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## MAHD Audit Report Includes Warnings

**By Larry Thornton**  
*Managing Editor*  
The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors received an in-depth audit report Thursday, April 25, that while softened by discussion of the things that are being done well, included information and warnings about the state of the hospital district and health care issues across the nation.

"I love to see hospitals and communities come together, like you do, and make it work," said Deborah Whitley, CPA, of BKD, LLP of Waco, the district's auditing firm, at the beginning of her presentation. "It's not an easy task."  
"It's not just hard

in Muleshoe," she added, referring to the difficulties all rural hospitals are experiencing, especially under the

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changes currently being experienced, and expected in the months ahead, under the reforms nationally referred to by many as "Obamacare."

"A lot of good comes out of health care

reform," Whitley said, "the bad is that it comes at a cost."

She noted that while MAHD hasn't been faced with the issue to

in administration because of heightened paper work requirements. "Health care reform is going to change a lot about health," she said. "You have to have the right people in the right place to handle change," Whitley added. Regarding specific details concerning the hospital district's audit, Whitley said the district's continual struggle with the separation of duties still exists, and as has been stated most of the hospital district's audits for several years, a better system of checks and balances is needed.

She added that while there is no evidence of anything that has been done wrong, there were

some business office procedures — which she didn't voice during the presentation, "that need to be cleaned up."

Whitley warned about emergency room out patient services, "because nobody pays in the emergency

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Deborah Whitley, CPA



Track Mule Junior Baca competes in the 800-meter run, during a recent meet. He captured gold in the regional meet.

Photograph by Gabby Perez

## Ross Sets School Record

**By Delton Wilhite**  
*Sportswriter*

When is a quarter inch as good as a mile? The answer is simple in track, any time you win a gold medal. Austin Ross did just that Saturday morning in the Region I Track Meet in Odessa's Ratliff Stadium.

He had made two attempts in the long jump before getting everything right. He sailed twenty-six feet seven inches and on to the medal stand for the

gold medal. The leap put Ross in the Muleshoe record book and qualified him

**"I had to just show everybody what I am really about..."**

— Junior Bacca

for the Texas State Track Meet.

Ross defeated his long time nemesis from Dimmitt, Dontra Ewing, by one quarter

inch. Ewing leaped 22-6.75 on his final attempt of the day for the silver medal.

Junior Baca qualified for the state meet for the third consecutive year in the 800-meter run.

He had won the District 2-2A Meet, but dropped off to third in the Area Meet and felt like he had lost his groove in the race.

Bacca decided to change his strategy and hold back around the middle of the pack

rather than being a front runner from the starting gun.

The adjustment seemed to pay off as he appeared to be relaxed through the first 600-meters.

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## MAHD Tables Tax Election

**By Larry Thornton**  
*Managing Editor*

The possibility of a tax rate election by the Muleshoe Area Hospital District increased during the Thursday, April 25, regular session with the issue being raised by CEO David Burke, only to be tabled

until May.

Currently, the hospital district's tax rate remains capped at 40 cents per \$100 of valuation, while state law allows a rate of up to 75 cents.

In previous board meetings, and in the discussion of the

district's finances during Thursday's meeting, Burke expressed concerns about the financial stability of the hospital district in light of its cash flow and the expected cuts in federal reimbursements.

While board

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### Annual Prayer Luncheon Set

Muleshoe Mayor Cliff Black will be hosting the annual Mayor's Prayer Luncheon on Thursday, May 2, from noon until 1 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum.

The Muleshoe community is invited to attend the event in observance of the National Day of Prayer.

The luncheon will include a catered meal, and donations received will benefit the Bailey County Food Pantry.

## School Board Renews Grant Program

**By Larry Thornton**  
*Managing Editor*

The Muleshoe Independent School District's board of trustees approved funding for additional technology grants during Monday's regular session.

Two years ago, the school board had authorized \$200,000 of funds left over from the school's multi-campus expansion to be used for in-district technology grants.

Since that time, several teachers — the majority on the

DeShazo and Dillman campuses, have used the grant funds for such things as adding iPads to their classrooms.

It was such a success that Superintendent

an additional \$100,000 available for technology growth within the classrooms.

"You all have really pushed the technology in the classroom

**"You all have really pushed the technology in the classroom forward..."**

Dr. Gene Sheets, and Technology Director Erik Craig urged the school board to continue the program, making

forward," Craig said. "The teachers and students are using the equipment in the classroom every day."

"Technology is expensive, and if they're going to use it we're going to have to provide the funds," Sheets added.

When asked about the issue of students using their own computers and equipment at school, Craig said the school district would probably be addressing that issue next year.

"There's a lot of issues that will need to be addressed," Sheets said. "We may just be old, and haven't figured it out yet."

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# OPINION

## Around Muleshoe...



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### '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.

### Project Graduation

Muleshoe High School Project Graduation 2013 Spirit Night at Sonic Drive-In is set for May 6.

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### Athletic Banquet

The Muleshoe High School Athletic Banquet will be on Thursday, May 2, at 6 p.m., at the MHS commons area and auditorium.

Tickets are \$10 and may be bought at the door. The menu consists of chicken and catfish and all the trimmings.

