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MAHD Board Candidates Respond

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

In this week's issue, we have the response received from Dist. 5 candidate Zona Gatewood (incumbent) and candidate Rhett Kirby:

Please provide us with a little biographical information:

Gatewood — I've been a resident in Bailey County all my life and I live in the YL community.

My husband, JC, and I have three grown children, three grandchildren and one great grandchild.



We farmed over 40 years and owned and operated Irrigation Supply for 15 years. I took two semesters of accounting at ENMU and ran an accounting program for our business.

JC is semi-retired and operates the sprinkler systems for a local cow feeder business, and I am a substitute teacher at the Muleshoe Independent School District.

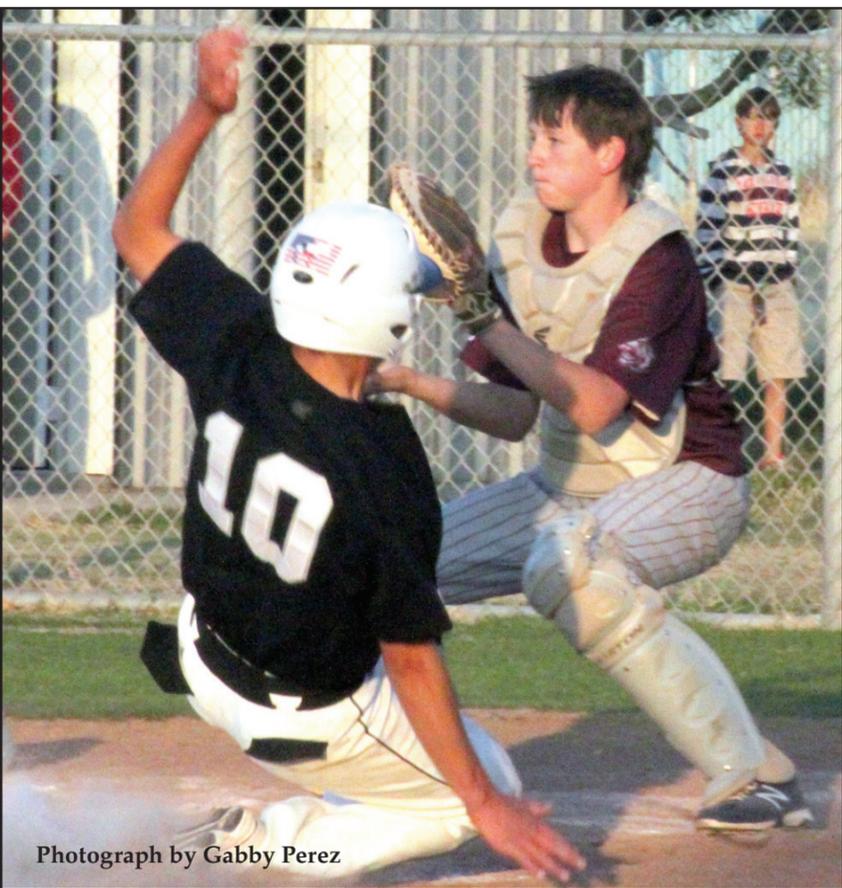
Kerby — I was born in Lubbock, and at the age of 15 my family moved from Littlefield to

Muleshoe. I attended Muleshoe High School and graduated in 2000. Upon high school graduation I attended Texas Tech University. I received my bachelor of science degree in agronomy, with emphasis in rangeland management, from Texas Tech in 2004.

While attending Texas Tech I interned with USDA in the Natural Resources Conservation Service. After graduating from Texas Tech, I began a career with USDA in Brownfield. While working full time, in cooperation with USDA, I was able to complete my master of science degree in agronomy from Iowa State University in May of 2007.

I promoted to District Conservationist of the

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Photograph by Gabby Perez

Mule Beto Diaz slides safely home during the game against Littlefield.

Mules End Regular Season

By Delton Wilhite Sportswriter

The Mule baseball team clinched second place in the District 2-A race with wins over Littlefield, Olton and Dimmitt to close out

the regular season. In the first trip through district the Mules were down with just one win and three losses and still faced the Dimmitt Bobcats. The Mules defeated

Dimmitt 5-4 to help their record to 2-3 after one loop of district. The Mules then won their next five games to defeat all the teams in the district and

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Home Improvement Project Families Receive House Keys

Three local families were awarded the keys to new residences during brief ceremonies at Muleshoe city Hall on Thursday, April 17.

This is the third series of homes constructed through grants from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, and while the previous home projects required an "in-kind" match from the City of Muleshoe, which primarily was covered by municipal employees demolishing and removing the previous structures, according to City Manager David Brunson a match wasn't required this time.

As in the previous projects, the city manager noted the benefit to the community being the improvements to the neighborhoods in which the new houses are located, and the increase to the local tax rolls.

The recipients, and locations, of the homes are Sandra Bustamante Navejar of 313 E. Third Street, Josephine Fragoso of 310 E. Fourth, and Sandra Carranza of 210 E. Ave. F.

According to the program's application, the purpose of the program is "to assist qualifying low and very low-income households by providing financial

assistance for the rehabilitation and construction of their substandard homes."

And the program funds are provided through a five-year forgivable loan.

"We're glad they were able to receive their new homes," Brunson said.

"And we appreciate working with the contractors and consultants on the project," the city manager added.

Another Close Call

For the second time in less than a year, a vehicle pulling a trailer was struck by a freight train on Hwy. 84, across from Muleshoe Animal Clinic.

On Sept. 18, 2013, a semi-tractor trailer was struck as it crossed in front of an eastbound train.

Pictured on the left, a flatbed trailer pulled by a pickup truck was struck by a train on Thursday, April 17.



Photograph by Rhea Gonzales

Senior Center Needs Your Help, Participation

By Larry Thornton Editor

If you've been sitting home during your retirement years, with nothing to do, Ron Hohes has a suggestion... "come down to the Oneita Wagon Senior Center!"

With attendance at the center dropping off, due to many of its members passing on, the senior center

is facing toughening financial times — hence the Sunday dinner fundraiser set for Sunday, May 18, "after church."

