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Burglary Suspects Arrested

Two Down... Two To Go

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

A series of vehicle burglaries that resulted in a pursuit and the arrest of two suspects is still under investigation.

About 6 a.m. Sunday, March 25, a resident in Muleshoe's Richland Hills addition reported a possible vehicle burglary in progress to the local police department, providing the information that a silver four-door pickup may be involved.

While in route to the victim's location, Muleshoe Police Officer Steve Clifton observed a 2006 Honda pickup matching the suspect vehicles' description as it drove through the intersection at 16th and Ave. B, and attempted to stop the vehicle.

During the pursuit that followed, Clifton said the driver of the suspect vehicle committed numerous traffic violations in his attempt to flee,

eventually striking a parked vehicle in the 500 block of W. Fifth before continuing on and crashing into the fence at the north end of Benny Douglass Stadium.

According to Officer Clifton four suspects jumped from the vehicle and attempted

"Please... please... please, keep your doors locked!"

to evade arrest on foot, of which two — the 15-year-old driver of the silver pickup, and 18-year-old Ivan Lopez, both residents of Clovis — were arrested.

The adult passenger, Lopez, was booked into jail on a charge of attempting to evade arrest.

As of Monday morning, the four suspects were believed

to have committed five burglaries in the Muleshoe area, and two others in the Clovis area, based upon the recovery of stolen property, Clifton said.

The officer also noted that the 2006 Honda allegedly involved in the local vehicle burglaries was discovered to have been stolen from Clovis sometime during the night Saturday, or during the early morning hours Sunday.

But that isn't the only vehicle the suspects are believed to have stolen.

A 2010 Buick that had apparently been stolen during the same time period as the Honda pickup was also recovered Sunday morning, and the police are investigating the possibility that the suspects that fled from the Honda were involved in its theft, also.

This isn't the first time during recent

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Sitting On A Rail

JV Mule pole vaulter Roman Franco seems to pause for a moment while crossing over the rail during his event at the Mule Relays Friday, March 23.



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'Elvis' Is Still To Perform

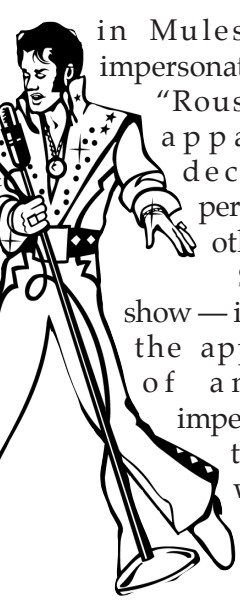
In 1977, fans of the "king of rock and roll" Elvis Presley learned their plans of seeing his performance in Baton Rouge, La., had fallen through.

In March 2012, similar fans of Presley's music and the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's leadership learned the scheduled performance of Elvis impersonator Kevin Bode — as carried

in last week's issue of the *Muleshoe Journal*, had also fallen through.

According to chamber president Gina Wilkerson the assistance of an attorney was engaged in an effort to get the planned performance back on line to no avail.

According to Wilkerson, Bode had apparently "double-booked," and when the chamber wouldn't agree to a higher performance fee to insure Bode's March 31 appearance



in Muleshoe the impersonator and his "Roustabouts" apparently decided to perform at the other venue. Still, the show — in this case the appearance of an Elvis impersonator at this coming week-end's annual chamber banquet — will go on.

Wilkerson still says she is "pumped up about this chamber banquet, and is still going round town telling everyone "Elvis is back."

It's just that it won't be

Kevin Bode's "Elvis." Wilkerson confirmed Monday that impersonator Mike Garrett of Lubbock has agreed to travel to Muleshoe and provide the chamber banquet guests with a memorable "Elvis appearance."

Styled as a "1950s throwback party," the Saturday, March 31, event will attempt to carry those familiar with the origin of Rockabilly music and Rock and Roll to the third quarter of the 20th century, and familiarize those of a younger generation with one of the most famous roots of popular music.

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Good View Of Muleshoe

Not being able to see the forest because of the trees isn't a problem in Muleshoe, especially if you're half way up an antennae. Pictured on the left, Matt Dawson of South Plains Communications works on the new antennae being installed at the Muleshoe Police Department Thursday.

Board Approves Grant Program

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a \$200,000 locally-funded technology grant during Monday's regular meeting.

"If a teacher really needs the technology,

we ought to get it for them, and give them the training to use it," Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets said during his presentation to the school board members seeking the grant's approval.

It was explained that \$700,000 was budgeted for construction this

year, of which \$200,000 has been used. Of the remaining \$500,000, the majority — about \$300,000, has already been budgeted as accounts payable to Lee Lewis Construction, leaving the \$200,000 that can be used in the grant program.