The event is hosted by the Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club.

### Bailey County Relay For Life

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### Speech, Debate Dinner

The Muleshoe High School Speech and Debate teams will be hosting a fund-raising enchilada dinner on Friday, May 3.

Pickup and delivery times are from 5-7:30 p.m.

The meal will include enchiladas, beans, rice, chips and sopapilla cheesecake for \$7.

Plates will be available for pickup at the 16th & D Church of Christ of Muleshoe. For delivery, call 806-946-8831 or 806-946-8889.

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## 'An Escalator Can Never Break'

The late comedian (he'd poke fun at that description) Mitch Hedberg was like a lot of modern comedians. He was at his best and funniest when he was telling jokes even my grandmother would find clean.

I've wondered why guys like George Carlin, one of Hedberg's mentors and a master at mining the nuggets of fun embedded in so many of our common English words and phrases, felt a need to dredge down into the gutter when their clean stuff was so funny anyway.

I found a Hedberg joke last week that fit my situation as I'd spent a lot of time messing with broken stuff.

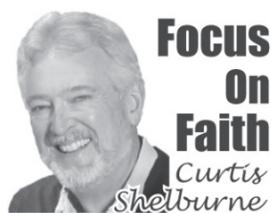
If the stuff on the fritz had been more like escalators, I'd have been fine.

Hedberg wisely notes that "an escalator can never break; it can only become stairs."

Consequently, he says, you should "never see an 'Escalator Temporarily Out of Order' sign, just 'Escalator Temporarily Stairs. Sorry for the inconvenience.'"

I like the logic. I finally replaced what was once a nice kitchen faucet but had been frozen and calcified by our hard water.

(The old and new faucets were similar; both of them cost twice what I thought they



Focus On Faith Curtis Shelburne

should, and, if I'm lucky, it'll take the same nine years or so before this new one meets the same fate.)

Instead of replacing it, maybe I should have just re-labeled it as a fountain, an immovable water feature.

From the faucet I went to the lawn mower. I thought I just bought that thing.

(Yeah, six years ago, I notice now.) But it's been unwilling to start.

So I got out the wrenches, pulled stuff off, squirted carburetor cleaner into various holes and jets, got gas all over it and me, and pulled the cord (which I'd fixed after I pulled it earlier and it pulled out), and, voila!, the mower lives!

Maybe I could have saved time by just calling it a push cart, gluing a basket on the engine, and buying a new mowing machine. Nope.

I admit that there's a certain amount of pleasure that comes from actually fixing something and not just labeling escalators stairs.

But the list of stuff I'm supposed to try to fix just seems to keep

getting longer. I'm afraid too many of my sermons could do with some fixing, the kind Hedberg was thinking of when he said, "I'm gonna fix that last joke by taking out all the words and adding new ones."

That kind of fix might help this column, too.

Some things are, sadly, very hard to fix.

I know some folks with calcified hearts that I wish I knew how to fix.

Fixing a faucet turned to stone is easier.

I know some folks

who've lost their spark, whose joy is on the fritz. Fixing a mower is easier.

We're all broken in one way or another. I hope we know where to go for the only real fix: the cross. Jesus' sacrifice.

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### Muleshoe Girl Scouts Honored

The Girl Scouts of Texas-Oklahoma Plains held their annual celebration and recognition event on April 18, with a dinner and awards presentation at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion on the Texas Tech Campus in Lubbock.

At the event, Muleshoe Girl Scout Service Unit #602 received the President's Award, which was received by Heather Harper, service unit manager.

Nelda Merriott serves as treasurer for the local service unit and is Girl Scout leader for the fourth grade Junior girls.

Appreciation certificates and pins were received by Heather Harper, third grade Brownie leader; Krystal Graham, fifth grade Junior leader; and

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### MHS Awards Program Set

Muleshoe High School's "Celebration Of Educational Excellence" awards night will be held on Tuesday, May 28, at 6:30 p.m., in the Dr. Kerry Moore Auditorium.

The public is invited, and encouraged to attend.

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room," and suggested the hospital might want to consider a service that has been successful at other hospitals in which a "nurse call line" has been set up to help people decide if an ER visit is actually needed.

Still, she said MAMC's emergency room problems weren't

as serious as rural hospitals that aren't associated with clinics.

"If they don't have clinics, their emergency rooms become their clinics," Whitley said.

"They're seeing snotty noses and simple things. The emergency room is the most expensive way to provide services to your community,"

she district's auditor added.

Regarding the hospital's cash flow problems, she said additional emphasis may be needed in collecting on patient accounts.

"It takes a lot of people to make collections work," Whitley said.

She described it as the

single most important thing in keeping the doors of the hospital and nursing home open, and recommended that each of the board members be familiar with the entire process of making it happen.

"You, as the leaders of this hospital, have to put things in place that make utilization and volume go back up," she also said.

"You have to be advocates for the services of this hospital,"

she said.

Whitley said a decline in patient volume, as Muleshoe's hospital has been experiencing, requires increased cost management... "even if the hospital is making a profit."