The center is also holding an auction in conjunction with the May 18 dinner.

According to Hohes, who recently accepted the responsibilities of director at the center after serving six years on its board, the future of the center has never

been so precarious as it currently is.

"Unless something happens, we could close the doors," he said Monday.

While the center, located at 319 S. Main in Muleshoe, provides many services to its members — from various forms of games and entertainment to exercise equipment and computer classes,

its primary funding comes from its food services.

Even raising the prices, or rather the amounts



it requests for donations, from its

membership for the noon meal it services, isn't an option, Hohes explained, because such an increase would lower the amount the center receives from South Plains Association of Governments in Lubbock.

The center seeks a \$3 donation from its members, age 60 and above, and \$5 from lunch-time visitors under 60 years of age.

While the center has offered "after hour" entertainment in the past, according to Hohes — such as the dances and pot luck gatherings held at the facility in for several years, attendance at the events dwindled to the point that it wasn't cost effective for them to continue.

Hohes also says there is a perception

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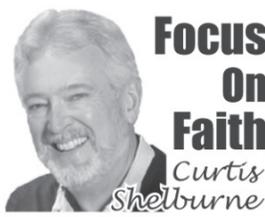
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OPINION

'You Can't Just Turn On Creativity Like A Faucet



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

"You can't just turn on creativity like a faucet. You have to be in the right mood," said Bill Watterson who drew the great Calvin and Hobbes comic strip for 10 years.

And he went on, "What mood is that? Last minute panic." My kind of guy.

Near as I can figure, I've been writing this weak column weekly since July 1993. Over 20 years. Twenty years of very regular deadlines. And around 1,000 columns.

Since its beginning, it has morphed also into an e-mail column, a newspaper web column, and a blog. (When I started, a blog was an intestinal blockage.)

To the cries and moans of scads of fans, Watterson ended his column after 10 years. He wanted Calvin and Hobbes to go out while he was still at the top of his game and had fresh things to say.

Neither of those valid concerns has stopped me yet.

(Writers who run out of things to say need to remember that reading comes before writing and has a great deal to do with thinking new thoughts. To have anything worth saying, it's important to read things worth reading.)

Watterson is a very private guy, so I doubt he'd join a club for procrastinators. But if somebody will form one, I promise to join once I get around to it.

"Last minute panic." That's exactly the mood in which I write most of my stuff. Columns, sermons, lists of other stuff to put off doing, etc.

A deadline is about the only spark that will ignite any weak flame I possess.

I don't understand why. My friend is the

sportswriter for our newspaper. It's pretty much required that sports events have to happen before he writes about them. I'm under no such constraint.

Theoretically, I could write a month or a year ahead of time.

My brother has been at this a lot longer than I have, and I've even heard him talk about writing extra columns during one Christmas to be ready for the next.

I find that sort of discipline as appalling as it is mystifying.

Of my 1,000 columns, I'm betting 10 may have been written a week early.

Well, with this one, make that 11. And you see how worthless it is. I rest my case.

I despise deadlines, but I've gotta have them. The Monday deadline for my column drives me nuts. Like most pastors, I'm brain-dead on Monday mornings. I've said everything I know, and a little more, on most Sundays.

But we're not the *New York Times*, and we don't get to pick our printing "slot," so Monday morning often finds me in sweat pants and a t-shirt, with an IV drip of coffee, staring at a blank computer screen.

Yes, dear reader, but this is Tuesday, and this column is almost two weeks early. What discipline!

Not really. My truck battery is dead (my fault). I'm stranded at

home while it charges. I've already taken out the trash. Filled up the hummingbird feeders. Watered the plants. Seriously thought about writing next week's column.

But to put that off, I wrote this one instead. It's too long. I'll edit it later.

"When the time had fully come," at just the right time, God sent his Son.

I'm glad he didn't put it off.

Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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

Athletic Banquet

Muleshoe High School will be hosting its annual athletic banquet, sponsored by the Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club, on April 29, at 6 p.m., in the MHS Commons Area.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$10 per person.

Senior Center Fund Raiser

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

The meal will be by donation and will be a prime rib steak lunch with a baked potato, tossed salad and dessert. Call 272-4969 for additional information.



Weather Whys: Firenadoes

Q: You sometimes hear of a "firenado." What is it?

A: Firenadoes are whirlwinds of flame, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "They are also called fire devils or fire whirls, and they are whirlwinds of flame that sometimes occur when intense heat and gusty wind conditions combine to form a tornado-like structure of fire," he says.

"The formation is a result of the strong upward motion of very hot air, which leaves an area of lower pressure at the base of the fire. Strong winds swirl around this low pressure area and produce a core that can be 3-5 feet wide, can be 100 feet high or more, and can reach up to 2,000 degrees," McRoberts adds.

Q: Where do they occur most often?

A: They seem to

appear most often in hot and arid parts of the country, but they can occur almost anywhere there is a big wildfire, McRoberts says.

"They are frequently seen in Australia and parts of Africa on very hot days," he notes.

"There appears to be very few photos of them, but we know that a large one occurred in Canberra in 2003, and it's believed a large firenado was the result of a big earthquake that hit Japan in 1923 that caused numerous fires in parts of Tokyo and eventually killed thousands," McRoberts says.

"A large one is also believed to have formed in San Luis Obispo, Calif., in 1926 and killed several residents. People who have been near a firenado say the sound of it is deafening and it resembles the noise from a jet engine," he added.

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Senior Center...

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problem that has troubled the center, with some local residents who are old enough to join not doing so because they believed their income bracket was above an allowable amount.

"That's not the case," Hohes said, adding that there are no financial restrictions — either high or low, to join or participate in the center's activities.

For additional information about the center and its activities, call 272-4969.

The senior center is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

And to learn about the weekly events, and the menus for the upcoming week, turn to page 4 in the *Muleshoe Journal*.

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MAHD Candidates... Continued From A1

Terry County NRCS Field Office in August of 2007. In January of 2011, after nearly a 10-year career with USDA, I received an invitation from Bamert Seed Company to be sales and marketing manager. I gladly accepted the invitation.

