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Candidate Talks About Muleshoe Roots

By Larry Thornton Editor

State Sen., and Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Wendy Davis spoke of her memories of Muleshoe during her speech Friday at the Panhandle Press Association's annual convention, held at Dumas.

Davis, the granddaughter of Nealy and Lela Stovall of Muleshoe, spoke of her summers in

Muleshoe... memories she said became even more important to her

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— Sen. Wendy Davis

after the divorce of her parents, including when her uncle — Jack Stovall, who worked at the local Piggly Wiggly supermarket, taught her at age 12 to drive on FM 54 between Littlefield and Muleshoe.

But while she spoke fondly of her childhood memories,

Davis also addressed what she believes to be key needs in the State of Texas, including improvements in economics and educations.

"Standing still... business as usual, is no

way to insure that Texas will lead in the 21st century," Sen. Davis said.

Referring to her personal history, she said, "Where you start should not determine how far you will go."

"Does anyone believe that Texas can succeed in the 21st century economy if we can't offer our kids a 21st century education?" Davis asked.

She said it wasn't "breaking news" that

Texas won't remain the best place to do business in the world economy if the state doesn't maintain "world-class schools."

"Education is a promise we make to our kids. Stay in school, work hard... study, and you can achieve anything," Davis said. "Public education is a promise that we make to each other, and to the generations that will follow us."

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State Sen. Wendy Davis



Safe!

Photograph by Gabby Perez

Junior Varsity Mule Bryce Maurico slides in safe at third base during the recent game against Dimmitt.

Journal Honored At PPA Convention

The Muleshoe Journal returned from the Panhandle Press Association's annual convention with another stack of awards from the association's "Better Newspaper Contest."

This year, the Journal received 10 awards out of the 16 categories judge by the Texas Gulf Coast Press Association. Those wins were as follows:

- First place — Humorous Columns, Sports Writing and Sports Photography.
- Second place — Serious Columns and Headline Writing.

"Wow! All newspapers should think about this!" the judges said about editor Larry Thornton's column about postal problems being experienced by

the Journal. • Third place — Feature Stories, Editorials, News Photography, News Writing and Advertising Design.



"Two hard news stories that delivered," the judges said, referring to the submitted entries about the Cardon murder trial and a local educator who became involved with one of her students.

"Good use of color and graphics," the judges said about the Journal's ad design work.

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Muleshoe Track Teams Competes At Brownfield

By Delton Wilhite Sportswriter

The Lady Mule, Mule and JV Mule track teams participated in no field events and only four running events.

Jackie Rayas placed fifth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 13 minutes and 27.87 seconds.

Mireya Ruvulcaba ran a silver medal time of 1:05.31 in the 400-meter dash. She also placed fifth in the 800-meter run with a 2:40.20.

Miranda Acevedo finished fourth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:10.08.

Mario Flores placed sixth in the 3200-meter run with an 11:40.66.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Francisco Elizalde, Jesus Manzanares, Aaron Ross and Matthew Barron also finished sixth with a time of 1:38.45.

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Mule Beto Diaz competes at Brownfield.

MAHD Board Candidates Respond

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

In this week's issue, we have the responses received from the Dist. 1 candidates Dusty Clayton and Herb Ramage (incumbent).

Please provide us with a little biographical information:

Clayton — I have been involved in the Muleshoe community my whole life. I loved

living here so much after graduating from West Texas A&M University with a degree in corporate

School. I spent 28 years working in four successful businesses. Please list your

communications I moved my wife, Lindsey, and I back here to work in finances.

Ramage — I have lived in the district for over 70 years. [have been married to my wife Betty for 57 years, and have raised three kids who all graduated from Muleshoe High

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

Clayton — I am experienced in the financial world. I can read balance sheets, profit and loss statements, etc. This is very important for

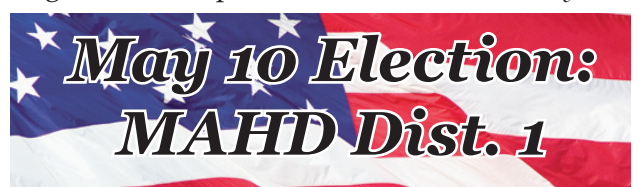
someone on the board to know how to do.

I did not wake up one day, and dream at running for the hospital board so I can say, "I am on the board."

I am running because I truly believe Muleshoe would suffer without the hospital, and I want to see it around for my kids and future generations.

Ramage — I have been on the board for four years, but have attended board meetings for 16 years, and have a dedicated interest in the hospital and Park View, as well

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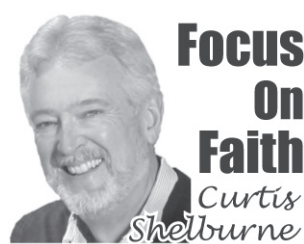
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OPINION

Ten Rules For A Good Clean Fight



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

Mark it down: All couples sometimes fight.

If you'd prefer, I could spin that a tad: "All couples sometimes have serious and somewhat warm discussions."

That is nothing but normal, and may even be healthy — far better than the immature, toxic, and utterly unfair "I'm clamming up," passive aggressive, silent approach no adult (or child) should be allowed to get away with.

I got this outline years ago from friend and colleague Lyndon Latham.

I'm not sure where he got it, but there's a boatload of wisdom in "Ten Rules for a Good Clean Fight."

1) Before we begin, we must both agree that the time is right (Jeremiah 6:14; Psalm 141:3). Early in the morning or late at night are probably bad times. And why mess up a good meal?

2) We will remember that our only aim is

deeper understanding (James 1:19-20). Remember that you love one another.

Take turns speaking but mostly, listen!

Your mate may just need to blow off some steam.

But if you know you're wrong, just admit it.

If you're always right, you're "wrongest" of all. And one wise man smilingly told his son who'd ticked off his girlfriend: "You can be right or you can be happy. Not both."

3) We will check our weapons often to be sure they are not deadly (Matthew 5:21-22a; James 3:6).

Phasers should be set to "stun" and not "kill."

You know your mate, weaknesses included, better than anyone else. You can hurt your mate

more than anyone else if you so choose. Don't! 4) We will stick to the issue (Proverbs 10:19).

No exhaustive lists of each other's faults. And never in a fight use the words "always" or "never."

They are always unfair and never true.

Use "I feel" statements rather than "You" statements.

5) We will lower our voices one notch instead of raising them two (Proverbs 15:1).

A shouter deserves to lose.

6) We will never discuss or reveal private matters in public (Proverbs 10:8). Duh!

7) We will never involve the children in the battle (Proverbs 10:12). "Never" fight in front of the kids or enlist their aid.

8) We will never resort to violence (Proverbs 29:11).

Anger properly vented is not bad, but violence is absolutely off-limits.

9) We will discuss

an armistice whenever either partner calls "halt." (Ephesians 4:26). Listen! When your mate signals, "Time out," stop.

Some discussions will take longer than one session.

One couple's signal is: "Let's refer this to the committee."

10) When we have come to terms, we will put the issue away until we both agree that it needs more discussion (Matthew 5:9).

Some things you can agree on quickly. Some things you will never agree on.

Don't back your mate into a corner and force agreement where there is none.

If you're the more forceful spouse, this means you especially need to avoid the former temptation and take care of, rather than manipulate, your mate.

