cleavinger.



Employee Of The Month Announced

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Rodney Crimm as the Employee of the Month. Pictured above are Gary Dale, Mike Dale, Rebecca Beall, Gina Wilkerson, Dustin Cleavinger and Josh Mullins.



Muleshoe VASE

Among the MISD art students who participated in VASE on Feb. 18 at Frenship High School were: Back row — Christian Lucio, Lupe Campos, Blake Edwards, Sheridan White, Jacob Espinoza, Roper Kerby, Samantha Ramirez, Alex Vidana, Isaiah Guerrero and Luis Ruvalcaba. Sitting — Adrienne Precure, Bailey Bales, Stephanie Lopez, Mandy Scolley, Alyssa Leal and Bianca Avila.

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The Sudan Buzz



Nettes' Celebration Continues At Home

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Sudan Powerlifting Girls Place

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Girls Powerlifting team competed at the Regional Powerlifting Meet in Monahans this past weekend.

The girls finished 28th out of 42 teams. In the 97 weight class, Marie Carrizales finished fifth out of 10 with a total of 440 pounds.

In the 114 weight class, Mariah Martinez finished ninth with a

total of 490 pounds. In the 123 weight class, Hailee Gonzales finished seventh out of 10 with a total of 630 pounds.

In the 198 weight class, Julie Gonzales finished seventh out

of 10 with a total of 665 pounds.

In the 220 weight class, Katee Gonzales finished sixth out of nine with a total of 655 pounds.

In the 220 plus weight class, LaShea Weaver finished fifth out of 10 with a total weight of 715 pounds.

The Sudan Boys Powerlifting team will compete this week in the Regional Powerlifting meet.

Sudan OAP Dinner Theater Held

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

Sudan One Act Play dinner theater was held March 4-5 at the Sudan High School Auditorium.

Proceeds benefit the One Act Play scholarship fund. To date, the One Act Play troupe has raised more than \$15,000 since 1998.

Actors perform the play after a candlelit dinner is served on stage. Around 80 guests enjoy the festivities each night. The actors join the patrons on stage

and entertain the crowd with their antics and skills.

This year's play, *Noises Off*, is a comedy about what goes on behind the scene of an off-Broadway play and the antics that can happen when relationships between actors can be strained.

The actors include Janelle Vanderlei, Ryan Fred, Hailee Gonzales, Luke Tiller, KyLeeShultz, Adam Martin, Reese Harper, Madi Edwards and Jacob Drennan.

The crew includes

MacKenzie Lance, Osmar Diaz, Bryleigh Schovajsa, Jacob Markham, and Kendon Drennan. Alternates include Nik Clarkson, Ashton Sawyer and Sydney Goen.

The One Act Play troupe will perform their play for the community on March 17, at 5 p.m., in the Sudan High School Auditorium.

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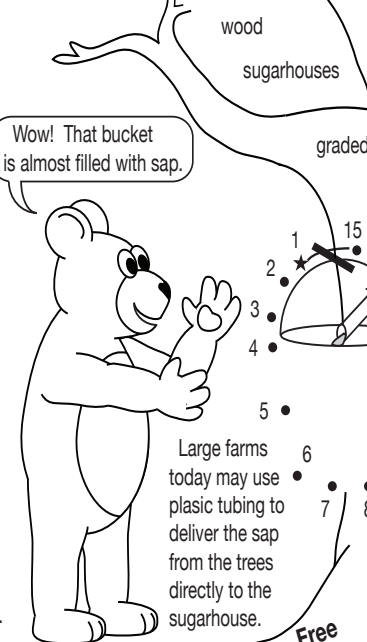
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- _____ are built in groves to store equipment and for boiling sap
- teams of _____ are prepared to pull sleds to gather the sap
- holes drilled in trees, spouts placed, tin _____ catch sap
- sap gathered into a _____ on horse-drawn sled, pulled to camp
- sap boiled in shallow, rectangular stainless _____ pans
- a roaring _____ fire kept going in firebox under pans
- sap filtered, temperature checked, amount of sugar in sap measured, _____ carrying dirt skimmed off the top
- sap flows through pans as it thickens, temperature checked, filtered, _____ "A" or "B" and canned
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- family uses, sells on farms, trucks deliver around the _____

