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## Action On County Assessor Position Is Postponed

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Action on the possible appointment of Maria Gonzales to the position of Bailey County Assessor and Tax Collector by the commissioners' court was postponed until Thursday, April 12, after the item was inadvertently left off Monday's agenda.

At the court's March 19 regular meeting, the court accepted the resignation of County Assessor and Tax Collector Melba Clark, effective April 30, due to health reasons.

At that time, Clark recommended Maria Gonzales, who has worked in the county assessor's office for several years, and who has already filed unopposed for the county position on the November ballot, as her replacement.

In other business during Monday's relatively brief meeting, the commissioner's court:

- Approved payment of county bills totaling \$182,977.67.
- Approved soil conservation worksheets totaling more than \$2,645.
- Approved in-

county travel sheets for March.

• Received the county treasurer's report for March, and approved the February report.

• Approved an easement request for a pipe in the vicinity of County Roads 1038 and 54.

• Briefly discussed concerns about removing blowing sand from roads in Precinct 1 and 2.

Precinct 2 Commissioner CE Grant noted that while a good rain would allow the county's road crews to pack the sand into the existing surface on dirt roads, the sand on caliche-surfaced roads would have to be removed.

• Received a request from local resident Don Dyer for a couple of parking spaces closer to the courthouse building to be designated for 15-minute parking.

• Viewed the county ambulance service's "new ambulance," which includes a refurbished box with a new motor and chassis at a considerable savings to the county.

According to EMS director Jackey Wayne Burris, it would take

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## Fast And Furious

Like ducks on a June bug, the colored plastic eggs in Park View Nursing Care Center's backyard quickly disappeared as about 100 local Kindergarten students swarmed across the lawn. Pictured above, one of the participants dashes to rejoin his classmates after a successful hunt. Pictured on the left, one of the center's residents receives an encouraging word from the Easter Bunny.

Photographs by Larry Thornton



## City Council Work Session Includes Local Successes

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Muleshoe's city council put up a pretty good argument as why the community they represent was "the place to be" in West Texas during a work session Monday.

Following the primary business of the council on April 9, the council members joined with some of the city's administrative staff for a session that

looked at what the city government was "doing right" and what the council members hoped the city would achieve in the long run.

Beginning with a discussion of "The Energy Bus: 10 Rules to Fuel Your Life, Work, and Team with Positive Energy" by Jon Gordon — which the participants in the planning session were currently reading, or had already read, the

staff and council talked about the leadership ideals referred to in the book, and how they applied to Muleshoe.

"They could have copied some of the things we do in Muleshoe," City Manager David Brunson said, comparing the city he administrates to the suggestions from Gordon's book.

Councilman Gary Parker commented that while the book appeared a bit "hokey" at times, there were a lot of good things that could be "pulled from it."

Further discussing Muleshoe, Brunson said, "There's something different about Muleshoe," comparing it to other communities in the area. "It's not just a city attitude, it's a community attitude.

He also referred to a quote by Angelique Arnauld which he felt

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## Lady Mules Successful Against Lady Winds

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Lady Mule softball team hit the road to Floydada Tuesday. Despite quiet bats the Lady Mules defeated the Lady Winds 12-4 in a game that went the full seven innings.

The Lady Mules traveled to Abernathy Friday and defeated the

Lady Lopes 24-2 in five innings on the 10-run rule.

"We really need to start hitting the ball hard like we were earlier in the season," said Lady Mule coach Jason Cole.

"Our fielding is still good but we are going to be working on our hitting. We have got to

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One of the city's completed disc golf "holes."

## Disc Golf Tourney This Weekend

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

"Don't call them Frisbees™," it was noted during discussion about the nearly completed "disc golf course," located in the new city park.

City Manager David Brunson discussed the work that has been completed on the course, and also noted that Muleshoe's "first ever" disc golf

tournament has been set for this weekend, April 14, with registration from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., and a mandatory rules meeting to begin around 10 a.m.

According to Brunson, the course — which was designed by Patrick Kitten of Lubbock, who is also promoting the tournament, "looks really, really good," and the tournament is expected to draw about

50 participants.

"Ramon (Sanchez) and his men did an incredible job," Brunson said.

Individuals wishing to receive a copy of the rules for disc golf are encouraged to contact city hall, he said.

In other business, the city council:

• Approved a request for up to \$500 from the city's hotel/motel

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# OPINION

## Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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

### Library Book Sale

The Muleshoe Area Public Library's will be celebrating National Library Week with its annual book sale, April 8-14. Hardbacks will be 25 cents each and paperbacks 10 cents each. There will also be sacks of books for \$1.

Also, the Library Man, Woman and Volunteer of the Year will be announced during this period.