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So Slow

Participants in Saturday's Muleshoe Roadrider Rally prepare for the "Slow Race." About 300 participants attended in the annual event which included a light show, tour rides, game events and a parade.



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Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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Meals on Wheels

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

Fine Arts Night To Shine

The Muleshoe High School Fine Arts Department invites the public to its annual Fine Arts Night to Shine event on Monday, April 2. There will be a brisket dinner at 6 p.m. in the High School Commons Area. Musical performances will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the One Act play will perform at 8 p.m. To purchase tickets, see any fine arts student or call the MHS office and ask for any of the fine arts teachers. Tickets are \$8 for the meal and all performances.

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.

Muleshoe Art Show

The Muleshoe Art Association's annual spring art show is set for April 2-4, in the meeting room of Muleshoe State Bank. Awards will be presented for first through third places in oil, watercolor, pastel and miscellaneous. The show will be open to the public on Wednesday, April 4, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. For additional information, call Sandra at 946-9221, or Reagan at 965-2781.

Muleshoe Softball Association

Muleshoe Softball Association is looking to fill vacancies on its board for the upcoming women's softball league. If interested, contact Rudy Perez at 806-729-2100 or Leonor Arrieta at 806-729-2020.

Relay For Life

The Bailey County Relay for Life committee members will be at United Supermarket, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., March 29-30, to register survivors and caregivers for this year's relay — set for June 28, and sell luminaries.

Births

Raul Alejandro Muniz

Raul Muniz and Veronica Nunez announce the birth of their son, Raul Alejandro Muniz, on Feb. 23, 2012, at 7:21 p.m., at Lamb County Health Center of Littlefield. Raul weighed seven pounds, 15 ounces at birth and was 21 inches in length. His siblings are Araceli Cruz, 3, Naomi Muniz, 6, and Nayeli Muniz, 3. Raul's grandparents are Mary Jane Sanchez of Muleshoe, Guadalupe Nunez of Dallas, and Jose and Tirsia Muniz, also of Muleshoe.

Good Book Sounds Important Warning

I don't know how long it took Eugene Peterson to actually write his book *The Pastor*, but though he's written around 30 others, it took him almost 80 years to be able to write this one.

An amazing book (Peterson doesn't write any other kind), what he says for pastors and churches (and Christ's church as a whole) has never been more important for us to hear.

We live in a culture "uncongenial" not only to the vocation of pastors but to what is most truly important in the life of Christ's Body, the church.

As Peterson says, "The vocation of pastor has been replaced by the strategies of religious entrepreneurs with business plans." The church has often become just one more business among many, the only difference



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being that it specializes in religious goods and services.

Congregants become consumers, always shopping for the best deal, the best show. Congregations become competitors instead of outposts of one Kingdom. Pastors, whose idea of "success" is measured only by numbers, jump on a career ladder where God "calls" them to ever larger churches where their "effectiveness can be maximized" and the beautiful term "pastor" loses any meaning.

Always on the prowl for more exciting pastures and more promising sheep, they don't even know the names of the sheep, much less their needs

and struggles, hopes and dreams.

In their drive to be religious rock stars, "religious entrepreneurs" have little time for the sacred trust of living life walking beside "ordinary" sheep whose lives are notably short of dazzle and drama.

Desperate to orchestrate the next eye-popping program or the next worship explosion, they bow to the very temptation Christ eschewed as Satan cajoled, "Throw yourself off the pinnacle of the temple! Play to the crowd!" No addict ever needed cocaine more than they need a crowd.

Much of the religious business marketing could be carried out just as effectively if God had retired. It pays lip service to God's presence, but almost completely disregards God's most

truly amazing work: His presence in the sacred realm of what we easily disregard as the ordinary — ordinary people and places and events and life.

Somuch of the modern approach to mega-religion is profoundly disrespectful of sheep and of the Shepherd as it trades the values of the Kingdom of God for those of the kingdom of man.

The whole thing becomes impersonal, competitive, and manipulative, functional rather than relational, something to be counted and charted, quantified and graphed, and thus judged valuable or not.

Those "ordinary sheep" are God's sheep. He loves them and lives in them. What a sacred privilege to walk with them and "be present" together with "what God has done and is doing."

He That Is Good At Making Excuses Is Generally Good For Nothing Else

As far as I can remember I have never heard that referred to but one time. And that was about the first of October in 1954.

We were preparing to move from the farm to Muleshoe, which among other things meant changing our two little girls from the Three Way School to Muleshoe. And I was to assume the office of County Judge and Ex Officio County School Superintendent Jan. 1, 1955.

We had spent all our lives on the farm, and on that day I had come into town for some reason. And I was dressed as a farmer generally dresses. I was wearing a western-style hat, Levi™ trousers, and cowboy boots. I decided that while in town that day I would arrange a transfer of out two children to the Muleshoe School.