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- held ceremonies and _____ to celebrate the sap harvest and coming of spring
- peeled loose birch _____ to make pans; cut trees and placed pans to catch sap
- gathered sap in containers, _____ it to sugar camp
- boiled it in hollowed-out _____
- dropped hot _____ into sap to boil it
- skimmed scum and _____ from the top
- kept boiling until almost _____ or grainy so it would keep a long time
- ate dried yellow _____ + corn meal + beans
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Revelation 18

Word search grid with words hidden in the letters.

Hornettes

Word search grid with words hidden in the letters.



Bonds Feted With Shower

Nikki Bonds, the prospective bride of Kevin Taggart, was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, March 3, in the home of Patti Kent. A hostess gift of a decorative mirror and place settings of her dishes were presented by hostesses Pam Atwood, Cindy Barrett, Tisha Boehning, Lana Bomer, JoEllen Cowart, Janna Finnell, LeAnn Gallman, Gayla Gear, Terri Hahn, Debbi Hutto, Patti Kent, Linda Lee, Terry Marricle, Cindy Purdy, Dana Rempe, Lanell Skaggs, Linda Wood and Glenna Yell. Special guests included Annette Bonds, Billie Jordan, Reba Bonds, Shelbi Bonds, Shelly Durham and Tauney Durham.

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SPORTS NEWS

Varsity Mules Take The Win In Fifth Inning

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Chris Lozano appeared to be throwing batting practice to the Smyer Bulldogs Monday afternoon. That only lasted through the first five batters. Lozano gave up three runs on three hits, a walk and a hit batsman.

Lozano found the strike zone after that and struck out the next three batters to get out of the first inning. Two runners were left stranded on base. A walk turned into a Bulldog run in the top of the second inning. That proved to be Smyer's final score.

The Mules chipped away at the Smyer lead with two runs in the first inning, one in the second and tied the game in the fourth inning. Austin Ross' infield hit turned into a run.

Ross went to second on passed ball and stole third. Matt Mendoza singled up the middle

to score Ross and tie the game at 4-4.

The Mules scored 10 runs on four hits, three errors to end the game on the 10-run rule in the bottom of the fifth inning. Juan Guerrero drove the first pitch up the middle for a single to score Matt Barron and Matt Ambriz.

Ray Martinez led off the fifth inning and swung and missed the third strike.

The pitch got away from the catcher and Martinez outran the throw to first. Martinez moved to second on a passed ball and stole third base.

Barron grounded out to the pitcher and sacrificed home Martinez.

An error on the third baseman allowed Ambriz to reach first. He advanced to second and scored on a triple to left field by Shawn Atwood. Guerrero singled to right to score Atwood.

Ross walked before

Lozano's ground ball back to the pitcher sacrificed Guerrero to third and Ross to second. An error at second allowed Mendoza to reach first, score Guerrero and moved Ross to third.

Jesus Roman was the second Mule of the inning to strike out swinging but reached on a passed ball. He went to second when the catcher over threw first. Ross and Roman scored on the error.

Martinez walked his second trip to the plate and stole second base on the first pitch to Barron. Barron doubled to right center to score Martinez for the eighth run of the inning. Ambriz walked to set the stage for Guerrero's walk-off hit.

The Mules' final non district was in Shallowater Monday afternoon and will open district on the road against the Idalou Wildcats Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Mule Chris Lozano winds up in the game against Smyer.

'Mentally Tough' Lady Mules Defeat The Titans

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Titans, a homeschool team from Lubbock, took advantage of eight walks to score six runs in the first two innings against the Lady Mules Tuesday evening.

Coach Jason Cole moved Samantha Vasquez from left field to pitcher to put out the fire.

"We could have given up in the second inning," said Cole. "But we were mentally tough and our hitting got better as the game went along. The girls did a lot of good things today and I am happily surprised at how good we are this early in the season." Vasquez responded to her coach with a strike out.