While attending Texas Tech, I married my wife, Kylee. This July Kylee and I will have shared 13 wonderful years together. Kylee is a 2000 graduate of Amherst High School and a Texas Tech graduate with a bachelor of arts in education.

Kylee and I have three children: Truett, 8, Claire, 6, and Ella, 22 months.

Kylee is self-employed while concentrating on being at home with our children. My family and I are members of the Muleshoe First Baptist Church.

Please list your qualifications for the MAHD Board of Directors, and explain why you think you are the best candidate for the position:

Gatewood — My qualifications at this point are the experience and knowledge I've gained along with having a business in the community. I believe the experience I've gained by being on the board for eight years makes me the best candidate

for the position.

It is an ongoing process of learning and relearning the federal and state guidelines for trustees. I am aware of what is going on in the district and doing what I can to make the district better.

It is good to have the community interested in the hospital district and I appreciate the fact that others are running for board trustee, however, for three to come on at one time, would make for an unexperienced board making crucial decisions.

It takes about two years to begin to get a grasp of what hospitals go through with government regulations and all.

Kerby — My experience in working for the federal government has prepared me well for the Dist. 5 seat of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board.

While working for the federal government I was tasked with ensuring the mutual working agreement between the USDA-NRCS and the local Soil and Water Conservation District was administered correctly.

My experience of ensuring a federal government office and a local government coexist in a mutually

beneficial working relationship will be a valuable asset to the MAHD. My experience in understanding the dynamics between different forms of government offers MAHD the potential for new opportunities, growth, and success.

What do you perceive to be the hospital district's greatest assets?

Gatewood — The district's greatest assets are the doctors, the employees, and the facilities.

Our only debt for the buildings is on the Park View facility and it will be paid off in 2020.

Another huge asset is the tax payers. The taxes are of great benefit in supplementing the districts income. We have no outstanding loans with banks for operating expenses and we had a good audit for the past year from our auditing company.

Kerby — MAHD's greatest asset is the community that supports it. Forgetting that MAHD needs the community is a recipe for disaster. MAHD is not sustainable without the support of Muleshoe and the surrounding area. Therefore, my approach will be ensuring MAHD exists to provide a service to the community and partner with the

community for the betterment of Muleshoe and the surrounding areas. This approach is one I encourage others to embrace and support.

What do you perceive to be the greatest problems faced by the hospital district, and how would you suggest these problems be addressed?

Gatewood — Our need for doctors who are willing to come to a rural hospital is a great problem. However we are in contact with some doctors and even talking with a former doctor who is possibly interested in coming back.

Other problems are new government rules and regulations that have cut off a considerable amount of our income. The future of rural hospitals is on shaky grounds and according to our recent audit, many small hospitals have already closed down.

At the suggestion of one of the doctors during a meeting with the doctors in a board meeting a few months ago, we decided to look for outside sources that can come in, that are informed, and have considerable experience in helping us out.

We did have a company come in recently and was disappointed that they

declined at that time, but we can still continue to pursue this avenue.

A great problem is the inability to keep CNAs at the nursing home. This has been an ongoing problem for years because of the finances, and not being able to pay wages that are comparable to surrounding nursing homes.

We have addressed this issue many times, and given them small raises as we are able. The problem with the government is that they can come in at any time and take back monies leaving the nursing home short on finances.

We have a consultant with us now working on this problem and how to make sure things are done correctly so this doesn't happen in the future.

I want to thank the people in Dist. 5 for supporting me in the

past and also the support of the community and hope that you will see fit to vote for me in this election.

Kerby — As alluded to in the aforementioned question, I believe redirecting the focus of MAHD is key to the hospital's sustainability. Redirecting from a self-centered focus to a community-based focus is a necessity.

Additionally, I believe MAHD needs a vision... vision that provides sustainable, long-term, state-of-art care. I plan to be a part of this community for many, many years; raise my children in this community; and help make Muleshoe an oasis in rural West Texas.

Therefore; through my education, experience, and love for community I feel I will be able to offer the vision and foresight MAHD needs.



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School Board Approves Technology Purchase

By Larry Thornton
 Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District's board of trustees approved the purchase of networking equipment during Monday's regular meeting.

The equipment in question will replace existing equipment for which the manufacturer will stop producing replacement parts in 2015, according to

Technology Director Erik Craig, has a total cost of \$163,307.

And according to Business Manager Daniel Harper — whose resignation was among those accepted by the school board Monday, will have to be purchased using a portion of the school district's \$9.2 million fund balance.

"We have about a year... we could wait," Superintendent

Dr. Gene Sheets said, noting that the purchase hadn't been included in the current year's budget; however, he added that if the existing equipment goes down it would cause a district-wide networking problem.

According to Craig, replacing the equipment now would also improve each of the four campuses' access to the district's

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District:
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- Board Member Place 5

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Early voting hours are extended from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on April 29, 2014 and May 6, 2014.

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By Ron Hohes
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10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The countdown continues, four Sundays and counting until your senior center lunch and fund raiser. Everyone is invited, young and old, not just our senior group. Senior folks, bring your whole family with you, so they can see where you hang out. This will be a community dinner followed by an auction of items donated by local folks and businesses. Now to our senior folks, "Have you been to your senior center this year?" Have you noticed, we are running hard into the month of May which means that the graduation times are coming very quick. Summer time is coming

soon. This year of 2014 is approaching half over. With the weather almost changing to summer, now is the time for you to come to your senior center. Last Thursday, there was a good group at the center's monthly birthday celebration with some great music. We deeply appreciate Pat and WT Watson for the music with good singing by Jo Ellen Cowart. Your center is here for anyone 60 years of age and over. We are having all kinds of fun at the Thursday afternoon Bingo time. There will be Bingo every Thursday afternoon starting about 1:30 p.m.