Let the Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12) and the Love Chapter (1 Corinthians 13) be your constant guides.

Risk management disclaimers: No. 1 — If you think I'm writing this because of any discussion my wife and I are presently having, get real.

I'm not that much of an idiot, and my life is not that boring. No. 2 — If you think I'm writing this because of any fuss any couple I presently know is presently having, nope, and I direct you to the previous sentence.

Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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

Muleshoe Art Show

The Muleshoe Art Association will be hosting its annual art show, April 7-11, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., in Muleshoe State Bank's meeting room. The show is open to both members and non-members.

Individuals wishing to participate in the show must submit their entries on April 7, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Judging will take place on Tuesday, April 8, at 9:30 a.m., followed by critiques and awards at 1:30 p.m., the same day.

Holy Week Schedule

The Bailey County Ministerial Alliance will be hosting various Holy Week services April 13-20.

The Community Palm Sunday service will be at 6 p.m., April 13, at the First Baptist, with the Rev. Mindy McLanahan of the First United Methodist Church delivering the message.

At noon on Monday, April 14, the meal will be at the First Baptist Church, with the Father Sergio Leal of St. Clements delivering the message.

At noon on Tuesday, April 15, the meal will be at the First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner of the First Baptist Church delivering the message.

At noon on Wednesday, April 16, the meal will be at the First Baptist Church, with the Rev. David Snodgrass of the First Assembly of God delivering the message.

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

Weekly Fish Fry

Immaculate Conception Catholic Center, 805 Hickory, will be hosting a fish fry fund raiser on Friday nights, March 14 through April 11, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The menu includes fish, fries, beans, coleslaw, hush puppies and desert.

Adults plates are \$8, and children 6 to 10 years of age are \$5 per plate. Carry out and delivery is available. Call 272-4167 for additional information, or to order.

MHS Blood Drive

Muleshoe High School will be hosting a blood drive in honor of Joseph Bustillos on Wednesday, April 16, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center's bloodmobile will be at 514 W. Ave. G for the event. Photographic identification or a donor ID card is required, and donors must either be 17 years of age, or 16 years of age with a signed parental consent.

For an appointment, sign up in the high school's front office. Walk-ins are welcome.

Senior Center Fund Raiser

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

The meal will be by donation and will be a prime rib steak lunch with a baked potato, tossed salad and dessert.

Call 272-4969 for additional information.

Muleshoe To Celebrate Library Week

This week, the Muleshoe Area Public Library joins libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating National Library Week, a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians and library workers.

Libraries today are more than repositories for books and other resources.

Often the heart of their communities, campuses or schools, libraries are deeply committed to the places where their patrons live, work and study.

Libraries are trusted places where everyone in the community can gather to reconnect and reengage with each other to enrich and shape the community and address local issues.

Librarians work with elected officials, small business owners, students and the public at large to discover what their communities needs are and meet them.

Whether through offering e-books and technology classes, materials for English-language learners, programs for job seekers or those to support early literacy, librarians listen to the community they serve, and they respond.

The Muleshoe Area Public Library serves the Muleshoe area by providing databases, e-book consortium, public computers, videos, audios and books.

"Service to the community has always been the focus of the library," said Librarian Dyan Dunagan.

"While this aspect has never changed, libraries have grown and evolved in how they provide for the needs of every member of their community." The Muleshoe

Area Public Library is celebrating National Library Week by naming the Library Family of the Year, having the Friends of the Library's Annual Book Sale and Amnesty Week.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library

Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

For more information, visit the Muleshoe Area Public Library at 322 W. Second, call 272-4707, or visit the library's website at wtls.tsl.state.tx.us/mapl.

Libraries hours are Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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Wendy Davis... Continued From A1

She says Texans must better prepare their children for the 21st century, referring to projections that in 25 years 20 percent of

the state's labor force won't have a high school diploma, and the average household income will drastically reduce.

According to Davis, a candidate for governor should be willing to talk about how he or she would be willing to "move the state

forward," suggesting that Republican opponent Greg Abbott is not. She talked about the importance of "full-

day" pre-kindergarten programs, and other aspects of early education programs. Davis described the state's school funding formula as being antiquated, with the same assumptions in place that were in place when her now adult daughter was born.

public schools. "Our kids need a 21st century education, yet his approach falls far short from that," she said.

MAHD Candidates... Continued From A1

as the community. I have a knowledge of the operations of the hospital district, and what it takes to make it work.

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

Clayton — The hospital itself is the asset. Having medical care so close to the members of our community is a huge advantage to living here. The hospital employs many members of our community, and

contributes to our overall economy.

Ramage — One of the hospital district's greatest assets is its need to be in this community. We need to strive to keep the hospital and Park View.

Another asset of the hospital district is its approximately 170 dedicated employees who depend on their jobs for their livelihood.

(4) What do you perceive to be the greatest problems faced by the hospital district,

and how would you suggest these problems be addressed?

Clayton — The hospital is in financial stress right now. Cutting expenses such as supplies and salary are not making the hospital money.

In order to make money, we have to invest into other assets, not cut... cut... cut until the quality of the hospital is gone.

I would explore different assets of the hospital could have in

order to make more revenue.

Ramage — One of the greatest problems the hospital district faces is lack of community interest, as well as government funding cuts and mandatory regulations.

One way the community could show interest is by voting and their willingness to run for the board, as well as in attending board meetings.

By
Superintendent
Dr. Gene Sheets

Super news from MSD

Local Students Dominate Sports Medicine Competition

Muleshoe High School recently competed in the 2014 West Texas Sports Medicine Competition, and I am proud to say that Muleshoe High School is the overall team champion.

Our competition is the only national qualifying event for the AACI National Competition for Sports Medicine in Texas.

There were 70 students from eight high schools across the State of Texas that competed in this contest.

Muleshoe High Students went up against much larger classification schools — such as Frenship, Burleson Centennial and Bryan — and proved, once again, that our students are willing to put in extra time and effort to make sure that we had an awesome showing in this contest.

As if winning the team championship wasn't enough, our students hold seven of the top 10 spots in the competition.

Here is a breakdown of their standings:

Idali Cruz — Advanced — first place (highest overall score in competition)

Lisett Mojica — Beginner — second place

Braden Bessire — Advanced — second place

Marissa Reyes — Beginner — third place

Jacqueline Huerta — Advanced — third place

Alexandra Baca — Advanced — fifth place

Danny Campos — Beginner — fifth place

These students will compete in the National Sports Medicine Competition later this May.

These students have worked very hard to prepare themselves for this competition.

The American Academic Competition Institute (AACI) developed the High School Sports Medicine Championships.

The goal of the AACI is to give students from across the nation an opportunity to excel in their chosen areas of study through online competition and testing.

AACI developed the online National High School Sports Medicine Championships to help test and celebrate high school students' Sports Medicine/Athletic Training knowledge.

In an effort to reduce the high costs of creating a national championship, and in order to ensure that all qualified participants have the opportunity to compete at the national level, AACI created a unique online event to challenge the minds of high school students.

Schools that competed in a state/regional sports medicine competition and placed in the top 10 in their division were eligible to participate in this National Sports Medicine Championship Competition.

In addition, individual students from schools that did not place in top the top 10 of their divisions can also complete if they placed in the top 25 individual finishers of their state/regional competition.