The final out of the inning was run down by the Lady Mule catcher, Linda Sanchez. She threw behind the runner a to Mandy Scolley at third.

Scolley chased the runner toward home for a couple of steps and threw back to Sanchez.

Sanchez chased down the runner and made the tag for the third out. The Titans were never able to threaten after

that and only got one hit off of Vasquez.

The Lady Mules trailed 6-5 until the bottom of the third inning. A four-run rally put the Lady Mules on top to stay.

The Lady Mules sent 11 to plate in the fourth

...I am happily surprised at how good we are this early in the season...

inning and scored six runs to take a 15-6 lead. Carolina Franco's line-drive double to center scored Dominique Mata in the fifth inning and ended the game at 16-6 on the 10-run rule.

The defense tightened up behind Vasquez pitching. Vasquez set down the first batter of the third inning on strikes. A line drive to Jessica Kube at second and a pop fly to Sabrina Chavez end the inning.

Chavez led off the bottom of the third inning with a single to left and went to second

on a passed ball. Mata singled to left and went to second on the throw. Vasquez tripled to left to score Chavez and Mata. Vasquez went home on a throwing error.

Kube bunted down the first base line for an infield hit. She stole second and went to third on a throwing error. Kube scored on a passed ball. The four runs put the Lady Mules on top 9-4.

The Titans grounded out to second, lined out to third, singled to left and stuck out to end the fourth inning.

Seven hits and three errors allowed six Lady Mules to score in the fourth inning and put the Lady Mules in front 15-6. Alondra Villareal charged a ground ball at shortstop and made the throw to first.

Vasquez struck out the second batter before Daniella Diaz made a running catch in center. She was battling the lights, wind and cold as she raced to her left to make the one-handed catch on a dead run.

The catch inspired the Lady Mules to finish the game in the bottom of the fifth. Mata walked, Vasquez lined out to short, and Scolley went down on strikes before Franco came to the plate.

The Lady Mule defense gave up six runs on one hit and committed two errors. Muleshoe scored 16 runs on 15 hits and took advantage of six Titan errors.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Mule Matt Ambriz ignores a high pitch during the game against Smyer.

Mules Take Bronze Medal At Friona Relays

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules took the bronze medal in the Friona Fighting Chieftain Relays Friday afternoon with 106 points.

Levelland won the nine team meet with 155 points and Bushland was second with 120.

Saul Elizalde won the Mules first gold medal in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.68 seconds.

Lupe Campos took the bronze medal in 200 with a 24.36.

Eli Leal placed sixth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:22.21.

Austin Ross won the gold and silver medals in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles respectively. Ross ran a 15.91 for the gold and 44.77 to take the silver medal.

The Mule 4x100-meter relay team of Ray Martinez, Caleb Wood, Lupe Campos and Elizalde won the silver medal with a time

of 46.09.

The 4x200 relay team of Martinez, Elizalde, Wood and Campos won the gold medal with a time of 1:37.58.

Ross, Martinez, Wood and Chris Cage placed

third in the 4x400-meter relay.

Elizalde won the silver medal in the high jump with a leap of five feet eight inches.

He tied for the greatest height but had to take

an extra attempt to reach that height and dropped to second. Leal took the bronze medal with a leap of 5-06.

Shawn Atwood tied for fourth place with a leap of 5-04.

Ross had a bronze medal leap of 19-01.50 in the long jump.

The Mules travel to Shallowater to compete in the Thursday March 8 and will host a meet March 23.

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SPORTS NEWS

Muleshoe Tennis Teams Compete In SPC Tourney

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mule and Lady Mule tennis team competed in the Levelland South Plains College Tennis Tournament Thursday. Two teams won championships, two teams played for third place and a team made

it to the consolation match.

"The kids are competing hard and really improving," said Muleshoe tennis coach Jay Gorman. "Our remaining schedule includes tournaments in Levelland March 8, Sundown March 20, Plainview March 29 and

the district tournament is in Plainview April 4-5."

