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## Ladies Beat Littlefield

**By Delton Wilhite**  
*Sportswriter*  
The Lady Mule Softball team made a statement Tuesday, April 10, defeating the defending district champion Lady Cats of Littlefield 4-3. The game lasted two extra innings. This was the first Muleshoe softball win over Littlefield in four years. "Today's win was a true team effort," said Lady Mule coach Jason Cole. "We needed every player. Samantha (Vasquez) struck out nine and gave up just one walk. Miranda

(DeBruin) had two clutch hits and Danni (Diaz) did a scored from first base twice as a pinch runner." "Linda (Sanchez) kept battling and adjusting at the plate until she hit that triple in the bottom of the ninth. Dominique (Mata) made an error at second but then came back to make a tough catch on the grass in the top of ninth and made the play on the ground ball for the final out." "That is just a few examples of how the team stepped up today." The Lady Mules



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Lady Mule Sabrina Chavez awaits a pitch more to her liking during the recent game against Littlefield.

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### Clubless Golf

Disc golf enthusiasts from across the panhandle journeyed to Muleshoe and braved stiff winds this past weekend to take part in the city's first disc golf tournament. Pictured above, an unidentified tourney participant throws from one of the course pads. Pictured on the right, another participant "putts" for a score. Individuals wishing to learn the game can pick up rules at Muleshoe City Hall.



Photographs by Larry Thornton

## Local Traffic Stop Yields Big Money

### \$231,400 Removed From Seat

**By Larry Thornton**  
*Managing Editor*  
Sometimes the phrase "sitting on some cash" means just that. On Friday, April 13, a little after 4 p.m., Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Ron Morgan pulled over a dark blue 2007 Cadillac Escalade with a bit of "non-factory" stuffing in the front passenger seat... to be exact, the non-standard stuffing was \$231,400 in cash, vacuum-sealed in



Trooper Ron Morgan, on the left, stands next to vehicle and cash from Friday's seizure.

### Police Chief Resigns

**By Larry Thornton**  
*Managing Editor*  
After six years on the job, Police Chief Brian Frieda has called it quits... well, at least in Muleshoe, that is. On Friday, April 13, it was announced that Frieda has accepted the position as chief of the Sweetwater Police

Department. "I've been very fortunate," Frieda said, referring to his time at the helm of the Muleshoe Police Department, and the staff with whom he's work within the department itself and the City of Muleshoe. "I've learned a lot," he added.

plastic. "I was proud of him," Bailey County Sheriff Richard Wills said about the traffic stop and the arrest of the vehicle's two occupants — Gabriel Robledo, 33, and Juan Ortega, both of Houston. According to Wills, Lamb County law enforcement officers — including a canine officer, had apparently received information that a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle's description might be involved in illicit activities, and along with Bailey County Sheriff's Department officers assisted Morgan at the traffic stop, about a mile west of Muleshoe on Hwy. 84.

When Frieda came to Muleshoe from the Idalou Police Department, the local police department was headquarter in a building that was in bad need of renovation, at the very least. Since that time, the police department has moved into a new, modern facility that better meets the department's needs. It has also replaced much of its vehicle fleet, primarily through

After receiving a consent to search the vehicle, Sheriff Wills said, the money was located and removed from the passenger-side seat. As of Monday, April 16, both Robledo and Ortega were being held in the Bailey County Law Enforcement Center on felony charges of money laundering.

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### New Assessor Appointed To Fill Unexpired Term

**By Larry Thornton**  
*Managing Editor*  
The Bailey County Commissioners' Court officially appointed



Maria Gonzalez

Marie Gonzalez to fill the term of retiring County Assessor and Tax Collector Melba Clark during a special meeting Thursday, April 12. Gonzalez, who has been with the county assessor's office for the past four years, is also the only candidate to have filed for the position's November election. County Judge Sherri

Harrison praised Gonzalez' past work in the assessor's office, and said she shouldn't have any problems meeting the positions requirements and responsibilities. "I have total faith in her," the judge added. On Monday, April 30, a pot luck retirement luncheon is planned to honor Clark at the Bailey County Coliseum. Clark submitted her

resignation, effective April 30, from the elected office during a special meeting of the commissioners' court on March 19. In other business April 12, the commissioners court approved a \$99,124.50 payment on a 2012 Ford F350 ambulance for Bailey County Emergency Services. The EMS was able

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# OPINION

## Two Princesses Lead Old Troll To Wonder, Joy

### Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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

### 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 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.

### Assistance Needed

An account for donations has been set up at First Bank of Muleshoe for the Lanse and Shelly Ivy family following their house fire in the Lazbuddie community over the weekend.

Clothing — women's size XL, and men's from teen to adult, may be dropped off at the Lazbuddie Independent School District; at 909 E. Second, Lazbuddie; or call Netta at 806-393-5028 for items to be picked up.

## MAEF Officers Announced

The Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation has elected new officers for 2012.

They are LeAnn Gallman, president; Sandy Vandevender, vice president; Barbara Finney, secretary; and Rickie Warren, treasurer

Board members, whose term expired in January, were re-elected to the board. They are Barbara Finney, Susan Cage, Chuck Smith and Sharon Villa.

The Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation (MAEF) is a 501 (C)3 corporation that was formed in 2006 to promote educational opportunities for local and area students through South Plains College (SPC) at the Muleshoe Center. Currently, the SPC Muleshoe Center has six students taking phlebotomy, three students in the LVN class, and four students taking pharmacy tech. Other classes offered



Sandy Vandevender, LeAnn Gallman, Rickie Warren and Barbara Finney

at the Muleshoe center are computer classes such as internet, email, Word™, Excel™. Also basic math, English, government and history are offered over ITV.

For information regarding classes at SPC Muleshoe Center, contact Connie Kenmore or Cordy Aguirre at 806-272-3346, or go by South Plains College Muleshoe Center at 621 W. Second.

### SPC Muleshoe announces test dates for nursing program

The South Plains College Muleshoe Center will offer test dates for individuals interested in admission to the nursing

"I don't know exactly when most of us trade our imaginations for calculators, but it happens far too early, and it is a very bad trade.

Once the deal is done, we spend far too many of our days wandering through life with our eyes half-closed, our spirits half asleep, dull and insensible, so witless that we barely notice the grievous loss.

But sometimes a beautiful glimpse of the wonder we once had by the overflowing bucket-load takes us back to what is precious.

I think that's what happened to me on a wonder-filled Easter evening. In the afterglow of the most wonderful Resurrection of all came a much more modest but still "wonder-full" resurrection of my spirit right in our back yard.

Two granddaughter-princesses, five years old and three, and a little eleven-month-young elf, were spending the weekend with us.



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtie Shelburne

"PawPaw," the princesses begged, "tell us a scary story!"

That presented a bit of a problem. First, my 55-year-old imagination is old and withered and can't possibly keep up with theirs!

I also have a 55-year-old back that soon became a factor. Plus, there's scary and there's "scary."

It's a fine thing when magic seeds sprout into bean-stalks but no grandpa worth his salt wants scary story seeds to sprout into nightmares.

But we got started. In the shed/greenhouse, I sat in my chair and the princesses sat in their little "frog" chairs. I reached back into my own childhood for a story, but I soon found that all I had to do was get things started.

"Once upon a time,

two princesses left their fine castle and started out for the forest. Their names were... Hmm, I'm trying to remember..."

"Alexandria!" shouted the older. "Belle!" interjected the younger.

And off we went. I provided some basic details and the princesses filled in the rest, bouncing up now and again to draw the story in chalk on the shed floor. A bridge. A troll. A witch. Cookies with enchanted sprinkles (because princesses don't always eat the whole cookie but they always eat the icing and sprinkles).

And a rescue by Kings Chris and Jeff and Queens Shayla and Amy. We went all the way to "happily ever after."

Later in the day, the story moved to the trampoline, a tale my backstill tells wordlessly. A troll looking much like me discovered that though princesses on trampolines are

invisible, they are not inaudible or inedible.

If you bounce them a bit, they soon start giggling and then you can find them and eat their tummies.