The National Championships Exam will consist of questions in the following areas:

First aid and CPR; emergency procedures; medical terminology; legal issues; physiology; anatomy and evaluation techniques for the foot, ankle, and lower leg; soap notes; anatomic questions; and a video practical.



Business Of The Month Announced

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Evolve as the March Business of the Month. Pictured above are Ashley and Trevor Turnbow, Angel and Cory Hunt, Kris Phillips, and chamber president Gina Wilkerson.

PPA Press Awards...

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"Accident photo shows good action and color," the judges noted about a news photograph the *Journal* entered.

Although not receiving an award in the category, the judges complimented the *Journal's* headlines, photography and use of color in its front page layout.

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KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration for all 2014-2015 Sudan Elementary Kindergarten students will be held April 15-17 in the Sudan Elementary school office. Hours for pre-registration will be from 7:30am - 3:00pm. To be eligible, a student must be five years old on, or before, September 1, 2014. Parents will need to bring their child's birth certificate, shot record, and social security card. For more information please call 806-227-2431 ext 129.

Senior Citizen News

The countdown continues, six more Sundays when the big day at your Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, where the lunch fund raiser will occur.

Yes, the fund raiser will be on Sunday, May 18, after church. Are you getting ready?

Mark your calendar to reserve that time.

On Wednesday, April 23, the senior center will host the annual free health fair, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event is sponsored by South Plains Association of Governments of Luggock.

The information booths will consist of medical management, blood pressure, home safety, bone density screening, diabetes

screening and shoe assessment, nutritional screening, cholesterol screening, hearing screening, and vision screening.

There also will be benefit counselors at the center with applications for extra help for prescription drugs, Medicare or part B premiums. Be sure to come by.

Tuesday, April 15, is a morning of Bunko starting about 10 a.m., in addition to the usual games of dominoes and eighty.

Don't forget that Thursday, April 17, will be the April birthday celebration meal and time at the center.

Also, during this time, remember the reason for the season. Easter is not just

another Sunday, but we recall on what our Savior did for you and me on that cross.

We pray that each of you have a personal relationship with him.

April 14-18 menus:
Monday, April 14 — Oven-fried chicken, bow tie pasta, broccoli raisin salad, and fruit cocktail.

Tuesday, April 15 — Lasagna, spinach, tossed vegetable salad, French dressing, sliced whole wheat bread, and fresh bananas.

Wednesday, April 16 — chicken-fried steak with brown gravy, scalloped potatoes, tossed vegetable salad, Italian dressing, green peas, and fruit salad.

Thursday, April 17 — Baked ham with
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Publications In The Muleshoe Journal

The *Muleshoe Journal* invites your news of weddings, engagements, showers, anniversaries and births.

But, in order to be fair to everyone, we must limit the amount of space for certain events.

For weddings, 25 column inches, which includes a photo if desired, is the limit. If the photo and announcement runs longer, we reserve the right to eliminate parts of the story.

However, if a longer write-up is desired, it may be placed in purchased space.

For anniversaries, the space will be free for anniversaries of 50 years or 75, specifically, and will be limited to a single photograph. A fee will be charged for other anniversaries.

Birth announcements with one-column photos are run free of charge with the names of the immediate family, including grandparents. Great-grandparents, etc., will not be included.

The permission of both parents is required for a birth announcement to

be published.

Small stories describing showers are run free of charge after the fact and may include the names of the principals, the hostess gift, the names of special or out-of-town guests, and a one-column photograph of the honoree.

It is the responsibility of the party providing the information to provide all of the information.

News releases in which names were left out by the party providing the information will not be re-published free of charge.

A deadline of three months after an event will be the rule for free publication.

Information must be received by Monday noon. Publication cannot be guaranteed in the week it is provided.

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Obituaries

Anita Wallace

Funeral services for Anita Wallace, 94, of Sudan, are scheduled for 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 10 at the First United Methodist Church of Sudan with Larry Springer of Lubbock officiating.

Burial will follow in Sudan Cemetery.

Anita died on April 6, 2014, in Amherst. She was born on Nov. 22, 1919, in Red River County to Benjamin Hardison and Ida Agnes (Wilson) Moore. She married James Henry Wallace in Sweetwater on Sept. 16, 1939.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a son — Vann Wallace, one sister and six brothers.

Anita was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Sudan and the United Methodist Women.

She was a bookkeeper at the Sudan Feed Yard for many years and had worked in the insurance department of Amherst Hospital for 10 years.

Anita was also a



member of the Sudan Senior Citizens.

Survivors include a son — Blake Wallace of Bloomfield N.M.; a daughter — Flonita Ashford of Muleshoe; a brother — L.T. Moore of Houston; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church of Sudan, 411 Main St., Sudan, Texas, 79371; Sudan EMS, PO Box 491, Sudan, Texas, 79371, or Sudan Senior Citizens, 100 Main Street, Sudan, Texas, 79371.

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

Revelation 9



Library Movie Night Dates Announced

Movie Night at the Muleshoe Area Public Library is set for Monday, April 14, and Wednesday, April 16.

The movie will be from 3:45-6 p.m.

This month the feature will be "Beautiful Creatures," and will be restricted to viewers of high school and adult age.

Storytime at the library, for children ages 2 through pre-kindergarten is Monday, April 21.

Menus...

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pineapple, lima beans, chuck wagon corn, chocolate chip cookie, and a whole wheat roll.

Friday, April 18 — Fish or chicken strips, Borracho beans, green peas, tossed vegetable salad, French dressing, whole wheat roll, and tropical fruit mix.

Thank you for reading the Journal!

Obituaries and Death Notices

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

Obituaries will be published at the rate of \$4.50 per column inch.

In all cases, the death notice and obituary information should be submitted by the funeral home for verification purposes.

The guidelines that will be used to determine if, and how much the publication will cost is as follows:

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Death notices may include the deceased's name, city of residence, age, date and place of birth, date and place of death, and the names of parents. Survivor information will not be included.

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A black and white photo will be included; however, there is an additional charge of \$75 to include a color photograph.



Employee Of The Month Announced

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored DeShazo Elementary Principal Debbie Gallman as the March Employee of the Month. Pictured above are Becky Hoksbergen, Kris Phillips, Jeff Ocanas, chamber president Gina Wilkerson, and the Muleville Board of Directors.

Natural Resources Hearing On ESA Reform

I recently told you about legislation I've introduced to reform the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to make it work better for landowners, communities, and species.

The law is in need of reform — in the 40 years since it was enacted, only two percent of species have ever recovered to the point where they can be removed from the list.

The ESA also imposes costly federal requirements on landowners, when there are more practical, voluntary conservation solutions that would work just as well to preserve species.

It's also problematic that instead of making listing decisions in a transparent manner, based on the best available science, listings are being driven by closed-door settlements with activist environmental groups.

So I've introduced two bills to improve



the ESA and prevent unnecessary listing.

This week, the Natural Resources Committee will be holding a hearing on one of those bills: H.R. 4317, the State, Tribal, and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act.

This bill requires the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to provide states with the data they are using to justify their listing decisions.

Additionally, it requires FWS to consider scientific data submitted by state and local governments before making a determination.

Texas State Sen. Kel Seilger has been invited to testify at the hearing on why involving states early in the process is critical to successful conservation.