Eli Leal and Alyssa Leal teamed up in the Varsity Division Mixed Doubles. They defeated the Farwell team 8-2 and Post 8-4.

It took the Leal's three sets to defeat the Friona team 6-4, 1-6, and 6-2 for

the championship.

The Varsity Boys Doubles team of Caleb Wood and Chris Cage defeated the Friona team 8-2 but lost to the South Plains Christian Education Association 4-6 and 1-6. Wood and Cage lost the third place match to Idalou 2-6, 2-6.

Mateo Castillo defeated Tulia 8-5 in the Boys Singles. He lost to Idalou 1-8. The Varsity Girls Doubles team of Baylee Bessire and Carly Krug defeated the Denver City team 8-2 and lost to SPCEA 4-6 and 1-6.

They lost the third place match to the Loop team 2-8.

The Junior Varsity Boys Doubles team of Saul Elizalde and Ignacio Elizalde defeated the Plains team 8-2, Abernathy 8-2, and Friona 8-4 for the championship.

The JV Boys Doubles team of Christian Lopez and Issac Acosta defeated SPCEA 8-5 and lost to the Denver City team 2-8.

Lopez and Acosta lost the consolation match to the Abernathy team 6-8.

Also in JV Boys Doubles, Jose Martinez and Noah Del Toro lost to the Friona team 5-8 and to the Olton team 6-8.

Boys Doubles — Doublas Barthoff/J.P. Regalado: lost to SPCEA 4-8, lost to Abernathy 3-8.

Boys Singles — Alex Mendoza: lost to Har 5-8, defeated Roosevelt 8-7 (10-2).

Mixed Doubles — Britton Beale/Bailey Bales- lost to Estacado 2-8, lost to Friona 7-9.

Girls Doubles — Kayla Preston/Jaida Gandarilla- defeated Denver City 2-1 (stopped b/c of injury), lost to Plainview 6-8, lost to Tulia 6-8

Girls Doubles — McKenna Dunham/Don Ann Rempe, lost to Estacado 7-9, lost to Olton 0-8.

Lady Mules Place At Friona

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules placed in all three relays for third place in the Friona Fighting Chieftain Relays Friday afternoon.

The Lady Mules finished with 87 points. Bushland won the meet with 178.5 points and Friona was second with 95 in the 14 team meet.

Katelyn Gable ran sixth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.80 seconds. Kaylie Morris placed fifth in the 400-meter dash in a time of 1:07.05. Carolina Franco ran fifth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:48.26.

Franco improved to fourth place in the 1600-meter run with a 6:36.90. Adrienne

Precure won the silver medal in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.80.

Precure took the bronze medal in the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 52.17. Rube Andrade placed fifth in the 300-hurdles with a 54.68.

The Lady Mule 4x100-meter relay team of Gable, Morris, Andrade and Celeste Flores earned the bronze medal with a time of 54.20. Gable, McKenna Dunham, Daniella Diaz and Magen Cantrell finished third in the 4x200-meter relay with a 2:01.24.

Andrade, Flores, Morris and Precure won the bronze medal

in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 4:31.37.

Precure jumped to a silver medal in the high jump with a height of four feet inches. Morris tied for four with a jump of 4-06. Precure cleared 7-06 in the pole vault. It was the top height of the day but it took Precure more attempts to clear the bar and won the silver medal.

Flores placed sixth in the long jump with a leap of 13-10.5. Dunham finished fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 28-07.5.

The Lady Mules next track meet will be in Shallowater Thursday afternoon March 8. The Lady Mules will host a meet March 23.

JV Mules Take Fifth Place At Friona Meet

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mule track team placed fifth with 67 points in the 10 team Friona Fighting Chieftain Relays Friday March 3. Bushland won the meet with 137 points, Hart was second with 104, Abernathy placed third with 103.5 points and Levelland took fourth with 72.

Medardo Andrade placed fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.18 seconds. Gerald Torres won the bronze medal in the 800-meter run with a 2:32.61. Noah Del Toro earned the bronze medal in the 1600-meter run in a time of 5:57.64.