I went to the office of the high school superintendent and told him what I wanted, and gave him the reason for it. He immediately took me to each room and introduced me to the students — room by room.

I was well pleased with the superintendent, and with the reception I received from the students but was a bit embarrassed because of the way I was dressed. I felt like they would have been more favorably impressed if I had been dressed as a judge and school superintendent should be dressed — and not like a cowboy or farmhand.

We went around to all the rooms — one by one — and I made a few remarks to each class. I visited with the superintendent for a few minutes and then said, "If I had known I would be introduced



to the students on this occasion I would have dressed a little more appropriately, but I thank you for your kindness because I do appreciate it."

He then snapped his right hand — the thumb and forefinger — and said "he that is good at making excuses, is generally good for nothing else."

As well as I can remember I have never heard that quoted again by anyone. I have quite often quoted it myself, generally as a joke. But the more I think of it the more truth I can see in it. And I am pretty well certain we can create a reason for not doing a thing, or for

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School Board... Continued From A1

"We ought to encourage teachers to use technology in the classroom," the superintendent said. "It's not your grandmother's classroom anymore," board member Sergio Leal commented when it was explained how some of the modern technology is used by

teachers and students, including kindergarten students. While the school board could have spread the money across all of the classrooms in the district, Sheets thought it would be more cost effective to put the funds where they not only would be needed, but also where they

would be used. "We have some teachers who need some technology in the classroom," Sheets said, "and a local grant program will let them tell us what they're going to do with the technology... what they want, and how they're going to use it." He proposed that a

committee comprised of himself, Assistant Superintendent Carl Krug, and the district's campus principals would decide which teacher's grant application should be approved. It was also explained that the instructional technology to be funded by the MISD technology

grants won't be items initially included in the district's budget. In other business, the school board:

- Cancelled the school district's May 12 general election. Board members Thurman Myers, place 1, and Sergio Leal, place 4, both of whom were up for re-election, were unopposed at the closing of the filing period.
- Approved a waiver of the 15 percent rule for freshman STAAR exams.

approved the waiver. "We feel strongly that it should not influence the course grade," Sheets said. While the students will still have to take the STAAR exam, the test result won't affect the grades.

- Approved instructional material for 2010-2011.

It was explained that the district "no longer adopts textbooks," instead certifying that the state's lists of approved instructional materials will be used. "We're certifying that whatever we approve will be on their list," Krug said. Last year, the assistant superintendent said the district received \$150,000 for instructional materials, which will have to be

Burglaries... Continued From A1

months that suspects from the two border communities have apparently been involved in criminal activity. In January, the theft of two vehicles in the area of East Austin and Chicago in Muleshoe

was thought to be connected to a stolen vehicle from Clovis that was recovered in Muleshoe on the same night. Just as in the recent vehicle burglaries, the thefts appear to be "crimes of opportunity" in which vehicles were left unlocked, property was visible from outside, and even car keys had been in the vehicles.

Brian Frieda said. "We (the police department) continue to stress the importance of removing valuables from vehicles, securing their vehicles and most importantly reporting suspicious persons and vehicles." "In doing this very basic information will assist us in making sure that we make contact with the individuals' vehicles being reported," he added. "Things that are helpful include basic clothing descriptions, hair length and the color facial hair."

features and license plate number or the colors of the plates, is of help, and of course, the number of occupants," the police chief added. "Officer Clifton handled the situation with the upmost professionalism and regard to public safety," Frieda said. "He really did a good job."

DNA evidence was reportedly recovered from the burglarized vehicles in January, as well as the recent incidents. Individuals with information about either series of burglaries and thefts are encouraged to contact the Muleshoe Police Department at 806-272-4569.

According to Lt. Parker, Sunday's alleged thieves have admitted checking doors to the vehicles in Clovis and Muleshoe, entering those that left unlocked. "We have seen an increase in activity by individuals who reside in Eastern New Mexico, and there has been an increase in these activities across the country with rising gas prices," Police Chief

Chamber...

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The event, which will be held at the Bailey County Coliseum on West American Blvd., begins at 7 p.m.

Blue suede shoes and poodle skirts are optional. According to chamber officials, tickets for the meal — which includes a hamburger, fries and a Coke™, and the live entertainment, is \$15 for adults, and children for \$8, or a table of eight for \$100.

