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Courtesy photograph

A Lubbock County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad member, in protective gear, at the scene in the 600 block of West Seventh.

Bomb Squad Determines Nothing Hazardous In Suspicious Package

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Packages during the Christmas Season, or around your birthday, are always exciting, but a package dropped off at a local residence Thursday, April 11, sparked a bit of excitement that wasn't quite as pleasant.

According to Lt. Benny Parker of the Muleshoe Police Department, local resident Eddie Alvarado reported a suspicious package had been left at his

residence in the 600 block of W. Seventh, a little before 3:30 p.m.

Even though there weren't any exposed wires, because of how the package, a briefcase to be specific, had been placed, and the resident's previous military service, local law enforcement officials felt it best to request the assistance of the explosive ordinance disposal unit with the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office.

After the arrival of the bomb squad a high-pressure water cannon

was used to "breach the package," and determine it didn't contain explosives.

Instead of explosives, the briefcase was found to contain miscellaneous papers belonging to a local organization.

"That's what we're here for," Parker said.

While false calls will be handled as terroristic threats, the lieutenant said Muleshoe residents shouldn't hesitate to call if similar circumstances arise.

County Revenue Issues Examined

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

With the Bailey County Law Enforcement Center's ongoing problems with jailer retention, as well as filling other county positions, county revenue issues some hoped would be set to rest when the current budget was finalized, have reared their heads again.

During the April 8 county commissioners' court, the issue of how additional revenue could be raised to fund a pay increase for jailer positions drew a suggestion that a study should be

made to determine the feasibility of raising the jail's current rate for boarding out of state prisoners.

However, while such a study has yet to be completed, County Judge Sherri Harrison expressed concerns Monday about the possibility of losing prisoner boarding contracts with current counties, both in Texas and New Mexico, due to a rate increase.

Looking at the numbers behind the operation of the county jail, the judge recognized that at the current rate and number of prisoners

being boarded, the revenues generated by the facility would barely cover this year's bond payment.

According to Harrison, the jail is projected to make about \$321,000 during the current fiscal year, and the 2013 debt service payment is set at \$321,585.

Although the projected revenue for the facility in the 2013 budget was set at \$415,000, with the county already five months into that budget, the actual revenue is below the anticipated amount, at \$167,666.44.

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Muleshoe Sales Tax Allocation Dips Slightly

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Although only a slight decrease, the City of Muleshoe's April sales tax allocation from the Texas State Comptroller's office is the third consecutive month to show a decrease.

February's allocation showed a 2.26 percent decrease when compared to the same month in 2012, while March showed a larger 6.32 percent decrease, and April's decrease was announced at 1.09 percent.

To a degree, these totals were offset by January's 12.11 percent increase in sales tax allocations, along with December's 2.92 percent.

Still, while the allocation news for the Bailey County seat isn't as robust as

and 30.50 percent in March.

For the month of April, Farwell topped the list

Sales Tax Results

City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$36,612.57	37,016.47	-1.09%
Dimmitt	\$30,140.30	28,047.14	7.46%
Morton	\$9,860.80	8,804.22	12.00%
Littlefield	\$87,195.54	74,582.14	16.91%
Earth	\$3,400.23	4,262.39	-20.22%
Olton	\$8,489.41	9,647.79	-12.00%
Sudan	\$3,754.87	4,517.29	-16.87%
Farwell	\$8,279.65	6,323.93	30.92%
Bovina	\$7,904.46	7,411.01	6.65%
Friona	\$23,333.54	26,576.00	-12.20%

Dimmitt's, which had a 31.99 percent increase in February and a 26.93 percent increase in March; it hasn't suffered the significant allocation drops that Earth has at 24.65 percent in February

of area municipalities at 30.92 percent, followed by Littlefield at 16.91 percent. While the list bottomed out at Earth with a 20.22 percent decrease in sales tax revenue, compared to

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MHS Students Place In Area

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Muleshoe students participated, and placed, in the District 1-2A and 2-2A Area Meet that was held in Antelope Stadium in Abernathy Friday.

The top four places in each event qualified for the Region I Meet to be held on the Ratliff Stadium track in Odessa April 18, 19 and 20.

The event is sponsored by Odessa College.

The Lady Mules qualified six members of their track team for the Region I Meet and the Mules are sending eight.

Adrienne Precure qualified in four individual events and the one team event she participated. She returned home with five silver medals.

Precure cleared four foot, 10 inches in the high jump and then vaulted 9-6.00 in the pole vault.

She ran a time of 15.57 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles and followed that with a 46.70 in the 300-meter hurdles.

Precure also anchored the 4x400-meter relay team of Cas Moore,

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Photograph by Gabby Perez

Lady Mule Adrienne Precure, who captured five silver medals at Abernathy, is pictured above taking part in the 100-meter hurdles.

Students Pulled Out Due To Rumor

About 20 students at Muleshoe High School were pulled out of class in response to a rumor that a violent act was going to take place on the campus Monday afternoon, according to Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets.

When Police Chief Roy Rice, whose department had been working to trace the rumor's source, was contacted he said

nothing about that had been substantiated.

"We took it seriously," Sheets, who notified the police department of the alleged problem, said.

He went on to remind local parents of the "school reach telephone system," and that any credible information — not rumor, will be passed along to the district's parents.

OPINION

Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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

'The Bible'

Richland Hills Baptist Church, 1631 W. Ave. D in Muleshoe, will be hosting a Bible study based upon the recent History Channel mini-series, "The Bible," Sunday, May 5, through Wednesday, June 5.

On Sunday evening, beginning at 5:30 p.m., a portion of the mini-series will be viewed, followed by a study session on Wednesday, beginning at 6 p.m.

During Sunday's viewing, refreshments will be served, and on Wednesday evening there will be a light meal.

MHS Spring Blood Drive

Muleshoe High School will be hosting Coffee Memorial Blood Center for a spring blood drive on Friday, April 12, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The bloodmobile will be located outside of the MHS office. Requirements will be a photo ID or Donor ID card.

You must be at least 17 years of age, but any child 16 years-of-age can donate as long as he or she presents a signed parental consent which can be picked up at the MHS office.

Contact Sharon Villa, MHS nurse, at (806)272-7309 if you would like to schedule an appointment.

'Relay For Life' Fund Raisers

Teams U Crew and Laz for Life will be hosting a luncheon fiesta pile on, with all the trimmings and dessert on Sunday, April 21, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., in the Lazbuddie ISD Cafeteria. Donations will be taken at the door for the American Cancer Society.

Team Witness Walkers will be hosting a lunch on April 21, following church services in the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe's fellowship hall. They will be serving pulled pork, coleslaw, red beans, trimmings and dessert. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Teddy Bear Drive

Muleshoe's Girl Scouts are holding a "Teddy Bear Drive." Individuals wishing to donate new stuffed animals may drop them off at DeShazo Elementary April 22-26, or at the Girl Scout Hut, 815 W. Second, on Monday and Tuesday, April 22-23.

All donated stuffed animals will be donated to the Muleshoe Area Medical Center to be given to children at the hospital.

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Grandpa Asks: What Do Hotel Pool Alligators Really Eat?

I might as well admit it: I am one tired alligator.

My three grandkids and I were paddling around in a hotel swimming pool when my oldest granddaughter, the six-year-old beautiful Queen Alexandria, decided that I should be an alligator.

The other two, the four-year-old magic faerie princess and the almost two-year-old handsome elf prince, agreed.

Fine. Those little folks and I discovered a long time ago that when we're together, it's not at all unusual for me to morph into a unicorn, or a pony, or, on the darker side, even a dragon or an orc. Adding "alligator" to the list? No problem.

The rules were, to be sure, just a bit restrictive. It was decreed that the "alligator pool," where gators actually live most of the time, would be in the deeper end of the pond.

On a couple of occasions, I was ordered to paddle back over there and quit eating people.