### Community Action Funding

South Plains Community Action Association has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate its comprehensive energy assistance program for low-income households, from January until Dec. 31, 2012.

For additional information contact Janie Posadas at 804 W. American Blvd., 272-7537, from 8 a.m. until noon, and 1 p.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### Disc Golf Tournament

Muleshoe will be hosting a Disc Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 14. This will be the first official event for the new Muleshoe Disc Golf Course. There will be men's, women's and junior's divisions for all skill levels from the "never have played players" to the advanced players.

Entry fees are \$10 and \$20, depending upon skill level. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and play will begin at 10:00. There will be a morning round and an afternoon round.

## Letter to the Editor

### Chamber Cheered

**To the Editor:**  
I have lived in Muleshoe, since June of 1948. When Dad moved us out here I thought I would see Cowboy and Indians on main street. But I soon realized Muleshoe was a very loving, caring community with God loving citizens.

When someone needs help there is always someone there to give a hand.

Our Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture banquet was one of the best I have been to and I have gone to many.

If you did not come out and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship, you missed a great night out in Muleshoe.

Our chamber of commerce group did

a terrific job, We need to let them know what a great time every one had. As merchants and citizens of Muleshoe we need to support the chamber in every way we can.

The chamber can only be as good as you want it to be. Remember the workers at the chamber are only there to carry out what the citizens of Muleshoe want and need.

So the next time you see a parade or event be sure you have participated and helped out all you could.

The chamber of commerce is here to promote Muleshoe and the businesses and people of our great area, let us do our part.

**Laverne Winn,  
Muleshoe**

## 'The Most Expensive Hyphen in History'

"The Most Expensive Hyphen in History."

That was the title I ran across in a Google search as I was editing and designing a recent issue of The Christian Appeal, the monthly devotional magazine my brother and I edit.

The "hyphen" in question was actually an "overbar" ("hyphen" to most of us) that a programmer failed to properly copy into "coded computer instructions" in the "data editing program" that allowed faulty guidance instructions to be sent to... guess what? A space probe! None other than NASA's Mariner 1.

Launched in 1962, Mariner 1 was supposed to head for Venus for America's



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

first planetary "fly by." Unfortunately for the 18.2 million dollar (1962 dollars!) spacecraft, the missing hyphen caused such serious guidance problems that the spacecraft had to be destroyed just 294.5 seconds into the flight. (Mariner 2 would later do the job right.)

The whole hyphen incident seems to have taken on something of "urban legend" status, clouding fact and fiction. But Mariner 1 did indeed become expensive toast, and, though the reality may well be more complicated, a

single hyphen has often received the blame.

So, you see, the moral of the story is clearly that, while computer programmers are a dime a gigabyte, what the world really needs are more conscientious English majors with a flare for proofreading. (Make that "a flair for proofreading," lest this column go off-course and crash into innocent bystanders.)

I hate proofreading, but what I hate worse is wading through slop published by careless proofreaders. Our little magazine gets proofread at least four times before it hits print. I dare anyone to find a cleaner publication (in any sense).

But it still drives me crazy when I'm reading

through an issue later and am hit in the face by an extra space that managed to creep in and hitch a ride to publication between two words that needed only one space.

Grammar is another issue, and one that recently almost caused a rift in the family. (You need to understand that my family plays Scrabble™ as blood sport.)

My younger brother Jim wrote the sentence. Editor Me passed it on. Older brother Editor Gene flagged it to be fixed.

Here's the original: "I've become acutely aware of the chaos so many 'loose ends' tends to create." The question: "tends" or "tend"? It's a subject-verb agreement issue. Brother Jim thinks "chaos" is doing the tending. Brother Gene thinks the "loose ends" tend. I just tend to be confused, but I bowed to seniority and went with "tend." I just hope the issue doesn't go off course and blow up if that's wrong.

Mistakes do creep in, don't they? In print. And, heaven knows, in life.

Thank God that he didn't forget to cross the most important T. We call it the Cross. The gift of God's Son. Truly amazing GRACE. And, yes, that's supposed to be all caps. (But Gene says italics would've been better.)

## I know what it says, but...

I know what it says... but what does it mean?

That is the question, or maybe I should say what is the subject at issue? It is discussing the end of the world and the end of time — along with a few other things.

It is essential that they all be considered together because they are related, and will happen together — that is, if they happen.

At the outset we must consider the fact that, at times, most any subject we discuss is composed of words that have different meanings. For example — take this little sentence: "He won the race. I seriously doubt that any of us can tell what it means, that is what race, and who won it?"

Was it a horse race? or a turtle race, or possibly might it have been a political race? Who knows? Nobody does until we get more information.

That is just a simple way of saying that we shouldn't be too quick or certain about our teachings and problems until we know we understand them.