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Senior Citizen News

By Brittany Gibbs
 Spring has sprung, and brought along with it some very appreciated showers! Every one at the Oneita Wagon Senior Center is so thankful for the moisture that we have been blessed with and are hoping for some more.
 April is starting out with a full week of activities. Tuesday, April 3, is the first Bunko day starting at 10 a.m., and Thursday, April 5, is Bingo time, so grab a pal and come try to win some of the new prizes.
 We would like to let everyone know about our game day and

hamburger lunch fund raiser on April 21.
 We will have Dominoes, Bunko and many others.
 If you have any games or ideas come on in and tell us, so we can make this a fun day and great fund raiser for the center!
 Mark those calendars, and call up your Domino partner or some friends, and don't miss out on all the fun on April 21.
 Don't forget to get your tickets and get a chance at the flat screen television we will be giving away on July 4, it's just around the corner.
 Our thought and prayers go out to

Jimmie Crawford and Everett Reeder as they continue to get better, as well as anyone else who is feeling under the weather.
Menu for April 2-6:
 Monday, April 2 — Chopped barbecue with sauce on a bun, pinto beans, grandmas potato salad, and Mandarin oranges.
 Tuesday, April 3 — Chicken fajitas, fajita vegetables, chuck wagon corn, flour tortilla, and fruit cocktail.
 Wednesday, April 4 — Beef Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, cauliflower and broccoli, wheat roll, and apricots.
 Thursday, April

5 — Sweet and sour chicken, long grain rice with sugar snap peas, stir fry vegetables, wheat roll, lazy cake.
 Friday, April 6 — Salmon patty, baby lima beans, cole slaw, cornbread, and tropical fruit.
 Low fat milk, tea and water will served with each meal.

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

School board...

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 stretched out over a two-year period.
 This year, he added, the school district will receive about \$70,000 more.
 "But this is still less than what the district would have received (before the state's budget cuts) when the funds were separated," Krug said.
 The superintendent, who has preciously expressed strong opposition to the state legislature's current school funding bills, also weighed in. "The reason they consolidated the funds, now that the smoke has cleared," Sheets said, "was to

decrease them."
 • Discussed the district's enrollment report, in which it was noted that the district has about 60 students more than it did two years ago.
 • Approved the district's second budget amendment for the current fiscal year, moving \$46,287 in funds at the recommendation of Business Manager Daniel Harper.
 Harper also gave a financial report to the board in which it was noted that 58 percent of the district's \$12,377,949 budget — a total of \$7,085,936, had been expended to as of Feb. 12.

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Obituaries

Aurelio Cuevas, Sr.

Aurelio Cuevas, Sr. of Muleshoe passed away on March 22, 2012. He was born on Nov. 12, 1925, in San Luis Potosi Mexico, and immigrated to the United States in 1952. Aurelio was married with two children. He began the San Francisco Tortilla Factory in 1963. During the length of his life, his business was eventually passed on to his son Aurelio Cuevas, Jr. He was the proud grandfather of five, the

great-grandfather of nine and great-great-grandfather of two. Aurelio is preceded in death by his wife — Maria "Cuca" Cuevas. Aurelio is survived by his son — Aurelio, Jr. and wife Olga Cuevas; daughter — Ana M. Gonzalez, her son Sergio Gonzalez and daughter Selina Graves, Cassandra Carey, Andriana Cuevas and Aurelio III. He is also survived by all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Engagement



Rae Lyn Walkup and Toby Kitchens

Walkup, Kitchens To Wed

Scott and Janna Walkup of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their daughter, Rae Lyn Walkup, to Toby Kitchens, the son of Larry Kitchens and the late Rhonda Kitchens of Muleshoe. The prospective bride is a graduate of New Deal High School and Lubbock Christian University. She is employed at RodenSmith Pharmacy in Clovis, N.M., as a pharmacy technician. The prospective groom is a graduate of Muleshoe High School. He is employed at Texas Farm Bureau Insurance as an insurance agent in Muleshoe. The wedding has been set for July 14, 2012, at 2 p.m., in the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall of the church.

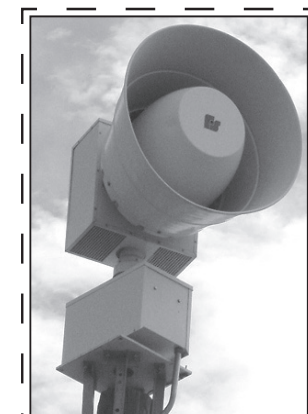
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 doing is if we so desire. I didn't say we can justify it, but we can create it. The danger of it is, if it is so easy to do it that it may soon become a habit — and if we are not careful we might lose our real strength of character. I instantly thought of the brethren in the Book of Luke, one of which had bought five yoke of oxen, and said he had to go and prove them. So he couldn't come to the supper. Another brother said he had bought a piece of ground — and he had to go and see it. So he said, "I pray thee have me excused." Now the third one had what I would