Also, there is the Eighty and Dominoes games that are enjoyed every day, and do not forget that reading material is also available at the center. If you prefer, you can just come and sit still and enjoy the center. **April 28 - May 2 menus:**
 Monday, April 28 — King Ranch casserole, spanish rice, pinto beans, brownie, and tortilla.
 Tuesday, April 29 — Salmon patties, baby lima beans, coleslaw, and tropical fruit.
 Wednesday, April 30 — Chicken-fried steak with brown gravy, scalloped potatoes, tossed vegetable salad, Italian guessing, green peas, and fruit salad.
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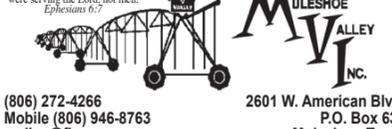
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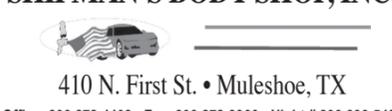


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Billy Ray Stovall

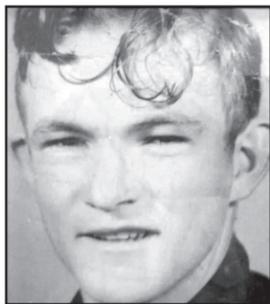
Graveside services for Billy Ray Stovall, 78, of Muleshoe were held on Saturday, April 19, at Bailey County Cemetery with Father Sergio Leal of Muleshoe officiating.

Billy died on April 17, 2014, in Muleshoe. He was born on Aug. 18, 1935, in Scipio, Okla., to Nealy and Lela (Crandall) Stovall, and married Linda Hughes in Olton on July 16, 1954.

Billy moved to the Muleshoe community from Scipio, Okla., in 1947. He served in the US Army National Guard. Billy enjoyed singing, riding four-wheelers and horses.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers—Andy, Elmer, Richard, Willis, Melvin, and Jesse Stovall; and one granddaughter—MeKesha Stovall.

Survivors include his wife—Linda; a son



— Richard Stovall and wife Judy of College Station; two daughters—Vickie Perry and husband Paul of Canton, and Tracy Torres and husband Raul of Muleshoe; two sisters—Ginger Cornstubble of Ft. Worth and Frances Jackson of London, Ark.; four brothers—Gene Stovall of Possum Kingdom, Nealy Stovall Jr. of Brazoria, Bob Stovall of Parker, Ariz., and Jack Stovall of London Ark.; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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Engagement

Welch, Chester To Wed

Brad and Terri Welch of Lubbock announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Mikayla Nicole Welch, to Jake Mitchell Chester of Sudan.

The prospective bride will be a 2014 graduate of Lubbock Roosevelt. She will attend South Plains College in the fall where she will major in nursing.

The prospective bride is the granddaughter of Wanda Welch and the late Buford Welch of Abilene and Mary Lou Steed and the late Bob Steed of Weatherford.

The prospective groom is the son of Mitch and Polly Chester

of Sudan.

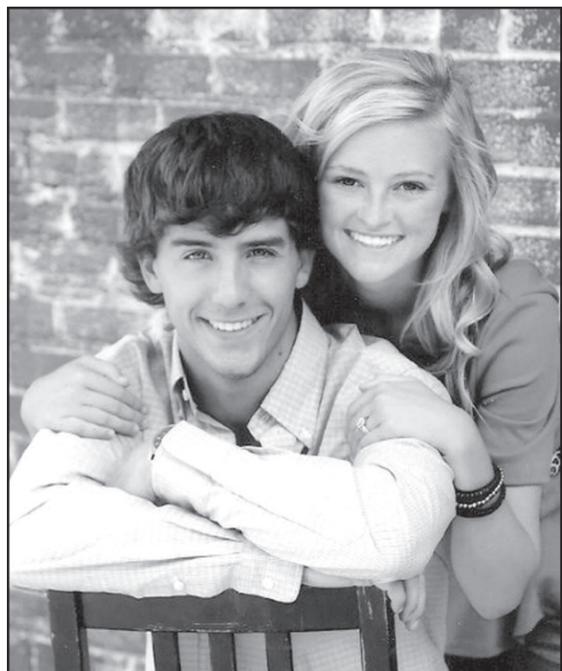
He is a 2013 graduate of Sudan High School.

The prospective groom has attended LeTourneau University and will attend Texas Tech in the fall where he will major in Agricultural Economics.

He is also pursuing a commercial pilots license at Hub City Aviation.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Glenn and JoAnn Chester of Paris and the late Fred and Imogene Harris of Tulia.

The wedding is set for June 28, 2014, at 6 p.m., at Cotton Creek in New Home.



Mikayla Nicole Welch and Jake Mitchell Chester

Texas Milk Numbers Increase

Texas milk production totaled 894 million pounds during March 2014, up 6.4 percent from last year's production of 840 million pounds.

February 2014 production totaled 780

million pounds.

The number of milk cows during March averaged 445,000 head, up 2,000 head from the February 2014 number.

Production per cow averaged 2,010 pounds during March, 250 pounds higher than February 2014.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 16.7 billion pounds during March 2014, up 1.1 percent from production in these same states during March 2013.

February revised production, at 14.9

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Muleshoe Country Club Ladies Association

The members of the Muleshoe Country Club Ladies Association met April 9 for their monthly business meeting and luncheon.

The meeting was called to order by MCCLA president Christie Whitt and the benediction was given by Janet Claborn.

The luncheon decorations and food was provided by Jeanetta Precure, Bobbie Black and Marlene Martin.

Members present included Anita Black, Bobbie Black, Tammy Black, Lynn Box, Janet Claborn, Linda Erdmann, Kay Field, Jerie Flowers, Donna Glover, Kim Hunt, Pat Kirk, Marlene Martin, Treena Matthews, Jimmie K. Moore, Deborah Noble, Jeanetta Precure, Ashley Pool, Becky Pool, Brenna Shipman, Helen Templeton, Christie Whitt, Judy Wilbanks, Laverne Winn, Elinor Yerby and special guests, Riley Black (Bobbie Black's daughter) and Cindy Mockingbird (Linda Erdman's sister-in-law from Soux Falls, S.D.).

Following the meal, the minutes were read by Claborn and approved. Then Glover provided the treasure report.

Special recognition was given to Treena Matthews for a hole-in-one on number 9.

There was no old business.

New business was then discussed. The association was informed of the Memorial Tournament to be held on May 21.

Brunch will be served at 10 a.m. There will be a special card game also. The cost will be \$5.