As the day was ending, Princess Number One made me promise to tell them another story about the Muleshoe Scare. It is evidently quite a well-known scary story, but I don't know it yet. I promised to tell it when they come back, so I'm working on it.

"Here at the magic hour," sings Andrew Peterson, "Time and eternity / Mingle a moment in chorus."

I think we found the magic hour. But I'd never have found it alone. It took two little girls (and a little elf) on Easter to take me by the hand and lead me to it.

Yes, indeed, "a little child shall lead them." No wonder the Lord of all wonder so loved the little ones!

They remind us of what really matters.

They lead us to Joy.

## Super news from MISD

By Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets

Every year, Watson Junior High has an incentive trip towards the end of the school year for students who have had good behavior, good grades, and good attendance.

This year, the incentive trips were a great learning experience as well. The students earned trips to various colleges and universities.

The eighth grade attended an incentive trip at Texas Tech University. Students qualifying for this trip were greeted at the administration building. They were escorted to the Double T Bench and given a talk about Texas Tech and higher education.

The students were asked various questions, including the question, "What did they want to be?"

One student answered, "a nurse," another answered,

"a veterinarian," and another, a "Navy Seal."

She asked the student why he wanted to be a Navy Seal, and he responded, "Because this is a great country!"

What a great response! WJHS students were very attentive to the informative talk.

Next, students participated in the Red Raider Scavenger Hunt to locate various campus landmarks. Students then had lunch in the Student Union Building and visited the Barnes & Noble College Booksellers inside the Sub.

Barnes & Noble provided door prizes such as backpacks, laptop covers, license plates and holders, Texas Tech Fan Waves, and coffee mugs to be given to the students. These prizes were distributed to students through random drawings.

In the Sub parking lot, students visited a United States Marines' booth where several students attempted chin-ups to win a free T-shirt. Students also viewed a Lubbock Victim Assistance Services Trailer.

The trailer displayed an actual automobile involved in an accident. The automobile on display was hit by a drunk driver and resulted in fatalities of the two occupants of the automobile.

Texas Tech University was very accommodating, and the trip was not only fun but educational as well. WJHS students were well-mannered and appreciative of their earned trip.

The seventh graders were also treated to an incentive trip to South Plains College. The students toured several facilities and

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## Nominate your favorite Teacher NOW 19th Annual Teacher of the Year



Teachers at Dillman Elementary and DeShazo Elementary will be eligible for the Elementary award and Watson Junior High and Muleshoe High School teachers will be eligible for the Secondary Award.

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

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

If you would like to nominate a teacher or staff member for one of these honors, please send a brief letter stating why he/she should be Teacher of the Year to the Superintendent's office at 514 W. Ave. G. no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2012.

**The Muleshoe ISD will be presenting the Award at the General Faculty Meeting on May 31 in the High School Auditorium.**

These awards are underwritten by Muleshoe State Bank and First Bank, each consist of a golden apple and check for \$250.00.



Sixth grade Incentive Trip to ENMU

### Watson Junior High Incentive Trip...

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heard informative talks about South Plains College and the benefits of going to college.

The sixth graders earned an incentive trip as well. Sixth grade students who earned an incentive trip were treated to a trip to Eastern New Mexico University.

The students heard some good information

about the benefits of attending college.

Some of the highlights of the trip were a visit to the TV Production Studios at ENMU and the ENMU library.

At the library, the students were able to see the tiniest book in the library, the *Torah*, the largest book, and one that has painting on the side.

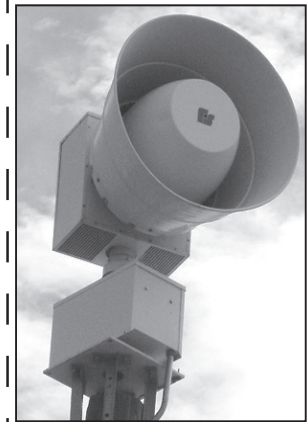
The students were

very respectful and seemed to really enjoy the trip.

We hope these types of incentive trips will become an annual tradition for Watson Junior High School students.

We want to develop a "College-Going Culture" at the Muleshoe Independent School District, so our students will be prepared to pursue a college degree, if that is what they choose to do.

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While the majority of the funds for the

ambulance came from the EMS capital assets, a portion of the funds came from state tobacco settlement funds.

### Muleshoe Police Chief To Leave...

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grant funds, and the county radio system.

"Together, we've accomplished a lot here," Frieda said about the efforts of his staff and the city.

"I wasn't surprised," Muleshoe City Manager David Brunson said Saturday morning about the news of Frieda's decision to leave.

Brunson said the quality of Frieda's leadership was such that he's been more surprised that another city hadn't offered him a similar position earlier.

At Sweetwater, Frieda

will be taking over a department that has been lead by the same police chief for the past 28 years, and a staff

of 27, of which 22 are sworn personnel.

The current plan is for Chief Frieda to take over at Sweetwater on May 3.

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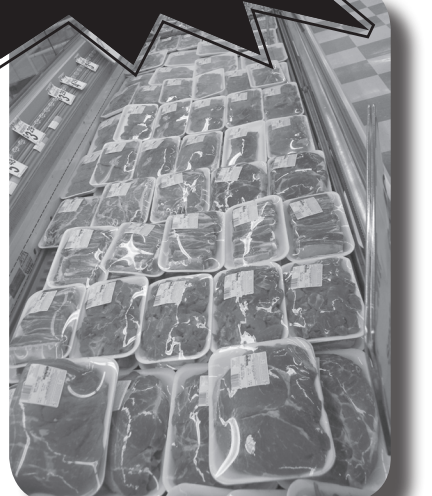


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# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We are still waiting on our April showers. We do hope the good Lord will see fit to send us some soon.

If you were out and about Saturday and Sunday you were regular West Texas people used to the weather.

Remember! Saturday, April 21, is the play day for the Oneita Wagon Senior Center. Call a friend and come play dominoes, eighty, bunco, or even bingo if there is enough wanting to play.

We will be serving hamburgers cooked outside on a grill at

lunch time. We want everyone to come and enjoy a good Saturday out in Muleshoe, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children under 10 years of age.

Thursday, April 19, is the birthday party for all you seniors with birthdays in April.

We hope you come and let us honor you on this day. Then stay and play bingo at 1:30 p.m. Lisa, with Integra Care will be the caller for bingo. There will be prizes and refreshments.

On Thursday, April 19, Brittany and I will be going to a meeting in

Lubbock. Say a prayer for us as we hope to get some additional menus that will be good.

We want to thank the group from Muleshoe Area Medical Center for coming and informing us of the facilities that are available for us to use if and when we need the help. We are lucky and blessed to have our good hospital available to us.

Menus for April 23-27:

Monday, April 23 — Cheeseburgers, potato wedges, tomato wedge, salad, melon medley and low fat milk.

Tuesday, April 24 — Baked chicken breast,

baked potato with sour cream, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding and low fat milk.

Wednesday, April 25 — Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin squares and low fat milk.

Thursday, April 26 — Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, cauliflower, tossed salad with dressing, country apple crisp, and low fat milk.

Friday, Breaded fish on bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tartar sauce, potato wedges, coleslaw, with dressing, and peach chantilly.

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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.

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# Muleshoe High Art Student Recognized

Alyssa Leal was recognized by having her art work selected for inclusion in the third annual K through ENMU, Juried Youth Art exhibition held March 13-30, in the Runnels Gallery of Eastern New Mexico University.

The exhibit was open to students in a 50 mile radius of ENMU.

A panel of judges picked only four students from each

grade level to be a part of the exhibit, and Alyssa was one of four seniors selected to be in the show.

A reception was held at the museum at ENMU on March 30 to honor these students.

Alyssa's art was a collage using water color and tissue paper.

Alyssa is a senior at Muleshoe High School taking Art 3 under the direction of Sandi Chitwood.



Alyssa Leal and her art

## SPCAA Funding Is Available

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.