say was a good and reasonable reason for not coming. He had married a wife. But I overlooked making comment on the thing they had been invited to. It was a supper at which one party that was seated had heard that those that ate would be blessed in the Kingdom of God. Now I am aware that I got mixed up on this. But I think there is some good lessons here, such as the master was angry, and told his servants to "go out into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in hither the poor and the maimed and the halt and the blind." The servant said, "We have done that, but

there's still room." But the lord told the servant to go into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in "so my house will be filled." But none of those that were bidden would be allowed to taste of the supper." Now let us note there went great multitudes with him, and he said unto them, "If any man came to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." Now, you know it seems to me that, in the field of religion, many of us may be falling short. For as I read the book, the Lord is to be

first, but, when that is the case, it does not adversely affect family relations. And in Ephesians 5:25, Paul said, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." So we see that the words "love," "hate," and virtually every other word in the English language are used in different capacities. It is therefore essential that we make the proper distinction, if we expect to speak the truth.



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The Sudan Buzz

Sudan Students Takes Part In 3-1A UIL Contest

Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent
The District 3-1A UIL contest was held in Sundown. Local schools involved in this district included Sudan, Farwell, Morton, Springlake Earth, and Bovina along with Tahoka, Sundown, Plains, Seagraves, Olton, and Smyer.

Before the One Act Play points are added in to the point totals, the standings currently are Farwell with 317 points, Sundown with 312 points, Plains with 286 points, Sudan with 249 points, Tahoka with 81 points, Springlake Earth with 60 points, Morton with 32 points, Seagraves with 26 points, Olton with 20 points, Smyer with 6 points, and Bovina with 0 points.

In Accounting, Adam Harper placed first, and

Joaquin Azua placed fifth while Sudan's Jade Goen placed sixth.

In Computer Science, Adam Harper placed first while Joaquin Azua placed fifth.

In Editorial Writing, Janelle Vanderlei placed third.

In Feature Writing, Dakota Rogers placed third.

In Headline Writing, Sudan's Janelle Vanderlei placed sixth.

In Informative Speaking, Deric McCurry placed second.

In Lincoln Douglas debate, McCurry placed first while Mackenzie Lance placed fourth.

In Literary Criticism, Alex Hernandez placed first.

In Mathematics, Adam Harper placed fifth. Harper also placed fourth in Number Sense while Mitch Edwards

placed third. In News Writing, Jessica Barrett placed fourth.

In Persuasive Speaking, Dex Baker and Brianna Azua placed fifth and sixth.

In Poetry, Adam Martin and Jacob Drennan placed fifth and sixth.

In Biology, Mitch Edwards placing third overall.

In Social Studies, Alex Hernandez placed sixth.

In team events, Sudan earned first place team in Accounting.

In Computer Science, Sudan placed second as a team. In Cross Examination Debate, Sudan placed second overall. Sudan placed second overall in Social Studies.

As a speech team, Sudan placed second overall.



Front row — Bryleigh Schovajsa, Ryan Fred, KyLee Shultz, Osmar Diaz, Madi Edwards, Hailee Gonzales-Diaz and Mackenzie Lance; back row — Luke Tiller, Jacob Markham, Reese Harper, Adam Martin, Kendon Drennan, Janelle Vanderlei and Jacob Drennan.



Reese Harper, Ryan Fred, KyLee Shultz, Janelle Vanderlei and Jacob Drennan

SHS Golf Team Take Sundown Tourney

Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent
The Sudan golf team began their season with a tournament in Sundown on Monday and Tuesday, March

19-20. The Sudan boys played on Monday, and the girls played on the Tuesday schedule.

The Sudan Nettles Gold Team won the

tournament with a score of 436. The Black team placed third with a 440.

The girls were split evenly, and only four strokes separated their

final scores. The top two scores for the Nettles were Ashlee Koontz and Harlee Koontz who tied with a 99. Other scores include KyLee Shultz with a 104, Bailee Black with a 105, Caitlyn Netherland with a 112, Julie Gonzales with a 112, Madi Edwards with a 115, and Keela Chester with a 120.

The Sudan boys could only play nine holes due to rain. After nine holes of play, the team finished in fifth place, and Jake Chester finished fourth individually with a 43.

Other team members include Kort Hill who scored a 48, Dayton Fisher who scored 50, Luke Tiller who scored 50, Brandon Locke who scored 53, and Adam Martin who scored 56.

The teams next meet will be at Farwell on March 28-29.

JV Track Places At SE Tourney

Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent
The Sudan Junior High track teams participated in the Springlake Earth JH Wolverine Relays on March 20.

The girls team came in second while the boys team placed first.

In the girls division, Shaylee Johnson placed first in the 100 meter dash and the 200 meter dash.

Ashton Shultz placed third in the 200 meter dash. In the 800 meter run, Isabel Chacon placed sixth.

In the 4x100 meter relay, the Nettles placed first with a time of 56.96 seconds. Team members include Ashton Shultz, Jaydyn Valdez, Eliana Herrera, and Shaylee Johnson.