The tournament report was given by Tammy Black. The MCCLA Golf



Treena Matthews

Tournament will still be held Aug. 16.

Treena Matthews gave the High Plains Tournament report. The play days are the second Wednesday of each month.

Becky Pool gave the luncheon report for next month luncheon. The winning plays for the

card room and golfers were awarded.

The door prize was won by Treena Matthews.

Erdman organized play for golfers and card players.

The meeting was adjourned by Whitt.

The next meeting will be held on May 21.

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Thank you to Kevin at the Coliseum and his crew. A Big Thank you to the Cactus Theatre from Lubbock for their great entertainment.

Also, Thank you for the hard work my chamber board did for time, effort and donations—*Gina President*

Thanks to anyone else who helped out at the banquet that we may have unintentionally left off the list.

Mighty 'M' Band Earns Div. 1 In Concert, Sight-Reading

The Muleshoe Mighty "M" Band competed in the Region 16 UIL Concert Band and Sight-Reading Contest on April 16.

The performance took place at the Lubbock Cooper Fine Arts Performance Center.

This was the final band contest for our Head Band Director, John Gibson.

Mr. Gibson is going to "retire again" at the end of this school year. He had retired several years ago, but decided to come out of retirement to work

Super news from MISD

By Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets

with the Muleshoe Band program these last two years.

We are thankful that Mr. Gibson has led our band program, and it is very fitting that on his final band contest, the Mighty "M" Band came home with both a Division 1 Rating in Concert and a Division 1 Rating in Sight-Reading!

After a 25-minute

warm-up, the Mighty "M" Band proceeded to the stage to perform their three selections: *Monterey March*, *Colliding Visions*, and *Windstorm*.

The students not only played great, but also exhibited the stage presence and discipline that is necessary to play "musically" under pressure

The three judges evaluated the performance, and all three judges awarded the Muleshoe Mighty "M" Band First Divisions.

At the conclusion of the stage performance, the band proceeded to the sight-reading room.

The sight-reading component of the band contest exemplifies the classroom teaching that takes place on a daily basis in the band hall.

After a seven minute explanation by the director, the band must read and perform music that they have never played before.

With the exception of a few minor errors, the Muleshoe Band played the music nearly flawless.

Again, three different judges evaluated the

performance, and all three judges awarded the Muleshoe Mighty "M" Band First Divisions.

It is very unusual to have all six judges award a Division 1 Rating for both performances.

Earning first divisions by all six judges exceeded the expectations of all involved.

Congratulations to the band teaching staff: John Gibson, head director; Grady Alberts, assistant director; Kelli Morrison, assistant director/elementary music teacher, and Kamrie Schmitt, student teacher.

Congratulations to the Mighty "M" Band students who have worked extremely hard all year to achieve this success.

As Mr. Gibson says: "Strive for Perfection... Accept Excellence."

On April 16, 2014, the Muleshoe Mighty M Band did not accept excellence.

The band received a Division 1 rating from all six judges... a perfect score!

Everyone at Muleshoe ISD sends our best wishes to Mr. Gibson in his "re-retirement!"

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The Sudan Buzz

SHS Student Council Attends State Convention

Joe Luis Melendez, Madison Chester, Allison Black, Kylee Coleman, Ashton Sawyer and Rance Johnson, pictured on the right, attended the Student Council State Convention in Arlington this past week.

The Sudan chapter received awards for their hard work, attended workshops, and toured Arlington's tourist sites. Their advisor is Tara Humphreys.



Hill Competes In Regional Tourney

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

Senior Kort Hill returned to regional tennis in Levelland last Thursday for his second straight year in men's singles.

In Hill's first match of the day, he defeated Colten Hughes of Sands 6-3, 6-2.

He went on to play Tyler Doering of Christoval in a match featuring some brilliant tennis at times followed by frustration on both sides of the net.

Hill ended up just short in both sets, 4-6, 4-6.

The Christoval coach said of Kort, "he is one of the most honest players that I have seen, and he plays a good game."

This concludes the high school tennis for this year, but the coaching staff and tennis fans can look forward to watching some good junior varsity players including Noah Baker, Anthony Cantu, Trace Edwards, and others who have been working on their game for several weeks.

They will play in the Levelland SPCHEA meet on April 26.

Sudan Track Team Claims Area Title

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

For the third year in a row, the Sudan Hornets are area champions in track and field. The Sudan Netties finished just behind Sundown in a close battle for area championship.

The Hornet's results are as follows:

The 4x100 relay finished first in a blazing time of 43.42 seconds. Members are Barry Johnson, Tanner Fisher, Jelmer Vanderlei, and Reece Harper.

Landon Williamson placed second in the 800-meter run. Stephen Schovajsa won the 110-meter hurdles.

Reece Harper finished second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.32. Jelmer Vanderlei finished second in the 400-meter dash with Landon Williamson placing sixth. Johnson placed first in the 300-meter hurdles and Xavier Trillo finished fourth.

Tanner Fisher placed fourth in the 200-meter dash. Omar Vasquez placed sixth in the 1600-meter run.

In the 4x400-meter relay, Johnson, Fisher, Vanderlei, and Harper placed first with a time of 3:26.48.

In the high jump, Tanner Fisher placed first. In the men's long jump, Fisher placed first followed by Reece Harper who placed second and Barry Johnson who placed fifth.

In men's pole vault, Brady Fields placed first and Tommy Whitehurst placed second while Carson Phillips placed fifth. Reece Harper placed first in the triple jump with Stephen Schovajsa placing sixth.

The Hornette's results are as follows:

The 4x100 relay finished a close second behind Forsan with a time of 50.55.

Members of that relay include Ashton Sawyer, Daniela Tinajero, Ashton Shultz, and Shaylee Johnson. Amber Binion finished fifth in the 800-meter run.

Ashton Sawyer won the 100-meter hurdles followed by a close second of Ashton Shultz.

Shaylee Johnson finished second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.03.

Johnson also finished first in the 200-meter dash. Ashton Shultz finished first in the 300-meter hurdles with Ashton Sawyer placing fifth.