# MAHD Tax Election Tabled...

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member Herb Ramage moved that a tax election be placed on the November ballot, his motion died for lack of a second.

Board member Allen Smyer questioned the need for board action until more information was received.

"It doesn't make sense to do the vote without knowing what the rate would be," he said prior to his motion to table the issue until the next regular meeting.

Board member Scott Brown, who was participating in his last regular meeting, seconded Smyer's motion after admitting that it had been his intention to vote against the proposed election.

In related issues, according to the hospital's April financial highlights, the total cash balance of the hospital district was \$471,290.64, of which \$414,458.24 is the hospital's and Park View Nursing Care Center's is \$56,832.40.

According to the financial report, net accounts receivable for Muleshoe Area Medical Center decreased from \$1,232,521.59 in February

to \$1,117,942.15 in March, while the nursing home's increased from \$73,397.31 in February to \$233,408.40 in March.

However, the district's expenses also climbed during the same period. Accounts payable for MAMC increased from \$641,028.91 in February to \$663,490.82 in March, and at Park View jumped from \$188,167.92 in February to \$204,857.78 in March.

The hospital's year-to-date revenue in March was \$4,643,919.39, but the expenses for the same period were \$5,375,965.95. Which means the hospital was \$332,211.09 over budget.

The report notes the net result is an operations loss of \$732,046.56.

Over at the nursing home, the total year-to-date revenue in March was \$1,321,606.87,

and the expenses for the same period was \$1,493,564.51, which is over budget by \$66,034.85.

The net result is an operations loss of \$171,957.64.

In other business, the hospital board:

- Authorized the hospital district's CEO to pursue a bank loan, as needed, for the operation of the district because of the delayed reimbursement from Medicare.
- Approved a resolution supporting the hospital's trauma program.
- Approved the minutes from the board's Match 28 regular meeting.
- Although the board went into closed session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters no action was taken upon their return to open session.



## Employee Of The Month Announced

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Dr. Tyson Purdy as the April Employee of the Month. Pictured above, from left to right are Debbie Smith, Gina Wilkerson, Dr. Purdy and Todd Shipman.

## Technology Grant Approved...

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Craig also noted that with the younger campuses utilizing technology in the classroom to the extent they are, more teachers at the junior high and high school would be forced to "get on the train," to keep the attention of the advancing students.

According to the superintendent, an attempt would be made to include the grant funds in next school year's budget, but it may be necessary to take the funds out of the district's fund balance.

According to Craig, the lower grades probably have enough iPads, and next year's approved grant applications be aimed at other projects and ideas.

The school board members expressed agreement with how the grant program was being managed.

Board member Carroll Precure noted that teachers who wanted the additional technology in their classrooms were more likely to use it.

In other business, the school board:

- Discussed the issue of the Lazbuddie and Farwell school districts providing transportation for Muleshoe resident students, but took no action.

"We asked them both if they'd stop," said the superintendent. "They considered it, and have decided to continue."

"Both have invited us to go into their district," Sheets said, "I don't know how we want to handle that."

"It's not worth it for us to go into their district, if you look at the percentage," Precure said, referring to the cost of sending busses daily to Farwell and Lazbuddie.

However, Sheets said

losing 15 students to the surrounding district's cost Muleshoe ISD about \$75,000 per year, and he estimated transporting the students who wished to avail themselves of the wider range of educational opportunities at Muleshoe would cost about \$10,000.

Board member Curtis Preston agreed with Precure, and suggested that MISD should "stay within our district."

"I don't think it's worth spending money over," he added.

"I'm pretty open to doing what this community wants me to do," Sheets told the school board.

However, board member Sergio Leal expressed a different view. "I don't think there's anything wrong with promoting our district in another community," he said. "We have a lot to offer them."

"If we do something," board vice president Daniel Guzman said, "we need to do it before school starts next year."

- Approved pay raises for teachers, paraprofessional staff, along with stipend increases.

"We want to keep our quality teachers here, and attract others," Sheets said.

- Recognized

the achievements of students in track, golf, tennis, band UIL academics and One Act Play.

It took approximately 40 minutes for the board members to recognize the large number of students.

"We've had a great, successful spring," the superintendent said, adding, "We really appreciate your efforts, and how you represented the school."

- Voted to extend the school district's food service management contract with Southwest Food Services Excellence (SFE).

"It's been a lot better than we've had during the last few years," MISD Business Manager Daniel Harper said when making his recommendation to extend the contract to the board.

"We appreciate your work this year," Sheets said to the SFE representatives at Monday's meeting.

- Approved minutes from the March 18, 25 and 28 meetings, with corrections.

- Discussed the district's enrollment report.

"We're as high as we've been in eight years at the high school," the superintendent commented.

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# Senior Citizen News

By Susan Skipworth

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The main comment all the folks are saying at the center now days is: "Boy, we are 'up town' now!"

Our new automatic door is installed and such a blessing. Please, come by and check it out.

No more wrestling with the heavy door trying to get in the center.

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The automatic door opener gives you plenty of time to get in or out. We are so blessed

to have a board of directors here at the center that thinks first and foremost of the safety of our senior citizens.