In the 4x200 meter relay, the Nettles placed fourth with a time of 2:13.43. Team members included Eliana Herrera, Kimberlee Gonzales, Jaydyn Valdez, and Ashton Shultz.

In the field events, Ashton Shultz placed fourth in the high jump and second in the triple jump.

Shaylee Johnson

placed fifth in the long jump. Mykaela Alvarez placed first in the shot put and Megan Capers placed second.

In the discus throw, Megan Capers placed first, Mykaela Alvarez placed second, and Jaydyn Valdez placed third.

In the boys division, Harris Chester placed first in the 100 meter dash. Rance Johnson placed fourth in the 200 meter dash.

In the 400 meter dash, Ashton Bartley placed first with a time of 1:03.40. Derek Tovar placed third, and Greg Wood placed fifth.

In the 800 meter run, Greg Wood placed fourth and Rance

Johnson placed sixth. In the 1600 meter run, Marcus Gonzales placed third overall with a time of 6:27.06.

In the 110 meter hurdles, Stephen Schovajsa placed first with a time of 18.84.

Alex Rodriguez placed fourth, Joe Luis Melendez placed fifth, and Teaguen Nolte placed sixth.

In the 300 meter hurdles, Joe Luis Melendez placed first with a winning time of 54.35.

Brady Fields came in with a close second time of 54.59. Teaguen Nolte placed third.

In the 4x100 meter relay, the Sudan team

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Mule Track Team Takes Gold In Relay

By Delton Wilhite  
Sports Writer

The Mule track team just eased past Plainview for the gold medal in the Mule Relays Friday. The Mules scored 163 points for the win.

Plainview finished with 160 points; Slaton had 94, Dimmitt 85.5, Friona 72.5, Floydada 31 and Friona B 0.

Junior Baca had a personal best in the 800-meter run with a time of 1 minute 58.8 seconds for the gold medal.

He also won the gold medal in the 400-meter dash with a time of 51.37.

Austin Ross won his first of two gold medals in the long jump with a leap of 22 feet 2.50 inches. Ray Martinez won the silver medal with a leap of 20-3.50.

Jesus Roman won the gold medal in the shot put with a heave of 37-2.50.

Juan Guerrero took the bronze medal with a toss of 37-0.50 and Issac Baca placed fourth with a throw of 36-9.50.

Adrian Rodriguez had a gold medal distance of 105-11 in the discus. Alex Vida won the bronze medal with a throw of 101-10 and Guerrero was fifth with a distance of 99-7. Caleb Wood placed fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 37-9.

Eli Leal cleared 5-6 in the high jump for the bronze medal. Shawn Atwood also cleared 5-6 for fifth place.

Xavier Reyes placed sixth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.32.

Saul Elizalde had a

silver medal time of 24.15 in the 200-meter dash and Lupe Campos won the bronze medal with a 24.40.

Leal won the bronze medal in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:10.68 and Chris Cage finished fourth with a time of 2:12.11. Leal placed sixth in the 1600-meter run with a 5:25.15.

Ross' second gold medal was in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.85. Chris Lozano placed sixth in the 300-meter hurdles with a 50.02.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Martinez, Ross, Wood and Saul Elizalde won the bronze medal with a time of 45.21.

Martinez, Elizalde, Wood and Lupe Campos teamed up the 4x200-meter relay to win the bronze medal

with a time of 1:34.62. The 4x400-meter relay team of J. Baca, Ross, Martinez and Cage won the silver medal with a

3:32.05. The Mules will compete in the Antelope Relays Friday and then travel to Roosevelt

for the Eagle Relays Thursday, April 5. The district meet will be held in Abernathy on April 12.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Mule Blain Shipman floats over the bar during Friday's high jump competition.

## SAVE WATER



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Lady Mule Celeste Flores leads in the 300-meter hurdles.

## Lady Mules Take Silver

By Delton Wilhite  
Sports Writer

The Lady Mules scored 177 points in the Mule Relays Friday but came up two points short of first place.

Friona won the meet with 179 points, Slaton was third with 122, Dimmitt had 54, Floydada 31 and Plainview finished with 24.

"We had three girls set personal records Friday," Lady Mule track coach Benjie Jay said. "Adrienne (Precure) set two new bests for herself in the 300-meter hurdles and pole vault. Celeste (Flores) also set two new personal records in the 300-meter hurdles and long jump. Katelyn (Gable) set a personal record in the 200-meter dash."

"Our three relay teams had times better than we have seen in the last five years. Hopefully they will get better by district. I was really concerned about our team before the season started because they are so young. We have one junior and no seniors. The rest of the team are freshmen and sophomores and they are competing very well at this point."