In the high jump, Madi Edwards placed third. In the long jump, Ashton Shultz placed third, and she placed sixth in the triple jump.

Ashton Sawyer won the pole vault with Eliana Herrera placing third.



Barry Johnson hands off to Tanner Fisher in their school breaking relay team. Other team members include Reece Harper and Jelmer Vanderlei. Picture provided by Leigh Fisher.



Natalee Olivarez

Sudan Students Place At VASE Competition

This year the Regional Visual Art Scholastic Event was held at Frenship High School, and once again the Sudan art students performed very well.

Sudan art students were successful earning 20 regional medals.

The regional medalists are Vanessa Aguilar, Amber Binion (two medals), Megan Capers, Jane Delarosa, Terra DeSautell (two medals), Marcos Estrada (two medals),

Raemi Goen, Tori Miller (two medals), Celeste Montemayor, Natalee Olivarez, Alondra Ramirez, Ashton Sawyer, Celine Scheer, Kristina Thorn (two medals), Jose Trejo and Tommy Whitehurst.

Alondra Ramirez, Natalee Olivarez, Jane Delarosa and Tori Miller qualified for state and traveled to Bryan for the State VASE competition where Natalee Olivarez earned a state medal.

Their art teacher is Neal Kleman.

Texas Milk Numbers...

Continued from A5 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from February 2013.

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Tennis Mules Matthew Barron and Nacho Elizalde

Barron, Elizalde Compete In Regional Tennis Tourney

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Matthew Barron and Nacho Elizalde were the only Muleshoe High School players to compete in the Region I Class 2A Tennis Tournament held on Odessa's Ector County ISD Courts.

The courts are located in the Ratliff Stadium Sports Complex.

"Matt (Barron) and Nacho (Elizalde) played in the regional tournament in 2013

but in the boy's singles division," said Muleshoe High School tennis Coach Jody Wood.

"They chose to team up and play doubles this season. Both boys are seniors and have had an outstanding tennis career," the coach added.

Barron and Elizalde defeated Bowie High School's team of William Bohn and Dallas Johnson 3-6, 6-4, and 6-2 in the opening round.

Barron and Elizalde fell in the second round to Regan County High School's (Big Lake) team of Turner Stark and Andy Perez 6-1 and 6-3.

Austin Dragt and Lance Henderson from Wall won the Boy's Doubles.

Ethan Lusk and Boston Hudson of Canadian placed second.

Both teams will advance to the Texas State Tournament.

Adams Captures Silver In Regional Golf Tourney

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Lariat Adams was the Silver Low Individual Medallist at the Region I Class 2A Golf Tournament last Wednesday and Thursday.

The tournament was held on the Ratliff Golf Course in Odessa's Ratliff Stadium Sports Complex.

Adams shot a first round 79 but came back the second day with an amazing 73 to be the runner-up with a total of 152 strokes.

She finished four strokes behind the Champion, Sydney Dermody of Sonora.

By winning the silver medal Adams will compete at the Texas State Class 2A golf tournament in Austin April 30 to May 1.

The Lady Mule golf team finished in seventh place out of the 16 teams.

In addition to Adams 152, Sadie Sudduth had back-to-back rounds of 103 for a total of 206 shots.

Miranda DeBruin shot a first round 114 but came back the second day with a 102 for a total of 216.

Sydnie Sudduth also had a first round 114 and returned the second with a 105 for a total of 219.

Bailey Bales had rounds of 120 and 112 for a total of 232.

Monday and Tuesday Conner Harrison and Eli Leal had competed as medalist in the Region I Class 2A Golf Tournament on the Ratliff Course.

Harrison shot a

first round of 92 and returned the second day with an 87 for a total of 179.

Leal finished with rounds of 90 and an 89 to also finish with a total of 179.

Harrison and Leal tied for 38th place out of 96 competitors.

"It was cold and windy both days of the boy's tournament but the guys played through it," said Mule golf coach Carey Sudduth.

"I am very proud of them and the way they handled the harsh conditions," the coach said.

"The weather was better for the girls and they did a great job. Lariat (Adams) handled the pressure well and I am looking forward to watching her play in Austin," he added.

Lady Mules Place Fourth At Area

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules placed fourth in the Area Track Meet held in Panhandle Friday.

The Lady Mules scored 69 points and qualified five athletes in eight events for the Region I Track Meet.

Bushland, Littlefield and Canadian finished ahead of the Lady Mules.

Tulia, Spearman, Highland Park, Boys Ranch, Sanford-Fritch, Abernathy, Dimmitt, Olton and Friona finished in that order behind the Lady Mules

in the 13 team meet.

Adrienne Precure lead the Lady Mules by winning one gold medal, three silver medals and was a part of the bronze medal 4x400-meter relay team.

She won the gold medal in her first event of the day by leaping five feet, two inches high in the high jump.

Precure's first silver medal came in the pole vault when she cleared

9-6.

Miranda Acevedo placed fourth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 12 minutes and 52.57 seconds.

Katelyn Gable, Aimee Rosas, Ruby Andrade and Jazmin Arellano finished sixth in the 4x100-meter relay with a 52.82.

Mireya Ruvalcaba earned the bronze medal in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:35.15.

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Mule Baseball... Continued From A1

complete a six-game winning streak to claim sole possession of second place.

Nacho Elizalde got the win against Littlefield to improve the Mules to 5-3. He gave up two runs and scattered six hits. Littlefield left six on base.

Elizalde struck out six before turning the mound over to Wesley Clarkson. Clarkson took the hill with the Mules leading 5-2 with a Wildcat on second base and nobody out.

Fortunately for the Mules Clarkson took a fire extinguisher to the mound with him and doused the Wildcat fire. He struck out the first batter he faced and got he second batter to fly out to Elizalde in center field.

The next batter went down swinging and the Mules were out of

inning and still holding the 5-2 lead.

Clarkson finished the game with ground out to Matt Barron at short stop, a pop fly to Dustin Smith behind the plate and a second ground out to Barron.

The win extended the Mules winning streak to four games.

The Mules continued their winning ways by defeating the Olton Mustangs 9-0. Clarkson pitched a complete game, struck out five, walked one and gave up eight hits.