He'll also explain why data from state and local fish and wildlife experts is critical to understanding local species and their habitat.

Farm Bill Implementation

Last week, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack came before the House Agriculture Committee to answer questions about farm bill implementation and the state of the rural economy.

We discussed how USDA will define "actively engaged" farmers under the new Farm Bill provisions. I also asked him why he continues to say that mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) benefits producers when we've seen quite a lot of evidence that it doesn't.

Cargill was forced to close their processing plant in Plainview partly because of USDA's COOL regulations. More than 2,000 people lost their jobs.

So I wanted to know why Secretary Vilsack considers mandatory COOL to be a positive policy when COOL is killing jobs and making it more difficult for West Texas cattle producers to process their livestock locally.

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Tuesday, April 15, 12:00 noon
At Methodist Church

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Sunday Morning, April 20, 7:30 a.m.
Easter Sunrise Service, City Park across from 16th & D
Refreshments following the Sunrise Service
at 16th & D Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

In Texas... You Can't Prevent A Divorce

Q. My husband wants a divorce. I do not think we should get divorced. I believe we can work out any of our problems. What can I do to contest the divorce?

A. If you mean, "what can I do to stop the divorce," the answer is, "not much." Texas is what is known as a "no fault" divorce state. This means that you do not have to prove one of the parties was at fault in causing the marriage to fail.

If one party wants a divorce, there will be a divorce. In Texas, all that is required to obtain a divorce is proof that "the marriage has become insupportable due to discord or conflict of personalities" that has destroyed the "legitimate ends of a marriage relationship," and that there is "no reasonable expectation of reconciliation."

If one party, for example your husband, testifies with respect to this test, there are adequate grounds for the judge to grant the divorce. You may be able to delay or postpone a divorce, but you cannot prevent it. The only way to prevent the divorce is to try work things out with your husband.

Perhaps you can get him to agree to speak with a counselor before he speaks with an attorney. **Q.** I walked out of the grocery store and found a shopping cart

Ask A Lawyer...

By Richard Alderman

up against my car. It was very windy, and it obviously had gone quite a distance to get there because it left a nice dent.

Q. Is the store liable for the damage to my car?

A. I am surprised how often I am asked this question. The store's liability will depend on how the accident occurred.

Simply because the store owns the cart and the parking lot does not mean it is liable.

In order to place liability on the store, it is necessary to show that the store was "negligent" in dealing with the shopping carts.

If it was simply an accident, or the fault of another customer, the store is not liable.

For example, if someone had just used the cart and left it in the parking lot where it promptly blew away and rolled into your car, the store has no liability.

In fact, the person who left the cart is probably liable because he or she was negligent in just leaving the cart where it could roll into your car.

On the other hand, a store has an obligation to routinely patrol the lot and pick up loose carts, or provide a location for customers to drop them off.

If the store failed to do so and that was why the cart was in a position to roll into your car, the store could be liable.

The bottom line is that a business does not guarantee the safety of patrons or their property.

To impose liability, you usually must establish that the business was in some way responsible for causing the damage.

Q. We just got a call from a debt collector saying that if I did not promptly pay, he would garnish my tax refund from the IRS.

A. My wife and I have been counting on this money to pay some other expenses.

We have been paying the debt collector all we can afford. Can the debt collector do this?

A. The debt collector cannot garnish your federal tax refund from the IRS. Tax refunds may only be taken in very limited circumstances.

For example, a refund may be taken for a debt owed to the federal government, a debt owed to a state, or a debt for past-due child support.

A private creditor may not garnish your tax return. In fact, threatening to garnish your tax refund probably violates

state and federal debt collection laws.

Under these laws, a debt collector is prohibited from making threats to take legal action he has no right to take.

I suggest you let the debt collector know that you know your legal rights and continue to pay what you can afford.

Q. I have a question about medical law in the state of Texas. I was under the impression that people can't be sued in Texas for outstanding medical bills or have it count against their credit report score, if they are making an attempt to pay.

Have the laws changed or am I mistaken?

A. The law has not changed, and you are mistaken. Debts arising from medical care are not treated differently from debts arising from any other obligation.

Whether you owe a credit card bill, a hospital bill or a doctor's bill, the collection procedures are the same and the information stays on your credit report for the same seven-year period.

Q. I am 67 years old. I don't pay property taxes because of my exemptions. Someone just told me that when I die my estate would have to pay all the back

taxes, plus interest. Is this true?

A. It is not true; your estate will not owe any taxes. Your question, however, points out the difference between a tax "exemption" and a tax "deferral."

Under the property tax system, you pay taxes based on the value of your property. Some portion of that value is "exempt" and no taxes are due on that portion.

The amount of the exemption increases at age 65. In your case, there are no taxes due because the amount of the exemption is greater than the value of your property.

On the other hand, if you owe taxes even when the exemption is applied, you have the right to "defer" the taxes when you reach age 65.

This means that you do not have to pay when the taxes are assessed. The taxes, however, are still owed. Taxes, plus interest, must be paid when you die or sell the property.

If you had your taxes deferred, your estate would have to pay the taxes plus interest after your death.

Q. I sold my used car to someone. The buyer has now come

back and threatened to sue me because I did not disclose some major problems with the car.

She says that I violated the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act. What is this law? Does it apply to me? I am not a business.

A. The Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act is our state's consumer protection law. It applies to any consumer, including most small businesses.

Under this law, any seller can be liable if the seller misleads or deceives the buyer, or fails to disclose material information.

A seller who acts "knowingly," may be liable for up to three times the buyer's damages.

The Deceptive Trade Practices Act is designed to protect consumers anytime they buy or lease anything.

It applies to all sellers, from the largest businesses to an individual. If you knew about serious problems with the car and didn't tell the buyer so he would buy it, you probably have violated this law.

I suggest you try to resolve the problem, before the buyer considers a lawsuit.

USDA Announces Program Extension

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia has announced the extension of the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program.

The extended MILC protects dairy farmers enrolled in the program against income loss through Sept. 1, 2014, or until a new Margin Protection Program for dairy producers (MPP), established by the 2014 Farm Bill, is operational.

Contracts for eligible producers enrolled in MILC on or before Sept. 30, 2013, are

automatically extended until the termination date of the MILC program.

Dairy operations with approved MILC contracts will continue to receive monthly payments if a payment rate is in effect.

MILC compensates enrolled dairy producers when the Boston Class I milk price falls below \$16.94 per hundredweight (cwt), after adjustment for the cost of dairy feed rations.

MILC payments are calculated each month using the latest milk price and feed cost, just as in the 2008 Farm

Bill.

The payment rate for October 2013 through January 2014 marketings is zero.

Payment rates during the months after January 2014 until the termination of the MILC program will be determined as the appropriate data becomes available.

Since MILC payments are limited to a maximum amount of milk production each fiscal year, dairy operations may select a production start month other than October 2013 (the start of fiscal year 2014).

Producers who want

to select a different production start month must visit their local FSA office between April 14, 2014, and May 30, 2014.

FSA will provide producers with information on program requirements, updates and sign-ups as the information becomes available.

For more information on MILC, contact a local FSA county office or visit the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

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The Sudan Buzz



Jelmer Vanderlei is a part of the school record breaking 4x400 meter relay. He also placed 1st in the 400 meter dash.