Okay, but that brings up another question. What are hotel pool alligators allowed to eat if pint-size human swimmers are pulled from the menu?

I asked that question, and the queen answered so quickly that I suppose anyone familiar with hotel pool alligators would know immediately. Two items. The first? Seaweed.

Well, alright. Seems a little slimy to me, but, hey, it's green, and everybody's mama knows that green veggies are supposed to be good for you. My mom seemed to think "the slimier the better."

Come to think of it, maybe that's why most of the hotel pool alligators I've ever been acquainted with were a little light on the "green scale."

I'd thought the pool chemicals probably bleached them out. But it turns out that the chlorine which may be okay for hotel guests is not so good for most native hotel pool alligators; it deprives them of needed seaweed.

But I was glad to hear about the second food item: squirrels. Even before I was a hotel pool alligator, I was a confirmed carnivore all the way up to my canine incisors.

I have trouble believing that vegetarians live longer than carnivores; I have no trouble at all believing that it must seem a lot longer. This hotel pool alligator prefers ribeyes, medium rare.

But, if the alternative was a steady diet of seaweed, the alligator under my hat might find squirrels increasingly



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

appealing.

In fact, I must have been needing some protein. I almost ate an elf-prince. It was his own fault. He was squirming in a squirrel-like fashion.

I was about to chow down when the queen got loud and frantic and burst my bubble. "Not squirrels," she squealed, "coral! Hotel pool alligators eat coral!"

Good grief. How depressing is that?! I don't think even seaweed slime in a hotel pool alligator's diet will help that kind of roughage make safe passage.

I simply can't imagine any hotel pool alligator ever thriving on a diet of seaweed and coral. That queen needs to check her facts and speak more clearly, or hotel pool alligators will soon be endangered. They're

already hard to find. Jesus spoke absolutely clearly when with love-filled eyes he looked at the little children and pronounced, "Of such is the kingdom." Yes, indeed! But I still think she said squirrels.

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County Revenue... Continued From A1

In other words, the county prisoner board is bringing in about \$12,500 less than projected. Not the brightest news in a county with limited revenue sources.

Harrison said Monday the county may be forced to shut down half of the jail's cell blocks reducing its capacity to 48 beds.

While such an action was briefly discussed last year by the commissioners' court, she said the possibility of such an action is even

more likely due to the difficulties in retaining sufficient jailers to operate the facility at its maximum capacity.

According to the 2013 budget, Bailey County was projected to receive revenues totaling \$2,782,146.35.

"It was a scary, scary budget," Harrison said, noting that the current 2013 budget was the most difficult one to prepare since she took over the task eight years ago.

"We're as trim as we're going to get," the

judge said.

Along with prisoner board, the budget includes anticipated revenue from assorted county charges totaling an additional \$112,000; money generated through fines and forfeitures totaling approximately \$145,250; miscellaneous revenue — including such things as the rental of the Bailey County Coliseum, at \$49,000; and of course, taxes which are expected to generate about \$2,048,896 for the county.

Unlike the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County does not have a county sales tax in place.

Since the judge recognizes the possibility of passing a county sales tax, or increasing the county's tax rate is infinitesimal, she has to place her hopes in efforts to build the county's valuation through the efforts of entities such as the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation to draw new business to Bailey

County.

One of the bright spots in regards to county revenue and expenses, according to Judge Harrison, has been changes that have occurred at Bailey County EMS, the county-operated ambulance service which underwent a change in management in 2012, and according to the February county treasurer's report has shown a significant financial improvement. Although the ambulance service can be listed as a potential revenue generator for the county, in truth —

according to county officials the county has had to subsidize nearly half of its operation.

According to the treasurer's report, the 2013 budgeted amount for the EMS includes projected collections of \$200,000, along with the county's projected supplement of \$197,857.74.

However, the judge was excited to see that the ambulance service's year-to-date collections, in February, were \$113,476.40, and the county's subsidy was at \$40,000 for the same period.

Muleshoe 2013 Spring Art Show Results Released

The results of the 2013 Muleshoe Spring Art Show are as follows:

Purchase Award — Lois Snyder of Clovis, NM; **Best of Show** — Joy Simmon of Clovis, N.M.

Watercolors — First place, Marie Tidwell of Clovis, NM, "Untitled Landscapes;" Second place, Sandra Chancey, "Globe in the Mountains;" third place, Doris Wallace of Clovis, NM, "Bullrider."

Oils — First, Pauline Clark "Pink Geraniums;" second, Gennie Seifert of Clovis, NM, "Time to Feed the Chickens;" third, Ruth Barrett, "Rest Time"

Pastels — First, Jackie Hinderliter of Clovis, NM, "Cows;" Second, Martha Hunnicutt, "Flying Low."

Miscellaneous

— First, Alice Liles (photography), "Massai Baby;" second, Randall Bohler (photography), "Dogs Play;" third, Alison Broughton (pen and ink), "Barn Tree."

Honorable Mention Watercolor — Ginnie Seifert, "Gallistee NM, Gateway;" Martha Hunnicutt, "Winds of Time;" Joy Simmon, "Heart of Mountain;" Jackie Hinderliter, "Madison."

Oil — Reagan Cox, "Farwell November Sunset;" Reagan Cox, "French Quarter;" Scott Blazik, "Citadel" (Acrylic).

Miscellaneous — Doris Wallis, "Ceramic On the Run;" Randall Bohler (photograph), "Unfamiliar."

Jan Lloyd a former instructor and head of Art Department at Clovis Community College was the judge for this year's show.

Lloyd is now retired and travelling with her husband, Roy. They live west of Muleshoe.

Obituaries and Death notices

Death notices will be published free of charge in the Muleshoe Journal. There is a fee of \$30 for the publication of "basic obituaries." "Non-basic obituaries" will be published at the rate of \$4.50 per column inch. In all cases, the obituary information should be submitted by the funeral home for verification purposed.

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. If the notice is to be published prior to any services, the time, date and location of services, and location of burial may be included. If publication will be after said services, the time will not be included. An example is as follows:

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Basic obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed at the basic rate of \$30, and may contain the following information: date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of parents, spouses or children who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors, including the spouse, parents, brothers, sisters and children. Only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren will be included; and where memorials may be directed. We will run a one column black and white photo at no charge.

Non-basic obituary...

A larger photo, or content that varies from that listed for a basic obituary — such as the names of grandchildren, or additional relatives or relationships — will require the obituary to be published at a rate of \$4.50 per column inch.

April Sales Tax...

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In year-to-date totals, Muleshoe is almost at a stand-still, with a minimal .03 percent decrease, representing \$57.82 less than it's April 2012 total of \$175,198,97

As usual, Littlefield is the only municipality in the with greater Y-T-D total, \$370,853.44, a 16.80 percent increase.

The April sales tax allocations represent sales tax collected by merchants in February and submitted to the state in March.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced recently that state sales tax revenue in March was \$1.98 billion, up 5.5 percent compared to March 2012.

"Sales tax revenue growth was seen in both the business and consumer sectors of the economy," Combs said. "Collections grew in sectors such as manufacturing and retail trade. Sales tax revenue has now increased for 36 consecutive months."

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their April local sales tax allocations totaling \$521.9 million, up 6.8 percent compared to April 2012.

Muleshoe Chamber To Host Circus, Young Trapeze Artist

A talented 17-year-old trapeze performer is proving to the world that just because you are in the circus doesn't mean you cannot fulfill your other dreams.

Franchesca Cavallini dreamed of becoming a trapeze artist and she became just that.

She also had a hidden talent, "singing," and had always dreamed of becoming a famous singer.

Last year producer and songwriter Jacque Hollander wrote and produced a song, "I Am The Circus," especially for Franchesca and together they are turning her dream into reality.