The scriptures speak of the end of the world, and the end of time. But again, we have the same questions. For the 26th verse of the ninth chapter of Hebrews speaks of Christ's suffering since the foundation of the world, and it says, "But now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." But the word "world" means ages, for it is shown that way.

"The Law of Moses that had been in effect for about 1,500 years, and to which the Gentiles had been strangers, and as Paul said in Ephesians "Aliens form the Commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise. "Having no hope and without God in the world." Now there is that word again.

I'm having to work pretty hard at this today, the first day of April. I



fell in the grocery store yesterday, and my right hip is so sore today I can hardly get around. And we have other things to do in the morning.

The editors can tell I am not a good typist, and I don't have any help. But I will do the best I can.

I really didn't think I was injured enough to matter much so I walked all the way from near the rear of the store

to the front and they set me in a chair, and that's where I set the rest of the day. The personnel of the store were very kind and helped any way they could.

And a goodly number of people, men and women, young and old came by and visited with me. I don't know how to say it; but I did appreciate it and I love them; and I try to love everybody.

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## Art Show Winners Announced

The Muleshoe Art Association's Spring Show was held April 2-4 in the meeting room of Muleshoe State Bank, and the award winners announced.

This year's event was judged by Jean Smith Hensley of Ballinger.

Artists to receive "Best of Show" honors went to Sandra Chancey for "Near El Paso," and the Muleshoe State Bank Purchase Award also

went to Sandra Chancey for "Fall Colors."

Among the award recipients and their medium were:

Oils — Reagan Cox, "Reagan's Girls," first; Martha Markham, "Pink Roses," second; Marie Tidwell, "Yellow Trees," third; Jackie Hinderliter and Marie Tidwell, honorable mention.

Water Color — Jackie Hinderliter,

"Sunflowers on Chair," first; Ginnie Seifert, "Windy Laundry Day," second; Ann Johnson, "Old Barn," third; Ann Johnson, honorable mention.

Pastel — Martha Hunnicutt, "Skipper Bird," first; Allison Broughton, "Pitcher with Fruit," second; Annette Scheller, "Hummingbirds," third; Annette Scheller, honorable mention.

Miscellaneous — Joan Nix, "Cactus I," first; Bob Markham, "Inlaid Box," second; Tony Hunnicutt, "Texas Hearts," third; Frances Stegall and Joan Nix, honorable mention.

## Planning Session...

Continued from A1 fit the way Muleshoe handled things: "Perfection consists not in doing extraordinary things, but in doing ordinary things extraordinarily well."

Brunson also noted that "what happens in the future doesn't just happen in the future, we make it that way."

During the session's discussion of things in Muleshoe which the participants were most proud, Mayor Pro-Tem Irene Mason noted that she was particularly proud of the work the city and its staff had done to improve its infrastructure.

"Lets step out there and see what can be done," she said, adding that she was glad local leadership wasn't afraid to take a chance when it came to meeting the

## City Council...

Continued from A1 fund for the Comite Patriotico's and its Cinco de Mayo celebration.

• Appointed Deborah Noble and Bob Graves as the city's election judge and alternate for the May 12 election. Although there won't be any candidates standing for the city's election there will be a proposition before the people in which the city will seek to use a portion of the taxes currently designated for the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation for municipal street projects.

Should the issue fail at the polls, the city manager has previously noted that the money raised by the taxes will stay on the books and remain designated for the MEDC.

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

• Were informed that the notice to proceed for the improvements to the city's waste water treatment plant has been received, and the pre-construction conference has already been held.

needs of the community it served.

While council person Gary Parker appeared to agree with much that Mason was saying, he added that he sees it as more of a "calculated chance."

Parker talked about how important was the work that lead to the construction of the city's water park — which is about to open for its third year, but said he felt the city's new law enforcement center topped even that.

During the almost two-hour planning session, the council members discussed and listed some of the future goals and projects to be considered by the City of Muleshoe.

"It's not a goal until you write it down," Brunson said at one point. "You can't just talk about it. You've got to write it down."

Taking his own words to heart, Brunson jotted down a list of goals mentioned by the council, ranging from improvements along American Blvd. to the city's current and future water needs.

"The city of Muleshoe is in good shape when it comes to water," Brunson said, referring to a data sheet that showed Muleshoe was using about two million gallons of water less per day than it was capable of producing.



## Employee Of The Month

Leticia Mendoza of Mohawk Auto Parts was honored recently by the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture as March's Employee of the Month. Pictured above are chamber president Gina Wilkerson presenting with her certificate with Lynn and Jimmie Kay Moore, on the right, and Chad Parker and Chris Weaver on the left.