Be sure to express your appreciation to our wonderful board when you see them: Bob Graves, president; Gary Glover, vice president; Ron Hohes, secretary; and board members Eva Nell Dale, Buddy Embry, Betty Harrison and Evaristo Sanchez.

It was Gary who got the ball rolling so soon, and Ray and Donna West whose generous donation made the installation of the door possible.

There just are not words enough to say how much we appreciate each one who gives so generously to our center.

We encourage all of you to park in the back where you have access to the automatic door.

Also, we would like to wish Cruz Barrera, Bobbie Harrison, Kenneth Henry, Lucy Perez, Howard Quarles and Thomas Simnacher a "Happy Birthday" for the weeks of May 1 through May 9.

**May 6-10 menus:**  
Monday, May 6 — Liver and onions, brown gravy, scalloped potatoes, carrots, slaw salad, cake and fruit.

Tuesday, May 7 — Sloppy Joes on a bun, potato salad, carrots, zucchini salad, and fruit squares.

Wednesday, May 8 — Grilled steak with gravy, potatoes, green beans, and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, May 9 — Lasagna, spinach, vegetable salad, bread, and bananas.

Friday, May 10 — Breaded fish with bun, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, potato wedges, slaw, and peach chantilly.

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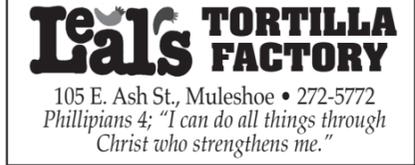
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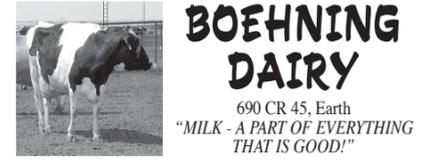
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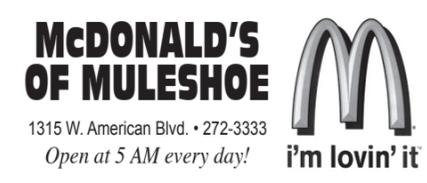
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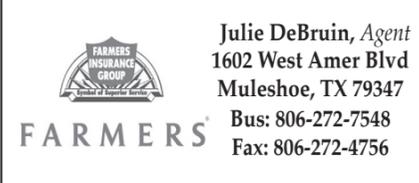
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# Obituaries

## Derotha King

Funeral services for Derotha "Dee" King, 74, of Sudan were held on Monday, April 29, at the Church of Christ in Sudan, with Terry Wilson of Sudan officiating.

Burial followed in Sudan cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Sudan.

Mrs. King died on Thursday, April 25, 2013, in Littlefield. She was born on Sept. 25, 1938, to E.J. and Golia Vee (Irwin) Smart in Granite, Okla., and married U.J. King in Lawton, Okla., on Dec. 24, 1960.

Mrs. King moved to Sudan in 1960 from Lawton, Okla. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Sudan.

She was a nurse for 37 years, and was an officer and lifetime member of the Second Division Indian Head Auxillary.

Her favorite hobbies including reading and traveling.

She was a proud grandmother.



Mrs. King was preceded in death by her parents; and a son — Rickey King; and her sister — Jerry Sims.

Survivors include her spouse — U.J. King of Sudan; five daughters — Angela Evins and husband Terry of Fieldton, Tresa West and husband Bryon of Brownfield, Elaine Ennis and husband Ron of Lubbock, Skokie Schlehuber and husband Mike of Sudan, and Gwenna Gore and husband Rusty of Sudan; a sister — Judy Poshee of Boiser City, La.; 10 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Sudan EMS, PO Box 491, Sudan, Texas 79371.

## Flowella Morris

Funeral services for Flowella "Magby" Morris, 83, of Muleshoe, were held on Monday, April 29, at the First Assembly of God Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Steve Friskup and the Rev. Ryan Pate, both of Muleshoe, officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Mrs. Morris died on Thursday, April 25, 2013, in Muleshoe. She was born on May 14, 1929, to Richard and Audrey (Wilson) Magby in Eldorado, Okla.

Mrs. Morris had lived in the Muleshoe area since 1958, having moved from Pickens, Okla.

She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Muleshoe, and was owner and operator of the School Store and Café for 30 years. She



retired in 1990.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include two sons — Gary Morris and wife Sheryl of Muleshoe, and Mike Morris and wife Trena of Clovis, N.M.; a sister — Irene Morris of Muleshoe; two brothers — Boyd Magby and Lee Magby, both of Muleshoe; five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Bailey County Meals on Wheels, 300 S. First, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. Online condolences may be made at ellisfuneralhomes.com.

## Girl Scouts Honored...

Continued from A2 Rosa Tapia, assistant leader for the fourth grade Junior Girl Scouts.

Muleshoe City Manager David Brunson attended the event, joined the group, and was awarded a certificate of appreciation.