Track Teams Take Part In Son Qualls Relays

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent
The Son Qualls Relays 2014 was held in Sudan this past Friday with the Sudan JV and Varsity boys' track teams winning their divisions while the Sudan Nettes placed third in both the JV and Varsity divisions.
Two records were shattered at the meet with Barry Johnson

breaking the school record in the 300-meter hurdles running it at 39.61 seconds.
The team of Barry Johnson, Tanner Fisher, Jelmer Vanderlei, and Reece Harper ran the 4x400-meter relay in 3:22.83 minutes and beat that school record as well.
In Junior Varsity girls, Joanie Miller placed first in the 3200-meter run and

first in the 1600-meter run.
Bailey Slocum placed first in the discus throw and shot put followed by Ariel Porras placed sixth in both events.
Karina Centeno placed third in the 800-meter run.
Celine Scheer placed third in the 100-meter run and sixth in the 200-meter run.
Celeste Montemayor placed first in the 400-meter dash.
In JV boys' action, Trae Smith placed third in the 3200-meter run and in the 1600-meter run.
Brady Fields placed first in pole vault followed by Alex Rodriguez who placed second.
Rodriguez also placed second in the long jump and first in the 110-meter hurdles.
Rance Johnson placed sixth in the triple jump. Matthew Thompson placed sixth in the discus throw.
The team of Daniel Tinajera, John Paradez, Luis Briseno, and Alex Rodriguez placed third in the 4x100-meter relay.
Tinajera also placed sixth in the 100-meter dash. Briseno also placed second in the 300-meter hurdles.
Derek Tovar placed second in the 800-meter run followed by Greg Wood who placed fourth.
The team of Teaguen Nolte, Derek Tovar, John Paradez, and Alex Rodriguez placed first in the 4x200-meter relay.

Nolte also placed third in the 300-meter hurdles. Paradez also placed fourth in the 200-meter dash.
The team of Wood, Briseno, Nolte, and Tovar placed second in the 4x400-meter relay.
In girls varsity results, Madi Edwards tied for fourth in the high jump. Ashton Shultz placed first in the long jump and sixth in the triple jump.
The team of Ashton Sawyer, Daniela Tinajero, Ashton Shultz, and Shaylee Johnson placed first in the 4x100-meter relay.
Sawyer also placed first in the 100-meter hurdles while Shultz placed third and placed second in the 300-meter hurdles.
Johnson also placed first in the 100-meter dash and first in the 200-meter dash.
In varsity boys' action, Tanner Fisher placed second in the high jump while Stephen Schovajsa placed fourth.
Schovajsa also placed second in the 110-meter hurdles followed by Xavier Trillo placing fourth.
Tommy Whitehurst placed third in the pole vault while Marcos Gonzales and Carson Phillips placed fourth.
In the long jump, Reece Harper placed first, Tanner Fisher placed second, and Barry

Johnson placed third. In the triple jump, Harper placed first and Schovajsa placed fifth.
The team of Johnson, Fisher, Jelmer Vanderlei, and Harper placed first. Harper also placed second in the 100-meter dash. Vanderlei placed first in the 400-meter dash.
Johnson placed first in the 300-meter dash

setting a school record. Trillo placed fourth in the 300-meter hurdles as well.
Fisher placed second in the 200-meter dash. Omar Vasquez placed sixth in the 1600-meter run.
Johnson, Fisher, Vanderlei, and Harper also placed first in the 4x400-meter relay setting a school record.



Megan Capers

Sudan HS Student Wins National Award

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent
Megan Capers, a freshman at Studan High School, has won the prestigious American Visions Scholastic Art and Writing Award.
She competed with 255,000 works from across the United States.
Capers will be traveling to New York City's famous Carnegie Hall for the National Ceremony this June to receive her award.
The ceremony will be broadcast live via webcast.
Her piece, entitled "Rope Up in Caffeine" is made exclusively out of coffee filters and rope and was fashioned in to a high-end fashion gown.
Her artwork will be

exhibited at the Sheila C. Johnson Design Center at Parsons, The New School for Design.
At this same contest, six Sudan High School art students received Regional Gold Key Awards for their works competing against a field of 1,100 entries.

The team of Daniel Tinajera, John Paradez, Luis Briseno, and Alex Rodriguez placed third in the 4x100-meter relay.
Tinajera also placed sixth in the 100-meter dash. Briseno also placed second in the 300-meter hurdles.
Derek Tovar placed second in the 800-meter run followed by Greg Wood who placed fourth.
The team of Teaguen Nolte, Derek Tovar, John Paradez, and Alex Rodriguez placed first in the 4x200-meter relay.

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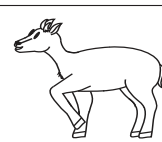
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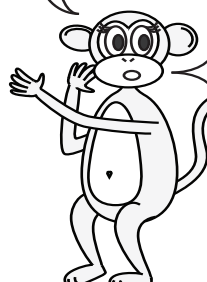
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Spring Up and Out!

Spring Sports & Activities

I love the season of spring with the warmer temperatures, flowers and green, green grass. People go...



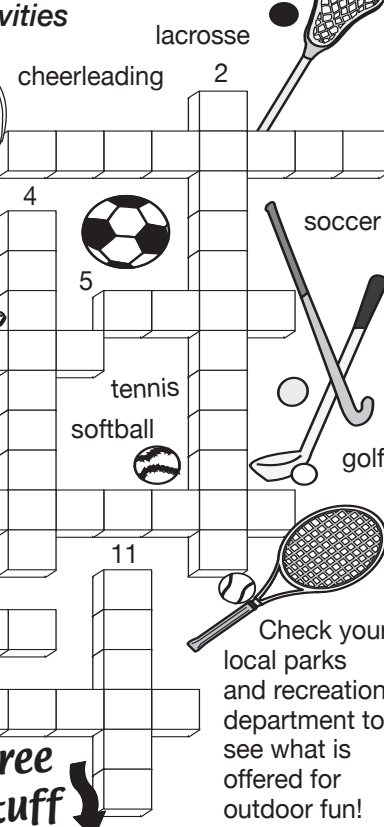
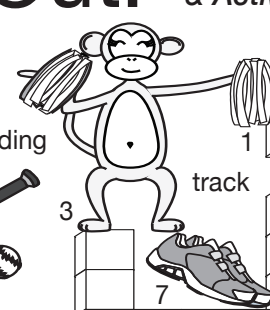
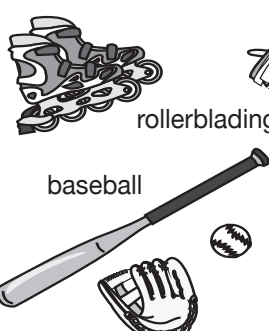
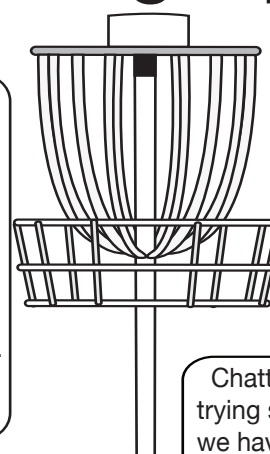
...outside and work in their yards, hike in the parks, walk pets, and bicycle and run on the roads and trails again.