## Business Of The Month

H&R Block of Muleshoe was honored recently by the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture as March's Business of the Month. Pictured above are chamber president Gina Wilkerson, Sandra Trillo, Nancy Legg, Bea Padilla, Kay Wiseman and Chris Weaver.

## Court...

Continued from A1 about a week for the ambulance to be stocked and inspected by state officials before it could be placed into service.

Consideration and approval of payment for the ambulance was placed on the court's agenda for April 12.

## Letter to the Editor

### More Chamber Cheers

**To the Editor:**  
Our daughter, Debbie Williams, and I sure did enjoy the Chamber of Commerce Banquet this past Saturday, March 31.

Also, I enjoyed the

little magazine telling about the officers of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture that was in the *Muleshoe Journal*.

**Rose Sain,  
Muleshoe**

## HealthTip

Small changes in eating will have a big impact on health. Just don't take that second helping or skip the dessert.

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# Letter to the Editor

## Editorial Agreement

**To the Editor:**  
In the April 5 issue of the the *Muleshoe Journal*, I have just read your editorial 'Give Him Some Space'. What you wrote was better than I could have expressed in writing about our President's unintended disclosed statement to the Russian president. Barrack Obama, with Democrat elite leaders, used killers to eliminate those supporters who were working to get Hillary Clinton as the Democratic nominee for president. From my perspective, Hillary is also a traitor to this nation's constitutional

government. As Secretary of State she is working to give the UN ruling power over this nation. So that it would no longer be a sovereign nation. I think God allowed Obama to be this nation's president to alert this nation's patriots to what the progressives from Teddy Roosevelt to both Bush presidents were moving this nation toward a one world government. I appreciate your editorials which often take your readers out of Bailey county. Thanks.  
**LaVonne McKillip,**  
Muleshoe

## Sign-Up, Re-Enrollment Deadline Extended For CRP

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Bruce Nelson today announced that the sign-up deadline for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has been extended to April 13. "Due to strong interest in CRP, the decision was made to extend CRP sign-up 43 for an additional week. I encourage all eligible farmers and ranchers to take advantage of this opportunity to participate in CRP," said Nelson. "Whether new enrollees or re-enrolling existing CRP contracts, producers who sign up for CRP

help to conserve land and improve our soil, water, air and wildlife habitat resources." After the CRP general sign-up ends on April 13, FSA will evaluate offers based on cost and the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). The EBI takes into consideration variables such as wildlife habitat, water quality protection, soil erosion reduction, air quality protection and other enduring benefits. Accepted offers will become effective Oct. 1. CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them use environmentally sensitive land for

conservation benefits. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and develop wildlife habitat. In return, USDA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. Producers

with expiring contracts and producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP. Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA service center or visit FSA's website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/crp](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp) for additional information regarding CRP.




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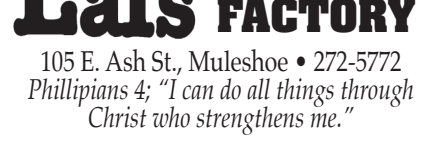
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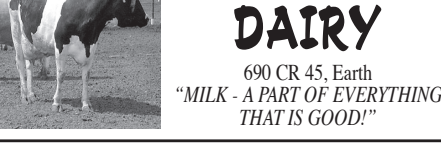


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# Super news from MISD

By Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets

Muleshoe ISD has joined the Texas Taxpayer & Student Fairness Coalition, a group of more than 500 school districts, parents and individual taxpayers that have joined together to file a lawsuit against the state. The lawsuit claims the current school finance system is not equitable, adequate, or efficient, as required by the Texas Constitution.

Attorney David Hinojosa recalls in a school funding lawsuit seven years ago, one of the judges asked the lawyers for the plaintiffs, "Where are the parents in all of this?" It was a question he didn't forget.

Parent participation is critical to the success of the lawsuit, said coalition official Ray Freeman. "The parents are seeing how the inequities in the funding system are hurting their children's education," said Freeman, deputy executive director at the Equity Center, the umbrella group for the coalition.

The state is not adequately or equitably funding our children's education, and our children's future is at stake.

For instance, Denver City ISD gets \$8,110 per student in each of the two years in the current budget cycle while Muleshoe ISD gets \$5,064. With 1500 students, that's a huge difference in funding for teachers, technology, curriculum, and other programs each year.

The goal of this lawsuit is to achieve a funding system that treats all Texas children and taxpayers fairly, and provides every child the opportunity for a world-class education.

If Muleshoe ISD had the same resources that wealthy school districts with the same number of students, we could provide much better salaries and benefits for its faculty and staff. We could also provide much more educational opportunities for our students.

If school finance laws are not changed to be more equitable, some students will not have equal access to a quality education. We will continue to have students who do not start at the same place when they graduate. We should have a system where every graduate can start at the same place. Then, the free enterprise system can work; and if someone works hard, they should be more successful. If they are able to work but fail to work hard, they should not get welfare from the state.