Franchesca, from a young age, has always loved animals especially elephants. She realized that she could use her dream to help these creatures she loves so much. All proceeds from this song will go to the asian elephants at the Endangered Ark Foundation in Hugo, Okla.

The Endangered Ark Foundation, a non-profit 501c3 organization, was established in 1993 to help in the preservation of the endangered asian elephant's in North America.

It is home to the second largest herd of asian elephants in the USA.

Franchesca will perform her song live under the big top, when Carson & Barnes Circus performs in Muleshoe, under the sponsorship of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture on at the vacant lot on Hwy. 70, east of the Hwy. 214 intersection.

Accompanying Franchesca in a 10-minute extravaganza are circus artists from around the world and her favorite elephant "Isa."

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Senior Citizen News

By Susan Skipworth

Well, April is almost gone! Just one week left of April.

I can hardly believe how fast this year is going.

Our congratulations to the fine young musicians of Watson Junior High's Treble and Tenor-Bass Choir for earning an "Excellent" and "Superior" rating at Lubbock in the Concert Category.

We have some of the finest musicians and athletes representing our community and our schools here in Muleshoe.

We would like to say a special "job well done" to all the football, basketball, baseball and track teams and coaches of the Muleshoe Independent School District.

Also, pats on the back for our great cheerleading squad that keeps us on our feet and cheering.

Tuesday, April 23, is Bunco Day. Come on out and join us for a fun time playing Bunco.

The fun starts at 10:30 a.m.

Kathy Carr from the Bailey County Extension Office will

be here on Wednesday, April 24, to bring us her nutrition program. Kathy always has some very interesting information for us that we can really use.

Bingo with Brady and the gang from IntegraCare will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Come have lunch with us, stay after the wonderful meal, visit and then play a rousing game of Bingo.

We would like to remind you to bring a can or two of canned goods as a donation for playing Bingo, for our food bank here in Muleshoe.

Pray for rain!
April 22-26 menu:
 Monday, April 22 — King Ranch casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, brownie, and

tortilla.

Tuesday, April 23 — Charbroiled beef pattie with peppers, onion, garlic mashed potatoes, beets, mandarin oranges, and bread.

Wednesday, April 24 — Grilled steak, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, tossed vegetable salad, low calorie French dressing, cornbread, and tropical fruit mix.

Thursday, April 25 — Hot dog on a bun, mustard, baked potato with sour cream, seasoned broccoli, and pineapple gelatin.

Friday, April 26 — Fish or chicken strips, beans, green peas, tossed vegetable salad, low calorie French dressing, whole wheat bread, and tropical fruit mix.

Seventh Grade Ladies 'Run Away' With Track Meet

By Delton Wilhite
 Sportswriter

The seventh grade Lady Mules ran away from the competition in the District 2-2A track meet.

The Lady Mules accumulated 136 points in the meet for the team gold. Tulia placed second with 118 points, Abernathy was third at 84 and Dimmitt placed fourth with 78 points.

Friona took fifth with 64 points, Olton was sixth at 58 and Littlefield finished seventh with 52.

Cassidy Cage got the Lady Mules off to a fast start in the first race of the day, the 2400-meter run, with a silver medal

time of 10 minutes 37.14 seconds.

Laura Chavez scored a point in the same race with a sixth place time of 11:22.88.

Brianna Barron and Conley Niblett kept the streak going by winning the gold and silver medals in the high jump with leaps of four feet even.

Liliana Barrera and Niblett added more points and medals by taking the gold and silver medals in the long jump with leaps of 12-03.75 and 12-02.75 respectively.

Alexis Campos had a fifth place leap of 11-07.5 in the long jump.

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 Proverbs 3:5, NIV



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Obituaries

Lillis Mae Garner

Lillis Mae Garner, 82, of Farwell passed away on Sunday, April 14, 2013, in Muleshoe.

Memorial services were held on Wednesday, April 17, at the First Baptist Church in Farwell, with the Rev. Russ Ponder officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Muleshoe.

Mrs. Garner was born on Feb. 7, 1931, to C.M. and Rosa Lee (Cooper) Woodard in Ralls. She married Raymond J. Garner on Aug. 6, 1949, in Crosby County.

He preceded her in death on Jan. 30, 2012.

She was also preceded in death by her son — David Garner on May 12, 1989, and by her parents.

Mrs. Garner was a member of the First Baptist Church in

Farwell. She was a volunteer at the nursing homes in Muleshoe and Farwell, and was a member of The Pink Lady Volunteers in Clovis, N.M. Mrs. Garner enjoyed following her grandkids careers.

Survivors include her son — Donnie Garner of Long Beach, Calif.; a daughter — Debra Redwine of Muleshoe; and four grandchildren — Jarah Redwine of Houston, Brice Redwine and Brittney Johnston of Lazbuddie, Shannon Redwine of College Station, and Tobin Redwine and wife Shanna of Montgomery.

Memorials may be made to Muleshoe Meals on Wheels, 300 First St., Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

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

James Whitson

Graveside services for James Franklin Whitson, 75, of Muleshoe, were held on Thursday, April 11, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Mindy McLanahan officiating, and under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

James went home to be with the Lord on April 8, 2013. He was born on Dec. 5, 1937, in Delta City, Miss., to Jess and Mary Whitson.

The Whitson family moved to Muleshoe in 1945.

James joined the US Army in June of 1956, and served in Germany.

He worked at Cashway Grocery, Mrs. Baird's Bread, and as a night watchman for a

feed lot. He was preceded in death by his parents and by his sister, Nattie Lee.

James is survived by his sister — Linda Cox and her husband G.A. of Bedford; two nieces — Kim Liebelt and husband Mark, and Dianna Hall and husband Ray; a nephew — Shane Cox and wife Stephaine; a great-niece — Amber Ritchey and husband Ronnie; a great-nephew — Christopher Prince and wife Taylor; Joshua Liebelt, and Dakota Cox.

He will be remembered as a wonderful brother and uncle.

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Muleshoe Country Club Ladies Association

The members of the Ladies Association of the Muleshoe Country Club met April 10 at the club for their monthly business meeting and luncheon.

The meeting was called to order by MCCLA president Marlene Martin and the benediction was given by LaVerne Winn.

The meal was provided by Jeanetta Precure, Christie Whitt, Treena Matthews.

Following the meal,

Lariat Church Of Christ Youth Attend Convention

Leadership Training for Christ in Dallas was where you could find several area families Easter weekend.

This is an annual convention held across the United States where youth, grades 3-12, compete against themselves in a variety of events, including on teams and individually.

At the three event sites in Dallas, there were more than 5,200 participants, with thousands of additional youth participating across the nation.

In the third-fourth grade division, were Carson Stancell, Slade Perkins and Ali Vaughan.

Carson earned a bronze in service challenge, silver in drama, and gold in art, puppets, song leading, Bible reading and speech.

Slade earned a silver in drama and gold in devotional challenge, puppets, song leading and Bible reading.

Ali came home with a bronze in Bible quiz, silver in drama and children's book with gold in puppets, song leading, Bible reading, service challenge, speech, audio broadcast, power point, chorus, photography and bulletin boards.

Competing in the fifth-sixth grade division was Trace Stancell, earning a silver in drama and a gold in Bible reading.

The seventh-eighth grade participants were Ethan Stancell, Adam Stancell, Kendal Stancell, Jace Perkins, Peaches Dowdy and Kelly Vaughan.

Ethan earned silver in drama, puppets and

the minutes of the March meeting were read by secretary Matthews and approved by the members.

The treasurer's report was given by Pat Kirk.

Under old business, Winn reported that new putting green flags being made locally was under discussion.

Tammie Black, with others, will be responsible for cutting blocks for the tee-box markers.

Claudene Elliott

reminded the club she had the mule cut-outs for the tee-boxes stored at her home.