Which spring sports and activities do you like to do? You can join a team to play baseball or softball. Fishing, skateboarding and kite flying are all fun to do with family or friends. **There's something for everyone - so spring up and get going!**

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle.

This sport is played with (or done using):

1. nets on the end of long sticks, special face masks and a ball
2. ropes and harnesses to keep you from falling
3. bats, leather gloves and balls on a diamond
4. a large pool of water with a ball and 2 goals
5. long clubs, balls, large grass area that has sand and water traps
6. a ball that the player can only touch with his or her feet and kicks into a large netted goal
7. megaphone, pom poms; this sport really gets the crowd going
8. fast inline skating, people like to do jumps and tricks
9. balls (larger than baseballs), bats and leather gloves on a diamond
10. a good pair of running shoes, hurdles, whistles
11. a large net and a racquet; the ball bounces very easily
12. rods and lures; relaxing sport; some people do it in winter on lake ice



Chatter and I are trying sports that we haven't played before. She found that she likes playing disc golf in the park. I love the fast pace of ultimate frisbee!



Check your local parks and recreation department to see what is offered for outdoor fun!

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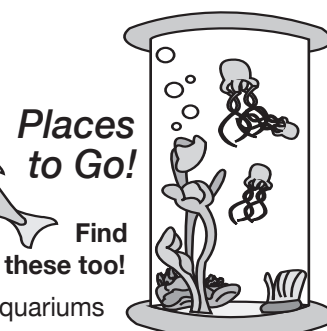
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I'm picking up sticks and raking old leaves to clean the yard before Dad has to mow the first spring grass.

Here are some other spring activities that people are doing. Maybe there is one that you would like to try or help with.

More Springtime Sports & Activities

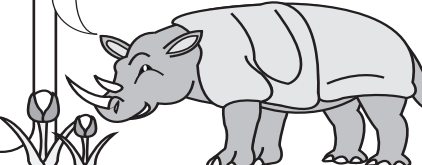


Places to Go!

Find these too!

- aquariums
- museums
- zoos
- parks
- picnics
- playgrounds
- amusement parks
- arboretums

An **arboretum** is like a park - full of nice trees, shrubs and flowers.



Solutions On B4

Things to Do!

Can you find and circle these spring sports and activities?

- flying kites
- fishing
- rock climbing
- hiking
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To our Families for their love & support, to our many friends who called to check on us and offer help-Thank you. To any of our friends that may have inadvertently been left off of this list-Thank you.

SPORTS NEWS



Light Landing

Paraphrasing Muhammed Ali... "Float like a butterfly, land like a mule... or rather Lady Mule. Pictured to the left, and below, Lady Mule Ruby Andrade soars and lands in the sand pit during the recent track meet at Brownfield.

Photographs by Gabby Perez



Muleshoe Track Teams... Continued From A1

Barron ran a silver medal time of 24.21 in the 200-meter dash.

The JV Mule team was a bit more complete than the Lady Mules or Mules.

Jesse Easily placed fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 35 feet six and half inches. Tre Villa, Easily, Jorge

Martinez and Tim Perez finished fourth with a time of 47.46 in the 4x100-meter relay.

Dillon Miller placed fourth in the 110-meter hurdles with a 19.27.

Martinez and Villa ran bronze and fourth place times of 12.41 and 12.61 respectively in the 100-meter dash.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Easily, Martinez, T. Perez and Jason Florez finished fifth with a time of 1:40.25.

JJ Gandara and Javy Perez won the silver and bronze medals in the 400-meter dash with times of 57.82 and 59.14 respectively.

T. Perez took the

bronze medal with a time of 25.42 in the 200-meter dash.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Villa, Easily, Gandara and Danny Campos won the gold medal with a time of 3:45.80.

The District Meet will be held in Dimmitt April 11.

An area meet has been added to schedule before the Region I Meet.

The Area Meet will be held in Panhandle April 18 and those that

qualify move on to the Region I Meet in Odessa April 25-26.

The Texas State Meet is in Austin will be held May 9-10.

Tennis Teams Compete At Plainview

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Muleshoe High School tennis team competed in the District 2-2A Tennis Meet Thursday in Plainview.

The tennis district is composed of teams from Abernathy, Dimmitt, Friona, Littlefield, Olton, Tulia and Muleshoe.

The Boy's Doubles team of Matthew Barron and Nacho Elizalde won the silver medal to qualify for the Region I Tennis Meet.

Barron and Elizalde defeated Olton 6-0, 6-0 and Tulia 6-4, 6-0. They lost to a second Tulia team 4-6.

Felipe Guerrero won the gold medal in the JV Boy's Singles by defeating Littlefield 8-0, Abernathy 5-2, Tulia 8-2 and Tulia 8-0.

The JV Mixed Doubles team of Dominik Hasley and Marilyn Melendez defeated Friona 8-1.

Marissa Reyes and Jasmine Garza teamed

up in the JV Girl's Doubles to win the silver medal.

They defeated Abernathy 8-1, Tulia 9-7 before losing to Friona 6-8.

The brothers Varsity Boy's Doubles team of Eli Leal and Jesse Leal placed fourth. They defeated Olton 6-2, 6-1 but lost to Tulia 1-6, 0-6 and Tulia 2-6.

Aaryn Ross and Denisse Ramirez placed fourth in the Varsity Mixed Doubles.

They defeated Olton 6-3, 6-4 but lost to Tulia 0-6, 1-6 and Tulia 1-6, 1-6.

Issac Acosta finished fourth in the JV Boy's Singles by defeating Littlefield 8-0, Abernathy 8-6 but lost to Tulia 5-8 and Tulia 7-9.

Others playing in the tournament were Kayla Preston. She lost to Olton 0-6, 4-6 in the Girl's Varsity Singles.

Also playing Varsity Girl's Singles was Bailey

Bales and she lost to Tulia 1-6, 0-6.

Zoe Apodaca and Dezy Gutierrez competed in the Girl's Varsity Doubles and defeated Dimmitt 6-0, 6-2 before losing to Olton 0-6, 3-6.

Imelda Salcido and Ruby Regalado also played in the Varsity Girl's Doubles and lost to Friona 2-6, 7-6 (won the tie breaker 7-2) but lost the third match 2-6.

In the Varsity Boy's Singles Kevin Mendoza lost to Olton 2-6, 6-4, 6-7 (lost the tie breaker 5-7).

Karen Regalado lost to Tulia in the JV Girl's Singles

2-8. The JV Girl's Doubles team of Gloria Gonzalez and Alee Sanchez lost to defeated Friona 8-2 but lost to Olton 5-8.

Three JV Boy's Doubles Teams competed in the tournament. Noah Del

Toro and Jose Martinez lost to Tulia 4-8, Tre Villa and J.J. Gandara also lost to Tulia 6-8.

The team of Antonio Vasquez and Jose Mendoza also fell to Tulia 5-8.

"Two members of the team that did not get to compete because of injuries were Braden Bessire and Edyy Elizalde," said Muleshoe tennis coach Jody Wood.

"I would like to say a special thanks to Coach Wes Wood, Coach David Wood, Coach Jalissa King, John Gibson, Nathan Young, Tyler Wood and Caleb Wood for all of their help with Muleshoe High School Tennis."

Barron and Elizalde will play April 16 and 17 on the Ector County Independent School District tennis Courts at Ratliff Stadium.

The duo competed in the 2013 Regional Meet as singles players.