With inequitable school financing, we are almost creating a system that encourages a welfare system where those who have a quality education will end up having to pay for those with a poor education. The Texas legislature must make the school finance laws more equitable so that every child has access to a quality education and an equal start after graduation.

Please take a minute to show your personal support for public education and a more equitable educational system. Supporters will receive periodic progress reports leading up to and during the trial, as well as updates on the legislature's response as new school finance legislation is considered in the 2013 regular legislative session beginning in January.

Our goal is to get 10,000 people signed up, and we need your help to get there. Anyone with an email address and a concern for public education may sign up.

And, of course, signing in support of the Coalition in no way obligates you legally or financially — it is just an indication of your support and an opportunity to stay informed on the issue.

How to join the fight? Go to the Equity Center homepage at [www.equitycenter.org](http://www.equitycenter.org), and click on the "Join the Fight" icon on the lower, right portion of the screen to sign up in support.

\* Note: Signing your support of the Fairness Coalition in no way obligates you legally or financially.

## Former Muleshoe ISD Instructor Honored

Former Muleshoe High School band director Mark Heidel was recently honored as a recipient of one of the University of Iowa's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Collegiate Teaching Awards.



Mark Heidel

Heidel is among six recipients, chosen by the College's Teaching Awards Committee from nominations by students and colleagues.

He conducts the nationally recognized University of Iowa Symphony Band and teaches courses in band literature and history.

Heidel, who started his teaching career in Muleshoe in 1986, is currently the Director of Bands and associate professor in the School of Music at the University of Iowa.

Heidel currently lives in Iowa City, Iowa with his wife, Kelly, the daughter of Norris and Beckye Conklin of Muleshoe.

# Senior Citizen News

By Brittany Gibbs

We at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center hope everyone had a blessed Easter!

The center has been very blessed with wonderful seniors who come and enjoy the center, and bring laughter and smiles to all of the workers.

This week at the

center we have buncos on Tuesday, April 10.

Thursday, April 19, is our birthday party. If any of you seniors are celebrating a birthday this month come in and enjoy some yummy birthday cake, and have happy birthday from all of us at the center.

Don't forget the game day and hamburger

lunch on Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under.

We will have many games to play such as eighty, dominoes, Mexican train, and buncos.

Lunch will be a hamburger with all the fixings, chips and home made desserts, with tea and water to drink. So come out and help support the senior center and have a fun-filled day

We would like to wish anyone who is under the weather, warm get well wishes, and ask that you continue to keep Nelda Merriott in your thoughts and prayers.

Menu for April 16-20:  
Monday April 16 —

Pork chop, black eye peas, spinach, cornbread and baked apple.

Tuesday, April 17 — Macaroni with beef, tomatoes, lima beans, wheat roll, fruit and oatmeal bar.

Wednesday, April 18 — Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn and pumpkin squares

Thursday, April 19 — Hot dog on a bun, mustard, baked potato with sour cream, seasoned broccoli and pineapple gelatin.

Friday, April 20 — Breaded fish on a bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tarter sauce, potato wedges, cole slaw with dressing and peach chantilly.

All meals served with two percent milk and tea.

## Obituaries

### Frances Louise Potter

Frances Louise Potter, 96, passed away on April 3, 2012, in Llano. She was born on Aug. 10, 1915, in St. Joseph, Mo., to Jesse and Kittye Morrow Newton.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband — Herbert Henry Potter, and her son — Barry James Potter.

Frances was the treasurer for the First United Methodist Church of Sudan for 21 years.

She is survived by two sons — Robert King and wife Judy of Wimberley, and Shawn Potter and wife

Kathy of Roswell, Ga.; seven grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and two great great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the First United Methodist Church of Sudan on Tuesday, April 10.

Interment followed at Portales Cemetery in Portales, N.M.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the First United Methodist Church of Sudan, 411 Main Street, Sudan, TX 79371.

Funeral arrangements provided by Crofts Funeral Home of Blanco.

### Heriberto Vasquez Sr,

Heriberto Vasquez Sr, 66, of Clovis, N.M., passed away on Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at Odyssey Hospice in Lubbock.

Memorial services for Mr. Vasquez were held on Saturday, April 7, at Iglesia Bautista Sandia, 1100 W. Manana Blvd.