T. Black, tournament chairman, presented possible raffle selections for the Jennyslipper Tournament, which is scheduled for Aug. 17.

Martin, with others, will be in charge of the hot dog meal following the Jack & Jill Tournament which is scheduled for April 27, and she encouraged the members to participate in this fun scramble.

High Plains Chairman Matthews reminded members of the Palo Duro tournament on Wednesday, April 17. Tee time is 10 a.m.

Anita Black reported the MCC has 10 leased

carts and along with full, associate and social memberships, the golf memberships are now in effect.

Play Day Chairman Judy Wilbanks gave the golf award to Kirk, low putts; Shanghai card players, best sport, Wilbanks, first down, Jerie Flowers and Analita Haley.

Jeanetta Precure won the door prize awarded at the meeting.

Members present included Kirk, Matthews, Janet Claborn, T. Black, Jimmy Kay Moore, Brenna Shipman, Donna Glover, Elinor Yerby, Precure, A. Black, Wilbanks, Winn, Flowers, Helen Templeton, Elliott, Haley, Whitt and Martin.

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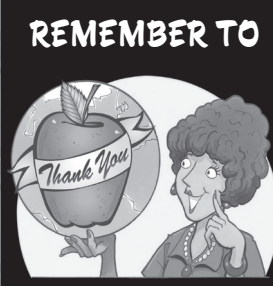
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We will also honor an outstanding Staff Member of the Year. This award is only open to employees who are not classroom teachers (For example: teacher aid, secretary, custodian, maintenance, food service, bus driver, etc.)



Thank those who've made a difference in your life.

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 3, 2013.

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

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The 40 Gallon Challenge is a call for residents and businesses to reduce our region's water use on average by 40 gallons per person, per day. The challenge began in 2011 as a voluntary campaign to increase water conservation.

As Bailey County continues to be drier than normal and rain changes keep passing us this is a good time to renew this challenge.

The 40 Gallon Challenge encourages people to save a minimum of 40 gallons a day by adopting new water-saving techniques.

The pledge card outlines water-saving practices and the daily water-savings to expect.

You can use the pledge to review the water-saving practices that you or your family currently puts to use. By pledging new practices, you will see the total daily savings expected for your household.

The 40 Gallon Challenge also provides maps and charts to see pledge activities in your state and across the United States.

Why should I conserve water?

Drought conditions, population growth and increasing water demands has put added stress on the water supply. By conserving water, these water demands and the demand for energy-intensive systems that obtain, treat, and distribute water are both decreased.

Why should I pledge to save at least 40 gallons?

Reducing water usage at home not only saves this precious resource, it also helps homeowners keep more money in their wallets.

Saving a minimum of 40 gallons a day for 30 days adds up to more than 1,000 gallons per month.

This is an easy way to document the amount of water saved since most water provider's bill in thousand-gallon increments.

In other words, you should see real savings on your water bill if you follow through with your pledge and put to use the recommended water-saving practices.

What if I am already using some of these water-saving practices?

First, thank you for conserving water! If you already use some of these practices, do not choose them in your pledge.

Since you already implement a water-saving technique you already benefit from this particular task.

For instance, if you are turning off the water when you brush your teeth, then you are already saving up to eight gallons a day.

Including this on your pledge would not truly give you water savings that you can see on your future utility bills.

What can I learn from the 40 Gallon Challenge maps and charts?

The 40 Gallon Challenge maps are a quick way to assess participation of each state and county in the challenge.

States and counties are highlighted based on how many gallons their citizens have pledged.

The 40 Gallon

Challenge charts show the most popular practices being pledged, the pledged practices that are saving the most water daily, and counties that are pledging the most daily savings.

How can I take the Challenge?

Go to www.40gallonchallenge.org and participate in the online pledge. Help make Clay County number one in pledges in the State of Texas.

Where can I get more information about conserving water?

Contact Kathy Carr, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Bailey County agent at 272-4583, for more information.

Seventh Grade Ladies...

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Campos placed fifth in the triple jump with a hop, skip and jump of 26-02.50. Barron cleared a gold medal height of 6-06.00 in the pole vault.

Noa Rojas heaved the shot put a bronze medal distance of 25-06.50. Rojas placed fourth in the discus with a throw of 55-07.00.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Barron, Kimberly Lopez, Melody Moran and Barrera ran a silver medal time of 57.24. Yvonne Diaz won the bronze medal in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:56.35.

Barrera earned the gold medal in the 100-meter hurdles with a 19.85. Brianna Velasquez earned a point for the team with a sixth place finish in the same event.

Kimberly Lopez placed sixth in the 100-meter dash with a 14.79. The 4x200-meter relay team of Barron, Niblett, Haley



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Junior High Choirs Rate 'Excellent'

The Watson Junior High Treble Choir and Watson Junior High Tenor-Bass Choir performed on Wednesday, April 10, at the Region 16 UIL Concert and Sight Reading contest in Lubbock. The Treble Choir earned ratings of "Excellent" in both categories. The Tenor-Bass Choir earned a rating of "Excellent" in Sight Reading and a rating of "Superior" in the Concert category.

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Lariat Church of Christ's prize-winning contestants

Lariat Church Of Christ...

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speech with gold in chorus, power point, painting, service challenge, bulletin boards and audio broadcast.

In the ninth-10th grade class, Lariat was represented by Cari Johnson, Austin Stancell and Emily Stancell.

Cari participated in Bible quiz, earned a silver in drama and a gold in chorus.

Austin came home with silver in children's fiction, puppets, drama, drawing and Bible quiz.

His gold medals were in children's book,

service challenge and song leading.

Emily participated in Bible quiz, earned silver in drama and puppets and gold in Bible reading, song leading and chorus.

The 11th-12th grade participants were K'Leigh White, Taylor Stancell, Jill Johnson, Kasi Vaughan, Caitlyn Stancell and Bretton Stancell.

K'Leigh came away with a bronze in devotional challenge, silver in Bible quiz and drama and gold in chorus, puppets and photography.

Taylor earned silver in drama and Bible

quiz and gold in service challenge and chorus.

Jill participated in Bible quiz, came home with a silver in drama and a gold in chorus.

Kasi received silver in drama and Bible quiz and gold for drawing, chorus, puppets, power point, bulletin boards, children's book, service challenge and Christian fiction.

Caitlyn earned silver in drama and Bible quiz and gold in chorus and puppets.

Bretton came home with gold for his drawing.

Lariat was represented by 18 youth in 108 events.



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The Sudan Buzzy

Sudan's District Track Meet Deemed 'Successful'

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan track team had a very successful district track meet taking home the varsity boys', varsity girls', and junior varsity boys' district championship trophies.

Several of the Sudan athletes will compete at the area track meet on Thursday. The following athletes placed at the district track meet:

Varsity Girls

In the girls' 3200-meter run, Marie Carrizales placed first with Ambrosia Nelson placing third. In the 1600-meter run, Carrizales placed first while Nelson placed second.

In the girls' high jump, Madi Edwards placed first with a jump of 4 feet, 8 inches. In the girls' pole vault, Ashton Sawyer placed second and Keela Chester placed third.

In the long jump, Ashton Shultz placed fifth and Kristina Thorn placed sixth. However, Shultz will compete in the event at the area track meet. In the girls' triple jump, Shultz placed second, Sawyer placed third, and Thorn placed fifth.

In the running events, the varsity girls 4x100-meter relay placed first. Those team members include Sawyer, Shaylee Johnson, Shultz, and Bryleigh Schovajsa.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Sawyer placed first and Shultz placed third. In the 100-meter dash, Johnson placed first, Shultz placed third, and Schovajsa placed fourth.

In the 400-meter dash, Edwards placed first and Eliana Herrera placed sixth. In the



Sudan student Shaylee Johnson sprints to the finish in the 100-meter dash.
Courtesy photo / Chesanie Brantley

300-meter hurdles, Sawyer placed first and Allison Black placed fifth.