# Obituaries

## Dale Newsom

Funeral services for Dale Newsom, 83, of Sudan, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend, were held on Saturday, April 14, at Union Cemetery Chapel of Teague with Scott Matthews officiating.

Family visitation was Thursday, April 12, at Ellis Funeral Home of Sudan. Burial followed Saturday's service in Union Cemetery of Teague.

Mr. Newsom died on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, in Lynwood Manor in Levelland. He was born on May 26, 1928, to C.A. and Georgie (BeeBee) Newsom in Firestone County, and married Patty Hargrove in Waco on March 3, 1948.

He was preceded in death by his parents — Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Newsom Sr.; his brothers — C.A. Newsom Jr., Bill Newsom and Allen Newsom; his sister — Hazel Kay, and by one granddaughter — Courtney Leigh Kast.

Mr. Newsom was a Korean veteran and later spent several years in the US Marine Corps Reserve. He was a farmer, rancher, and cotton gin owner and operator for more than



60 years.

The family would like to express its sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses and all of the other caregivers, who were so wonderful throughout his illness.

Survivors include his wife, Patty, of 64 years; a son — James Newsom and wife Ruby; four daughters — Sonya Carson and husband John, Tatia Snell and husband Andrew, Marissa Williams, and Nicole Costanza and husband Jason; 12 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren, and many beloved nieces and nephews, and close family friends

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Hospice of Lubbock, 1102 Slide Rd., Ste. 3, Lubbock, Texas 79407, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, or your favorite charity.

## Betty Motley

Funeral services for Betty Jean Motley, 80, of Olton were held on Tuesday, April 17, at the First United Methodist Church of Olton with Bro. Larry Holder officiating.

Interment followed at Olton Cemetery under the direction of Ramage Funeral Directors.

Betty was born on Aug. 16, 1931, in Hale County, near Petersburg, to John and Dora Thompson. She died on Sunday, April 15, 2012, in Lubbock.

Betty moved to Olton in 1970 from Plainview, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church. On Dec. 15, 1970, she married Weldon Motley in Petersburg.

He preceded her in death in 2002.

Betty taught Sunday School for many years and was lovingly known as "Grandmother" by many.

Survivors include four sons — Lacie Kirk



and his wife Donna of Lubbock; Larry Kirk and wife Nancy of Levelland, Kevin Kirk of Olton, and Gary Motley and wife Charlotte of Olton; two daughters — Donna Poston and husband Rex of Lubbock, and Gayle Quigley and husband Darryl of Olton; a brother — J.C. Thompson and his wife Ruby of Petersburg; and a sister — Lucille Oden of Earth

She was blessed with 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Runningwater Draw Care Center P.O. Box 409 Olton, TX 79064.

## Juanita Alarcon

Funeral services for Juanita Villanueva Alarcon, 89, of Muleshoe were held on Wednesday, April 18, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe with Father Phillip Pasupil officiating.

Burial followed at Bailey County Cemetery.

Juanita died on April 15, 2012, at her home in Muleshoe. She was born on May 6, 1922,

in Colorado, Texas, to Brigido and Agapita Hinojos Villanueva. She was married to Benito Alarcon Sr. in March of 1943 in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Juanita moved from Juarez, Mexico, to Muleshoe with her husband Benito in 1964.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband — Benito Alarcon Sr.; two sons — Manuel Benito and Ricardo; three daughters — Francisca, Rosa Elena and Leticia; and four sisters — Manuela Soto, Inez Gallegos, Francisca Sanchez and Luisa Rodriguez.

Juanita was a homemaker and caring mother to her children, grand-children and



great-grandchildren.

She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with all of them.

Juanita enjoyed gardening and caring for the flowers in her yard, especially her roses. Along with her yard work, she also enjoyed crocheting.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, a member of the Guadalupanas and a Crusillistas.

Survivors include sons — Martin Alarcon of Muleshoe and Benito Alarcon of Clovis, N.M.; daughters — Victoria Cuevas, Edwige "Vicky" Gonzalez and Agapita Alarcon all of Muleshoe; sisters — Dominga Galvan and Ramona Grajeda both of Chihuahua, Mexico; 27 grandchildren, 77 great-grandchildren and 25 great-great-grandchildren.

## James Gray

James Gray, age 85 of Muleshoe died Saturday in Muleshoe.

Funeral services for James Gray, 85, of Muleshoe were held on Monday, April 16, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor J.W. Raney officiating.

Graveside services followed Monday in Plainview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Gray was born on Jan. 13, 1927, in Big Spring to R.I. and Mary Bell (Wilcox) Gray. He married Glenda Gepner in Childress on June 14, 1952.

They moved to Muleshoe from Plainview in 1960. He worked as a cemetery caretaker, enjoyed gardening and loved his dog.

Survivors include his wife — Glenda Gray of Muleshoe; three sons — Tommy Gray of Muleshoe, Robert Gray and Paul Gray, both of Dennison; two



daughters — Babara Raney and husband Jerry of Hawley, and Beverly Bennett and husband Will of Dennison; two sisters — Linda Sheppard and Frances Gallagher, both of Dennison; two brothers — Wayne Gray of Sherman, and Ronnie Gray of Plainview; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters — Faye Clark and Mary Callas, and four brothers — Bill Gray, Gene Gray, Dean Gray and Bobby Gray

Memorials may be sent to Diabetes Foundation, Inc., 13 Sunflower Ave 6, Paramus, NJ 07652.

## Francisco DeLaRosa

Funeral services for Francisco DeLaRosa 80, of Muleshoe were held on Friday, April 13, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Phillip Pasupil of Lubbock officiating.

Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery. Rosary was held on Wednesday and Thursday, April 11-12, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. DeLaRosa died on Friday, April 6, in Muleshoe. He was born on Aug. 21, 1931, to Candelario and Pomposa (Pena) DeLaRosa in Rivera, and married Lydia Cardenas in Farwell on June 11, 1985.

She preceded him in death in 2011. He was also preceded in death by four sisters — Anita Trevino, Jesua Garza, Dominga DeLaRosa and Nestora Naranjo; four brothers — Lorenzo, Jose, Aurelio and Inez DeLaRosa; and one granddaughter — Vianca Martinez.

## Joy Whitt

Funeral services for Joy Whitt, 82, of Muleshoe, were held on Tuesday, April 17, at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Monty Leavell of Muleshoe officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Joy died on April 14, 2012, in Lubbock. She was born on Oct. 18, 1929, in Wellington, and married Roy Whitt in Happy on March 3, 1949.

She was preceded in death by her parents Webb and Olene Watts, and her husband Roy Whitt.

Joy was a people person and loved playing cards and dominos. She was a caregiver to her family, and cherished all her family and friends. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe since 1951.

She and her husband were co-owners of the John Deer Dealership until 1979.



Mr. DeLaRosa had worked at Trinity Compress in Littlefield, Bovina and Muleshoe for 30 years, until he retired in 1991.

He raised livestock all his life, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Muleshoe. He was married to Lydia for 60 years. His grandchildren were his life.

Survivors include three daughters — Anna Maria Rodriguez of Muleshoe, Rosalinda Martinez of Lubbock and Pam Martinez of San Benito; a sister — Luisa Perez of Mercedes; nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.



Survivors include a son — Rusty Whitt and wife Christie of Muleshoe; two daughters — Beth Higgins and husband Robert of Hereford, and Jan Kirby and husband Kevin of Littlefield; six grandchildren — Keisha Stickler and her husband Morgan, Brandy Dalton and husband Greg, Whitney Kuehler, Garret Higgins, Dustin Kirby and wife D'Lynn, and Tyler Kirby and wife Christie; and four great-grandchildren — Madison Stickler, Keith Stickler, Catlyn Dalton, Addyson Kirby.

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# AGRICULTURAL NEWS



## JOB Act Is A Meaningful Step In The Right Direction

In a rare moment of bipartisanship in Washington, The Jumpstart Our Business Startups (JOBS) Act beat the odds and was signed into law recently, after passing both Houses of Congress by overwhelming margins.