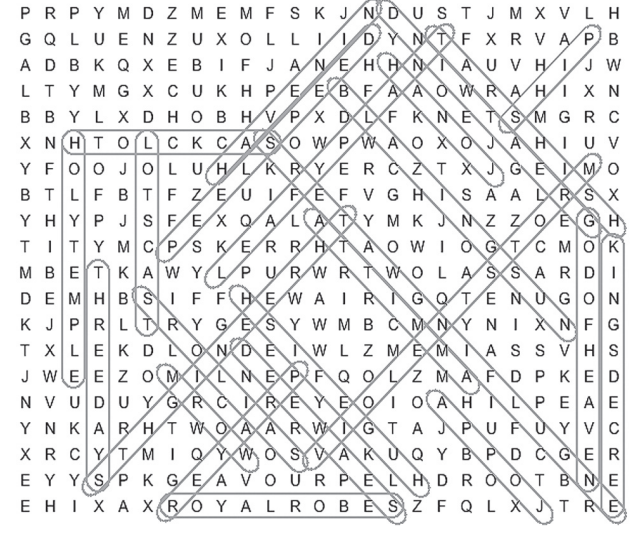
Arrangements were made under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

Heriberto was born May 15, 1945, in Monterrey N.L. Mexico to Cecilio and Petra Vasquez. He married Concepcion Martinez

on Jan. 6, 1968, in Monterrey N.L. Mexico and later moved to Clovis where he worked in maintenance for many years before being disabled.

He is survived by his wife — Concepcion Martinez of Clovis; three sons — Heriberto Vasquez Jr., Jose D. Vasquez, Gerardo Vasquez, all of Clovis; two daughters — Norma C. Briones, Sylvia Ixcol, both of Houston; a sister — Celestina Hernandez of Monterrey N.L., Mexico; and nine grandchildren.

### Jonah



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# The Sudan Buzzy

## Sudan Teams Place First, Second At Sundown



Marie Carrizales qualifies to area in the 1600-meter and the 3200-meter runs.

**By Cheri Sain**  
*Sudan Correspondent*

The Sudan boys track team placed first as a team and the Nettes placed second as a team on the district varsity level at the 2012 District 3A Track and Field Meet at Sundown on Thursday, April 5.

Several of the team members will compete at the Area track meet in Sundown on Thursday, April 12. The following students placed in the top four positions to qualify for the Area track meet.

Dayton Fisher placed first in the varsity high jump with a jump of 6'1". Tanner Fisher also placed fourth with a jump

In the varsity girls pole vault, Ashton Sawyer placed first with a height of 7'6". Keela Chester also qualified with a height of 6'6".

In the varsity boys pole vault, Gabe Zamora placed first with a height of 10'.

In the boys triple

jump, Dayton Fisher placed second with a leap of 42'10". Reece Harper placed third, right behind Dayton, with a leap of 39'5". Jake Chester also qualified in the long jump with a leap of 19'.

In the 3200-meter run, Christian Ruiz placed second within one second of the leader with a time of 11:03.74. Marie Carrizales also placed second within 20 seconds of her competitor for a time of 12:54.59.

Both Ruiz and Carrizales also placed in the top racers in the 1600-meter relay. Carrizales posted a time of 5:54.95 and Ruiz had a total time of 5:00.3.

In the girls 4x100-meter relay, Sudan placed first overall with a time of 52.60. Team members include Ashton Sawyer, Danielle Logan, Sury Rodriguez and Victoria Williams.

In the 4x100-meter relay boys division, the boys placed second with a time of 44.2. The team members include Jake Chester, Bill Nolte, Dayton Fisher and Reece Harper.

In the 100 meter hurdles, Ashton Sawyer placed 3rd with a time of 17.21. Richard Montes also qualified on the boys side with a time of 15.97.

In the 4x200-meter relay, the Sudan team placed third overall. Team members include Jasmine Weaver, Sury Rodriguez, Danielle Logan and Victoria Williams. Their time was 1:52.66. There was only a 10th of a point separating third and fourth place.

In the boys 4x200-meter relay, the Sudan team placed second overall. Team members include Jake Chester, Bill Nolte, BJ Johnson and Reece Harper. They

had a time of 1:34.31 and only .04 seconds separate it.

In the 400-meter dash, Dayton Fisher placed second with a small window at 50.98 time.

BJ Johnson placed fourth in the 300-meter hurdles which qualified him for state as well.

Victoria Williams placed first in the

200-meter dash with a time of 26.86. Osmar Diaz also qualified in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.09.

In the last race of the night, the 4x400-meter relay team placed second. Team members include BJ Johnson, Osmar Diaz, Reece Harper and Dayton Fisher with a time of 3:32.59.

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# Injuries Hender Lady Mules Track Team

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

Injuries to an individual in any sport can be devastating. But in track an injury to an individual can take that individual as well as the team all but out of the competition.

That happened to the Lady Mules this week. The District 2A Meet is scheduled for April 12, so it was decided to hope injuries would heal by Thursday and not worry about the final tune-up meet at the Acuff High School

Relays. The Lady Mules finished seventh, with 37.333 points, out of the 11 team field. Monahans won the meet with 140 points, Shallowater was second with 92.8333 points and Roosevelt was third with 92.