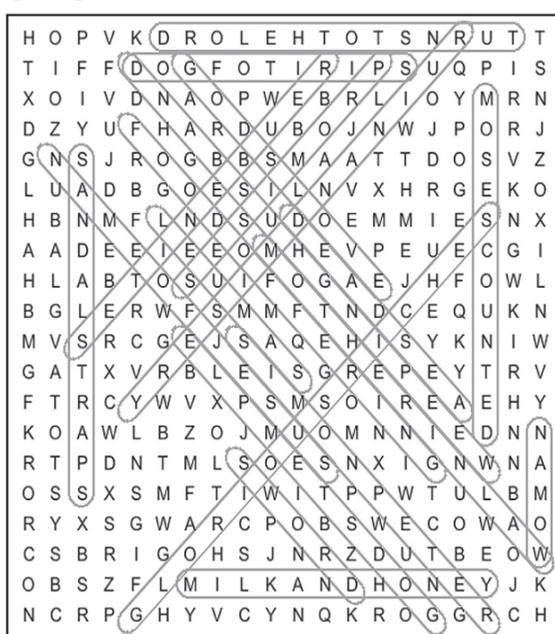
The Muleshoe Jennyslippers attended and were awarded a certificate of appreciation, also.

The Jennyslippers attending included Donna Kirk, Peggie Bruton, Darlene Pierce, Becky Hoksbergen, Nelda Merriott, Bobbie Harrison, Nancy Kidd, Cari Kidd, Ellen Ladd and Ruby Green.

Certificates of appreciation were

also awarded to Daniel Harper, the Muleshoe Rotary Club, the Muleshoe Art Association, and Reagan Cox.

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# Baby Shower

## Helton Honored With Baby Shower

LeAnn Helton was honored with a baby shower in the home of Sherri Kennedy of Muleshoe on Sunday, April 21.

Among the hostesses for the event were Rayniel Bamert, Tracy Been, Brenda Black, Carren Black, Suzie Claunch, JoEllen Cowart, Terri Hahn, Patty Hill, Shelby

Kennedy, Sherri Kennedy, Rhonda Kline, Brenda Lackey, Angie Lewis, Keila Morris, Karie Preston and Tanya Steinbock.

The hostess gifts included two infant swings and an electric bottle sterilizer.

Special guests attending the baby shower included Sheryl Altman, Barbara

McCamish, Lindsey and Kenadee Ramage, Amberlee Altman, Terry and Shelby McCamish, Val and Julia McCamish, Laura Killingsworth, and Pam and Haley Helton.



LeAnn Helton

# Bridal Shower



Jason Thomas and Kelsi Arnold

## Arnold, Thomas Honored

Kelsi Arnold and Jason Thomas were honored with a bridal shower on Sunday, April 28, in the home of Vicki Morris at Clay's Corner.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Gred and Lesa Arnold. The prospective groom is the son of Randy and Terry Thomas.

Hostesses for the event included Debbie Weir, Stephanie foster, Ellen Gallman, Rickie Seaton, Tammy Turner, Jana St. Clair, Marca

Morris, Gwen Warren, Sheryl Engelking, Debbi Gallman, Sarah Black, Paulette Foster, Vicki Morris, Mandy Seaton, Debra Redwine and Vickie Burch.

Hostess gifts presented included a duvet and floral arrangements made in boots of the couple honored, and designed by Jill Morris.

Special guests attending included Lesa Arnold; Terry Thomas; Lauri Thomas, and Avert, Taylor and Baylor Thomas; Arlys Welch; Mona Harris; Kelly Garcia and Makalie Garcia; Reagan Oles; Barbara Womble and Patty Womble.

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- bursting
- sinking
- flapping
- whipping
- blowing
- puffs of
- lifting
- whirling
- climbing
- splendid
- turning
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sit on it flutter huff catch it glide wheeze

soar burp gasp blow inhale throw it feed it fly pant sneeze

float puff sail

## Windstorm Watch!

1. Uh-Oh! Get wind of this stormy weather report. I guess our chances of winning the race are gone with the wind.

2. Gosh, just when I was getting my second wind. This sure takes the wind out of our sails!

3. Tough!

4. Oh that's dangerous! You're just a windbag!

Play it safe! Head indoors at the first sign of lightning or thunder when a storm is coming.

A. I'm sharing news of bad weather with the others. I think our chances of winning are lost forever.

B. I think this person is too daring and talks too much.

C. Too bad about the storm. I say we take the risk and race no matter what.

D. I felt refreshed and ready to race. This sure slows us down.

Directions: These kids are using expressions that have the word "wind" in them. Can you draw a line between what they are saying and what they mean?

## Windy Names!

The wind has many names! The names are based upon the strength, speed and location of the wind. Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with some "windy" names:

- forceful rush of air that comes and goes in an instant
- violent, destructive funnel-shaped storm, usually over land (40+ mph)
- violent wind storm, especially one with rain, hail or snow
- spiraling wind, as small as a bunch of leaves swirling or tornado-sized
- it begins over warm water and has winds moving 72 mph and faster
- gentle, mild breeze
- sudden, very strong blast of wind
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# The Sudan Buzzy

## Fisher Breaks High Jump Record

By Cheri Sain  
Sudan Correspondent

Several Sudan track students are heading to Austin to participate in the UIL State 1-A Track Meet in May.

Dayton Fisher will compete in four events in Austin. At the Region I Track Meet at South Plains last Friday and Saturday, Fisher broke a 38-year record for the high jump.