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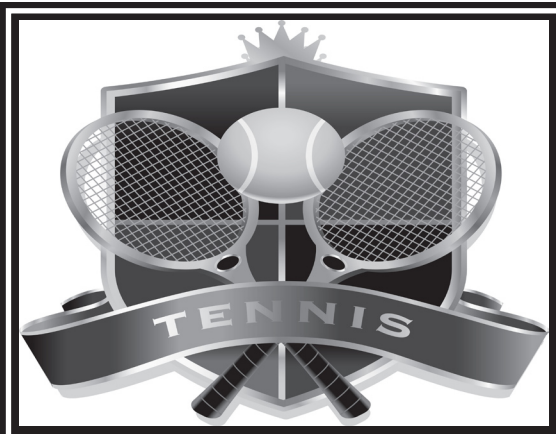
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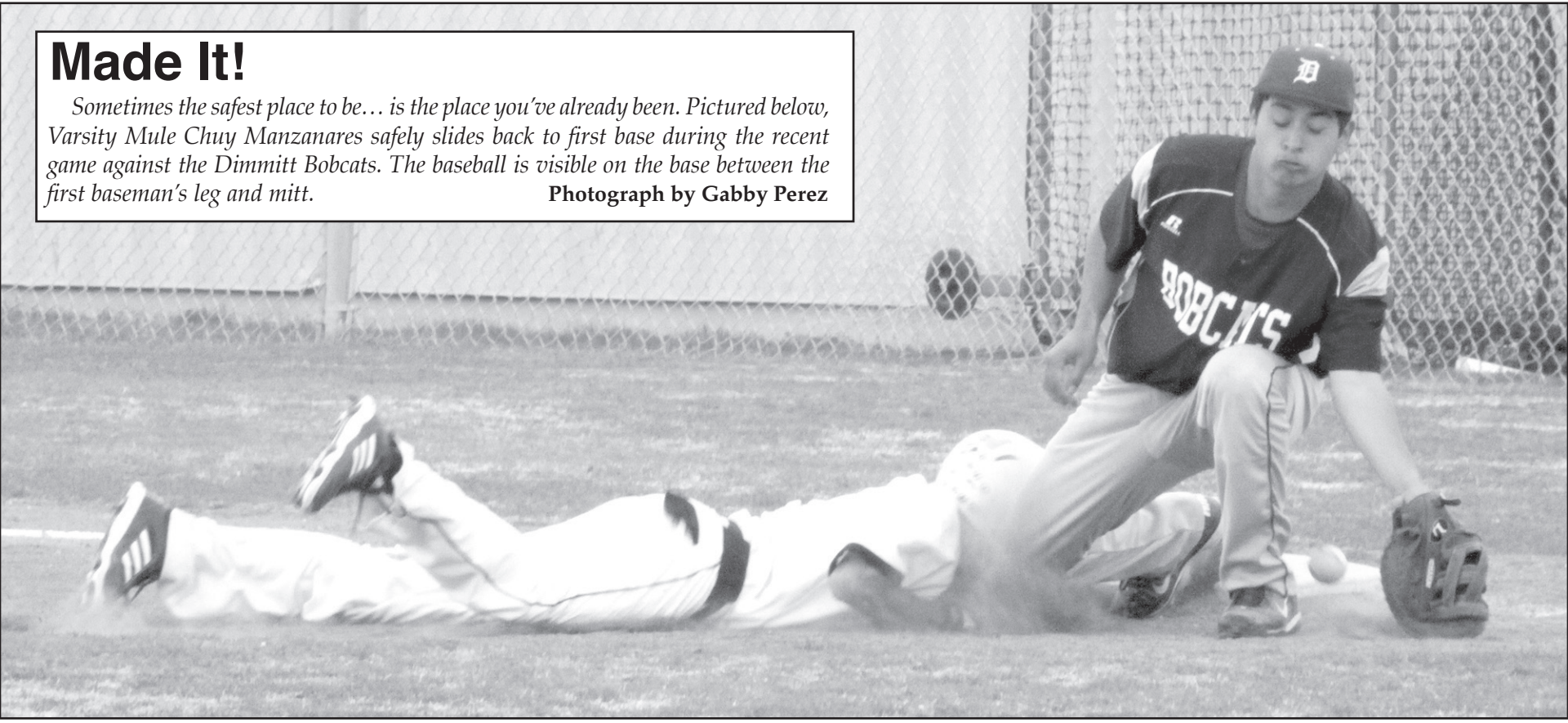
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SPORTS NEWS

Made It!

Sometimes the safest place to be... is the place you've already been. Pictured below, Varsity Mule Chuy Manzanares safely slides back to first base during the recent game against the Dimmitt Bobcats. The baseball is visible on the base between the first baseman's leg and mitt.

Photograph by Gabby Perez



Varsity Bobcats Fall To Mule Baseball

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mule baseball team got back on the winning track Saturday by defeating the Dimmitt Bobcats 5-4.

The Mules improved to 2-3 in district and are still in the hunt for a playoff spot in the post season.

Nacho Elizalde got the nod to start the game on the mound and gave up four runs in the first inning after striking out the leadoff batter.

An error allowed the second batter to reach first and he walked the second batter.

A single to left field loaded the bases with Bobcats.

A second single scored one run and a double to the fence put Dimmitt ahead 4-0.

Elizalde spun and threw a strike to Matt Barron running from his short stop position to cover second base.

Barron snagged the throw and made a sweeping tag to pick the runner off second base for the second out of the inning.

Elizalde struck out the final batter to end the top half the first inning.

The Mules went in order on three strike outs in the bottom half of the first inning.

A softly hit fly ball fooled Barron coming off the bat. He took two steps back and had to reverse his direction and made a diving catch for the first out of the second inning.

A base hit to right field put a Bobcat on first base.

Elizalde then hit a batter to put runners on first and second.

Elizalde scooped up a ground ball hit back up the middle, he turned and made the throw to Danny Campos at third for the force out of the lead runner.

Grey Johnson made a running catch of a deep fly ball to center field to retire the side.

It was a tricky catch because of the high wind blowing out from home plate to center field.

Dustin Smith blasted a line drive between left

a center field. He was standing on second by the time the ball was returned to the infield.

Campos was hit by a pitch before Jesus Manzanares laid down a perfect bunt down the third baseline to load the bases.

Beto Diaz sent a sacrifice fly ball to right field to score Smith from third base. He tagged up and scored after the catch.

The Mules could score no more runs that inning and the Bobcats led 4-1.

A Dimmitt base hit in the top of third inning put a runner at first base

Elizalde got the next batter to hit a short fly to right field.

Diaz charged toward the infield and to make a sliding catch that held the runner at first.

A fly to shallow left field was reeled in by Bryce Mauricio and the runner had to stay at

first. Elizalde threw a strike to the next batter. Smith made the catch on the pitch and came out of his crouch to throw a strike to Wesley Clarkson at first base.

The throw was at the bag and Clarkson made the catch with the ball with the glove between the runner's hand and first base for the third out.

The Mules left two on base in the bottom of the third but did not score and Dimmitt held on to the 4-1 lead.

Nathan Rejino moved back on the grass at second to grab the fly ball for the first out of the fourth inning.

A called strike sent the second batter to the bench before a ground ball through the infield put a Bobcat on first base.