Post, Slaton, Littlefield, Mulleshoe, Abernathy, Dimmitt, Floydada and Slaton-B rounded out the field.

Adrienne Precure had a leap of 4 feet 8 inches in the high jump for the bronze medal. Kaylie Morris finished

sixth with a leap of 4-6. Daniela Diaz cleared 7-0 for a three-way tie for fourth place in the pole vault.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Katelyn Gable, Morris, Rube Andrade and McKenna Dunham placed sixth. Precure finished in fifth place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 17.55 seconds.

Gable, Dunham, Diaz and Morris struggled with baton and still

finished fifth with a time of 1:59.70. Precure ran a time of 52.24 in the 300-meter hurdles for fifth place.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Diaz, Morris, Andrade, and Precure won the silver medal with a time of 4:29.75.

The District 2-2A meet will be held Thursday on the eight-lane track at Abernathy High School.

## MHS Tennis Competes At Plainview

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mulleshoe High School tennis team played their first round of the District 2-2A tennistournament on the Plainview High School courts Thursday.

The Girls Doubles team of Baylee Bessire and Carly Krug played to advance to the Region I tournament to be held in Odessa April 18-19. Bessire and Krug defeated Littlefield 6-2, 6-3.

It took them three sets to defeat Tulia 7-6, 4-6, 6-2, in the semi-finals. A Tulia team defeated Bessire and Krug 1-6, 1-6, in the finals.

The team will play for second and

an opportunity to play in the Regional Tournament.

The team of McKenna Dunham and DonAnn Rempelost their opening round match to Tulia 0-6, 0-6.

Matthew Barron defeated Friona 6-2, 6-2, in the first round of Boys Singles. He defeated Abernathy 6-7, 6-2, 6-4, but lost the semi-finals match to Dimmitt 4-6, 1-6. Barron played for third place.

Alex Mendoza lost his opening round to Tulia 1-6, 1-6.

The Boys Doublesteam of Matthew Ambriz and Mateo Castillo defeated Abernathy 6-1, 6-0, but lost to Idalou 2-6, 1-6, in the semi-finals. They

played for third place on Tuesday.

Chris Cage and Caleb Wood defeated Idalou 6-4, 6-1, but lost to Tulia 1-6, 4-6.

The Mixed Doubles team of Eli Leal and Alyssa Leal defeated Floydada 7-5, 6-4, but lost to Friona 4-6, 3-6, in the semi-finals. They played for third place Tuesday.

Douglas Bartholf and Kayla Preston lost to Dimmitt in their opening round.

The junior varsity Girls Doubles team of Katelyn Gable and Kalie Lovell defeated Abernathy 4-6, 7-5, 6-2, and lost to Tulia 4-6, 5-7.

The junior varsity

Boys Doubles team of Saul Elizalde and Nacho Elizalde won the District Championship by defeating Friona 6-3, 6-1. They defeated Abernathy 7-5, 6-2, in the semi-finals and defeated Tulia 6-2, 6-2, for the championship.

Braden Bessire and Grey Johnson lost to Tulia 2-6, 1-6, and lost to Abernathy 1-6, 4-6.

JP Regalado defeated Friona in the Boys Singles 6-1, 6-1, in the opening round but lost to Abernathy 0-6, 2-6, in the semi-finals. He lost to Floydada in the third place match.

Jose Martinez lost to Tulia 4-6, 2-6.

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# Mules Fall Short In Bottom Of Seventh

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules started their second round of district Friday by hosting the Idalou Wildcats.

The game was scheduled to be held in Muleshoe but a water sprinkler malfunction forced the game to be changed to Littlefield.

The Mules trailed 6-4 going into the bottom of the seventh inning. The Mules rallied back for one run but fell short in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Matt Barron was

called out on strikes to lead off for the Mules. Saul Elizalde grounded out to the third baseman.

Austin Ross took the count full before drawing a walk. Matt Ambriz had to work harder for his two-out walk. He took the count full and had to foul two pitches off to stay alive at the plate.

The eighth pitch to Ambriz was out of the zone and he trotted down to first base.

Juan Guerrero took his first pitch for a strike. He blasted the next

pitch on the ground to the second baseman and he bobbled the ball as Ambriz ran past him and Guerrero was safe at first on the error.

The second baseman was frustrated with his error and held on to the ball. Ross left second on the crack of the bat and rounded third as Guerrero stepped on first.

Ross streaked toward home and crossed the plate before the second baseman realized what was happening.

The Mules had closed the gap to single run to

tie the game and had runners at first and second with two out.

Issac Baca took the first two pitches for balls. He took the next pitch for a strike and swung at the next two to end the Mule threat.