Eshoya Lopez finished fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with a 48.42. The 4x100-meter relay team of Lopez, Christian Paez, JJ Gandara and Francisco

Elizalde placed sixth with a time of 49.61.

Gandara, Lopez, Chamel Regalado and Paez won the silver medal in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:44.27. The 4x400-meter relay team of Regalado, Paez, Andrade and Elizalde took the bronze medal with a 4:05.40.

Blayne Shipman cleared five feet two inches in the high jump for the silver medal. Roman Franco and Lopez tied for four and placed sixth in the pole vault. Franco cleared tied for fourth with a vault of seven feet and six inches while Lopez got over 7-0.

Alex Mendoza had a throw of 89-02 in the discus for the bronze medal. The Mules will go to Shallowater Thursday March 8 for a meet and will host a meet March 23.

Eighth Grade Mules Bring Home Bronze

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules were the bronze medal team at the Friona Brave Relays Thursday afternoon with 114.33 points.

Bushland won the meet with 192.33 points and Levelland was second with 121. Six teams competed in the meet.

Josh Lopez had a gold medal time of 26.24 seconds in the 200-meter dash. Brandon Chavez won the gold medal in the 400-meter run with a 1:01.31 and Felipe Guerrero had a bronze medal time of 1:02.98.

Antonio Vasquez and Julian Borunda ran fourth and fifth in the 110-meter hurdles respectively with times of 19.92 and 19.96.

Borunda had a silver medal time of 48.80 in the 300-meter hurdles. Vasquez placed fifth in the 300 hurdles with a 52.11.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Guerrero, Vasquez, Jose Mendoza and Lopez ran a silver medal time of 50.61. Chavez, Borunda, Mendoza and Lopez also ran a silver medal in the 4x400-meter relay.

Vasquez tied for fourth in the high jump with a height of four feet eight inches.

All three of the Mule pole vaulters cleared the bar at seven feet six inches. Mendoza won the silver medal, Lopez took the bronze medal and Simone Chavez placed fourth.

James Lutz had a silver medal toss in the shot put of 35-09.50. Jaxon Lee had a silver medal throw of 92-07 in the discus.

Lutz placed fourth in the discus with a throw of 90-03.

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Do I have to apply each year?

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SPORTS NEWS

Eighth Grade Ladies Medal Big At Friona Relays

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Three gold medal relay performances by the eighth grade Lady Mules Thursday in the Friona Relays turned in to a gold medal win of the meet with 263 points.

Five teams competed in the meet and Bushland was second with 142 points and Levelland took third with 84.

gold medal time of 14.02 seconds in the 100-meter dash. Yasmine Sandoval took the bronze medal with a time of 14.92 and Ruby Regalado placed fifth with a 15.20 in the 100.

Arellano won a second gold medal in the 200-meter dash with a time of 29.31. Jasmine Garza had a bronze medal time of 30.74 and Sandoval placed sixth in the 200 with a 31.78.

Cas Moore won

the silver medal in the 400-meter run with a time of 1:06.30. Makenzie Zimmerman placed fourth with a 1:16.52 and Keidi Salas was fifth with a 1:17.20.

Noemi Herrera, Salas and Blanca Ramirez took silver, bronze and fourth place with times of 2:54.92, 2:55.27 and 2:55.71 respectively in the 800-meter run.

Ramirez took the bronze medal in 1600-meter run with a

time of 6:44.30. Aimee Rosas finished fifth with a 6:46.70.

Chasity Quezada finished fifth in the 100-meter hurdles with a 23.92. Lindsey Burris took bronze in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 57.80.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Rosas, Burris, Kaytlin Moore and C. Moore took the gold medal with a time of 56.75.

Rosas, Burris,

Arellano and K. Moore had a gold medal time of 2:00.92 in the 4x200-meter relay. The 4x400-meter relay team of Salas, K. Moore, Garza and C. Moore ran a gold medal time of 4:47.74.

C. Moore, Burris and Zimmerman took the gold, silver and bronze medals with heights of four foot nine inches, 4-04.00 and 4-04.00 respectively.