The previous record was 6'9". Fisher shattered the record with a jump of 7'1" and almost made 7'2".

Fisher has signed with Texas Tech to compete in the high jump next year.

Fisher also won the triple jump with a distance of 46-09.25. Fisher was less than two inches from breaking that regional record as well.

Reece Harper placed fifth with a jump of 43-01.75.

Fisher placed second in the long jump qualifying for state competition. He jumped 22-02.75.

Darius Poindexter from Hale Center placed first with a jump of 22-07.5. Poindexter placed second behind Fisher in the high jump and the triple jump and will compete with him in Austin on those three events.

Barry Johnson will compete in the 300-meter hurdles after placing second with a time of 40.57 seconds. Johnson improved his preliminary time, where he placed fourth, by a second. Johnson also placed

Johnson and Fisher are also competing in the 4x400-meter relay.

The team earned the wildcard position as the top third place team out of all the regions. Other team members include Jelmer Vanderlei and Reece Harper. Tanner Fisher is the alternate.

Christian Ruiz will represent Sudan in the 3200-meter run after placing second with a time of 10:36.43.

Ruiz also placed third in the 1600-meter run.

Ashton Sawyer is heading to Austin in her specialty, the 100-meter hurdles. Sawyer, a sophomore, won the event with a time of 16.66 seconds.

She beat the second place runner by only .2 of a second.

Other notable performances by Sudan were Marie Carrizales placed sixth in the 3200-meter run.

Xavier Trillo placed



Dayton Fisher jumps 7'1" to break a record set in 1975 at the Region I-1A Track Meet at South Plains College.

Photograph by Cheri Sain

sixth in the 110-meter hurdles.

Freshman Shaylee Johnson placed third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.22.

The boys' 4x200-meter relay placed fifth. Team members included Jelmer Vanderlei, Tanner Fisher, Jake Chester, and Reece Harper.



### Hornet Ruiz Takes Off

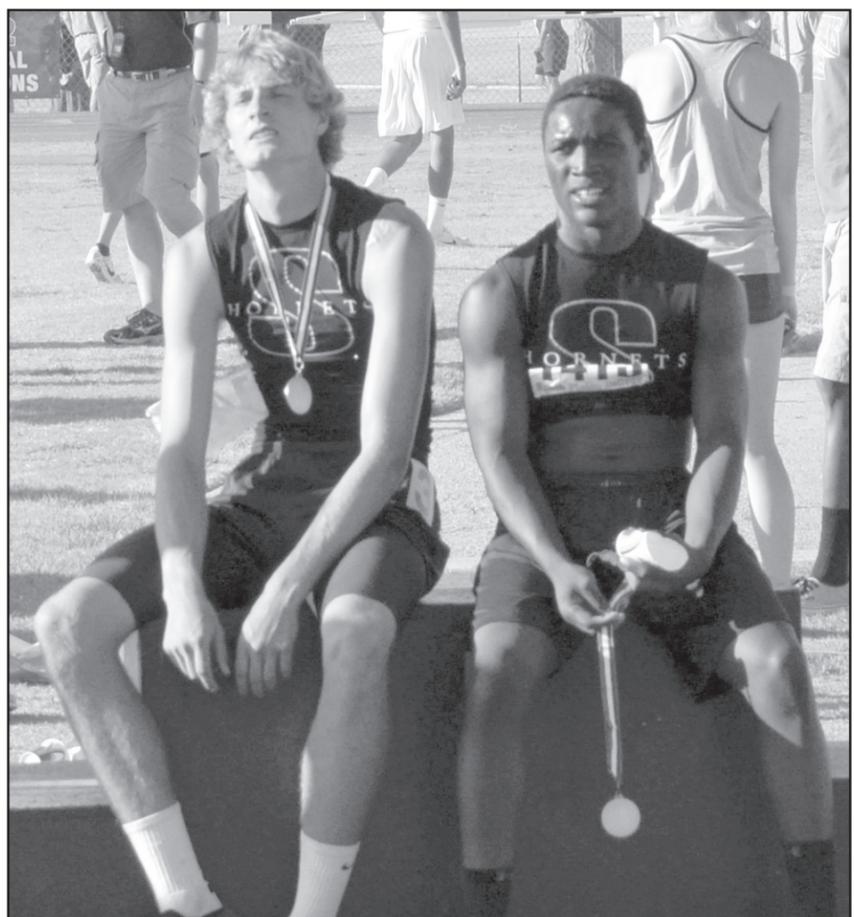
Pictured above, Christian Ruiz begins the 3200-meter race at the Region I-1A Track Meet at South Plains College where he placed second and earned a trip to Austin to the State 1A Track Meet in May.

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### State Qualifiers

Dayton Fisher and Barry Johnson, pictured on the right, qualified in numerous events for the State Track Meet in Austin.

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## SPORTS NEWS

## Lady Mules Shut Out The Falcons

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

Marissa Cortez struck out eight and gave up one hit in a shutout practice game against the District 1-2A Champion Bushland

Falcons Thursday afternoon, April 25.

The Lady Mules and Bushland had met twice, the first ended in a 4-4 tie and the second was an 8-4 win by the Falcons.