The Mules recorded just one error and the Mustangs stranded seven on base.

Smith threw out a runner attempting to steal second base with a perfect throw to Barron covering second.

Olton only had one runner to reach third base. He slammed a

one-out double to left field and was sacrificed to third. A ground to Nathan Rejino at second ended the game.

Barron had doubled to start the bottom of the first inning and

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SPORTS NEWS

Lady Mules Sweep District Opponents

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mule softball team completed a clean sweep of district opponents by shutting out the Floydada Lady Winds 11-0 in five innings.

Marissa Cortez struck out seven batters, threw 10 first pitch strikes and walked one batter.

Cortez stranded four on base, gave up no hits and faced only 19 batters in five innings.

The Lady Mules committed three errors.

The Lady Mules scored one run in the first inning and exploded for seven runs in the second inning.

For insurance they added three more runs in the third inning.

Cortez served notice early that it would be a long day for the Lady Winds by striking out the first batter she faced.

The only threat of scoring Floydada made was in the top of the second inning when the first batter reached on an error and made

it third base on the over throw of first base.

A bunt was intended to score the run but Cortez scrambled out of the pitching circle for the ball and made a perfect throw home to Adrianna Loya for the tag at home plate.

It was clear sailing after that as no base runner made it past second base.

Diamond Lopez got the Lady Mules started in the first inning with a line-drive single to left field. She went to third on a base hit by Sasha Esparza.

A sacrifice fly to deep left field scored D. Lopez for the first run of the game.

The wheels came off for the Floydada pitcher in the bottom of the second inning.

Brittany Mendoza walked and Gabi Chavez singled to left field.

Both runners advanced a base on a passed ball. Mireya Ruvalcaba loaded the bases on a walk. Mendoza scored on a second passed ball.

D. Lopez doubled to center field to score Chavez. Esparza drew a walk and DeBruin tied the second baseman's hands with a ground ball and reached on the error.

Lopez scored on the error and Esparza went to second.

Cortez helped her own cause with a triple to the fence in left field and scored Esparza and DeBruin.

Amber Lopez fought off strike three by fouling off eight pitches before drawing a walk and stole second base.

A single to left field scored both Cortez and A. Lopez.

The seven runs gave the Lady Mules a comfortable 8-0 lead after just two innings.

Chavez walked to lead off the bottom of the third inning and D. Lopez singled to center to put runners at first and second.

A wild pitch allowed both runners to advance.

DeBruin was hit by a pitch to load the bases.

Cortez doubled to



Photograph by Gabby Perez

Varsity Lady Mule Marissa Cortez safely reaches third base.

right center field to score all three runners to end all scoring.

The Lady Mules accumulated nine hits, seven walks and had two hit by pitches.

D. Lopez led the

offensive charge with two singles, a double, a walk and scored three runs.

Cortez tripled, doubled, walked scored once and had four rbis.

The District 2-2A

Champion Lady Mules are scheduled to face the Dimmitt Bobbies on Monday, April 28, on Littlefield's Lady Cats Field.

The first pitch is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Track Mules Place Fifth At Area

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules placed fifth in the Area Track Meet in Panhandle with 59 points on April 18.

Four Mules qualified in five events for the Region I Meet.

Eli Leal won the Mules first medal of the day in the high jump. He leaped six feet two inches for the bronze medal.

Jesus Manzanares won the silver medal in

the 800-meter run with a time of two minutes 59.28 seconds.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Aaryn Ross, Francisco Elizalde, Manzanares and Matthew Barron placed sixth in a time of 1:34.57.

Austin Ross won his first of two individual medals and one team gold medal in the 400-meter dash with a time of 50.11.

Leal placed fifth in

the same event with a 54.85.

Au. Ross was back on top of the winners stand for the gold medal in the 200-dash. He ran a time of 22.03.

Matthew Barron placed sixth in the 200-with a 23.75.

Leal, Manzanares and Tre Villa joined Au. Ross on the 4x400-meter relay.

Leal, Manzanares and Villa were trailing the leader by 20 yards when the final exchange to Au. Ross happened.

Au. Ross quickly caught the competition and raced to the finish for the gold medal with a time of 3:29.52.

Leal, Manzanares, Villa and Au. Ross will represent the Mules at the Region I Track Meet that will be held in Odessa's Ratliff Stadium April 25-26.

Lady Mules Track Meet...

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Precure was back on the winner's stand for the silver medal in the 100-meter hurdles with a 16.73.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Gable, Daniela Diaz, Aimee Rosas and Arellano placed sixth with a 1:54.02.

Ruvalcaba finished fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:05.40.

Precure's final individual silver medal was in the 300-meter

hurdles with a time of 47.50.

Acevedo placed fourth in the 1600-meter run in a time of 6:00.00. Rosas, Andrade Ruvalcaba and Precure ran a bronze medal time of 4:26.10 in the 4x400-meter relay.

Precure, Andrade, Ruvalcaba, Rosas and Acevedo will represent the Lady Mules at the Region I Meet in Odessa's Ratliff Stadium April 25-26.

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Earth Day 2014 *Energy Today and Tomorrow!*

People are always working on ways to get the energy we need while keeping the ground, air and water clean as well. Some people are exploring "clean coal." Others are using "renewable" forms of energy - like solar panels or wind turbines.

Wind turbines are one way to generate power using a renewable resource. They help to cut pollution.

Chitter: Get out of my photo!

What bright idea do you have to help save energy?

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Reduce or Reuse

I'm hard at work reducing my energy use and thinking of ways to reuse as many items as I can. Today I'm cleaning out the closets and giving clothes to my younger cousins or to others. What can **you** do to reduce or reuse?

Draw an arrow to the item that will help reduce use of energy:

This is the bag that...
 ...Chatter brings to the store to pack her items in.