Kennedi Nickels, Ruthardt, and Megan Pierson also took the gold, silver and bronze medals in the pole vault all with the same height of 6-00 respectively.

K. Moore, Burris and C. Moore won the gold, silver and bronze

medals in the long jump with leaps of 13-04.00, 13-01.00 and 12-11.00 respectively. K. Moore won the gold medal in the triple jump with a distance of 29-11.00. Rosas took the bronze with a 27-10.00.

Sasha Esparza had a silver medal toss in the shot put of 30-05.75 and Denisse Ramirez had a bronze medal throw of 28-02.75.

Esparza won the discus with a throw of 66-08 and Alina Cadena took the silver with a distance of 63-11.

The Lady Mules traveled to Shallowater Tuesday afternoon and will host a meet March 22.

Seventh Grade Mules Receive Bronze

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules won the bronze medal at Friona Brave Relays Thursday afternoon with 103 points. Levelland won the meet with 171 points and Abernathy was second with 148.

Six teams ran in the meet.

Tre Villa won the Mules first gold medal in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.86 seconds.

Beto Diaz took the silver medal in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.49.

Tim and Javy Perez placed first and second in the 400-meter dash respectively with times of 1:01.83 and 1:04.36.

Mario Dehoyos placed fourth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:32.03.

Dagen Dunham finished fifth in the 300-meter hurdles with a 56.96. Diaz, T. Perez, J. Perez and Villa won

the gold medal in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 50.11.

The 4x200 team of Mario Flores, Donovan Gutierrez, Jason Flores and Austin Garza placed fourth with a 2:0264.

The gold medal 4x400-meter relay team of J. Perez, Diaz, T. Perez and Villa ran a time of 4:15.08.

J. Perez and T. Perez tied in the high jump with a height of six feet. J. Perez placed fifth and

T. Perez was sixth.

Diaz finished fourth in the long jump with a leap of 13-11.5.

Blake Parker had a toss of 29-08.00 in the shot put for fourth place.

Dominik Hasley 78-01.00 throw in the discus was good for fifth place.

The Mules ran Tuesday March 6 in Shallowater. The Mules will host a meet March 22.

Seventh Grade Ladies Place Third

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Lady Mules placed third in the first track meet of the season with 88 points.

Bushland won the seven team meet with 212 points and Friona was second with 144.

Ahtziri Elizalde ran a bronze medal time of one minute 13.92

seconds in the 400-meter run.

Brylee Beal finished sixth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 7:05.75. Paolett Landeros took the bronze medal in the 300-meter hurdles with a 1:03.62.

Precure placed fifth in the 300 hurdles in a time of 1:05.78.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Leti Loya,

Mireya Ruvalcaba, Reagan Reynolds and Brittney Mendoza ran a bronze medal time of 1:00.68.

Loya, Ruvalcaba, Reynolds and Elizalde placed fourth in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 2:11.80.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Mendoza, Landeros, Ruvalcaba and Elizalde ran a silver

medal time of 5:08.61.

Precure had a gold medal vault of five feet. Beal also cleared 5-00.00 for the silver medal.

Ruvalcaba and Loya placed fifth and sixth in the long jump with leaps of 10 feet 11 inches and 10-10.00 respectively. Ruvalcaba had a silver medal distance of 25-02.50 in the triple jump.

Martha Cisneros and Gabby Gonzalez placed fourth and fifth in the shot put with tosses of 23-06.75 and 23-04.50. Victoria Villalobos had a throw of 52-10 for fourth place in the discus.

The Lady Mules ran in Shallowater Tuesday and will host a meet March 22.

Lazbuddie Powerlifters Place

The three Lazbuddie High School Powerlifters — Mercedes Morin, Dallas Cox and Angel Samarron, recently placed in area meets.

Mercedes competed in the Sudan Powerlifting Meet and placed second. Mercedes is ranked fifth in the 198 weight class and will compete at the Regional Powerlifting Meet at Monahans.

Dallas and Angel competed at the Bovina Meet. Dallas placed



Mercedes Morin, Dallas Cox and Angel Samarron fifth and Angel placed second.