The Dimmitt put on the hit-and-run but the pitch was fouled off for first strike. Dimmitt

batter. Elizalde stopped his windup, spun and threw to Clarkson to pickoff his second runner of the game.

Manzanares' bouncing ball tied up the shortstop and the error allowed him to reach first.

Diaz slapped a ground ball seemed to have eyes as it went between the first and second basemen as well as the right and center fielders and rolled to the fence.

Diaz zipped around the bases all the way to third base. Manzanares scored from first base to cut the Bobcat lead to 4-2.

Elizalde helped his own cause with a double to right field that scored Diaz easily.

Clarkson tied the hands of the pitcher with a ground ball back up the middle and Elizalde moved to third.

Clarkson was allowed to advance to second with no throw to put Mules an second and third.

Rejino sent a ground ball single to left field that scored both Elizalde and Clarkson to put the Mules in front to stay 5-4.

Elizalde picked off a third runner in the top of the fifth inning when he threw behind the runner to Campos at third base.

Campos pursued the Bobcat before throwing home to Smith to apply the tag and end Dimmitt's final scoring threat.

Clarkson took over on the mound to start the top of the seventh inning and Oscar Ontiveros took over first base.

Clarkson got the first batter he faced to

swing at a third strike. The second batter went down looking.

Clarkson fielded a bunt and made the throw to Ontiveros for the final out of the game.

Elizalde struck out four batters, walked one, hit two with pitches and gave up four runs on six hits.

The Mules committed one error.

The Mules five runs came on seven hits and had one hit by a pitch.

The Mules left six men on base and Dimmitt committed five errors.

The Mules hosted Abernathy Tuesday to start the second round of district and then travel to Tulia to play the Hornets Saturday at noon.

The Mules return home on April 15 to host Littlefield at 7 p.m.



Out!

Muleshoe's varsity first baseman Wesley Clarkson tags out a Bobcat runner during the recent game.

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Eighth Grade Ladies Take Fifth At Abernathy's Antelope Relays

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Lady Mules slipped down to fifth in the six-team Antelope Relays at Abernathy.

Tulia, Abernathy, Post and Lubbock Roosevelt finished ahead of the Lady Mules and Floydada trailed.

Conley Niblett won the Lady Mules first gold medal of the day by clearing four feet four inches in the high jump.

Brianna Barron placed sixth in the same event at 4-0. Niblett

earned the silver medal in the long jump with a leap of 13-10.

Jennifer Orozco placed sixth in the first race of the day, the 2400-meter run with a time of 11 minutes 56.12 seconds.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Kimberly Lopez, Melody Moran, Liliana Barrera and Barron finished fourth with a 57.44.

Cassidy Cage and Yvonne Diaz won the silver and bronze medals in the 800-meter run with times of 2:52.69 and 2:52.76 respectively.

Barrera earned the silver medal in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 20.14 and Lorena Balderas placed sixth with a 21.48.

Barron placed sixth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.82.

Nancy Martinez ran a silver medal time of 1:15.29 in the 400-meter dash with a 1:15.29 and Orozco placed fourth with a 1:17.53.

Brianna Velasquez finished sixth in the 300-meter hurdles with a 1:03.81.

Niblett finished her trifecta of medals by

winning the bronze medal in the 200-meter hurdles with a time of 30.01.

Cage won her second silver medal of the day in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:36.84. The 4x400-meter relay team of Velasquez, Niblett, Nancy Martinez and Diaz ran a bronze time of 4:56.31.

The Lady Mules competed in the District 2-2A Meet back in Abernathy on Saturday.

That was the final meet of the year for the Lady Mules.

Seventh Grade Ladies Take Gold, Not Silver

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

When the seventh grade Lady Mule track team got home from Abernathy and had an opportunity to examine the results.

It became obvious they had won the meet

and rather than placing second as they had been told.

Lili Martinez had finished second in the 1600-meter run. But her points had been credited to a girl named Martinez from Abernathy that had actually finished in

eleventh place.

Those eight points were enough to put the Lady Mules ahead of Abernathy for the team gold.

Abernathy, Post, Tulia, Lubbock Roosevelt and Floydada all trailed the Lady Mules.

Keely Dunham won the Lady Mules first silver medal in the shot put with a heave of 28 feet three and a quarter inches.

Sophie Reyna placed fourth with a throw of 27-06.25. Dunham placed fifth in the discus with a throw of 50-05.

Natalie Elizalde and Citlalli Vargas placed fourth and fifth in the long jump with leaps of 13-00.25 and 13-00.00 respectively.

Vargas finished sixth in the triple jump with a hop, skip and jump of 25-07.75.

Martinez won her first silver medal in the 2400-meter run with a time of 10 minutes 6.49 seconds.

Alyssa Wheeler earned the bronze medal in the same event with a 10:29.87.

Natalie Diaz, Vargas, Reina Regalado and Kyndal Miller ran a silver medal time in the 4x100-meter relay of 56.45.

Elizalde won the

silver medal in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:55.68 and Vargas finished sixth with a 3:00.06.

Elizalde climbed atop of the winners stand for the gold medal in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.45.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Hallie Gardner, Diaz, Clarissa Ruvulcaba and Dunham ran a silver medal time of 2:07.85.

Kyndal Miller won the silver medal in the 400-meter dash with a 1:06.81.

Vargas and Kinsey Parker placed fifth and sixth in the 300-meter hurdles with times of 1:01.02 and 1:03.83 respectively.

Regalado ran a silver medal time of 29.84 in the 200-meter dash.

Martinez won the silver medal in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:26.00 and Wheeler earned the bronze with a 6:30.46.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Dunham, Elizalde, Regalado and Miller clinched the win for the Lady Mules by running a gold medal time of 4:36.83.

The Lady Mules ran in the District 2-2A Meet in Abernathy Saturday for their final meet of the season.



Weather Whys: Late Snowfalls

Q: It seems like Texas always has some parts of the state that get snow this time of year. When is usually the last snowfall in Texas?

A: Snow can fall in Texas later than you think, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.

The Amarillo area has received about five inches of snow several times in the month of May.

"The latest snowfall in Texas is believed to have occurred May 6-7 in 1917," McRoberts explains.

"That's when over nine inches of snow fell in the Amarillo and Panhandle areas. The two longest snow seasons have occurred in recent years. The longest was from Sept. 29, 1984, to March 30, 1985, a 183-day period," McRoberts said.

"The most recent one lasted from Nov. 2, 2004 to May 2, 2005, a 182-day period," he added.

Q: What about other cities?

A: Late-season snowstorms are common in other parts of the United States, McRoberts says.

"Denver is notorious for getting very late snowfalls," he adds. "The latest snowfall for the Denver area was June 12, 1947. On April 30, 1960 the Kansas City area had a large snowfall late in the year. Back in Texas, an April 6, 1996 snowstorm hit the Abilene area with a whopping 9-inch snow total that really caught residents off guard," McRoberts said.

"And on April 7-8 of 2007, much of Central Texas got a surprise snowfall when 3-5 inches blanketed the area from Comanche to Waco and Killeen, and since bluebonnets were already out at that time, it made for some interesting photos," McRoberts said.

"The old saying is true - you never know what the weather is going to do in Texas," he added.

Senior Center Fund Raiser Set

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

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