In the 200-meter dash, Johnson placed second and Schovajsa placed third. The 4x400-meter relay, the Sudan girls placed fourth. Team members are Edwards, Herrera, Black, and Carrizales.

Varsity Boys

In the boys' 3200-meter run, Christian Ruiz placed first and Kort Hill placed fourth. In the 1600-meter run, Ruiz placed first while Hill placed sixth and Omar Vasquez placed fifth.

In the boys' high jump, Dayton Fisher placed first while Tanner Fisher and Stephen Schovajsa tied for third. Tommy Whitehurst placed third in the pole vault.

Dayton Fisher also placed first in the boys long jump followed by Tanner Fisher in second place and Jake Chester who placed fourth.

Dayton placed first

in the triple jump as well followed by Reece Harper who placed second and Jesus Lozoya who placed sixth. Damien Montes placed fourth in the discus throw, and Andrew Ramon placed fourth in the shot put and Isiah Conley placed sixth.

In other running events, the boys 4x100-meter relay placed first. Team members include Chester, Fisher, Barry Johnson, and Harper. Landon Williamson placed third in the 800-meter run followed by Cesar Medrano who placed fourth and Tommy Whitehurst who placed sixth.

Xavier Trillo placed third and Lozoya placed fourth in the 110 meter hurdles. In the 100-meter dash, Tanner Fisher placed third and Jake Chester placed fourth.

In the 4x200-meter relay, Jelmer Vanderlei, Tanner Fisher, Chester, and Harper placed second. The 400-meter

dash had Adam Martin in second place, and Williamson placed sixth.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Johnson placed second, Trillo placed third, and Lozoya placed sixth.

In the 200-meter dash, Vanderlei placed third while Tanner Fisher placed fourth.

In the 4x400-meter relay, Johnson, Vanderlei, Harper and Dayton Fisher placed first.

JV Boys

Branden Locke and Jeremy Binion went first and second in the 3200-meter run. In the JV 1600 meter run, Binion placed first while Locke placed second.

Ashton Bartley won the boys' high jump. Brady Fields won the pole vault event. Cristian Martha placed fourth in the long jump.

Rance Johnson placed second in the triple jump.

Luke Tiller placed fourth in the discus throw. Urield Delgado placed third in the shot put while Ty Shaw placed fourth. In the 4x-100-meter relay, Delgado, Tiller, Marcos Gonzales, and Luis Briseno placed first.

Greg Wood placed first in the 800 meter run while Edgar Nunez placed second. Rance Johnson also placed sixth. In the 110-meter run, Case Vanderlei won the event followed by Cristian Martha.

In the 100-meter dash, Ty Shaw placed second, Bartley placed third, and Edgar Nunez placed fourth.

In the 4x200-meter relay, Sudan won the first place honors. Members include Delgado, Shaw, Gonzales, and Tiller.

In the 400 meter dash, Brady Fields placed first, Greg Wood placed third, and Johnson placed fourth.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Luis Briseno placed first, Martha placed second, and Case Vanderlei placed third.

Luke Tiller placed second in the 200-meter run while Gonzales and Bartley placed fourth and fifth. In the 200-meter run, Tiller placed third, Bartley placed fourth, and Gonzales placed fifth.

In the 4x400-meter

relay, Sudan placed third. Team members include Wood, Fields, Briseno, and Nunez.

JV Girls

In the JV girls' discus throw, Janie Delarosa placed fourth and Sydney Goen placed fifth.

In the 800-meter run, Araseli Cornejo placed first.

Delarosa also placed third in the 100-meter dash and sixth in the 200-meter dash.

The area track meet will be held at Sundown on Thursday, April 18.

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Tennis Students To Compete In Regionals

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

Three Sudan Tennis Team members will be competing at the regional meet Wednesday, April 17, at the South Plains College Courts in Levelland.

Kort Hill, Richard Montes, and Jake Chester will compete for Sudan after winning their final matches.

Richard Montes and Jake Chester defeated Plains (6-1 and 7-5) in the third place match and earned a playback against Forsan's #2 team. Chester and Montes prevailed in straight sets of 6-2 and 6-2.

Kort Hill also earned the right to compete for 3rd place and defeated Forsan in a 3 set marathon of 3-6, 6-3, and 6-2. Hill then proceeded to defeat Farwell 7-5, 6-4.

Other team members had a good first day, but they did not qualify for regional competition. Marie Carrizales played

well and lost in the quarter finals.

Kadon Gonzales and Alondra Ramirez won their first match but were eliminated in the quarters.

Kolton Gonzales and Jessica Barrett defeated Sundown and then played a marathon match They lost in the third set of the quarters.

Luke Tiller and Adam Martin won 1st place over Sundown in the JV boys doubles.

Kendon Drennan lost to Tahoka for a second place boys singles JV medal.

The tennis team is coached by Lawrence Altum.



Sudan student Kort Hill, pictured above, advances to regionals in men's singles.



Sudan students Luke Tiller and Adam Martin, pictured on the left, advance to regionals in doubles.

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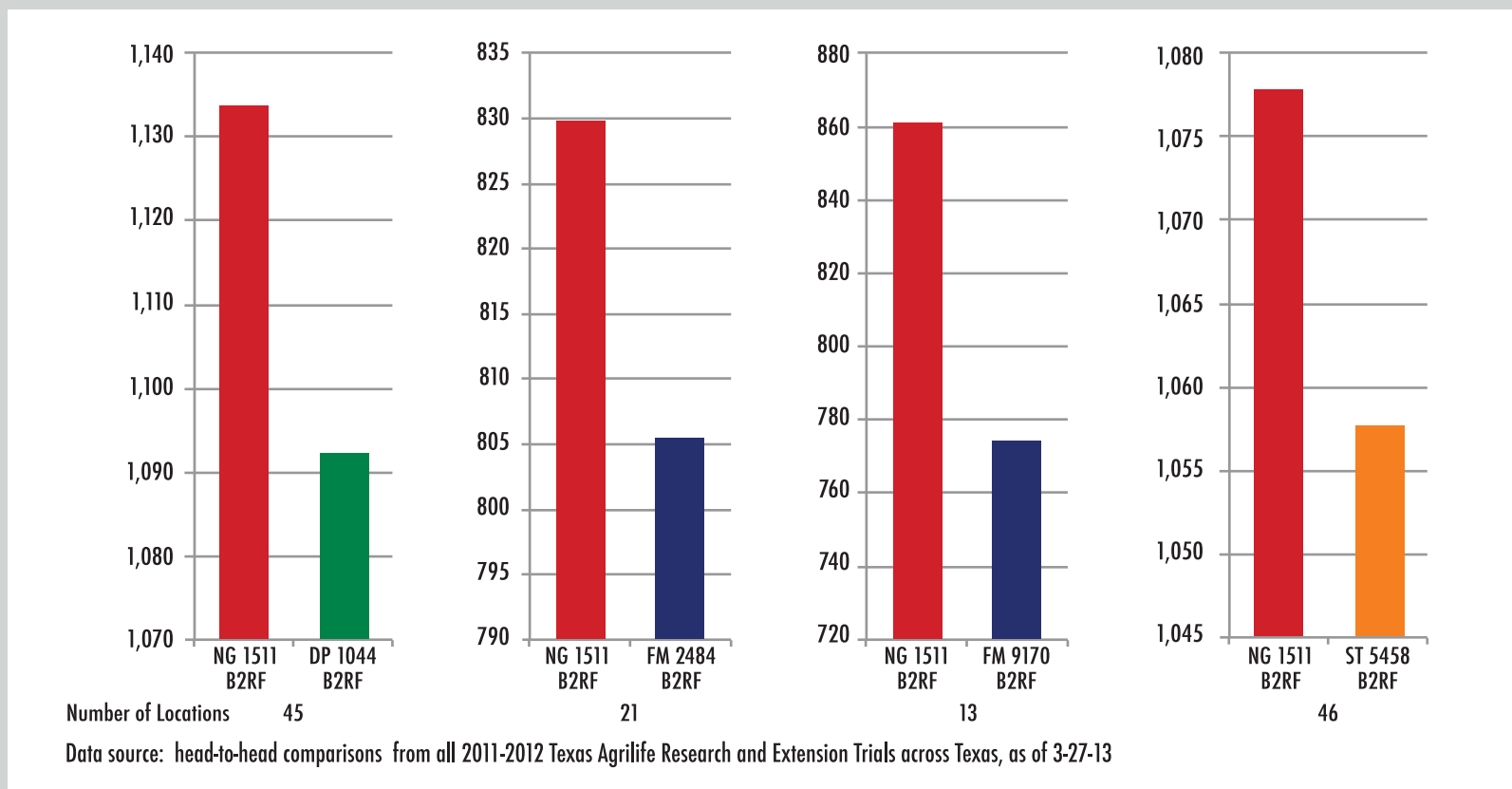