Adrienne Precure had a personal best in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 50.78 seconds for the gold medal. She also had a personal best in the pole vault and cleared the bar at 9 feet even for

her second gold medal.

Celeste Flores personal best time in the 300-meter hurdles was for the silver medal in a time of 51.81. She won the gold medal in the long jump with a personal best leap of 14-7.

Katelyn Gable's personal best time of 28.22 in the 200-meter dash tied her for the gold medal. She lost the coin flip and was awarded the silver medal. McKenna Dunham finished fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 29.82.

Miranda Garza won the bronze medal in the first race of the day. She ran a 14:39.24 in the 3200-meter run.

Stephanie Martinez placed sixth with a 15:04.09. DonAnn Rempé and Liliana Vasquez placed fifth and sixth in the shot put with distances of 26-6 and 25-1.50 respectively.

Dunham was sixth in the discus with a throw of 70-1. Flores had a bronze medal distance of 30-1. Kaylie Morris leaped to the silver medal with a height of 4-8. Precure was right behind her for the bronze medal with a leap of 4-6. Daniela Diaz placed fifth in the pole vault by clearing 7-0.

Rube Andrade had a bronze medal time of 1:07.40 in the 400-meter

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# Lady Mules Defeat Abernathy, Fall To Littlefield

By Delton Wilhite  
Sports writer

Lady Mules softball team remained undefeated Tuesday with a 17-7 win over the Abernathy Lady Lopes. It was the second 10-run rule win in district play. The Lady Mules faced the best pitcher in district Saturday in Littlefield. The Lady Cats defeated the Lady Mules 6-3 in the battle for the district lead.

"We are so young and are starting four freshmen," said Lady Mule coach Jason Cole. "But the girls have responded well to our coaching and have a winning attitude. Scoring five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to have a chance to end the game was big for us."

Abernathy's lead-off batter singled to left field and stole second base. The Lady Lope scored on a base hit to right field before the inning ended. It was the last time Abernathy would lead the game.

Linda Sanchez was hit by a pitch to lead off for the Lady Mules and advanced to second on the first pitch to Samantha Vasquez. She stole third base and beat the throw to the bag. Vasquez ground ball to the shortstop was bobbled and Sanchez went home and Vasquez was safe at first. The run tied the game 1-1.

Vasquez was caught stealing for the Lady Mules first out. Adrian Loya was hit by a pitch. Dominique Mata walked and Loya moved to second base. A passed ball allowed Loya to advance to third and Mata to second. A throwing error on the

catcher brought Loya home and Mata to third. Mata scored on a passed ball to extend the Lady Mule lead to 3-1.

Sabrina Chavez walked, stole second and went to third on a passed ball. The shortstop made a second error in the inning when Samantha Ramirez slapped a ground ball to short. Chavez scored on the error and Ramirez was safe at first. Chavez run gave the Lady Mules a 4-1 lead after one inning of play.

Vasquez held the Lady Lopes scoreless in the top of the second inning by striking out two and Danni Diaz camped under a pop fly at short.

Jessica Kube ripped a line drive down the third base line for a double. Kube stole third base and went home on a passed ball. Sanchez popped out to the shortstop for the first out.

Vasquez was hit by a pitch and advanced to second. Loya singled to left field to score Vasquez and went to second on a throwing error. She went to third on a passed ball. Mata went down swinging for the second out. Chavez singled to center field and scored Loya. It was the third and final run of the inning and gave the Lady Mules a 7-1 lead after two innings.

Abernathy rallied in the third inning for four runs on two hits and two Lady Mule errors. The Lady Mules regrouped in the bottom half of the inning for five runs on two hits and two Lady Lope errors to take a 12-5 lead.

Abernathy led off the fourth inning with a base

hit to center field. An error allowed the second batter to reach first base. Both runners scored but the Lady Mules slammed the door shut after that.

Miranda DeBruin tracked down a fly ball near the right field foul line for the first out. Vasquez fought off a hot-shot back to the pitching circle and made the throw to Chavez at first. Vasquez froze the batter with a pitch on the inside of the plate for the third strike and final out of the

inning. The Lady Mules needed five runs to try and end the game on the 10-run rule in the bottom of the fourth inning. The left fielder dropped DeBruin's fly ball and DeBruin went to second. She took third on a wild pitch.

Sanchez singled to left field and scored DeBruin. Sanchez went to second on a wild pitch and stole third base. Vasquez walked and advanced to second and Loya drew a walk on four straight

pitches. Mata appeared to be on her way to a walk with three balls. The Abernathy pitcher delivered a strike and Mata hit a line drive to right center field for a triple and scored Sanchez, Vasquez and Loya. Mata scored on a passed ball to put the Lady Mules up 17-7 after four innings.