The JOBS Act reduces burdensome and outdated regulations, and will help small businesses, entrepreneurs, and start-up companies to do what they do best: innovate, grow, and create jobs. I authored one of the key sections of the JOBS Act.

My JOBS Act provision will enable community banks to raise more capital that can be loaned to small businesses, by increasing the number of bank shareholders permitted to invest from 500 to 2,000, without costly approvals by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

When President Obama signed the JOBS Act into law a couple weeks ago, he emphasized the importance of America's entrepreneurs and small businesses, saying, "America has always had the most daring entrepreneurs in the world... when their businesses take off, more people become employed."

And he pledged that, "We're going to have to keep working together so that we can keep moving the economy forward."

Nevertheless, five days later, the President went off in the wrong direction — championing the so-called "Buffett Rule" tax, and pushing the Senate to approve that tax as soon as possible.

Ironically, the Buffett Tax would punish the very job creators that the President said we should encourage to expand and hire more people.

Unlike the JOBS Act, which encourages more opportunities for start-up businesses and entrepreneurs, the Buffett Tax would do just the opposite. If the Buffett Tax becomes law, what could be the next Google, Dell Computer, or Facebook might never get the chance to move beyond a business plan or mom's garage.

The Buffett Tax is a roundabout way of raising the capital gains tax on investors who are willing to take the risk of providing seed money for early-stage start-up businesses, particularly for tech start-ups. If and when one of these new enterprises becomes successful enough to be acquired or go public, the Buffett Tax would take a much bigger bite out of investors' profits.

This would discourage risk-taking, and drain away private investment capital that entrepreneurs and start-up businesses must have.

The President argued initially that the Buffett Tax is needed for deficit

reduction. But the U.S. Treasury Department estimates that the Buffett Tax would raise no more than \$5 billion annually. That's less than one half-percent of this fiscal year's \$1.2 trillion deficit, and barely a drop in the \$15+ trillion ocean of national debt. But it's a crucial \$5 billion that the President would drain from the pool of private capital available to help entrepreneurs.

Even after the President conceded his tax proposal would have no impact on deficit reductions, he has continued to argue the Buffett Tax should be enacted as a matter of "fairness."

In other words, big tax increases on small businesses and on investors who fund start-up companies — the same businesses that he described when signing the JOBS Act as responsible "for almost every new job created in America."

That doesn't seem "fair" to the millions of Americans who are looking for jobs.

Our economy has been the most dynamic job-creating machine in world history. One of biggest problems holding it back now is an incredibly complicated, inefficient tax code that imposes some of the highest taxes in the world on businesses and job creation.

Bipartisan cooperation is needed to enact comprehensive tax reform. Lower,

flatter tax rates and a fairer, simpler tax code would unshackle job creation in the private sector. That's what we should be working on now, not an election-year ploy that would make our economy worse.

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## Cattle On Feed Report Released

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.84 million head on March 1.

According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was up slightly from last year, but down two percent from Feb. 1.

Producers placed 380,000 head in commercial feedlots during February, unchanged from last year, but down five percent from the January 2012 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 415,000 head during February, up two percent from last year, but unchanged from last month.

On March 1, there were 2.41 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 85 percent of the state's total.

The number on feed across the area was up one percent from

last year but down two percent from the February total.

February placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 343,000 head, down one percent from the January total. Marketings were up two percent from last month to 360,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 11.7 million head on March 1.

This inventory was three percent above

March 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.71 million head, three percent above February 2011. February placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 400,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 335,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 469,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 510,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.76 million head, two percent below 2011.

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# The Sudan Buzzy

## Sudan Students Attend State FCCLA Meeting

The Sudan FCCLA state qualifiers attended the State FCCLA meeting in Dallas at the Hilton Anatole from April 11-14.

Members attending the conference were Brittney Cabrera, Mariah Martinez, Yaneth Solis, Nancy Delgado, Denise Salazar, Janelle Vanderlei, Alex Hernandez, Maribel Centeno, Stormi Peck, Allison Black and Julie Gonzales.

These members competed at the Regional FCCLA meeting in February in STAR Events.

STAR stands for Students Taking Action with Recognition. The events they competed in were Entrepreneurship, Chapter Showcase Manual, Chapter Service Display and Focus on Children.

Also, during their conference they attended workshops on financial fitness, teen alcohol and drug awareness, nutrition,

and traffic safety.

Denise Salazar also attended the conference as the newly elected Region I Vice President of Achievement and Correspondence.

Along with her duties at the conference, she attended the same meetings.

"I am very proud of the work they have accomplished this year," FCCLA advisor Cheri Sain said. "They have gained valuable skills that they can use in the future."



Sudan FCCLA, from left to right — Brittney Cabrera, Mariah Martinez, Yaneth Solis, Nancy Delgado, Denise Salazar, Janelle Vanderlei, Alex Hernandez, Maribel Centeno, Stormi Peck, Allison Black and Julie Gonzales.

## Sudan Varsity Team Takes Home District Championship

By Cheri Sain  
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan boys' varsity tennis team took home the district championship on Tuesday.

Sudan also had the mixed doubles team of Janelle and Case Vanderlei advancing to regionals as well as Gabe Zamora advancing in men's singles.

They will play in the Regional Tennis Tournament at South Plains College on Wednesday for a chance to compete in Austin in May.

After the first day of competition, the mixed team of Janelle Vanderlei and Case Vanderlei defeated

Sudan's second mixed doubles team of Stormi Peck and Dex Baker.

The score was 6-3, 6-4 to earn a spot in the regional tournament for Vanderlei and Vanderlei with Peck and Baker coming in third.

Stormi and Dex earned points for the team and being named regional alternates.

Gabriel Zamora played 2-1/2 hours and came away with the victory with sets of 6-7, 6, 6-3, 6-0 to take third place points for the Sudan boys' team.

Gabriel went on to defeat Farwell in another 2 1/2 hour match with scores of 0-6, 6-3, 6-4 to gain the regional birth as a sophomore.

Jake Chester and Dayton Fisher defeated Morton 7-6(5), 1-6, 6-4 to take the outright third place points.

The points earned by the boys team edged out Sundown by a couple of points to give the Sudan boys the 2012 district championship for District 3-1A.

Olton won the girls title and the overall team championship.



Sudan High School tennis team — Stormi Peck, Janelle Vanderlei, Dex Baker, Coach Lawrence Altum, Gabriel Zamora and Case Vanderlei.



Pictured on the left: Dayton Fisher and Jake Chester.

## Sudan's Winning Track Team

Sudan's tracksters, pictured below, from left to right, include Andrew Ramon, Bill Nolte, Osmar Diaz, Richard Montes, Dayton Fisher, Christian Ruiz, Reece Harper, Jake Chester, Tanner Fisher, Gabe Zamora, Xavier Trillo, BJ Johnson and Nik Clarkson.



## Sudan Track Takes Area

By Cheri Sain  
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan varsity boys' track team was crowned area champions at the Dist. 3-4 Area Track Meet on April 12. Several young men qualified for the Regional track meet to be held at South Plains College on Thursday April 19th.