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SPORTS NEWS

Lady Mules Defeat Abernathy, Claim District Title

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Abernathy Lady Lopes were the only team in the softball district to have a chance at catching the league leading Lady Mules.

The Lady Lopes had to defeat the Lady Mules and hope Littlefield and Floydada did the same.

But it would take more than a cold-windy day in April for the Lady Lopes to catch the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules sent 20 batters to the plate in the bottom of the first inning and scored 17 runs to take the lead for good.

The Lady Mules won the District 2-2A championship by defeating Abernathy 22-7 in five innings on the 10-run rule.

The Lady Mules all but repeated the feat Saturday morning against the Littlefield



Lady Mule Linda Sanchez slides into third, safe, without being tagged.

Photograph by Gabby Perez

Lady Cats. Sixteen Lady Mules went to the plate in the first inning and the Lady Mules plated 10 runs to take the lead for good.

Littlefield fell to the Lady Mules 23-7 in another shorten game on the 10-run rule.

Abernathy scored a solo run in the first inning on a hit batsman, an error, and back-to-

back walks.

Adriana Loya picked off a Lady Lope attempting to steal second base with a throw to Amber Lopez covering second base.

A pop fly to Daniela Mendoza at second base and a pitch on the inside corner called for strike three ended the inning with the bases loaded with Lady Lopes.

Abernathy scored three runs in the second and third innings with two outs for seven of the 11 Lady Lope runs. The final four came in the fifth inning.

The Lady Mule 17 runs were a result of seven walked batters, three hit by pitches and five hits.

Linda Sanchez walked twice, had a base hit and scored three runs in the first inning.

Loya reached on a fielders choice and an error and scored twice and A. Lopez was hit by a pitch, walked and scored two runs.

Gabi Chavez walked and doubled scoring two runs and scored twice. Diamond Lopez sacrificed, had a base hit and scored one run.

Mandy Scolley reached on a fielders choice, walked and scored a run.

Alondra Villareal

was hit by a pitch twice in the first inning and scored twice. Daniela Mendoza walked twice and scored twice. Samantha Vasquez had two base hits and scored twice.

The Lady Mules tacked on five runs in the fourth inning. A. Lopez doubled off the fence in centerfield and Chavez walked. Miranda de Bruin walked and A. Lopez scored on a passed ball.

Jessica Kube singled, went to third on an error and brought home three runs. Kube scored on a wild pitch for the final run for the Lady Mules.

Littlefield did not score a run against the Lady Mules until the third inning. Marissa Cortez struck out two to end the first inning and D. Lopez fielded two ground balls in the second inning and

threw out both batters at first base.

The Lady Cats put two on the board in the third inning, three in the fourth and two in the third.

The Lady Mules utilized seven walks and six hits to put up their first 10 runs. They added four runs in the second and fourth innings and five in the third.

The Lady Mules traveled to Floydada Tuesday for the final regular season game.

As District 2-2A champions the Lady Mules will have a bye in the first round of the playoffs and then play the winner of bi-district game between the second place team from District 3 and the third place team for District 4.

The game or games will be played around May 4 at a time and place to be named.

Mules Fall To Tulia's Hornets In Tense Finish

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules trailed the Tulia Hornets 3-2 with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning Saturday afternoon.

Braden Bessire singled to right field for his second base hit of the day. Mule coach, Wes Boatman, called for the hit-and-run.

Bessire left first base as the Hornet pitcher committed to home plate.

Matt Barron hit a ground ball to the short stop.

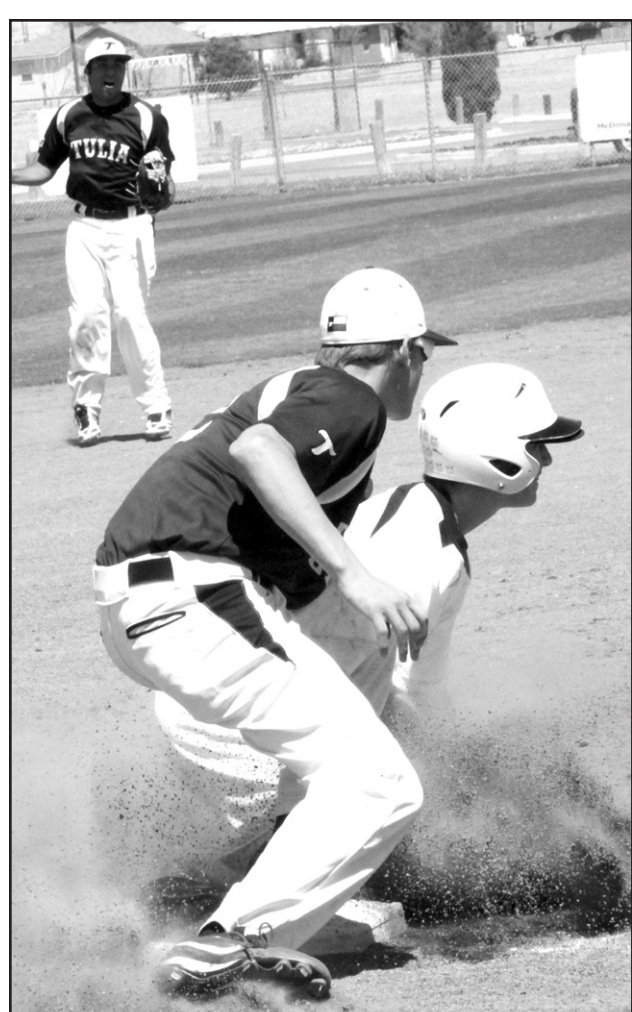
He fielded the ball and looked at second but Bessire was already standing on the base.

The only play was to first and Barron's sacrifice had put Bessire in scoring position.

Bessire took a big lead at second and raced to third on the first pitch to Chris Lozano.

The Tulia catcher made a good throw to third but Bessire slide under the tag.

Bessire got the



Mule called safe at third base.

Photograph by Gabby Perez

timing down on the catchers' throw back to the pitcher. Bessire sneaked down the third baseline toward home and as soon as the

catcher tossed the ball to the mound he broke to home plate.

Bessire was in his slide as the pitcher made the throw back to the catcher. Dirt flew and a tag was made about the knees of Bessire.

The umpire seemed to rewind the play in

run.

Luis Ruvalacaba qualified in fourth place in the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:44.0.

Ruvalacaba placed fifth in the 3200-meter run with a 10:55.30.

Eli Leal climbed atop the silver medal stand in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 41.54.

Leal started the sixth place 4x100-meter team of Caleb Wood, Francisco Elizalde and Ray Martinez with a 45.05.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Martinez, Ross, Jesus Manzanares and Baca won the silver medal with a time of 1:31.44.