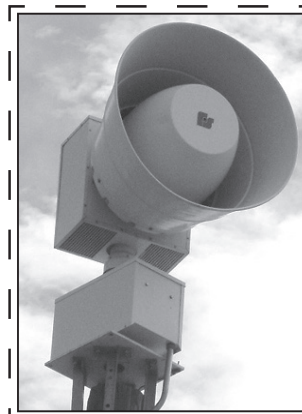
Angel is ranked sixth in the 123 weight

class and will compete in Sundown for the Regional Powerlifting Meet.



Lazbuddie High Teams Compete At Canyon

Lazbuddie High School sent two teams to compete in the Pantex Science Bowl competition on Saturday, Feb. 25, at West Texas A&M in Canyon. The teams won one round and came very close in other games. Pictured above are Justin Schacher, Shyann Rainey, Todd Nichols, Allison Weaver, Paola Estrada, Haley Beasley, Jarrod Jesko, Karina Galaviz, Kylie McGehee, Jessica Estrada, and coach Debbie Weir.



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Just Few Thoughts And Experiences

Once more, I will try it again. I mean publication of some of my writings, and I hope to continue them. But I have nothing in mind other than to present some of my thoughts and experiences for whatever value they may have for you that read them.

I have been sick for a good while and unable to write — or do much of anything else for that matter. But I feel that I am getting better. In fact wife and I had lunch with the Seniors Thursday and Friday. And we attended the pancake breakfast this morning, March 3. And we really enjoyed them.

Also it is a real treat to once more see people we have known for many years, but we haven't been out for several years.

Another thing, one has to enjoy is the fun to be had when we get with our real friends. I think

Something worth saying...

By Glen Williams

a friend is the highest of all the relations known to man.

I think it is quite obvious that the place where our seniors meet is one of the best. Among other things it is ideal as a place for people to go walking. And I intend to do more of that from now on. I will make time for it. It is not only a good place to walk, but bad weather does not interfere.

I guess I really need to do more walking, and I need to do it with a little more grace and dignity. For I was surprised last Thursday when a friend apparently watched me as I went through different places in it, even the area where dances were held.

When I stopped this friend patted me on the back, and in a laughing

mood said he had watched me dance on the portion that is set apart for dances. "As though I was dancing," he said. But I told him I would try to do a little better from now on.

One blessing we enjoy as citizens of this nation is our freedom. But that must and does exist within the laws of the land.

No matter who we are, the color of our skin or our nationality, as long as we live here in the United States we are subject to the laws of the land.

And we have the right to recognize the existence of a power that is of different mind and nature — and to worship it according to the dictates of our conscience and our understanding to holy

Writ. But we have no obligation to do so.

But I would say that in the first chapter of the Psalms of David we find the listing of a few and simple things that will bring rich blessings to us. They are as follows:

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly nor standeth of the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water. That bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper

"The ungodly are not so; but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

"Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

"For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

One brother speaks of this as having reference to Christ, the most righteous man that ever lived, but I rather think it speaks of children of God that do not walk in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit on the seat of the scornful.

But he delights in the law of the Lord, and in

his law, as the scripture says, meditate day and night. He is therefore, like a tree planted by rivers of water. He brings forth fruit in season, and whatever he does will prosper.

Now let me say — this is Monday morning,

and I must get it to the paper. But this is also a very important and interesting subject, and I will discuss it in full next week.

So, remember us in your prayers if you will, and we hope to see you soon.



Lazbuddie Junior High Teams Compete

Lazbuddie Junior High School sent two teams to compete in the Pantex Science Bowl competition on Saturday, Feb. 10, at West Texas A&M in Canyon. The eighth grade team won two rounds and the seventh grade team won one round. Several games were very close and the students competed well. Pictured are Mattisun Hester, Austyn Steinbock, Karsyn Youngblood, Arrick Estrada, Juan Samarron, Kenton Parish, Mica Vera, Ashley Scott, Iridian Fernandez and coach, Debbie Weir.

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