Junior Dayton Fisher had a stellar performance all day at the track meet. Fisher placed first in the triple jump, first in the high jump, second in the

4x400 meter relay, fourth in the 400 meter dash, and second in the

4x100 meter relay. Fisher jumped 6'4"

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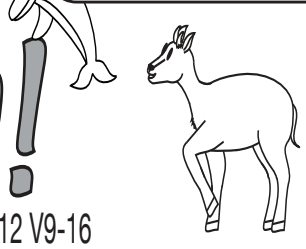
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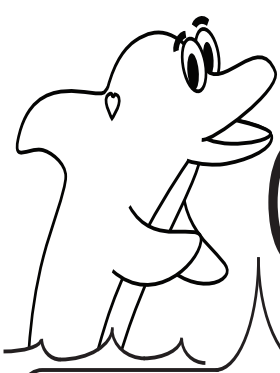
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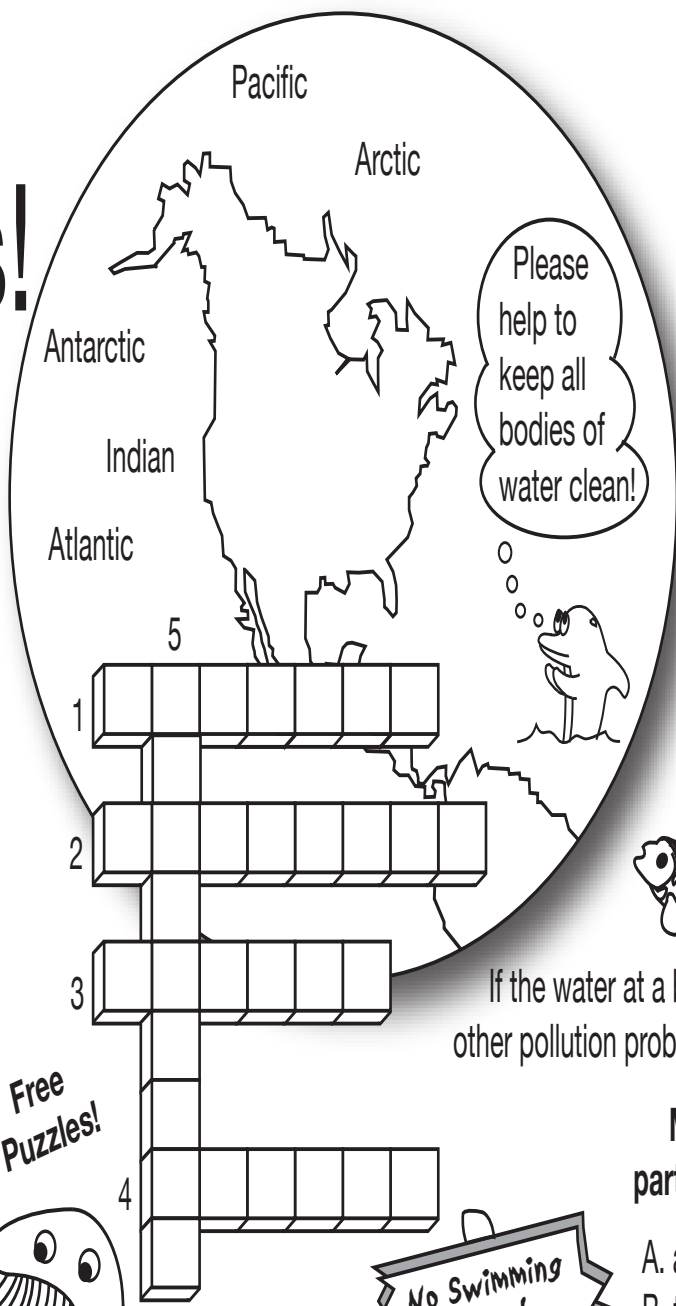


## World of Oceans!

Would you like to live in a house under the ocean? It might be possible, but we don't know enough about the world's oceans yet to be able to build cities and live in the sea. Oceanographers, scientists who study the ocean, hope to unlock its many secrets. They study how the ocean affects our earth and our lives. They watch the effect our actions have on the oceans and ocean life.

You can be an "oceanographer" for a few minutes. Look at a flat map of the world or run your finger along a globe to see how the world's oceans join into one huge global or "world ocean." Notice how the continents (large land masses) divide the world ocean into four or five large oceans (depends upon the map or globe).

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- Which ocean is the largest and deepest?
- This ocean lies between North America and Europe.
- Some people say that this ocean is part of the Atlantic Ocean. It is the water north of Asia, Europe and North America.
- This ocean is east of Africa and south of Asia.
- The waters of this ocean surround Antarctica. Some say it is only the southern parts of the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans.



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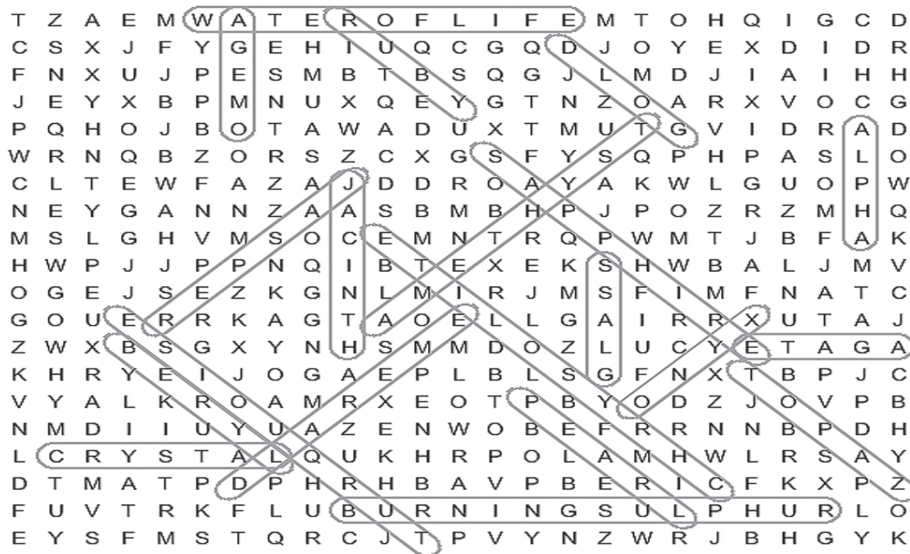
If the water at a beach or in a stream has high levels of bacteria or other pollution problems it can make it unsafe to swim or eat the fish.

Match the numbered phrases to their second parts to see how people can fight water pollution:

- as much garbage and trash as we can
- to help cut back on pollution from cars that can cause acid rain
- all trash we produce while hiking, biking, picnicking or visiting the beach
- any household or boating products into the water
- oil spills from ships and companies that hurt plants and animals in the water
- all medical waste



### Revelation 21



### Movie Night Announced

Teen Movie Night at the Muleshoe Area Public Library is set for May 21 and 23, from 4-6 p.m., according to Librarian Dyan Dunagan

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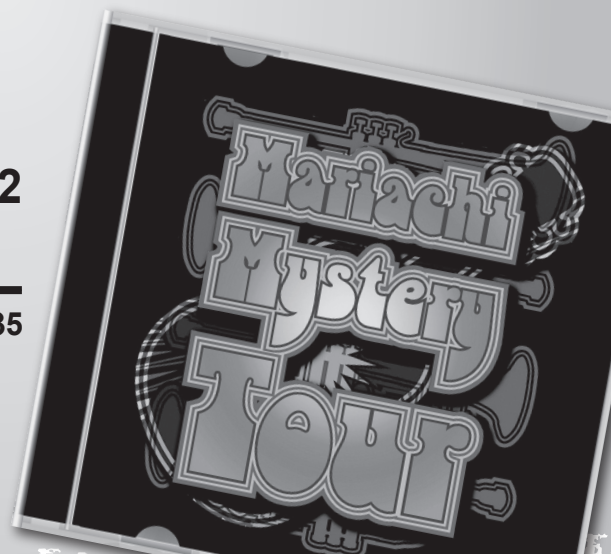
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# SPORTS NEWS

## Lady Mules Clinch Third Place In District

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scored first in the bottom of the second inning and then clung to that one-run lead until the top of the fifth inning.

The Lady Cats rallied for three runs on two hits and a Lady Mule error.

The Lady Mules fought back in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game.

Daniella Mendoza led off the seventh inning with a high bouncing ball that took a bounce just over the glove of the Littlefield pitcher and rolled into center field.

Miranda DeBruin hit a slow roller between short and third. She beat the throw to first for a one out infield single. Danni Diaz replaced DeBruin at first as a pinch runner.

Samantha Vasquez helped her own cause and extended the game with a two-out line-drive single to center

field. Mendoza scored from second and Diaz scooted around the bases from first to beat the throw home and tied the game 3-3.

Littlefield put runners at first and second with no outs to start the ninth inning. Pop flies to Vasquez in the pitching circle and Dom Mata at second resulted in back-to-back infield-fly-rule outs. The fifth batter of the inning grounded out to Mata to end the Lady Cat threat.