Idalou used a hit batsman, a balk and single to right field to score their first run.

A triple to right scored the second run and single to left brought home the third run of the inning.

A pop fly to Ambriz at third ended the top of half of the inning with Idalou leading 3-0.

The Mules held Idalou scoreless through the next three innings and finally scored in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Barron walked to lead off the inning. Elizalde hit a ground ball single past the third basemen. Ross sacrificed the runners to second and third with a bunt back to the pitcher.

Ambriz ripped a ground ball between shortstop and third base to score the Mules first

run, Barron.

Guerrero took the first pitch for a ball and Ambriz advanced to second to put Mules at second and third.

Guerrero is the Mules' clean-up batter and he blasted a ground ball back through the middle for a single that scored both Elizalde and Ambriz.

The Mules had tied the game.

Baca popped out to second for the Mules second out before Chris Lozano hit a line drive down the first base line for a single and moved Guerrero to third.

Lupe Campos' fly

ball dropped just fair down the right-field line to put the Mules in the lead 4-3 when Guerrero crossed the plate.

Idalou came back in the top of the fifth inning to score three innings and retake the lead 6-4.

The Mules did not score again until the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Mules traveled to Floydada to play the Whirlwinds for the second time.

Friona will visit the Mules Saturday, April 14. The first pitch is scheduled for noon.

## Lady Mules Softball... Continued From A1

hit the ball if we want to go very deep in the playoffs."

Samantha Vasquez was in the pitching circle for the Lady Mules and gave up just six hits to the Lady Winds. She walked just two batters, hit none and struck out six.

The Lady Mules took over the game in the second inning and sent 10 to the plate and scored six runs. Sabrina Chavez led off the second inning and her pop fly was dropped by the second baseman and she reached first base.

Daniela Mendoza ground ball single past

the first base man sent Chavez to third and put Lady Mules on first and third. Amber Lopez single just over the head of the short stop scored Chavez for the Lady Mules' first run and sent Mendoza to second.

Jessica Kube's ground ball was scooped up by the third baseman and she made the throw to second to force out Lopez but Mendoza went home to score the Lady Mules' second run. Diamond Lopez was hit by a pitch to put Lady Mules on first and second.

Linda Sanchez ripped a line drive single to left field that scored Kube for the Lady Mules' third run. Samantha Vasquez ground ball back up the middle sent D. Lopez and Sanchez home for the fourth and fifth Lady Mule runs. Vasquez wound up on third base.

Adriana Loya fly ball hit fair down the right field line and rolled away from the right fielder allowing Vasquez to score from first and Loya to go to third.

The Lady Mules led 6-0 after two complete innings. The Lady Mules added a seven run in the top of third inning. A. Lopez singled to left for a base hit. Kube

sacrificed A. Lopez to second with a bunt back to the pitcher. D. Lopez scored her twin sister with a ground-ball single up the middle.

Vasquez first walk of the game was to the lead-off Lady Wind batter in the fifth inning. The second batter went down swinging. The third batter sacrificed the runner to second and a single to right scored the first run.

A double to right scored a second run before Vasquez first pitch was turned into a ground ball to A. Lopez at short stop. She fielded the ball and threw the batter out at first with Sabrina Chavez making the catch and stepping on the bag.

The Lady Mules led 7-2 after five innings.

Floydada scored a single run in the bottom of the sixth and seventh innings.

The Lady Mules scored five insurance runs in the top of the seventh inning with A. Lopez Alondra Villareal, D. Lopez, Sanchez and Loya crossing the plate.

The Lady Mules hosted the district leading Littlefield Lady Cats Tuesday and travel to Idalou to try and even the score with that team of Lady Cats on Saturday.

## Lady Mule Golfers Hampered By Injury

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

An injury to one of the Lady Mule golfers prevented Muleshoe from having a four person team for the first District 2-2A golf tournament in Dimmitt. The Lady Mules had three girls compete as medalist.

Bailey Bales led the Lady Mules with 124 strokes on the 18-hole course. Stefani Lopez shot a 135 and Gabby Chavez finished with a total of 144 strokes.

The Mules traveled to Tulia and finished the first round in second place with a total of 376 strokes.

Colten Harris led the Mules with an 18-hole total of 84 strokes. Eli Leal shot a 91, Beau Avila was close behind with a 93 and Mateo Castillo finished with 108 strokes. Matthew Dickerson also competed and shot a 122.

John DeBruin played as a medalist and shot a 129. Britton Bealle also played as a medalist and finished with a 142.

The Lady Mules played their second and final round of district in Friona April 9 and the Mules hosted the other district teams on the Muleshoe Country Club Course.

The top two teams from the district will advance to the Region I Tournament in Odessa April 18-19.

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