1. clothes dryer
 2. ride in the car
 3. regular light bulbs
 4. paper cups and plates
 5. air conditioner
 6. paper lunch bags
 7. spray paint
 8. leafblower
 9. paper napkins
 10. throw clothes away
 11. hot water to wash clothes

A. walk or bike
 B. glasses and plastic plates
 C. rake
 D. fluorescent lights
 E. clothesline
 F. cloth napkins
 G. donate them
 H. cold water to wash
 I. fans
 J. lunch box
 K. brush and paint

Fill in the blanks with the word that makes sense:
 1. Bring your own _____ to pack groceries you buy.
 2. Accept hand-me-down _____ and give your good items to others to use.
 3. Set up a "swap shack" or a "swap event" where families can leave or _____ items with others: games, books, clothing, sports equipment, toys.
 4. Refrigerate _____ to eat the next day.
 5. Just _____ less stuff!
 6. Grow a small _____ patch: tomatoes, beans.
 7. Donate unused _____ items - yarn, ribbons, paint - to a school or organization.
 8. When you are ready to get a cat or dog, check out your local _____ shelter.
 9. Use the comics or decorate bags to wrap _____.
 10. Refill a _____ with drinks or soup.
 11. Use both sides of your _____.
 12. Cut junk mail into squares for notes and _____.

trade garden gifts messages bag leftovers clothes use craft animal thermos paper

Recycle!

After we bring items to be recycled they are made into **new** materials and items or used in new ways.
 Paper is made into new rolls of paper towels. Plastic is woven into new rugs.
 Even old buildings can be recycled!
 I read an article about a warehouse being reconstructed into lower cost apartments for teachers...yay!

Let's all recycle as much as we can!

Find and circle all these items we recycle:
 batteries wood plastic bottles
 magazines tires aluminum cans
 cardboard paint newspapers
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Sign-Up Under Way For USDA Programs

Eligible farmers and ranchers can sign up for US Department of Agriculture disaster assistance programs restored by passage of the 2014 Farm Bill.

"We implemented these programs in record time and kept our commitment to begin sign-up today," said Agriculture Secretary Vilsack.

"To ensure enrollment goes as smoothly as possible, dedicated staff in over 2,000 Farm Service Agency offices across the country are doing everything necessary to help producers that have suffered through two and a half difficult years with no assistance because these programs were awaiting Congressional action," he said.

Depending on the size and type of farm or ranch operation, eligible producers can enroll in one of four programs administered by the Farm Service Agency. The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) will provide payments to eligible producers for livestock deaths and grazing losses that have occurred since the expiration of the livestock disaster assistance programs in 2011, and including calendar years 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Producers signing up for these programs are encouraged to contact their local FSA office for information on the types of records needed and to schedule an appointment. Taking these steps in advance will help producers ensure their application moves through the process as quickly as possible.

Producers have three to nine months to apply depending on the program and year of the loss. Details are available from any local FSA office.

MISD... Continued From A3

servers and the internet. He compared the school district's current networking capability to a "one-inch" pipe and said the new equipment would in effect triple that capability.

"One of the things it's going to give us is a bigger 'hose,'" the superintendent said. It's also thought the new equipment will resolve some of the school district's bandwidth issues.

"Any data we push across our network... it's going to help," Craig said, adding that the amount of information the school district "pushes" across the network is increasing.

Once the manufacturer stops producing replacement parts, Craig said the only option the school district would have in the event of equipment problems would be to seek salvaged parts.

According to Craig, the existing equipment will probably be retained for an emergency.

Mule Baseball... Continued From B1

stole third base. Smith was hit by a pitch and stole second base when Barron stole third.

Jesus Manzanares ground ball single to left scored both Barron and Smith to put the Mules on top 2-0.

The Mules sent nine to the plate in the second inning and scored five runs. Clarkson blasted a leadoff double to right-center field.

Barron scored Clarkson with a single to left field. Barron stole second and scored when Rejino doubled off the fence in left field.

Beto Diaz reached on an error by the shortstop and Rejino scored on the error. Smith was hit by a pitch for the second time during the game.

Manzanares singled to left field and the fielder was lax in getting the ball back to the infield and Diaz and

Smith both scored on the fielding error.

The Mules led 7-0 after two innings.

Clarkson scored a run in the third inning and Manzanares added the final Mule run in the fourth inning.

The Mules traveled to Dimmitt for the two teams final game of the regular season Monday afternoon. Danny Campos was tapped by Mule baseball coach Wes Boatman as the starting pitcher.

Campos pitched four innings and gave up just one run. He struck out four, gave up two hits and the Mules committed one error.

Elizalde took over in relief, struck out two, gave up one hit and hit two batters in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Mules rattled the Dimmitt hurler in the

top of the sixth inning.

Grey Johnson drew a walk, went to second on a wild pitch and to third base on an error by the second baseman.

Clarkson struck out but the catcher missed the pitch and Clarkson beat the throw to first base. Barron singled to left center to score both Johnson and Clarkson to give the Mules a 2-1 lead.

Barron was caught attempting to steal second base for the Mules first out. An error on the short stop allowed Rejino to reach first base. Keagan Gonzales pinch ran for Rejino and stole second base.

Diaz doubled off the

fence in center field to score Gonzales. The Dimmitt reliever balked to score Diaz and end all scoring with the Mules leading 4-1.

Clarkson relieved Elizalde in the bottom of the seventh inning after Elizalde had hit the first two Bobcat batters.

Clarkson walked the first batter he faced to load the bases with no outs. He struck out the second batter he faced and the next flew out to Diaz in left field.

The final Bobcat to the plate sent a line drive to near the corner in left field.

Diaz got a good read on the ball as it came off the bat. He lowered his

head and raced toward the corner.

The ball had just hit the ground when Diaz scooped it up, wheeled and fired the ball to the cutoff man, Barron, in shallow left field.

Barron caught and in the same motion fired a strike to Smith at home plate.

One Bobcat had scored from third base but Smith made a sweeping tag on the runner racing home from second base to end the game.

Dimmitt had threatened in the sixth inning with runners at first and second with

no outs.

A ground ball streaked down the third baseline to Campos. He scooped up the ball, stepped on the bag at third and gunned the ball across the infield to Clarkson at first base to complete the double play.

Elizalde struck out the next batter on three straight pitches.

The Mules appear to be scheduled to face the Boys Ranch Roughriders on May second and third.

The time and place of the apparent three game series has yet to be announced.

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