The first two Lady Mule batters in the bottom of the ninth inning grounded out to the pitcher.

DeBruin took the first pitch for a strike and swung and missed the second pitch. She hit a two-out line-drive single to right field to raise the Lady Mules' hopes.

Diaz again was the pinch runner for DeBruin. Linda Sanchez ripped a line drive to



Photograph by Rhea Gonzales

An unidentified Muleshoe player pushes past Littlefield's mighty softball team allows to score.

left center field over the head of the Lady Cats. Diaz zipped around the bases and scored from first for the win.

The Lady Mules may have celebrated a little too long as they lost their game Friday to the Idalou Lady Cats 11-10.

The loss to Idalou clinched the third place

in District 2-2A.

The Lady Mules had one final game in the regular season. They hosted the Dimmitt Bobbies Tuesday afternoon.

It was Senior Day for the Lady Mules, and Dominique Mata and Sabrina Chavez were honored.

## Local Tracksters Qualify For Region 1

**By Delton Wilhite**  
Sportswriter

The Mules track team had nine members to qualify in eight events for the Region I Track Meet.

Junior Baca led the Mules by winning gold medals in the 400-meter dash and the 800-meter run. He also ran the final leg of the 4x400-meter relay that won the bronze medal.

The Mules finished the district meet in third place with 89 points and will send all three relay teams to Odessa.

Idalou won the meet with 200 points and Littlefield was second with 94. Friona had 71 points, Abernathy 51, Dimmitt 50, Floydada 30 and Tulia finished with 28.

J. Baca moved to lane eight in the 800-meter run because the Mules had three runners



Photograph by Larry Thornton

crowded into lane four and lane eight was open.

An Idalou runner joined J. Baca in lane eight. When the starting gun sounded J. Baca sprinted to the front of the pack.

J. Baca was comfortably in the lead and had no trouble at the cut-in point to the inside lane. He led the entire race and crossed the finish line over two seconds in front of the next runner. J. Baca ran

a time of two minutes 0.96 seconds for the gold medal.

Four events later, J. Baca was back on the track for the 400-meter dash. He had the best qualifying time of 51.91 in the preliminaries. He made up the stagger by the back straight away in the finals and finished a minute and 48 seconds in front of the competition.

J. Baca had a time of 50.19 for the gold medal.

Austin Ross won the silver medal in the 110-meter hurdles and a bronze medal in the long jump. He ran a preliminary time of 15.10 during the morning session and won the silver medal in the afternoon with a finals time of 15.21.

Ross qualified for the finals in the long jump

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Photograph by Larry Thornton

Samantha Vasquez pitches during the first inning.



Photograph by Rhea Gonzales

Another Littlefield out... courtesy of the Lady Mules.

## Tennis Team Competes At Plainview

**By Delton Wilhite**  
Sportswriter

The Muleshoe High School tennis teams returned to Plainview April 10 for the second round of district.

The girl's doubles team of Carly Krug and Baylee Bessire were the only members of the team with an opportunity to qualify for the Region I Tournament in Odessa.

Krug and Bessire scored the first point in their finals match with Floydada and won the first set 6-1.

The pair allowed Floydada to score two points in the second set before winning the regional qualifier's match 6-1, 6-2 and the silver medal.

Krug and Bessire will represent Muleshoe and District 2-2A in the Region I Tennis

Tournament in Odessa April 18 and 19.

The mixed doubles team of Eli Leal and Alyssa Leal defeated Friona in three sets

5-7, 6-2, 6-3 for third place in the district. Mateo Castillo and Matt Ambriz lost their third place match to Floydada 2-6, 4-6 in

boys doubles.

Matthew Barron defeated Floydada 6-2, 6-3 for the bronze medal in his match for third place in boys singles.

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Lady Mule's Team Effort Yields Gold

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules only gold medal in the District 2-2A track meet was a team effort in the final race of the day.

Celeste Flores ran the first 400-meters of the 1600-meter relay. She handed the baton to Kalie Morris for the second leg.

Ruby Andrade took the baton in third place moved into second on the curve.

Andrade closed the distance on first place Friona and made the final exchange in a dead heat.

Adrienne Precure received the baton in the second lane and ran behind Friona around the curve and the two runners battled down the back straight away. Precure ran behind

Friona around the final curve and moved into lane two on the final straight-away.

The two battled to the final 50 meter of the race. Precure made the pass and moved into lane one in front of Friona

She crossed the finish line for the gold medal in a time of four minutes 19.95 seconds.

The Lady Mules had improved their time by seven seconds.

The Lady Mules finished in fifth place in the meet with a total of 77.50 points.

Idalou won the meet with 142 points, Tulia was second with 93 and Friona finished third with 86.

Abernathy had 80 points, Littlefield 71, Dimmitt 36.50 and Floydada scored 30.

Precure won three individual medals. She ran a silver medal time of 49.60.00 in the 300-meter hurdles. Daniela Diaz finished fifth in the same race with a time of 54.97.

Precure time of 17.07 won the bronze medal. She cleared 4 foot 10 inches in the high jump for the bronze medal. Morris appeared to clear 4-10.00 on her first attempt but the bar fell before she left the pit.

The two officials did not see her clear the bar and ruled it a miss. She finished sixth with a height of 4-08.00.

Andrade had a bronze medal time of 1:05.00 in the 400-meter dash. Carolina Franco won the bronze medal in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:44.09. She also placed fifth

in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:30.78.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Katelyn Gable, McKenna Dunham, Diaz and Morris placed fourth with a 1:54.63.

Diaz tied for fifth place in the pole vault with a height of 7-00.00. Dunham placed sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 31-07.50.

Gable finished fourth in the 200-meter dash with a 27.54.

Linda Sanchez qualified seventh in the 100-meter dash with a 13.84 but she improved her time to 13.63 for sixth place in the finals.

Gable, Morris, Andrade, and Flores placed fifth in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 54.00.

Stephanie Martinez finished sixth in the first race of the day. She ran a time of 14:47.96 in the 3200-meter run.

The Lady Mules have two weeks to prepare for the Region I Track Meet Odessa's Ratliff Stadium April 27-28.



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in the high jump and jumped a 44'11½" triple jump for his two first place wins.

Junior Jake Chester also had a great day at the track meet. Chester would finish third in the long jump, second in the 4x100 meter relay, second in the 4x200 meter relay, and seventh in the 100-meter dash.

Freshman BJ Johnson was also a part of the 4x400 meter and 4x200 meter relays that placed second in both races. He also placed fifth in the 300-meter hurdles.

Sophomore Reece Harper also qualified in several events including the 4x100 meter relay,

4x200 meter relay, and the 4x400 meter relay. He also qualified in the triple jump by placing fourth.

Junior Christian Ruiz will run both long distance races after he placed third in both the 3200-meter run and the 1600-meter run.

Junior Osmar Diaz qualified in the 4x400 meter relay after placing second.

Junior Richard Montes placed four in the 110-meter hurdles.

Junior Bill Nolte also qualified in the 4x100 meter relay and 4x200 meter relay.

Other team members who qualified were

Freshman Gabe Zamora in the pole vault by placing third, Tanner Fisher placing fourth in the high jump, and the two alternates for the relays, Nik Clarkson and Xavier Trillo.

"Our teams represented well at this meet," Coach Gordon Martinsaid. "There were some heart breaks, and there were some really great performances. But overall, it was a good meet."

Qualifying for the Girls' Regional Track Meet are Keela Chester and Ashton Sawyer in pole vault.

Chester placed second overall while Sawyer placed fourth.

Marie Carrizales placed second in the 3200-meter run and third in the 1600-meter run.

Victoria Williams placed fourth in the 200-meter dash. She also qualified in the 4x100 meter relay with fellow teammates Sawyer, Danielle Logan and Sury, with Rodriguez with Jasmine Weaver and Bryleigh Schovajsa as alternates.

They took home the first place prize.