The same relay team were back on the track in the 4x400-meter relay and topped the medal stand with a gold medal time of 3:27.29.

his mind a couple of times before deciding to end the game with the call of "Out!"

The umpire's decision had allowed the Tulia Hornets to hang on to a 3-2 win over the Mules.

Tulia had scored one run in the first inning after Barron snagged a line drive at short stop and made the throw to Wesley Clarkson at first base to complete a double play.

Back-to-back doubles scored the Tulia run.

Felipe Guerrero chased down a line drive to right field and squeezed the ball in his glove for the third out to end the Hornet threat.

The Mules took the lead in the third inning with Nacho Elizalde leading off the inning with a base hit to centerfield.

Bessire laid down a perfect bunt down the first base line and he raced past the ball before the pitcher could make a play.

Matt Barron bunted down the third base line to load the bases with Mules.

A throw to third base in an attempt to pickoff Elizalde got passed the third baseman and Elizalde scored on the scoring error.

Bessire scored the Mules second run on a sacrifice by Guerrero.

Tulia scored a run in the fourth inning to tie the game on a two-out hit, a throwing error, a wild pitch and an error.

Elizalde struck out the fifth batter of the inning for the final out.

Bessire made a

running over the shoulder catch in center field for the first out of the sixth inning. Tulia scored on a double and a base hit to right field for the winning run in the sixth inning.

The Mules traveled to Littlefield to play the Wildcats Monday afternoon and will be in Olton on Saturday, April 20, to play the Mustangs.

The Mules return home Tuesday, April 23, to finish up the regular season against the Dimmitt Bobcats.

Area Track Meet...

Continued from A1

Ruby Andrade and Jo Moore for the final silver medal.

The team posted a time of 4:33.87

The 4x200-meter relay team of Jazmin Arellano, J. Moore, Katelyn Gable and C. Moore qualified in fourth place with a time of 1:53.32.

Carolina Franco finished sixth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:38.69.

Noemi Herrera placed sixth in the 1600-meter run with a 6:15.76.

Miranda Acevedo took fifth in the 3200-meter run with a 13:31.81.

Austin Ross qualified with a silver medal jump of 21 feet, 10 inches in the long jump.

Junior Baca ran a bronze medal time of 1:59.80 in the 800-meter

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SPORTS NEWS

Barron Seeded No. 1 At District Tourney

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Matt Barron was seeded number one in the District 2-2A tennis tournament that was played in Plainview.

He cruised through the competition to qualify for the championship round.

Barron's teammate, Nacho Elizalde, was not seeded but battled his way through the bracket and defeated the number two tournament seed, Bryant Powell, of Abernathy to qualify for the finals.

The two young men rode from Muleshoe to Plainview on the morning of the championship match and found snow covering the courts.

The decision was made to move the tournament finals back to sunny Muleshoe so they rode the 70 miles back to Muleshoe.

It was a very cold day and the start time was delayed. The Junior Varsity finals had to be cancelled.

Barron defeated Elizalde in back-to-back sets of 6-4, 6-4 for the championship and qualified for the Region I finals. Elizalde then had to play the number four seed from Abernathy, Matt Dominguez.

Elizalde defeated Dominguez 6-2, 6-1 for second place in the district and also qualified for the Region I Tournament.

Barron defeated Matt Summers of Tulia 6-2, 6-2; Matt Dominguez of Abernathy 6-2, 7-6 to qualify for the finals. Elizalde dropped Joey Reyna of Olton 6-3, 6-3. Bryant Powell of Abernathy defeated Elizalde 2-6 but he battle back for the 6-4, 6-3 win.

Tristen Huseman of Tulia was the final hurdle for Elizalde. He defeated Huseman 7-6, 6-1 to qualify for the finals.

"Matt (Barron) held his number one seed throughout the tournament," said Muleshoe tennis coach Jody Wood. "Nacho had to battle the whole way but played with a lot of heart. The best news is both of these young men will be back next season."

Caleb Wood and Chris Cage, seeded number two, defeated Olton's team of Chavez/Lopez 6-2, 6-1 in the first round but fell to Tulia's Carrasco/Carrasco 4-6, 1-6.

The Muleshoe team was eliminated by Garcia/Sandoval of Olton 3-6, 6-2, 5-7 and finished in fourth place.

"Caleb (Wood) and Chris (Cage) came very close to taking third place and would have gotten a playback opportunity for second place," continued Coach Wood. "They just needed to win a couple

of more points in the last set."

"The final set did not start until 9:40 PM and the two teams battled until almost midnight. I am very proud of these two seniors that have played as doubles partners all four years in high school."

The Mule team of Alex Mendoza and Kevin Mendoza were eliminated in the first round by Garcia/Sandoval of Olton 4-6, 3-6.

Denisse Ramirez defeated Amy Osborn of Friona in Girls Singles 6-2, 6-1; Tory Cooper of Olton 6-4, 6-1 before losing to Lauren Carpenter of Dimmitt 0-6, 2-6. Ramirez lost the third place match to Olton's Breanna Goen 4-6, 2-6 and placed fourth in the tournament.

Jaida Gandarilla was defeated by Dimmitt's Katy Taylor 2-6, 0-6.

The Muleshoe sister team of Jo Moore and Cas Moore defeated Lopez/Sandoval of Olton 6-0, 6-1; lost to Luna/Subealdea of Tulia 2-6, 1-6 to qualify for the third place round in the finals.

They lost the finals to Chapa/Smith of Tulia 2-6, 3-6 to finish fourth in the tournament.

Kalie Lovell and Katelyn Gable fell in the first round to Chapa/Smith of Tulia 1-6, 0-6.

Braden Bessire and Zoe Apodaca defeated

a Mixed Doubles team from Littlefield, Salinas/Rucker 6-1, 7-5 but fell to Hoelting/Subealdea of Tulia 0-6, 0-6.

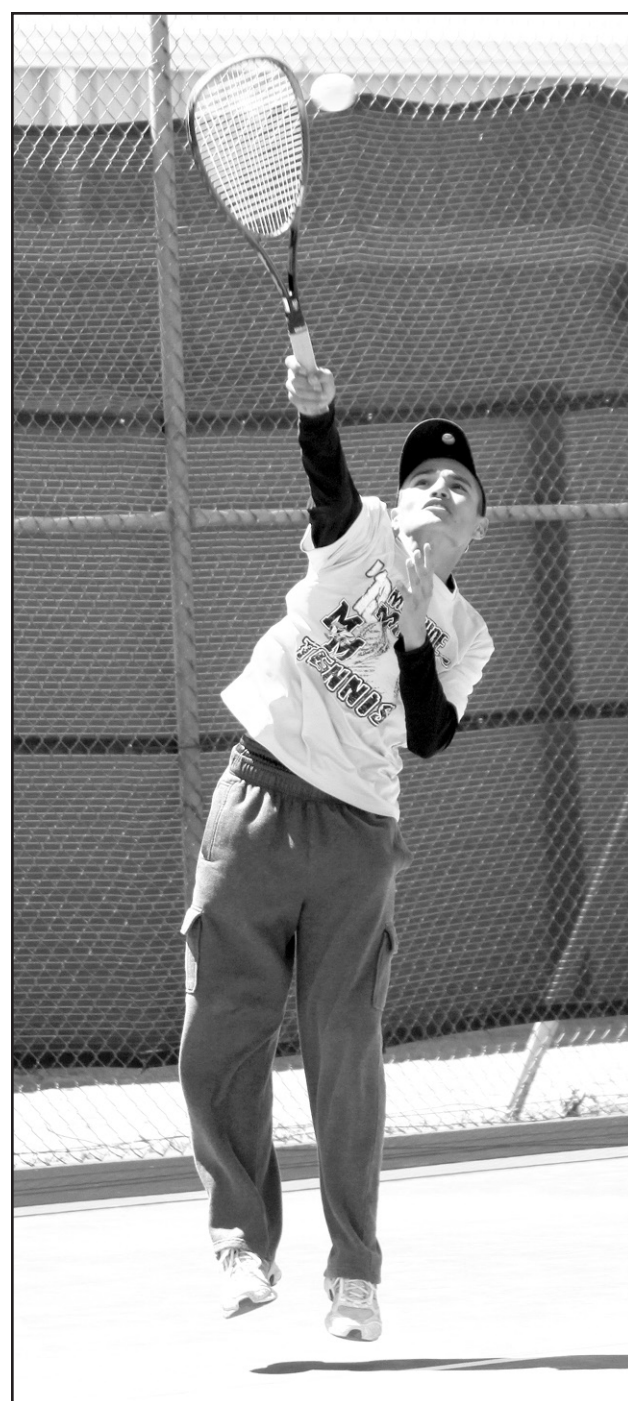
Aaryn Ross and Kayla Preston lost to the Friona team of Rodriguez/Haile 3-6, 4-6 in the first round.