The Lady Mules defeated Bushland 6-0 in the practice game.

Cortez struck out the first batter she faced. Samantha Vasquez charge the slow roller to shortstop and fired a

strike to Gabi Chavez at first of the second out.

Vasquez field a pop fly on the infield to end the inning with a runner at third base.

Jessica Kube made a running catch in foul

territory just outside the leftfield line to start the second inning.

Mandy Scolley had just enough time to get her glove up to snag a line drive at third base.

Cortez ended the inning with a strikeout.

Vasquez walked to lead off the second inning and Daniela Mendoza sacrificed her to second base. Adriana Loya went down swinging and Kube walked.

Linda Sanchez blasted a ground ball past the shortstop for a single and scored Vasquez.

Scolley walked and Miranda DeBruin singled to right field to score both Kube and Sanchez.

The Lady Mules led 3-0 after two innings.

Cortez struck out one Falcon swinging and two looking in the third inning.

She threw nine strikes and two balls

for a total of 11 pitches in the inning.

Kube tracked down a fly ball in left to end the fourth inning.

The Lady Mules scored three more runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. Kube and Sanchez walked and Scolley was hit by a pitch to load the bases.

An error by the shortstop allowed Kube to score.

A wild pitch and an error on the catcher scored Sanchez and Scolley.

The Lady Mules led 6-0 after four innings.

The Lady Mules and Bushland played a second practice game Tuesday afternoon in Bushland.

The Lady Mules Area game will be against the winner of the Coahoma vs. Post bi-district game.

Lady Mule opponent, time and location of the Area game will be announced at a later time.

## Mules Fall To Dimmitt's Bobcats

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules went down swinging in their final game of the season at home against the Dimmitt Bobcats.

Dimmitt out scored the Mules 12-6 in the

seven inning affair.

Wesley Clarkson struck out the first Bobcat of the game with three pitches.

The second flied out to Braden Bessire in centerfield and the third batter bounced out to

Ramon Mendoza at third base.

The Mules did no better and went in order in the bottom of the first inning.

Clarkson and the Mules gave up two runs in the top of the

second inning. A lead off double and a hit batter led to two runs for the Bobcats.

The Mules answered with a run after Felipe Espinoza drew a walk. An error by the short

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Photograph by Gabby Perez

Lady Mule Adrian Precure competes in the 100-meter hurdles at Abernathy.

## Region I Track Meet... Continued From A1

He then turned on the jets and zoomed past the competition. Baca grabbed the lead going into the final straightaway.

He continued to pull away and won by more than a second with a time of one minute 59.31 seconds.

"I knew I had to step up on the big stage when it counts," Baca said.

"I had to just show everybody what I am really about. A lot of people started doubting me once I started losing a couple of races this year, but I always kept my head up and wanted to go harder and harder and make everybody know that I am still here," he added.

The Mule 4x400-meter relay team of Ray Martinez, Ross, Jesus

Manzanares and Baca ran their best time of the year of 3:24.99.

That time punched their ticket to the state meet with the silver medal.

The Mules placed fourth in the Region I Meet with 40 points. Sonora won the meet with 94 points, Slaton scored 44 and Bushland was third with 43.

Luis Ruvalacaba ran his best time of the year in the 1600-meter run with a 4:41.11. He finished fourth.

The 800-meter relay team, Martinez, Ross, Caleb Wood and Baca qualified for the Saturday and ran a 1:32.68 in the finals for seventh place.

Eli Leal just missed qualifying for the finals in the 300-meter hurdles with a personal best time of 41.6.

He missed the finals

by just .07 seconds.

"I was proud of the way our kids competed at the regional meet," said Mule track coach Kirk Byrd.

"They gave it all they had in every event and can hold their heads high. We are all looking forward to the trip to Austin," Coach Byrd said.

The Texas State Meet will be held in Austin may 10 and 11.

The Lady Mules did not do as well and finished tied for 33rd in the Region I Meet.

Adrienne Precure scored the Lady Mules only points of the meet by placing fifth in the

100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.25.

She had to scratch from her best event, the 300-meter hurdles, because of blisters on her feet.

Precure cleared 5-0.00 in the high jump and 9-6.00 in the pole vault.

The 4x200-meter relay team did not make the finals.

But the 4x400-meter relay team of Cass Moore, Ruby Andrade, Jo Moore and Precure qualified for the finals on Saturday.

They finished eighth with a time of 4:17.83.

The Lady Mules will begin off-season basketball workouts.

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Varsity Baseball... Continued From B1

stop allowed Espinoza to score after he stole second base.

The Mules trailed 2-1 after two innings.

The Bobcats pushed three runs across in the third inning.

A hit batsman, a RBI double, a base on balls and an error led to the three runs.

Clarkson reached on an error by the third baseman.

He scored on a triple off the fence in center

by Bessire.

The Mules trailed 5-2 after three innings.

Dimmitt scored three runs in the fourth and fifth innings.

Espinoza singled to right field to lead off the bottom of the fourth inning and an error by the right fielder allowed him to go to third base.

He scored on a sacrifice by Matt Flores.