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LeAnn Gallman  
Muleshoe City Secretary

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LeAnn Gallman  
Secretaria de la Ciudad de Muleshoe

# Local Golf Team Takes Silver Medals

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mule golfers won the silver medal and qualified for the Region I Golf Tournament for the 10th consecutive year April 9.

The Mules played the final round of the district tournament on their home course.

The team finished with a total of 386 strokes for the final round and was nine strokes ahead of the third place Friona Chieftains.

Idalou claimed the District 2-2A championship.

The Mules were led this season by Colten Harris. He shot a final round 82 to finish as the third low individual in the district.

Eli Leal and Beau Avila both shot final rounds of 89.

Mateo Castillo



The Muleshoe Mules golf team  
(Courtesy photograph / Alice Liles)

finished with a 126 and Matthew Dickerson had a final round 129.

"Mateo (Castillo) hurt a shoulder playing tennis and was in a lot of pain today," said Mule golf coach Carey Sudduth.

"He played through the pain and made it possible for us to finish nine strokes ahead

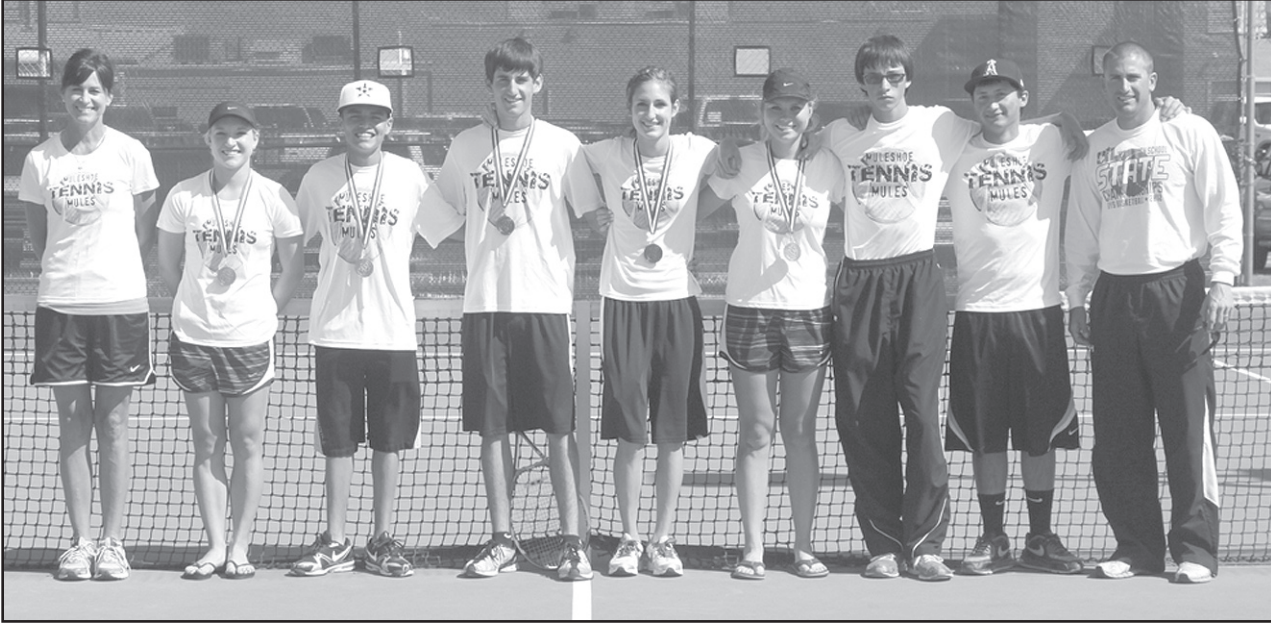
of Friona," the coach added.

The Mules had a short time to prepare for the Region I Tournament. The two-day 36-hole tournament was scheduled for April 16-17 on the Ratliff Ranch Golf Links in Odessa.

The Lady Mules did not have a complete team for the first

round of the district tournament because of an injury. The team was together for the final round in Friona on April 9.

Bailey Bales led the Lady Mules with a final round of 116. Gabby Chavez shot a 122, Miranda DeBruin and Stefani Lopez both shot final rounds of 132.



## MHS District Medal Winners

Several Muleshoe students placed in district tennis competition. The students, pictured above, between coaches Jody Wood and Jay Gorman, are: Baylee Bessire, second place, doubles; Matthew Barron, third

place, singles; Eli Leal, third place, doubles; Alyssa Leal, third place, doubles; Carly Krug, second place, doubles; Mateo Castillo, fourth place, doubles; and Matt Ambriz, fourth place, doubles.

## Mule Track... Continued From B1

with a leap of 20 feet 10.50 inches. He scratched his first two attempts in the finals.

He hit the middle of the board on his final attempt and sailed 21-07.50 feet before touching down for the bronze medal.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Ray Martinez, Ross, Caleb Wood and Xavier Reyes ran a bronze medal time of 45.30.

Wood was the first Mule to qualify for the Region I meet with a distance of 40-00.00 in the triple jump for the

bronze medal. The 4x200-meter relay team of Martinez, Saul Elizalde, Wood and Lupe Campos won the silver medal with a time of 1:35.45.

Ray Martinez started the 4x400-meter relay and made the exchange to Chris Cage.

Cage handed off to Ross and I. Baca carried the baton on the final leg. He made up a lot of distance for the bronze medal with their best time of the year 3:31.27.

Eli Leal placed fourth in the high jump with a leap of 5-10. He tied the

bronze medal height but placed fourth because of misses.

Leal finished fifth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:21.71.

Issac Baca's toss of 41-03.75 was good for sixth place.

Juan Guerrero had sixth place throw of 116-04.

Saul Elizalde finished sixth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.95.

The Mules have two weeks to prepare for the Region I Track Meet in Odessa's Ratliff Stadium April 27-28.

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# Little Good News In Game Against The Chieftains

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

Ryan DeLeon played and pitched in his first game of the season Saturday against the Friona Chieftains. Saul Elizalde went three-for-three at the plate with a single, triple and a double. That was the extent of the good news for

the Mules. Friona out hit the Mules 13-5 and defeated the Mules 18-5 in five innings. It took DeLeon a while to knock all the rust from his pitching arm and he hit the first three batters to load the bases. A single to right field scored two before DeLeon struck out the

next batter. A wild pitch allowed the fourth run to score before a pop fly back to the mound was caught by DeLeon. S. Elizalde made the throw to DeLeon covering third base. DeLeon applied the tag for the third out. The Mules trailed 4-0 after the first half inning.

S. Elizalde singled to left to lead off for the Mules. He stole second base and went to third on a ground ball sacrifice to first base by Austin Ross. Matt Ambriz walked and then stole second base. The throw to second allowed S. Elizalde to score from third. The Mules trailed 4-1 after one inning. Friona scored one run in the top of the second inning to extend their lead to 5-1. The Mules battled back in the bottom of the second inning. Chris Lozano reached

first base on an error by the pitcher and he stole second base. A throwing error on the third baseman allowed Nacho Elizalde to reach first base and Lozano to score. DeLeon reached on a fielder's choice that forced N. Elizalde out at second. Matt Barron walked before S. Elizalde blasted a triple to the fence in left field. DeLeon scored from first and Barron scooted around the bases to score from first. The Mules had cut the Friona lead to 5-4. That was as close as the Mules would come.

Friona sent 10 men to the plate in the third and fourth innings and scored a total of 13 runs. The Mules scored one run in the bottom of the fifth. S. Elizalde's hit to right center field bounced over the fence for a ground-rule double. Ross singled to center to score S. Elizalde. The Mules traveled to Littlefield Tuesday to play the Wildcats. The Mules return home to host the Dimmitt Bobcats on Senior Day and then finish up on the road in Abernathy on Monday, April 23.