Mandy Scolley charged a ground ball at third and made the long throw to first for the first out of the fifth inning. The second

batter got a base hit to left and went to second on a passed ball. The next two batters went down swinging to leave the base runner stranded at second.

The Lady Mules hosted the Idalou Lady Cats Tuesday afternoon and travel to Dimmitt Saturday. The Lady Mules will open the second round of district in Floydada April 3. They return home April 10 to play Littlefield.

## Lady Mule Track...

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dash. Carolina Franco ran a bronze medal time in the 800-meter run of 2:49.38. Franco took the silver medal in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:22.97. Garza won the bronze medal in the 1600 with a 6:32.79.

Precure won the gold medal in the 100-meter hurdles with a 17.31 and Diaz took the silver medal with an 18.21.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Gable, Morris Andrade and Flores had a bronze medal time of 53.87.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Gable, Dunham, Diaz and Morris ran a 1:55.44 for the gold medal. Flores, Morris, Andrade and Precure teamed up to

win the gold medal in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 4:23.46.

"Coach Kirk Byrd and I would like to thank everyone who helped make the junior high and varsity Mule Relay meets a success. Both meets were run off very smoothly and we had great weather. None of this would have been possible without all of the workers who took time out of their schedule to help. I know the athletes appreciate it also," said Jay.

The Lady Mules will run in the Antelope Relays in Abernathy Friday and the Eagle Relays at Roosevelt Thursday on April 5.

The district track meet will be held in Abernathy on April 12.



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# SPORTS NEWS

## Sudan JV Track... Continued From A6

placed first with a winning time of 51.72. Team members include Marcus Gonzales, Harris Chester, Carson Phillips, and Stephen Schovajsa. The Black team placed third. Team members include John Paradez, Alex Rodriguez, Daniel Tinerjero, and Marco Godinez.

In the 4x200 meter relay, Sudan Team A placed first. Team members include Bartley, Chester, Gonzales, and Phillips. Sudan Boys Black placed second with team members Derek Tovar, Paradez, Godinez, and Tinejero.

In the 4x400 meter relay, Sudan Boys Black

wins with a time of 4:25.31. Team members include Tovar, Paradez, Tinejero, and Rodriguez. Team A placed third with team members Schovajsa, Phillips, Melendez, and Bartley.

In the field events, Ashton Bartley placed second in the high jump. Stephen Schovajsa

placed second, Teaguen Nolte placed fifth, and Brady Fields placed sixth.

In the long jump, Harris Chester placed second and Carson Phillips placed third. In the triple jump, Stephen Schovajsa placed first with a jump of 32'4". In the shot put, Joe Luis Melendez placed sixth.

## Sudan Tennis Team Plays At Sundown

The Sudan Tennis Team competed at the Sundown Tennis Tournament for their first meet of the season.

Dayton Fisher and Jake Chester took third in the boys' doubles for a medal.

Gabriel Zamora defeated last year's district champion singles and lost in the match for the 3rd place medal.

Stormi Peck and Danielle Logan lost in the quarterfinal match. Jasmine Godinez also played in the

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Heidi Moore was our citizen of the month.

The annual bake sale was discussed and it was decided that it will

take place on March 31.

The penny drive that we set for the month of February will be extended until Wednesday, March 7, so we can have more donations to give to

the funds for kids with Leukemia.

Our next meeting will be held at Samantha Reyna's house possibly the Monday after Spring Break.

Meeting was adjourned.

## Super news from MISD

By Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets

The Muleshoe High School Fine Arts Department will host their annual Fine Arts Night to Shine this Monday, April 2, in the Muleshoe High School Commons Area.

You will be able to see and hear a sampling of many of the successful programs of our Fine Arts Department.

Beginning at 6 p.m., there will be a brisket dinner for everyone to enjoy in the MHS Commons Area.

Musical performances by award-winning ensembles of the MHS Band and MHS Choir will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The MHS One Act Play will perform Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet at 8 p.m. in the Kerry Moore Auditorium.

The MHS One Act Play advanced to the Area One Act Play contest by virtue of its outstanding

performance at the District UIL One Act Play contest last week. The Area One Act Play contest is scheduled for April 10.

The MHS Art Department will have students' art work displayed for everyone to see during the evening. MHS Speech students will also participate in the event.

There will be an auction that proceeds along with the performances, with various items from our community.

To purchase tickets, see any Fine Arts student, or call the MHS office and ask for any of the fine arts teachers.

Tickets are \$8 for the meal and all performances. The Fine Arts Night to Shine is hosted by the MHS Fine Arts Boosters.

All proceeds go directly to Fine Arts student activities.

Fine Arts students from Muleshoe High School have had a particularly successful year, so come out for some very special performances, as well as a few surprises! See you April 2.

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