The Mules added two more runs in the fifth

inning. Nacho Elizalde reached on an error by the right fielder. Bessire laid down a bunt single down the third base line and Elizalde went to second.

Elizalde scored on a wild pitch and Bessire went to second. Bessire stole third base and scored on a wild pitch.

The Mules trailed 11-5 after five innings.

Dimmitt did not score in the sixth inning and made one final run in

the seventh.

Keagan Gonzales reached first on an error by the shortstop and moved to second after Mendoza was hit by a pitch.

Gonzales scored the Mules final run on a single to right by Clarkson.

Five Mules recorded hits in the game and four went down on strikes.

The Mules will start off-season workouts.

### Obituaries and Death Notices

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

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

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

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## Business Of The Month Honored

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored La Espiga Rosa as the April Business of the Month.

Pictured above, owners Javier and Rosalia Alvarez receive a certificate from chamber officers Debbie Smith, Gina Wilkerson and Todd Shipman.

### New Officer

Pictured on the right, Muleshoe City Secretary LeAnn Gallman swears in new police officer, David Wilson.



## District Softball Playoff Set For Friday

The District Champion Muleshoe Lady Mules Softball team will play for the Area Championship on Friday, May 3, at Seminole.

The Lady Mules will play the Coahoma Bulldogettes in a two out of three game series beginning Friday at 6:30 p.m.

The second game will be played on Saturday at 10 a.m. at Seminole.

The third game, if necessary, will be played 30 minutes after the 10 a.m. game ends.

The Lady Mules are undefeated in district play and have an overall record of 19-5-1.

## Municipal Dist. 1 Early Voting Is Under Way

Early voting in the Muleshoe Dist. 1 municipal election began Monday morning, and will continue through Tuesday, May 7.

Early voting hours are from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., each day with extended hours from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, and

Tuesday, May 7. All voting is at Muleshoe City Hall.

Candidates for council member Dist. 1 are Isidoro Trevino and Colt Ellis.

The election for council member Dist. 2 was cancelled due to an unopposed candidate.

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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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# CINCO DE MAYO

The holiday of Cinco De Mayo, the 5th of May, commemorates the victory of the Mexicans over the French army at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. It is primarily a regional holiday celebrated in the Mexican state capital city of Puebla and throughout the state of Puebla, with some recognition in other parts of Mexico, and especially in U.S. cities with a significant Mexican population. It is not, as many people think, Mexico's Independence Day, which is actually September 16. Commercial interests in the United States and Mexico have also been successful in promoting the holiday, with products and services focused on Mexican food, beverages and festivities, with music playing a more visible role as well. Several cities throughout the U.S. hold parades and concerts during the week prior to May 5th, so that Cinco de Mayo has become a bigger holiday north of the border than to the south, and adopted into the holiday calendar of more and more people every year.

[Sources: Encyclopedia Encarta, Encyclopedia Britanica, Prescott's Mexico:1900, HistoryChannel.com, other sources.]

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• 3-1 1/2-1 Home on 8 acres, approx. 1664' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, sunroom, storm shelter, stor. room, 2 CP, RV port, 1440' metal bldg.!! MORE!! \$110K!!

• NICE 4.8 acre homesites, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!

• West of Sudan 3-2-2 Brick Home on 5.57 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, approx. 2638' lv. area, fenced yd., 40' x 80' quonset barn!! MUCH MORE!! \$135K!!

• NICE 3-2-2 Home on 11 acres at edge of town, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, freshly painted interior, thermal windows & doors, plus 1 bdrm house, workshop, storage, greenhouse, plus 3 garages, barns & outbuildings!! \$455,000!! \$135,000!!

• 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!!!

• VERY NICE 4-3 doublewide (2006) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., 25' x 40' metal bldg., septic system, domestic well, on pavement close to town!! PRICE REDUCED!! MAKE OFFER!

• FM 303-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Det. Garage, 2 acre tract, Par. Cent. A&H, Dw, disposal, thermal windows, storm doors, fans, stor. bldg.!! \$80!! \$74,000!!

• 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Mobile Home (1998 Skyline), approx. 2280' lv. area, Cent. air&heat, built-ins, FP, metal roof, auto spklr., 40' x 80' insulated metal building, w/office, 1/2 bath, workshop, lot storage, 220 electric, 14.68 acres on Hwy.84 close to town!! MUCH MORE!! \$157,900!!

## LAND & COMMERCIAL

• Approx. 1080' metal bldg. w/off. & 3 bay garage/workshop area plus chain link fenced area!! \$39,500!!

• GREAT BUSINESS LOCATION - 13000' Bldg., 7000' paved parking, corner lot, Hwy. 84 & Main. A&H, \$100,000!! Price Reduced \$80,000!!

• 101.8 acres, edge of town, pasture & farm land, 1 irrig. well!! \$122,244!!

• FOR LEASE - 2100' office space + 20,500' warehouse area!!

• 308 W. 2nd - 2856' bldg. - former Odd Fellows Lodge, PRICED TO SELL!! \$31,500

• 1020 S. Main - 200' x 104' tract w/ 1000' Bldg.!! \$20K!!

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