# JV Track Takes Silver At Abernathy Meet

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The JV Mules scored 110.50 points in the District 2-2A track meet held in Abernathy Thursday. The Mules won the silver medal. Idalou won the meet with 205 points and Abernathy was third with 105. Friona finished fourth with 66 points, Tulia nad 29.50 and Dimmitt scored 25. Alex Mendoza won the Mules first medal of the day in the discus with a bronze medal throw of 102 feet three inches. Blayne Shipman cleared 5-02 in the high jump to tie for sixth place. Francisco Elizalde placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 17-01.00 and Jorge Martinez was sixth with a jump of 16-04.25.

Eshoya Lopez placed fifth in the pole vault by clearing 9-00. Blaine Hurtado's distance of 36-04.00 in the triple jump placed him fourth. The Mules' 4x100-meter relay team of Lopez, Martinez, Braden Bessire and Elizalde finished fourth with a time of 48.22 seconds. Chamel Regalado won the silver medal in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:19.12. Shipman cruised through the 110-meter hurdles for the gold medal with an 18.92. Elizalde had a bronze medal time of 11.78 in the 100-meter dash and Bessire placed sixth with a 12.04. The 4x200-meter relay team of JJ Gandara, Lopez, Martinez and Medardo Andrade finished fourth with a time of 1:42.59. Chris Lozano circled

the track once in a gold medal time of 55.22 in the 400-meter run. Hurtado placed fourth in the 400- with a 57.73. Three Mules placed in the 300-meter hurdles with Lopez taking the bronze medal with a time of 48.10. Shipman and Regalado were fourth and fifth in the 300-meter hurdles with times of 48.39 and 48.65 respectively. Andrade placed fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.95. Roman Franco took fourth in the 1600-meter run with a 5:40.38. The Mules saved the best for last. The 4x400-meter relay team of Elizalde, Jesus Manzanares, Lozano and Hurtado ran a gold medal time of 3:46.38. The Mules will now begin off season preparing for the 2012-2013 school year.

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- Membro de la Meza Directive para lugar uno
- Membro de la Meza Directiva para lugar tres
- Membro de la Meza Directiva para lugar cinco

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215 S First  
(Address) (Direccion)  
Muleshoe, TX 79347  
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

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May 4, 2011.  
(4 de Mayo del 2012)

Issued this the 23rd day of February, 2012.  
(Emitada este dia 23 de Febrero, 2012.)

/s/ Zona Gatewood  
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of the City of Muleshoe:  
(A los votantes registrados del Ciudad de Muleshoe)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 12 2012 for voting in a special election for:

The reduction of the rate of the additional local sales and use tax in the City of Muleshoe dedicated for the benefit of a Section 4A Economic Development Corporation from one-half of one percent to one-fourth of one percent and the adoption of an additional local sales and use tax in the City of Muleshoe at the rate of one-fourth or one percent to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 12 de Mayo del 2012 para votar en la Eleccion Especial para:

La reduccion de tarifa de ventas adicionales locales y el eso de la tarifas en la ciudad de Muleshoe dedicada para el beneficio de la corporation para el desarrollo economico seccion 4A de medio por ciento y la aprobacion de tarifas adicionales de un cuatro por ciento para recaudar fondos para el mantenimiento de las calles municipales.

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May 4, 2012.  
(4 de Mayo del 2012)

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/s/ Cliff Black  
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)



# Muleshoe Sales Tax Allocation Shows Increase

## Sales Tax Results

City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$37,016.47	34,267.94	8.02%
Dimmitt	\$28,047.14	24,057.14	16.58%
Morton	\$ 8,804.22	8,082.94	8.92%
Littlefield	\$74,582.14	60,831.38	22.60%
Olton	\$ 9,647.79	7,227.61	33.48%
Sudan	\$ 4,517.29	3,831.65	17.89%
Earth	\$ 5,341.99	3,150.92	69.53%
Farwell	\$ 6,323.93	6,973.26	-9.31%
Bovina	\$ 7,411.01	5,936.71	24.83%
Frona	\$26,576.00	23,079.11	15.15%

The City of Muleshoe's sales tax allocation from the Texas State Comptroller's office placed the Bailey County seat in the back of the pack, once again.

The recent numbers — which reflect sales tax collected by local merchants in February and reported to the state in March, indicate Muleshoe collected \$2,748.53, or 8.02 percent, more than during the same period in 2011.

At the top of the area communities

watched was Olton with a \$2,420.18, or 33.48 percent increase, followed by Bovina, with an increase of \$1,474.30, and Littlefield, with an increase of \$13,750.76

According to this month's allocation numbers, Farwell was the only community to fall behind Muleshoe with a 9.31 percent decrease, representing \$649.33 less in sales tax collections.

On a brighter note, Muleshoe's year-to-date total of \$175,256.79

shows a 4.01 percent increase over the same period in 2011.

Earth's year-to-date percentage of increase placed it at the top of the pack; however, its actual total sales tax collected was \$21,147.85.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced recently that state sales tax revenue in March was \$1.87 billion, up 16.9 percent compared to March 2011.

"The latest sales tax revenue numbers mark a continuation of recent

trends we have seen in sales tax receipts," Combs said.

"Strong collections continued in oil and gas-related sectors, while growth in revenue from the retail sector and restaurants also accelerated," she said.

Combs sent April local sales tax allocations totaling \$488.7 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 17 percent compared to April 2011.



## OAP Advances To Regional Competition

The Muleshoe High School One Act Play, Romeo and Juliet, competed at the Area Contest at West Texas A&M University recently, and advanced to the Regional competition.

Muleshoe ISD and Tulia ISD both advanced from the area contest.

The Region 1 One-Act Play Contest will be held

in Odessa at Odessa College on April 19-21.

Among the students receiving special honors are Dalia Melendez, who was named Best Actress. The All-Star Cast members included Kari Mendoza and Robert Brewster. Honorable mention also went Ryan Johnson, Bailey Bales and Isaiah Guerrero.

## Observing National Work Zone Awareness Week

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) manages more than 1,000 highway projects at any given time on Texas roads.

To remember victims and raise safety awareness for workers and motorists, TxDOT will join the Federal Highway Administration and other transportation partners April 23-27 to observe National Work Zone Awareness Week.

Work zones can be hazardous for motorists and highway crews working to improve Texas' highways.

Because of increased safety measures and public outreach, TxDOT has seen a decline in work zone fatalities for

two consecutive years. In 2010, 100 people were killed in highway construction and maintenance zones in Texas, down from 108 the previous year.

While there has been a decline in work zone fatalities and crashes, there is still work to do.

Since 1938, there have been 270 TxDOT employees killed, with 200 of those deaths occurring in work zones.

In 2010, the Lubbock District had three work zone fatalities and 412 crashes.

Eighty-five percent of those killed in work zones are drivers or their passengers.

Speeding and inattention are the most common causes cited.

Rear-end collisions account for one in three crashes.

Safety is TxDOT's first priority, no matter what job — behind the desk or on the highway.

With that in mind, TxDOT makes the following suggestions:

- Slow down and

follow posted speed limits. Traffic fines are double in work zones.

- Pay attention. Workers are often close to traffic.

- Be patient. Delays can be frustrating, but it only takes a few minutes to slow down in a work zone.

### Correction Policy

Although the *Muleshoe Journal* tries to be accurate in the news stories and releases it publishes, the newspaper recognizes that errors occasionally occur.

An effort will be made to correct typographical errors, or misstatements of facts, in news stories voluntarily submitted for publication as soon as possible — if brought to the newspaper's attention in a timely manner, but

will not include rerunning the news story or related photographs.

Corrections necessary from inaccurate or illegible information provided to the newspaper will not be published free of charge.

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## News about your college student

If your college student is graduating or has made the Dean's or President's List, in order for that information to appear in the *Muleshoe Journal*, we must receive notice from the respective educational institution.

Your son or daughter must sign a release so the information can be sent to us.

Have them visit their bursar's office to sign a form indicating they wish to share their good news!

Once permission to share information has been granted, the college or university should send the info via email to: editor@muleshoejournal.com.

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### And on Sunday, April 22nd...

9 am: Cowboy Church  
11 am: Little Cowhand Rodeo; Steer Riding - Mutton Bustin' - Barrels - Poles  
2 pm: RCRA All-Women Rodeo:  
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