"Alex and Kevin (Mendoza) played with a lot of heart," said Wood. The Olton team that defeated them was very good. Alex (Mendoza) is a senior and has played tennis all four years. Kevin (Mendoza) is a freshman and will be a strong player for us next season," said Wood.

"Denisse, Ramirez is a freshman and won some tough matches. She gained valuable varsity experience and had a lot of success. It was a hard day for Jaida (Gandarilla) but the sophomore gained some very good experience."

"The Moore girls played hard and gained valuable varsity experience and will return next year much stronger players," said Wood.

The Region I tennis tournament will be held on the Ector County ISD courts near Ratliff Stadium in Odessa April 17 and 18. The first round for the Boys' Singles start April 17 at 9:15 AM and



Matthew Barron competes at district tourney.

Courtesy photo / Jody Wood

eight matches will be played.

The second round will be played that afternoon at 2:30 PM with four matches being played.

The semi-finals are scheduled for April 18 with two matches being played at 8 a.m. The finals and third place match will be at 11 a.m.

Harris Qualifies For Golf Tourney

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Colten Harris paced the Muleshoe golf team through the two District 2-2A tournaments and qualified for the Region I AA UIL Golf Tournament.

This is Harris' fourth trip to the regional tournament.

The tournament will be held April 17 and 18 on Odessa's Ratliff Ranch Golf Links.

Harris placed second as an Individual Medalist in the district tournaments.

He shot identical scores of 84 and 84 on the Dimmitt and Friona golf courses.

"I was very happy that Colten (Harris) qualified for the fourth time to play in the Region I Tournament," said Mule golf coach Carey Sudduth.

"The regional tournament is good experience for a young golfer," he said.

"I was proud of all the kids for learning a game they can play all of their lives. They worked hard and played in some tough weather this season. But there were few complaints and the they continued to improve," the coach added.

Conner Harrison shot a 95 on the Dimmitt course and Eli Leal finished with a 107.

Matthew Dickerson followed with a round

of 119 and John de Bruin finished the Dimmitt course with a 125.

Leal fired an 86 on the Friona course and Harrison was just behind him with a 91. Dickerson finished with a 123 and de Bruin completed Friona with a score of 129.

The Mules had a team total of 405 at Dimmitt and 384 at Friona for a district total of 789.

The Mules are the alternate team from District 2-2A and would compete along with

Harris at the Region I tournament if one of the top two teams could not play.

Three Lady Mules competed as medalist on the Tulia and Muleshoe courses.

Miranda de Bruin had a round of 114 in Tulia and 123 at home in Muleshoe for a district total of 237 shots.

Bailey Bales was just behind de Bruin with a pair of 119s for a total of 238. Gabi Chavez shot a 124 at Tulia and 136 at home for a total of 260.

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• FM 1760 @ edge of town, nice 3-2-2 carport home on 3 acres, cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2253' lv area, fenced, horse barn w/corrals, hay & tack room!! **\$105K!!!!**
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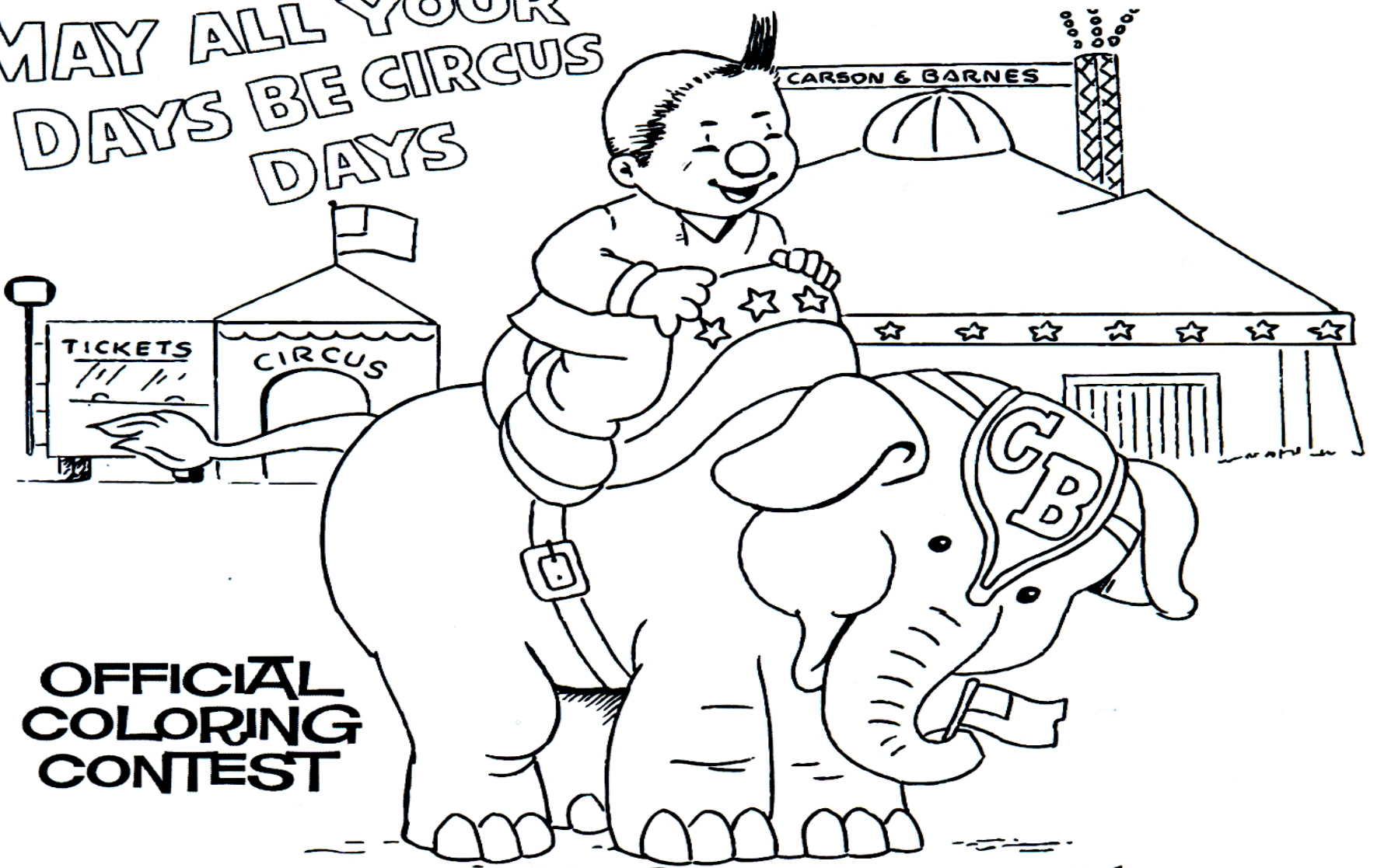
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